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Sons of the American Revolution

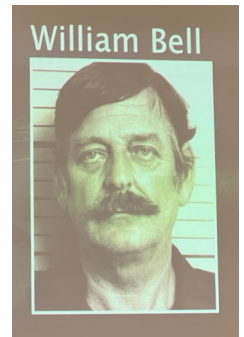
Monthly Digest



Spy Story! Our March 25th Meeting

The San Diego Chapter continues to present outstanding meetings with truly exceptional speakers. Our March meeting was a great success and our primary speaker, former U.S. Attorney Robert Brewer, Jr. kept the audience spellbound with his spy story on the 1981 prosecution of Marion Zacharski, a deeply embedded Soviet spy, who obtained Top Secret documents pertaining to radar systems from Hughes Aircraft Company.

Mr. Brewer prosecuted the case and he discussed the investigation, arrest, trial and later interview with 60 Minutes. Zacharski was the “handler” for another spy, William Bell, who was arrested and wore a “wire” to gather evidence on Zacharski. As part of a plea deal. Zacharski was later traded for 23 Western spies and 26 years later the prosecutor and spy were reunited to discuss the trial. Mr. Brewer’s presentation will set a high bar for future meeting as he received a standing ovation at the end of his presentation. *Right, the spy William Bell*



We also inducted our newest member, Ted Parsons. Those that have attended local Massing of Colors events will recall Ted as he is actively involved in the event. He told us that this year’s Massing will be at the Organ Pavilion, and they expect to have an overflow crowd on hand.

Birthdays

Mark Munoz	8
Parker Heaton	12
Robert Kidd	13
Michael Howard	15
John Green	17
Daniel Hereford	22
Leon Lowery	24
Douglas Bark	29



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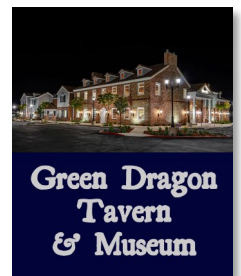
April Meeting-Political Cartoons from the past to the Present



For our April 22nd Chapter meeting we will be returning to the Green Dragon Tavern & Museum in Carlsbad. This will be a breakfast buffet meeting with doors opening at 8:30 and the meeting starting at 9:00.

Our featured speaker will be Union-Tribune cartoonist Steve Breen. George Brewster will begin the presentation with a display of cartoons used during the Revolution, and then Steve will address modern day editorial cartooning. This should be a very interesting meeting.

In addition we should have one or more new members to induct, our Essay Contest winner will present her submission to the meeting and Jim McAdory will conclude his 3-part series on the "Tory War" in North Carolina in 1781 as a America 250 presentation. Michael Hirman will also provide an update on the America 250 planning group with DAR and SAR working together to plan events during the celebration period.



Children of the American Revolution



You are invited to join with the members and seniors of the
Red White and Blue Society
At their Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony
San Diego SAR Color Guard
Election and Installation of New Officers
Recognition of Members and Seniors
Pizza dinner afterwards

Sunday, May 7, 2023
3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

San Marcos Historical Society
Heritage Park in Walnut Grove Park
1952 Sycamore Drive
San Marcos, CA 92069
Informal dress

Please RSVP for a head count to
Judy Brooks by April 29th
jbqualnrse@aol.com 760-471-0418

After the COVID shutdown the CAR organization is starting up again and will be hosting a gathering in San Marcos on May 7. Our Chapter members are invited to attend along with their children and grandchildren. They would love to have SAR representatives as Senior Mentors as well as take on leadership roles. Below is their message to our members.

NSCAR Red White and Blue Society of San Marcos is Looking for Senior Mentors

We would love to have a SAR member working with our children.

If you are interested, contact Judy Brooks at
jbqualnrse@aol.com or call her at 760-471-0418.

As the mission of our Societies is to train good citizens, develop leaders, and promote the love of the United States of America and its heritage among young people; the children are the officers with each office having a senior officer as their mentor.

Offices included are: President, Vice President, Chaplain, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Registrar, Treasurer, and Historian.



The **Sons of the American Revolution and the San Diego Chapter** would like to formally recognize the military veterans in our chapter.

An ideal time to do that is on Veterans Day.

In preparation for that day, please contact our 2nd Vice President, Colonel Rob Welch at vp2@sarsandiego.org and let him know if:

- You are *not* a veteran (so we don't bug you for a response).
- You are a veteran (peace time counts).
- If you served in a combat zone and if so, which and the dates.
- If you served during the Viet Nam war era (1955-1975).
- If you been awarded the SAR Military or War Service Medal, Please let us know.

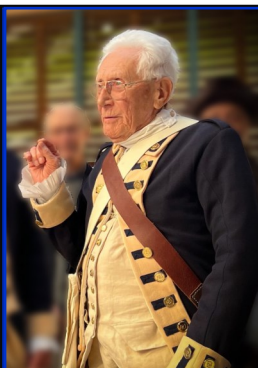
We plan to have a special ceremony in November 2023 and also will list all our veterans in our monthly SAR Digest. ***Please respond to Rob ASAP.***

We, as a patriotic organization honor all who have served and protected that which our ancestors fought so hard and gave up so much. Every veteran in the our Chapter should be recognized with either the **War Service Medal** or the **Military Service Medal**. It is very simple to apply for this recognition, just follow the steps below.

1. Simply download this form: "[Veterans Multi-Corps Recognition Form](#)" and fill in the required information.
2. Military "Proof of Service," will be required. This can be from military documentation or in the form of a redacted copy of the member's discharge, typically a form DD-214. Such proof must show that the Compatriot served, or is serving, honorably in: (1) the armed forces of the United States, (2) the military forces of a country allied with the United States, or (3) a United Nations Peace Keeping Force. War Service will be documented in the DD-214.

Send the above items to our Chapter President: president@sarsandiego.org

NSSAR Veterans Recognition Page



Philip Lee Hinshaw

November 14, 1934, February 10, 2023

Flag Certificate Presentations

Our past President and current Membership VP and Chaplin, Michael Hirman, was busy in March presenting SAR Flag Certificates to local firms in Alpine. On the left is the Apline Tobacco store and the right is the Alpine branch of the California Bank & Trust.



JROTC Winner, SDSAR and CASSAR



The San Diego Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution is pleased to announce that **Harini Akurathi** of the Scripps Ranch High School has won the Junior ROTC Enhanced award for 2023. Gary Newton, the Chapter's Sargent-at-Arms made the announcement and shared that the judges were unanimous in their selection of her submission.

Her application was also forwarded to the California Society, and we were recently informed that she had also won at the state level. Brandon Villardi, CASSAR Color Guard Commander and CASSAR JROTC /ROTC Chairman sent us this message;

"It is my honor to announce this year's 2022-2023 CASSAR JROTC Enhanced Awardee is Cadet Harini "Hilary" Akurathi nominated by the San Diego Chapter".

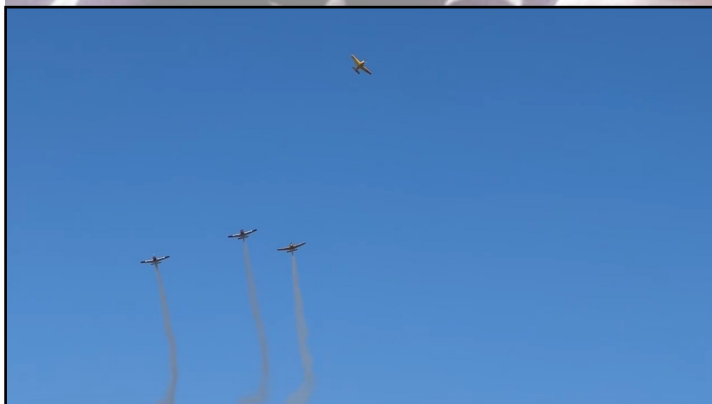




Massing of the Colors at Forest Lawn in Hollywood Hills

We neglected to report on our Chapter members that participated in the Massing of the Colors at the Forest Lawn Cemetery in Hollywood Hills on February 19.

Six of our Chapter Members participated: Duncan & Carolyn Campbell, Michael and Philip Hirman and Philip and Andrew Fagen.



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

April 14-16, CASSAR Annual Meeting. Orange County Hilton at 3050 Bristol St. in Costa Mesa.

April 22, Chapter Meeting (breakfast) at the Green Dragon in Carlsbad.

May 7, CAR gathering in San Marcos from 3-6pm at the San Marcos Historical Society.

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. www.sarSanDiego.org



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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