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# San Diego Chapter

## Sons of the American Revolution

### Monthly Digest



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### May 20th Meeting

8:30 AM

Breakfast Buffet

Admiral Baker Clubhouse

Featured Speaker

Jesus Benayas  
House of Spain



### Another Excellent Meeting



Our April 22nd Chapter meeting was enjoyed by all! We returned to the **Green Dragon Tavern & Museum** in Carlsbad for our first breakfast meeting at this location, it will not be our last!

After the normal introductory items, our 2nd Vice President, George Brewster, took the podium and spoke on political cartoons and provided an early American example with the "Join or Die" cartoon from the French and Indian War era. George introduced our speaker, Pulitzer Prize winner Steven Breen of the San Diego Union-Tribune. Steve's address was on modern day editorial and political cartooning. His presentation included live drawing caricatures of five recent Presidents.



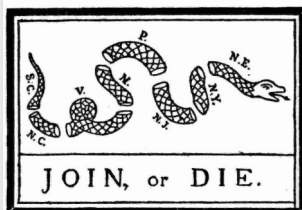
Our student Essay contest winner, Savera Sekhon, was in attendance along with her mother and grandfather. Rob Welch introduced her to read her submission; ["AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY PATRIOT"](#) which explores the role of Thomas Jefferson during the Revolutionary War (click on the title to view her essay). She is enrolled in the Coastal Academy in Oceanside where she is in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade.



We also inducted two new members, Gabriel and his son Gianni. They are the son and grandson of member Gregory Campbell. The photo to the left shows three generations of Campbell San Diego Chapter members!



Skip Cox was presented with the America250 Bronze medal. Current members, Andrew and Peter Fagen are our newest LIFE members of SAR. They join one emeritus life member and 45 other life members in our Chapter.



## JROTC Winner, SDSAR and CASSAR



**Harini Akurathi** of the Scripps Ranch High School was presented our Chapter's Junior ROTC Enhanced award for 2023 by our Sargent-at-Arms, Gary Newton. The award ceremony was conducted on April 3 at the Scripps Ranch High School's ROTC facility. Compatriot Newton (*left*) indicated 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".*



This is the third year that either a Sea Cadet or JROTC representing our Chapter has won a State level award.

*Compatriots Gary Newton and Jim McAdory present award and check.*



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Our Wreaths Across America coordinator, Kristine Reardon, will be moving out of the area soon but will continue many of her efforts on behalf of our Chapter. She has asked us to locate one or more members to work with her this year in the program. The primary need is for members that can meet with interested groups regarding the program. She will locate the prospective groups and then pass the information to us. She will also provide you with the methods that she used at these meetings that proved to be very successful. We have supporting handouts available as well. At this year's CASSAR Annual Meeting our Chapter was recognized as the top Chapter in the State, by a significant margin, for our outstanding results with the Wreaths Across America program. We need your help in maintaining such a high level of support this year with this program, it is our Chapter's top source of revenue!

**Let us know if you are willing to help: [communications@sarsandiego.org](mailto:communications@sarsandiego.org)**



## Children of the American Revolution

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.

Our Chapter's Color Guard will present the Colors and John Ferris from CASSAR will participate and speak on the America 250 program. Jim McAdory will present an America 250 Minute presentation on the "Swamp Fox".



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

### 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](mailto: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, Corre-

## May Meeting-Jesus Benayas President of the House of Spain

Our May 20th Chapter meeting will be held at the Admiral Baker Clubhouse which is located just off Friars Road at 2400 Admiral Baker Road. We held our March meeting at this venue and it proved to be an excellent location. The food was excellent, there is plenty of parking close to the venue and the room was spacious.

Our featured speaker is Jesus Benayas, President of the House of Spain. Most of you are aware of Spain's critical role in our fight for independence and the House of Spain is involved with us in telling that part of our history. Our late Compatriot, Philip Hinshaw, was a member of the HOS and deeply involved in their activities. He is the reason we celebrate July 4th at the House of Spain with a manned display. Our Chapter also produces a tri-fold brochure that is available year-round at the HOS. At last years Columbus/Indigenous Day event in Balboa Park Jesus spoke to the crowd about our shared history to explain why our Chapter had a booth presence at the event. His comments created a "rush" to the booth!

To round out the program, we anticipate at least one new member induction and Jim McAdory will present an America250 program on the battle at Cowpens. At that battle the Patriot forces successfully used the tactic of a "pincer" movement for the first time in the war.

Signup will begin May 8th, please signup early as we need to provide the venue with a headcount about a week before the meeting.

# 148<sup>th</sup> CASSAR Annual Meeting



At the April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting San Diego Chapter members received several awards. Duncan Campbell was awarded the Silver Roger Sherman award for his service and support for SAR chapter's Color Guard activities. Duncan is a tireless organizer and participant in our Chapters and he carries that level of effort to other Chapters as well.



Three Chapter members received the Silver America 250 award, Jim McAdory, Peter Fagen and Andrew Fagen. Peter Fagen also received the Gold America 250 award.



The new CASSAR Chancellor is our current Membership VP and Chaplin (and past President) Michael Hirman (*center*).

San Diego Chapter attendees were (*left to right*) Duncan & Carolyn Campbell, Jim McAdory, Michael & Maria Hirman, Andrew, Sarah and Peter Fagen.





## Why is Meeting Signup So Important

We realize that our need for signup and pre-payment along with early signup cutoff can be confusing, hopefully this brief article will provide some clarity. Our signup requirements are driven by the venue rather than our policy. The venues we are using this year *require* a minimum serving in order to utilize their meeting rooms. This means that the Chapter must pay for a minimum number of meals and if the attendance is below the minimum then the additional funds must come from the Chapter funds.

Some venues now require a firm head count about a week before the meeting. This is why we often have a cutoff date in our meeting announcements and why we now begin signup a week earlier. The venues will always attempt to serve any extras over our signup list but there might be times when the meal choice will be limited.

For the above reasons we discourage the “pay at the door” option. Our most common “no shows” are those that elected to pay at the door however the Chapter is still charged if we provided a head count to the venue that includes “no shows” and attendance falls short.

Our goal is to break even on our meetings so our pricing has no padding to cover a shortfall. On an annual basis we achieved this goal in 2022 and are on track to do the same in 2023. Our attendance has been strong despite the inflation driven higher prices from our venues. We would love to return to the Rancho Bernardo Country Club but they impose a minimum attendance of 40 which we cannot currently meet. We thank you for your support and are working this year on providing great venues and speakers.

### Calling all Veterans

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](mailto:president@sarsandiego.org)

**[NSSAR Veterans Recognition Page](#)**

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

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

**May 20**, Chapter Meeting. Admiral Baker Clubhouse, 8:30am.

**May 29**, Memorial Day at Ft. Rosecrans. Our Color Guard will be present with a musket firing and displaying our wreath.

### 2023 Info Booth Schedule

**July** 2-4, Balboa Park

#### September

Clairemont Family Day

#### October

Columbus Day, Balboa Park

#### November

Veterans Day, Balboa Park— This conflicts with our Chapter meeting— updates will follow

## 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](http://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 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.



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