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# San Diego Chapter

## Sons of the American Revolution

### Monthly Digest



#### Birthdays

Gregory Flores	5
William McDermott	7
Raymond Raser	8
Mark Hansson	10
Luke Raser	10
Charles Schickner	12
Howard Johnson, Jr	14
David Schofield Jr	22

#### SDSAR Brunch

**June 24th**

10:30-2:00 PM

**Fagen Home in  
Oceanside**

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#### Another Excellent Meeting

The San Diego Chapter returned to the Admiral Baker Clubhouse for their May meeting with a very large turnout. The featured speaker was Jesus Benayas, President of the



House of Spain. Our Chapter has enjoyed a close relationship with the House of Spain and has supported a number of their activities. Our late Compatriot, Philip Hinshaw, was a member of the HOS and deeply involved in their

activities and he is the primary reason we celebrate July 4th at the House of Spain with a manned display as well supplying the HOS with a tri-fold brochure on Spain's support of our Patriot ancestors and the American Revolution. In keeping with the presentations by speakers we have enjoyed this year, Jesus's presentation was excellent and informative.

We inducted three new members; Steve Modregon who attended with his wife Tanya, Darrell Monroe who attended with his wife Susan and David Reardon who attended with his parents Chris and Kristine Reardon and his grandmother, Barbara Harden. Kristine Reardon is the daughter of our late compatriot Larry Harden and our Chapter's Wreaths Across America coordinator. Steve Modregon's son, Raymond, a West Point Cadet, has also been accepted by SAR for membership however he was unable to attend this meeting. New members were given their SAR new member packet, the SAR rosette and the San Diego Chapter pin by President Peter Fagen and Sargent-at-Arms, Gary Newton.







We also awarded America 250 Bronze medals to Color Guardsman Rico Jay Buhay de Leon and our Chapter's Secretary, Bryan Bagnas.



Chapter President, Peter Fagen, presented a slide show to accompany his talk on his recent visit to the SAR Library & Research facility in Louisville, KY. Chapter Treasurer, Jim McAdory, gave an America 250 presentation on the battle of Cowpens. And our past President, Michael Hirman (left), provided an update on the upcoming Boston Tea Party reenactment planned for the afternoon of December 16<sup>th</sup>.

In the past 12 months the San Diego Chapter has enjoyed a steady increase in meeting attendance which now averages over 30 per meeting. For this meeting we had 38 signed up but a few could not attend as planned leaving us with 33 in the room.

Our Next Chapter Activity is on Memorial Day where our Color Guard will fire a 3-round musket volley. A few days later our Color Guard will also march in the La Mesa Flag Day Parade. View our full schedule on our [Events page](#).



## Memorial Day Weekend Events



Our Chapter's Color Guard was very busy on the Memorial Day weekend. We supported the House of USA in Balboa Park with our Color Guard for their program on Sunday and on Memorial Day we replaced our flags with muskets and fired a three-round volley at Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery volley.

During these events we were deluged with requests to pose with visitors for photos and at times there were lines waiting to be "next".



*Above, Color Guard folding a presentation flag, Rob Welch presents our Chapters Wreath.*



*Above, DAR Regent Michelle Johnson, State Senator Brian Jones, presentation flag, Rob*



## Memorial Day Weekend Events



We supported the House of USA in Balboa Park with our Color Guard for their program on Sunday.

Members present were *(left to right)* Michael Hirman, Rob Welch, Carylon and Duncan Campbell, Jim McAdory and Philip Hirman. Not show are Gary and Judy Newton.



*Left-* Rob Welch (with flag) and Duncan Campbell.



*Right-* Jim McAdory (with flag, Philip and Michael Hirman



A normal occurrence at events where our Color Guard is present is event participants and spectators ask us to pose with them for photos. This photo is a good example as House of USA representatives and spectators are in this group photo.

This kept us busy most of our almost four hours in the Park.



## Children of the American Revolution

After the COVID shutdown the CAR organization is now meeting again and started with their Annual Meeting on May 7th.



The San Diego Chapter's Color Guard presented the Colors at the Annual Meeting of the Children of the American Revolution in the San Marcos meeting on May 7th. CAR inducted a number of new members as well as their 2023 officers.



Jim McAdory gave a PowerPoint presentation on SAR's America 250 program and presentation on Francis Marion, also known as the "Swamp Fox".



Compatriots Duncan Campbell (left) and Jim McAdory were presented Certificates of Appreciation and the CAR Challenge coin for their participation in the meeting.



CAR 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.



**Are you using the Family Tree app on your phone?** Unlike Ancestry this app will build your family tree with only minimal information needed from you, typically just one parent. There is a feature of this app that lets you find "relatives near me" which was a big hit at CASSAR's meeting in April. Several SDSAR members have recently found they are distant cousins. Locate and install the app and get started and we will use it at the next meeting!

## ROTC Awards



April and May see a lot of SAR ROTC and JROTC awards. We started in April with our JROTC Enhanced Award winner, Harini Akurathi of the Scripps Ranch High School who also won the CASSAR JTROC Award. Compatriots Gary Newton and Jim McAdory made the presentation.



There were some 300 people in at the Scripps Ranch High School AFJROTC Banquet on May 25th. Compatriot Gary Newton presented Harini Akurathi with the CASSAR JROTC award, including the \$1000 check. She was thrilled. The audience gave her an ovation. Compatriot Newton took the opportunity to speak about the SAR JROTC Outstanding Cadet Program, It was a great evening with guests reporting that Harini's award was the "hit" of the banquet.



Compatriot Jim McAdory attended the Carlsbad Army-Navy Academy's annual awards. He presented the JROTC Bronze Medal and Certificate to Cadet Sgt. William Curwen.

*Photo provided by the Army-Navy Academy*



Compatriot Michael Hirman presented the Silver ROTC Medal to San Diego State University Cadet Thomas Keefe.



## ROTC Awards



Grossmont High School NJROTC Cadet Alia Ed-dington is presented the JROTC Medal by SDSAR's 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Rob Welch.



Vista High School JROTC Cadet Valentina Silva is presented the JROTC Medal by SDSAR's Sargent-at-Arms, Gary Newton.



SDSAR Color Guard Commander, Duncan Campbell presents JROTC award to Cadet



SDSAR Color Guard Commander, Duncan Campbell presents JROTC award to Oceanside High School Cadet Robert Florence.

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

**June 3**, La Mesa Flag Day Parade. Our Color Guard will march in this event.

**June 24**, Brunch & social gathering. This is a free event hosted by the Fagen family at their home in Oceanside. Please RSVP on the Events page is you plan to attend.

**July 4**, Coronado Parade, our Color Guard will participate.

### 2023 Info Booth Schedule

**July 2-3**, 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](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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