

September

2023

# San Diego Chapter

## Sons of the American Revolution

### Monthly Digest



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### New Member Info

If your SAR membership has been approved by our National Society and you have not been inducted into our Chapter please attend our next meeting for your formal induction. We will meet at the Green Dragon.

### Welcome New Members

Join us in welcoming our latest additions to our Chapter, **Eugene (Gene) Moore**. Gene and his wife, Claudine, will be joining our Color Guard as a drummer and fifer. The application for **Bryan Lewis** has been approved. He is from Santee and attends college at Cal-Poly. This addition brings our active membership to 153.

It was a full room at the Hall of Nations for our Constitution Day Chapter meeting. We had 48 that had signed up with 44 in attendance which is our largest meeting since 2019. We enjoyed a significant number of DAR members that were in attendance. It was a busy meeting but our President, Peter Fagen, kept the program on track which left plenty of time for friends to spend time together before and after the meeting.



Our keynote speaker was the Honorable J. Clifford Wallace, Senior Judge and Chief Judge Emeritus of the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit of the United States Court of Appeals. Judge Wallace spoke on ***“Improving the Rule of Law in other Countries.”*** He is well

versed on this topic as his international work began in 1972, when he helped judges in the People’s Republic of China to form “economic courts” that would support international investment by establishing a more reliable legal network. In 1984, Wallace helped organize the Conference of Chief Justices of Asia and the Pacific, which continues to meet every two years. Wallace ...



Constitution Day continued..



...has helped courts in Africa to strengthen administrative processes, and in Guatemala, he helped create a mobile court system to ease access to the courts in remote, rural areas. It was a fascinating discussion.

Judge Wallace has an interest in SAR and there is reason to believe he has a direct ancestor that would qualify him for membership. Work is underway to complete his SAR application. We hope to be able to induct him into our Chapter in the future.



We also had a second keynote speaker, retired journalist, **Martin Kruming**, gave a presentation on the Global Neighborhood Project. This project serves as a match-maker for communities around the globe.



We had five new members inducted. *(left to right)* Peter Fagen preformed the inductions for new members Gene Moore, Alexander Flores, Joseph Flores, Gregory Flores and Raymond Modregon. We have six more new members that we hope to induct at our October meeting.



A special presentation was made to Jesus Benayas, President of the House of Spain (left). Chapter Present Peter Fagen presented Jesus with a "Friend of the Sons of the American Revolution" certificate for his many years of partnering with our Chapter on educational programs.

Inki Welch, President of the House of USA and Hall of Nations was presents a Good Citizenship Certificate and Medal for her years of working with our Chapter on public displays in Balboa Park.



## Open Letter from our **Wreaths Across America** Coordinator

### Dear Compatriots and Sponsors,

Thank you for supporting the San Diego Sons of the American Revolution (SDSAR) by sponsoring a wreath for the 2022 Wreaths Across America Campaign! Thanks to your generosity, our Chapter was able to place 670 wreaths on the graves of our fallen veterans; further, our volunteers assisted in wreath laying ceremonies across several states, allowing the mission of "Remember, Honor, Teach" to stand strong.

Today, I am reaching out to ask for your support again in 2023. Wreath laying day will take place on **December 16<sup>th</sup>**, and we are supporting three national cemeteries this year: Miramar National Cemetery (San Diego, CA), Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery (San Diego, CA), and Coastal State Veterans Cemetery (Jacksonville, NC). We are also able to coordinate wreath sponsorships at many national cemeteries across the country and world, so please feel free to reach out regarding how to sponsor a wreath for a loved one, friend, or fellow soldier if you do not see the cemetery listed on our sponsorship page.

SDSAR is hoping to bring in 1,000 wreath sponsorships this season! Due to the state of the economy and the price of wreaths increasing to \$17.00 per wreath, we need your help more than ever. Please consider reaching out to friends, businesses, fellow non-profits, and your own company to request support for the Wreaths Across America mission this year. The due date for all wreath sponsorships is: **November 30, 2023**; any wreaths sponsored after this date will count toward the 2024 campaign. All wreaths can be sponsored in one of two ways:

Directly through our **Wreaths Across America landing page** (select the "**Sponsor Wreaths**" button in red): <https://www.wreathsassamerica.org/pages/46125/Overview/?relatedId=15520&modSw=donate>

By contacting **Kristine Reardon, SDSAR Wreaths Across America Sponsorship Coordinator** directly at:

Email: [kareardon16@gmail.com](mailto:kareardon16@gmail.com)

Cell Phone: (858) 663-4154

If you would like to volunteer to lay wreaths this year, please use the following web address and select the "**Volunteer**" button in white on the landing page:

<https://www.wreathsassamerica.org/pages/46125/Overview/?relatedId=15520&modSw=donate>

I want to thank you in advance for your continued support in this crucial campaign to remember our fallen veterans, honor those who serve, and teach our children the value of freedom! Without you, the mission of Wreaths Across America would be lost; we believe that our veterans die twice: once when they take their last breath on this earth and again when their name is no longer spoken and their memory dies. Help us keep our veterans' memories alive! I hope to see you December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Kristine Reardon

SDSAR Wreaths Across America Sponsorship Coordinator

**September 22 update: Steven Berneberg will be our Chapters liaison with Kristine.**





Our Chapter's Color Guard presented the colors at the annual Clairemont Family Day event at the South Clairemont Park in San Diego. The Color Guard was led by Skip Cox who also sang the National Anthem as a duet. We had a booth open during the event alongside the Children of the American Revolution. We were able to discuss SAR with a number of potential new members and made contact with one former member who is interested in reinstatement. We also were contacted by a 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade history teacher who wants to engage her classes in our Poster and Brochure contests. Compatriots that attended on behalf of our Chapter were Skip Cox, Alan Winters, Rob Welch, Gary & Judy Newton, Gene and Claudine Moore and Jim McAdory.



## Youth Program Coordinators

In the past our 2nd Vice President was responsible for handling all of our Youth Programs and when these programs were active it was quite a workload. To make our programs more successful and ease the workload on one person have been recruiting program *coordinators* that will handle one or two programs under the 2nd Vice President. These programs are very seasonal in that most are active at the beginning of a new school year and conclude in February. We *still need* a coordinator for our **Brochure** and **Poster** contests. The following members will handle the indicated program(s).

Gary Newton, JROTC/ROTC  
 Steve Modregon, Sea Cadet  
 Byran Bagnas, Boy Scouts  
 Ted Parsons, Essay & Oration  
 John Walker, Poster & Brochure  
 Steve Berneberg, WAA Liaison

We are in need of members that can make brief visits with nearby groups to promote Wreaths Across America. If you would like to participate in this worthwhile project, please contact Steve Berneberg at [wreaths@sarsandiego.org](mailto:wreaths@sarsandiego.org)

## October 21st Meeting-Green Dragon



We have two featured speakers from the **FBI** who will speak on their Citizen Academy and other topics.



In February 2022, Director Christopher Wray named Stacey Moy as the special agent in charge of the FBI's San Diego Field Office. Mr. Moy most recently served as the special agent in charge of the Intelligence and Incident Response Division in the FBI's Washington Field Office (WFO). A San Diego native, Mr. Moy joined the FBI as a special agent in 2004. He was first assigned to work counterintelligence and espionage cases in WFO, where he investigated penetrations of the U.S. Intelligence Community, media leaks, and economic espionage. He also served on the SWAT team. Mr. Moy served in a variety of criminal and national security assignments to both the counterintelligence Division at FBI Headquarters and the FBI's San Francisco Field Office before selection into the Senior Executive Service (SES) in 2018. Before joining the FBI, Mr. Moy graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy and was a commissioned officer in the U.S. Navy, serving in both the Surface Warfare and Naval Special Warfare communities. He earned a master's degree in national security and strategic studies from the U.S. Naval War College and was a senior executive fellow at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government for Executive Education.

**Bob Gaglione**



Arbitrator with American Arbitration Association since 2003.

Former Deputy Director with the US Department of Labor in Washington DC.

Business and civil trial lawyer for more than 30 years in California, New York and Washington DC.

The FBI Citizens Academy programs are engaging six-to-eight-week programs that give business, religious, civic, and community leaders an inside look at the FBI. Classes meet in the evenings at FBI field offices around the country. The mission of the FBI Citizens Academies is to foster a greater understanding of the role of federal law enforcement in the community.



## Wreaths Across America

Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day we Remember, Honor and Teach by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Ft Rosecrans and Miramar National Cemeteries. The San Diego Chapter is sponsoring wreaths at Miramar and Ft. Rosecrans National Cemeteries. For each \$15 wreath purchased, the Chapter receives \$5 which we use for our ongoing educational and community programs. Our Chapter coordinator is Kristine Reardon who the daughter of our late SDSAR Compatriot, Lawrence "Larry" Harden. Join us by donating for a veterans' wreath at a cemetery near you, volunteering or donating to a

local sponsorship group. Wreath purchases can be made at any time however to be laid for the current year they should be made by mid-November.

***The funds raised in this program are a major portion of our Chapter's revenue.*** To purchase a wreath that is linked to our Chapter, please use the link below:

**[Click here to sponsor wreaths](#)**



## **November Meeting, Honoring Our Veterans Survey**

*In a few days active members will receive the message below via email requesting information regarding your military service. We requested this information earlier this year but feel we might be missing some members so we ask **ALL** veteran members to take a moment and complete the short (very short) form, even if you provided your information earlier. We do not want to miss anyone.*

### **Dear Compatriot**

Your SAR chapter, in conjunction with our sister DAR San Diego Chapter, will recognize your service, and our other military veterans' service, at our Saturday, 18 November meeting. The awards and recognition ceremony will be held at the Coronado Yacht Club in Coronado.

**In appreciation of your service to our country, an anonymous donor has pre-paid half the cost of the breakfast meal for our veteran members.**

In order that we may properly recognize your service, would you complete the information requested below as soon as possible. I know, you sent it in before, but your records are at National, and you know how difficult it is to get anything from any national headquarters.

Please indicate if you plan on attending the awards ceremony. Families are welcome and encouraged to attend, but there is no discount for their attendance.

Thank you for your service to our nation.

Best Regards,  
*Rob*

**Colonel Robert E. Welch**  
**US Army (Retired)**  
**2nd Vice President**  
**Veterans Recognition Designee**  
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The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history and teaching American history to future generations.



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

**October 14**, Massing of the Colors at the Organ Pavilion in Balboa Park.

**October 21**, Chapter Meeting at the Green Dragon in Carlsbad.

**November 18**, Chapter Meeting, honoring our veterans. Coronado Yacht Club.

**December 16**, Boston Tea Party reenactment, Chula Vista Harbor Park.

### 2023 Info Booth Schedule

**October 7-8**, *tentative*, Columbus Day, Balboa Park

**November 11-12**, Veterans Day, Balboa Park

**December 16**, Boston Tea Party, Chula Vista Harbor Park.

## Consider Joining our Color Guard

We anticipate more demand for our Color Guard in 2024. We also anticipate the loss of up to three Color Guard Members next year which will limit our participation in events, even meetings.

**We need new Color Guard members!**

[colorguard@sarsandiego.org](mailto:colorguard@sarsandiego.org)

**We Need You!**



# America 250

## Our Chapter Plans for America 250

Our Past President, Michael Hirman has been leading our America 250 committee and we have plans in place for an reenactment of the Boston Tea Party on December 16th this year. We are also actively contacting various civic leaders in our communities and at the county level.

Our goal is to have at least one major event each year during the America 250 program timeline. For 2024 we have a tentative plan to hold a program in Balboa Park centered around the first Continental Congress and in 2025 we will host a reenactment of the Battle of Lexington & Concord in the Laguna Mountains. Anyone that would like to participate in the planning and/or actual events please contact us at:

[Membership@SarSanDiego.org](mailto:Membership@SarSanDiego.org)

## Queen Sofia Spanish Institute adds America 250 Commission



### America&Spain250

Commission for the Celebration of Spain's Relationship with the United States, 1776 - 2026

#### About the Commission

The Commission's mission is to celebrate 250 years of the shared past, present and continued friendship between the United States, Spain, and the Spanish-speaking world.

Starting with the significant yet little-understood role of Spain in America's War of Independence, Spain's contributions to the history and development of the United States are many and diverse. They span numerous realms: science, medicine, agriculture and technology, along with language, literature, religion and the arts. The Commission aims to increase public awareness of these contributions and celebrate their importance over the course of 250 years of Spain's shared history with the United States.

The Commission also seeks to enrich the understanding of the complex, changing, yet enduring tripartite relationship between Spain, Spanish-speaking America and the United States.



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