

October

2023

# San Diego Chapter

## Sons of the American Revolution

### Monthly Digest



### Birthdays

John Welch	3
William Hardy Jr.	4
Jacob Raser	4
Ernest McCullough	6
John Wetter	8
Richard Mudgett	9
Samuel Williams	10
James Helt	12
William Weedman	12
Dominick Bednorz Jr.	13
Christian Howson	20
Alan Winters	21
Robert Alden	22
Ralph Lauer	26



### Wreaths Across America purchases for this year Ending Soon

In order for a Wreath to be placed on a grave this year, they must be purchased by mid-November.

### DUES !

Our 2024 Dues collection period will open on October 21st and will run through December 15th. Our website's Home page, News Feed, Members Area and Events page all contain the link to pay your dues by card or check.

**Please, do not mail a check to our San Marcos P.O. Box.**

### Ernest Paul McCollough



We regret to inform our members that our long-time SAR compatriot, Ernie McCollough has passed away. He will be interred at Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery where his father is buried. More details will follow in the coming week(s).



### Big Event Planned for our Veterans

Our November 18th meeting at the Coronado Yacht Club will be focused on our Veteran members. We will be presenting a number of War/Military Service Medals and Certificates as well as a special honor for our Vietnam veterans which will be "pinned" by DAR members. There will be additional remembrances and to top this off we will have an exciting presentation on our Compatriots escape from the Hamas attacks.

This will be our final meeting of the year and it is shaping up to be a "don't miss" event. Our 2nd Vice President, Rob Welch, has been working on putting this together for months and we expect this to be a well attended gathering. It will be our first time at the Coronado Yacht Club. *Signups opens October 25th.*

In addition to the meeting our members will man a booth in Balboa Park over Veterans Day weekend where our Color Guard will present the colors and a number of our members will be featured speakers during the Lawn Program.



## Massing of the Colors



We had a great morning at the 67th Annual Massing of the Colors in Balboa Park. Our Sons American Revolution San Diego Color Guard was honored to lead the entire group of 40+ Color Guards into the ceremony. It was a wonderful patriotic event honoring our veterans and their families and celebrating 50 years since the Vietnam veterans came home in 1973.

*Left to right: Alan Winters, Andrew Fagen, Jim McAdory, Rob Welch, Peter Fagen Duncan and Carolyn Campbell.*

Members of Fallbrook's Eagle Chapter Color Guard joined us at this event. For more photos and video from this outstanding event visit our [Facebook page](#).



**JOIN OUR COLOR GUARD**



## Campbell Receives DAR Award



Our Color Guard Commander, Duncan Campbell, was presented with the DAR Hanna White Arnett Bronze Metal of Distinction for his work supporting the local DAR chapters. The Hanna White medal is given to active SAR members.

Hannah White Arnett (1733-1823) was an American woman who is known for preventing a group of men in Elizabethtown (now Elizabeth),

Providence of New Jersey from proclaiming their loyalty to Great Britain in exchange for



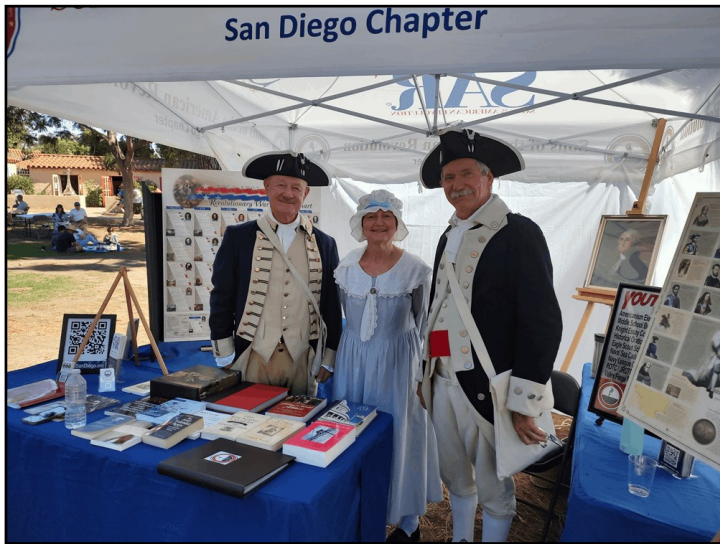
“protection of life and Property.” When she heard the men, meeting in her house, talking about this offer, she called them Coward and Traitors. The men eventually refused the offer of the British.

## Time is Drawing Nigh



The time to purchase a wreath for this year is drawing to a close on November 15th. Wreath purchases after that date will be credited to 2024 wreaths. If you have not purchased wreaths for our local cemeteries and had planned on doing so, please purchase as soon as possible.





Once again Chapter members manned a booth in front of the House of USA in Balboa Park for the annual Columbus Day celebration. As you can see, they had a front row seat when the Spanish Flamingo Dancers took to the stage for their performance. We celebrated with the House of Spain which also served a Paella lunch.

The traffic through the booth was small compared to other years and events, but we had about eight solid membership inquiries with several stating that they had close relatives which were already DAR members, or that they have already done the research. We had several conversations regarding America 250 and of course posed for many pictures.



*Left- Spanish Flamingo Dancers on the Lawn Stage.*

## **Why We Setup a Booth**

We get this question on occasions from the public and our members. We have a number of reasons why we feel our booths are of value to our Chapter:

- It exposes SAR and our Chapter to members of the community that are not aware of us and what our goals are.
- It provides the opportunity to discuss membership with prospects.
- It provides a point of personal contact with educators who are critical in the success of our Youth programs.
- It provides an opportunity to discuss our Youth programs with parents who often are unaware of what we have to offer their children.
- It provides an opportunity to discuss the role of Spain in the America Revolution which resonates with our San Diego community.
- It provides an opportunity for us to demonstrate our organizations patriotism.



## 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 \$17 wreath purchased, the Chapter receives \$5 which we use for our ongoing educational and community programs.

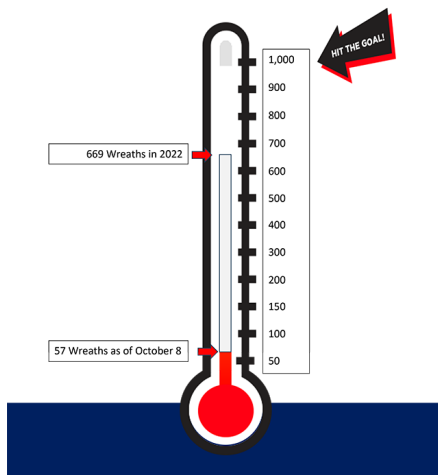
Our Chapter coordinator is Kristine Reardon who the daughter of our late SDSAR Com-patriot, Lawrence "Larry" Harden. Join us by donating for a veterans' wreath at a ceme-tery near you, volunteering or donating to a local sponsorship group. Wreath purchases can be made at any time however to be laid for the current year they **must be made by mid-November**.

*This year our Chapter members will lay wreaths in honor of former members Philip Hinshaw and Ernie McCollough.*

**The funds raised in this program are the largest 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](#)**

### SDSAR Wreaths Across America Status



### October 21st Meeting-Green Dragon

#### Meeting Cancelled

We know many will ask "why was this meeting cancelled"? It is a great venue and the speaker lineup was exceptional. The answer is we did not have enough people signed in time for us to provide the venue with a firm headcount by Monday and with the signups we had we did not meet the minimum attendance for the venue.

Most venues now *require* that we provide a firm headcount about a week before the event. As we have a good relationship with the Green Dragon they have agreed hold our deposit as a credit for a future booking which is rare, most venues will retain the deposit when a cancellation occurs this close to the scheduled event.

Our Board will be looking at a number of options for 2024.

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

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

**December 16**, Laying of the Wreaths at Miramar and Ft. Rosecrans in the morning followed by the **Boston Tea Party** reenactment, Chula Vista Harbor Park.

**January 20, 2024**, Annual Business Meeting, Broken Yoke in Carmel Mountain Ranch.

#### 2023 Info Booth Schedule

**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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