

We Cordially Invite You



To Join Us

as we commemorate the 250th Anniversary
of the Boston Tea Party

Saturday, 16th December 2023

12:00 (Noon)-4:00 pm (reenactments from 1:00- 3:00pm.)

Bayfront Park, 980 Marina Way, Chula Vista, CA



**San Diego Chapter
Sons of the American Revolution**

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The SAR Elevator Pitch is derived from the Mission Statement to help position our organization in the minds of our members, our community and prospective members. It is designed to be short yet deliver answers to the question of “who are we” and inviting the listener to ask more questions. *Look for the “pitch” in this document.*

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November Meeting, Our Veterans



Welcome Dr. Thomas Herrinton, our newest member.



DUES !

Our 2024 Dues collection period will be closing soon will end on December 15th. Our website's Home page, News Feed, Members Area and Events page contain the link to pay your dues by card or check. We need your support.

Please, do not mail a check to our (old) San Marcos P.O. Box.

We held our last meeting of 2023 at the beautiful Coronado Yacht Club. The theme of the meeting was “honoring our veterans” and we had the largest turnout in years with 52 in the room. We were joined by Kathleen Winchester and Michelle Johnson, members of DAR, who presented certificates, pins and challenge coins to our Vietnam era veterans.

We also had War Service certificates and medals for members James Helt, Joe Miller, Jesse Campbell, George Parsons, Duncan Campbell, Nicholas Hoffman and Steve Modregon. Also presented were Military Service Certificates and Medals to George Brewster, Mark Goodman and Rev. Dr De Long.

Vietnam veterans were recognized by DAR with certificates, pins and challenge coins.

Our Chapter's First Vice President, George Brewster gave a presentation on his time in Tel Aviv when the Hamas attacks occurred and the harrowing journey to Jordan. Our guest speaker was CDR John R. Pedrotty, USN (Ret.) who gave a presentation on “Somalia 1994, Operation Restore Hope; A Flight Surgeon's Perspective”.

We presented Bronze America 250 awards to James Helt and Kathleen Winchester and Silver America 250 awards to Gary and Judy Newton, Skip Cox and Alan Winters.

We also inducted a new member, Dr. Thomas Herrinton.

It was an excellent meeting due in large part to the efforts of Rob Welch who began working on this program in early summer.



Vietnam Veterans awards (L-R), Michelle Johnson, Kathleen Winchester, Stan de Long, Jim McAdory, John Green, Gary Ely, Gary Newton, James Helt, Ted Parsons, Dick Mudgett and Rob Welch.

The awards were presented by DAR to our members.



(left) George Brewster is presented the Military Service Certificate and Medal by Rob Welch (left) and Jim McAdory



Ted Parsons (left) is presented the Military War Certificate and Medal (Vietnam) by Jim McAdory (right).



Kathleen Winchester (left) and Michelle Johnson (right) from DAR. Kathleen gave a moving presentation honoring all veterans and especially the Vietnam era veterans. Michell presented a DAR veteran recognition certificate, pin and challenge coin.

We were honored to have them with us.



← Duncan Campbell received the Southwest Asia War Service award. He also accepted the War Service medal on behalf of his grandfather who flew a Sopwith Camel in WWI.



Steve Modregon received War Service Certificate and Medal for the Southwest Asia and Greater War on Terror campaigns.



← Mark Goodman received the Military Service Certificate and Medal.

James Helt is presented the War → Service medal for Vietnam and Korea.



← Ted Parsons received the War Service Certificate and Medal for his Vietnam service



Rev. Stan de Long received the → Military Service Certificate and Medal.





← George Brewster was presented with the Military Service Certificate and Medal. George also gave an account of his time in Tel Aviv at the outbreak of the Hamas attacks and his escape into Jordan.

CDR John R. Pedrotty, USN (Ret.) was our → featured speaker.



America 250 Awards (above): (left) Bronze, Kathleen Winchester and James Helt. (right) Silver, Gary Newton, Judy Newton, Skip Cox and Alan Winters



Annamarie Welch, CPO, USN, Ret. Gave a moving presentation on the “missing man table” which is steeped in military tradition.



Reflections on Compatriot Ernest Paul McCullough

By Will Tisch 2005 Chapter President

15 November 2023

I met Ernie in the early part of the new millennium and he immediately offered to join our Color Guard. Throughout the years he served perfectly and could always be counted on to relate the weather conditions during operations and missions that helped immensely to achieve success. Sometimes I think Ernie could make the weather change for a positive outcome that especially occurred at his Memorial Service this day at Miramar National Cemetery. It rained profusely driving to the Service with lightning and thunder, then during the service it stopped and was absolutely calm. Hmmm. That occurred at Jamestown for the SAR National Convention. Ernie's ancestor was at Jamestown in 1620. His Patriot Ancestor was also at Valley Forge. Whew!!! An unbelievable event to live through!!! For Ernie was a Weatherman in WWII. His knowledge, fortitude and devotion to our Fine Country's Freedom during that terrible war were unyielding and undoubtedly resulted in Victory for our Country. Ernie Loved to Fire the Firelocks and I always took perfect care of his so he would always be able to ring out a shot for Freedom. In later years after my service, Ernie took over our Superb Color Guard as Commander and led our Boys in fine manor. I always thought that I took care of Ernie but it was actually Ernie that took care of all of us. He had amazing talents and devotion to our Chapter that will continue to resonate through the years. Well deserving of all accolades and awards. I learned much from Ernie and I know he loved all of us. He is still there in the Next Room as Stan had said so eloquently at his service and he is waiting to be with us again. God Bless Ernie and Mary Ann Forever,

Will



You are cordially invited to join the Linares Chapter, along with several other District XIV DAR chapters, the SAR, and CAR to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party. This event will be the first of many events to be celebrated as we near the 250th Anniversary of our nation on July 4, 2026. Please join us for reenactments, vendors, food trucks, and a recreation of the dumping of tea in Boston Harbor from the period ship the Bill of Rights. This event is free and open to the public. There will be giveaways and activities for children as we venture back to December 16, 1773, to learn more about this important act of rebellion!

If you would like to contribute to this educational and historic event, please consider a donation to the West Coast Boston Tea Party Go Fund Me account:
<https://gofund.me/48d63c1d>

The Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution,
and the Children of the American Revolution of San Diego County Invite you
to:

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To commemorate the Patriots that risked everything for Liberty and Freedom.

This event will provide our communities with an immersive experience with the lead up, experience, and aftermath of the Boston Tea Party. To find out how to join our mission to commemorate this event which will set off the 250th celebrations of our Nations birth.....

Contact: WestCoastBTP@gmail.com



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December 16th**

Veterans Day-Balboa Park

On Saturday, November 11th, Chapter members manned a booth in front of the House of USA and participated in the afternoon Lawn Stage program that honored our veterans. The members present were Michael Hirman, Rob Welch, Jim McAdory, Duncan and Carolyn Campbell. In addition, our Compatriot, Ted Parsons manned the booth next to us for the Military Order of World Wars that co-sponsored the program along with the House of USA. Ted also emceed the afternoon's program.

Our Color Guard presented the Colors and Chapter members Duncan Campbell and Rob Welch were to speak on their military service however Rob changed his talk to honor his daughter's military 20 plus year Naval career.

New in our booth was a "traveling chest" filled with everyday common materials used by our patriot ancestors in their day-to-day activities. Each item has a 3×5 card for the presenter which explains what it is



Some of the presenters and talent that took part in the day's activities. The Military Order of World Wars and the House of USA did an excellent job of creating this event to honor our Veterans.

HPR, USA, and SAR!

By Ted Parsons

Veteran Day 2023 has new meanings and memories for me. HPR is House of Pacific Relations. USA is the House of USA. And SAR is Sons of the American Revolution, a lineage society that I belong to.

Why did I volunteer again? Of course, to serve others, show patriotism, and be with friends!

We all had many events to choose from for Veterans Day. I had at least four I really wanted to attend. So, I chose to be at Balboa Park! Arriving at about 11:15, then finding a parking spot, I walked about a mile to HPR! Balboa Park on a beautiful Saturday on Veterans Day meant thousands of people strolled everywhere! My SAR compatriots and I set up up our MOWW booth.

The day's theme of "Thank you veterans for being our heroes!" matched November 11 Veterans Day...of course! Music played drawing people from all over. Hundreds of participants and audience spread out all over the lawn next to the cottages of HPR. Then, the official program began at 2:00. Ms. Inki Welch, President of House of USA, and President of HPR, served as Master of Ceremonies, director, and greeter for virtually everyone.

She presided over a two hour program. So full of speeches, dancing, singing, colors, drums, youth, community, and nations! Houses of South Korea, Italy, Ireland, Guam (Chamorros), USA, Scotland, and Vietnam participated this year. All the program activities focused on praising and thanking our veterans.

My role included introducing five veterans who shared some of their military experiences. Lt Col Evan Wahl, USMC, compatriot CPO Duncan Campbell, USN, Capt Mario Borja, USAF, companion CDR Kris Szczechowicz, USCG, and compatriot COL Rob Welch, USA enthralled and captivated audience members who cheered and applauded.

When we had the opportunity, we ate some of the delicious food: hot dogs, cookies, fudge, homemade chili, chips, sodas, water, and wine. Wow! No, not me. I only ate some special homemade chili, soda, and chips...twice!

After all the festivities, I helped take down the SAR booth, while they helped take down our MOWW booth. So exhausted! My feet hurt, as did various leg and back muscles! Now that the sun had set, we finished packing two cars in the dark. Our celebration of our veterans finally ended. Yet, as a new friend Ingrid reminded me, "Celebrating our veterans never ends!"

Well worth participating. Unique experiences! Why did I volunteer again? Of course, to serve others, show patriotism, and be with friends!

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December 16th, Wreath Laying



On December 16th our Color Guard will participate in the Laying of Wreaths at Miramar National Cemetery and Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery. Chapter members and the public is invited to participate in this moving annual event. The events start at 10am however we advise arriving well before in order to find parking as these are very well attended.



La Jolla Christmas Parade

December 3rd at 1:30pm. Our Color Guard will be marching in this parade once again. Join us for a fun afternoon.

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

December 3, La Jolla Christmas Parade.

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.

Elevator Pitch "The Sons of the American Revolution promotes patriotism, serves the community, and inspires and educates the public about the history of the American Revolution".

2023 Info Booth Schedule

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!

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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

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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Guard**