

From SAR President General John L. Dodd,



"I have the very sorrowful duty to report to you that our CHAPLAIN GENERAL DWIGHT ELAM has passed away into the Lord's presence. Chaplain General Elam had been admitted to the hospital and appeared to be improving, however on Tuesday, December 19, 2023, he died in the hospital. I spoke with Dwight's wife today and thus far no cause of death is known for certain. I will let you know if and when that information becomes available.

Chaplain General Dwight Elam's funeral was held at the First Christian Church, 4242 Taylor Road, Punta Gorda, Florida.

Dwight is survived by his wife Becky, two children: Scott and Christie, and four grandchildren.

Dwight was serving his second term as Chaplain General. He thoroughly enjoyed serving in the SAR and his presence will be sorely missed. If you have questions or comments, you can email me or call me at 913-680-4965. Your prayers for Dwight's family will be appreciated. Dwight served as the pastor of the First Christian Church. I encourage you to pray for that church that must now find a new pastor.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any assistance. I do not know what the protocol for an Interim Chaplain General, but I will serve in any way the Society needs me.

In His Grace,

Rev. Dr. J. Vernon Welkner
National Society Sons of the American Revolution
Chaplain General 2022-2023"

December

2023

San Diego Chapter

Sons of the American Revolution

Monthly Digest



Birthdays

Peter Fagen	5
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Mitchell Lathrop	15
Trevor Shea	21
Edward Stotler	21
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Joseph Miller	24
John Raser	24
James Mattern Sr.	28
William Peters Jr	29

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Boston Tea Party

Welcome New Members

We added three Chapter Members in December

John McFarlane

Douglas Wright

Matthew Wehland (dual)

We look forward to inducting our new Compatriots next year.

On December 16, 2023 the local Chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the San Diego Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution presented a reenactment of the Boston Tea Party in the Chula Vista harbor.

This reenactment of the historical event is opening the 250th anniversary celebration of the birth of our nation. There was an excellent turnout of SAR and DAR members as well as the general public. The tall ship “Bill of Rights” was used as the vessel from which tea boxes were thrown overboard.

Two stages were used where students from xxx school made presentations on the arguments from the period that led up to the actions 250 year ago by our patriot forefathers.

In the top photo are SAR members Jim Klingler – President of CASSAR, Philip Hirman, Michael Hirman, John Ferris – Vice President (South) of CASSAR, Duncan Campbell, Ted Parsons, Robert Fagley, Alan Winters, Jim McAdory and Gene Moore.

Reinstatement?

Our 2024 Dues period has closed and if your membership lapsed you will need to file for reinstatement. Information on the process can be found on our website under the Membership menu option.



Left Another box of tea goes over the rail of the “Bill or Rights”.



above Younger members, CAR, scouts and sea cadets.

Below student presenters.



Wreaths Across America

With the Boston Tea Party the same day as the Laying of Wreaths our chapter had to scale back our participation at the annual wreath laying. On the Friday before the laying Duncan Campbell, Michael Hirman, Philip Hirman, Rob and Victoria Welch along with their daughter Annamaria placed flags at Ft. Rosecrans.

On Saturday our musket team fired a three round volley at the Miramar National Cemetery as part of the ceremony there. Musket team members were Rob Welch, Duncan Campbell, Michael Hirman and Philip Hirman.



SDSAR Supports Asian Culture and Media Alliance Awards

Members of the San Diego Chapter were invited to escort the winner of the ACMA's Outstanding Community Outreach Award, Inki Welch, to the stage to receive the award. As the President of the House of USA and the House of Pacific Relations in Balboa Park. Inki has been a strong supporter of our Chapter and our activities. We were honored to be her invited guests and escort at this event. Chapter members were Duncan Campbell and Jim McAdory.



La Jolla Christmas Parade



Back row, from left—first person in uniform is not a SAR members then Rob Welch, Claudine Moore (with fife), Duncan Campbell, Gene Moore and Alan Winters.

Our Chapter has participated along with the La Jolla DAR Chapter in this annual event for many years.

January 2024 Business Meeting

Our annual Business meeting will be on January 20th at the Broken Yoke in Carmel Mountain Ranch and will be a breakfast gathering. In addition to a lot of Medals and Awards to be given out we have three important topics that will need a vote by the membership for approval:

- **2024 Budget**, Our Treasurer will present our current financial position along with significant changes for 2024 and a proposed budget to begin the new year.
- **Revised By-Laws**, Earlier this year we sent out a copy of our [proposed By-Laws](#) for 2024. This is available in our [Members Area](#) on our website (near the top of the page).
- **New Officers**, We had no officer nominations from the membership however the chapter's Nominating Committee made the following nominations for 2024 officers:

President— Jim McAdory

1st Vice President— Michael Hirman

2nd Vice President— Steven Modregon

Secretary— Bryan Bagnas

Treasurer— Alan Winters

Chancellor— George Brewster

Sargent-at-Arms— Gary Newton

Color Guard Commander— Duncan Campbell

Registrar— Owen Stiles

Membership VP— Gene Moore

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

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

February 3, Mission de Alcala. SAR/DAR Plaque dedication.

February 24, George Washington Birthday Dinner, Green Dragon in Carlsbad.

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2024 Info Booth Schedule

TBA

Want to fire a musket?

We require anyone that fires a musket with us to have passed an NRA approved Black Power safety course. To make attending this course easy for our members, our Color Guard Commander is working on holding this course in our area in 2024. If you would like to attend (you don't need to bring a musket) please contact

colorguard@sarsandiego.org



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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