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San Diego Chapter Sons of the American Revolution Monthly Digest



Birthdays

Parker Heaton	12
Gary Ely	13
Robert Kidd	13
Michael Howard	15
John Green	17
Daniel Hereford	22
Douglas Bark	29

Two SDSAR Youth win CASSAR Awards

Two San Diego Chapter Youth award winners have also been selected by CASSAR for a State level award. We received notice that our Chapter's Enhanced JROTC Award winner, **Cadet Veer Chopra** of Scripps Ranch High School, has won this year's CASSAR JROTC Enhanced Program competition as well.

Our Sergeant-at-Arms, Gary Newton made the announcement of his selection for SDSAR.



"Cadet Veer Chopra has an outstanding record of accomplishment. He has overcome tremendous obstacles. Accordingly, it is with great pleasure that I advise you that the SDSAR Selection Committee has selected Cadet Chopra WINNER of the competition. He will receive a Gold Medallion on ribbon, Certificate as the Outstanding Cadet, and a check for \$250.00. His Nomination Package has been forwarded to CASSAR for competition to win the SAR State competition, which includes a check for \$1,000.00. We can present Cadet Chopra's awards at your Spring Award Ceremony, or earlier if you prefer."

The SDSAR Award will be presented soon, and the CASSAR award will be presented at the CASSAR Annual Meeting in April. Congratulations Cadet Chopra.



In addition to Cadet Chopra's award, we also received notification from CASSAR that our Chapter's Oration Contest winner, Daniel Hernandez from Bonita Vista High School, was selected as the CASSAR Oration Contest winner.

Our Compatriot, Ted Parsons, revived this contest from years of obscurity and we had two other entries in addition to Daniel.

Congratulations to Daniel.

Est. July 4, 1894 Celebrating our 130th Year

New Members

We have 5 new members in 2024 with the addition of our newest members Robert Gagnon and Edward Scheibler. Welcome, we look forward to inducting you into SAR and the San Diego Chapter at an upcoming meeting.



**More Photos &
Video on Facebook**



Do you have a SAR.org Login?

Your SAR membership does not automatically register you for access to the Members area on SAR.org.

Our **Home page** has a video on the process for signing up and logging in.

Have you completed the SAR Youth Protection Training? This is a significant issue for our organization as all members that interact with non-adults should complete the training and earn the certificate. It is quick and takes about an hour. Be sure and download a copy of your certificate and email a copy to president@sarsandiego.org. To access the YPT training login or register at SAR.org, under the Quick Links menu option you will find the YPT link listed.

Future of Chapter Meetings

We are finding it increasingly difficult to locate meeting venues that have a reasonable cost and a minimum attendance guarantee that would work for our Chapter. Venues are now adding “room fees” that range from \$250 to over \$1,000 before the food cost! Many have raised their guaranteed servings to 50 or more which is well beyond our common meeting attendance and typical “add-on” fees and tax add another 50% to the food cost. To continue with regular meetings, we are going to have to make changes. One proposal is to hold only one meeting per quarter with a plated meal service and other meetings would have items like coffee & pastry for breakfast and deli sandwiches for lunch meetings that would held in low or no cost venues. We had hoped to have one more dinner meeting this year but the prices we have encountered would put the price of such to over \$50 per person often higher.

If you are aware of a location that would meet our needs please contact Michael Hirman, our 1st Vice President, at vp1@sarsandiego.org.

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New Musket Team Members Qualified



We added three new fully qualified musket team members for our Chapter Saturday. Qualification requires successful completion of the NRA Muzzle Loading (Black Powder) training course and practice firing. It's an all day course with about 5-6 hours classroom time followed by two hours of hands on loading, firing and cleaning.

Chapter members that completed the course were Alan Winters and Jim McAdory and prospective member Tyler Jones. The cold and rain kept a few more away. Our Color Guard Commander, Duncan Campbell provided hands on instructions for using our muskets.

Alan Winters sends a round downrange with lots of fire and smoke.



Mystery Photo

Our CASSAR Vice President South, John Ferris, sent us this photo that he found while



searching CASSAR archives. Based on the information on the sign in the photo it was taken on July 26, 1991 with Company 171 of RTC San Diego. If you can provide more information or recognized anyone in the photo please send your information to webmaster@sarsandiego.org.

On the lower left the seated gentleman in the suit appears to be wearing the Presidential drape and medal so he might be Harold L. Worrell who was Chapter President in 1991.

Revolution in the Orchard



Julian Farm & Orchard will host their annual Revolution in the Orchard event April 20th and the 21st at their 4381 CA-78, Santa Ysabel, CA facility. While this is not a SDSAR event we think it will be of interest to our members. There will be live (blank) musket firing along with reenactments of British and Patriot skirmishes. Click the image for a webpage with more information.



America 250

This is a *tentative* list check our website Events page.

No Meeting in March

April-May Meeting, We are working on an exciting program and are negotiating with the speaker on a date. Venue and start time TBA.

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”.

2024 Info Booth Schedule

July 4th Balboa Park
House of USA and House of Spain

Clairemont Family Day
September 14th

Constitution Day
September 21st in Balboa Park

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.

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@sarsandigo.org



Join our Color Guard