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San Diego Chapter Sons of the American Revolution Monthly Digest



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Blockbuster May Meeting Scheduled

We have a great May meeting filled with historical content. We have an amazing program prepared that will feature a reenactment of Bernardo de Galvez by a Southern California actor in period dress. Galvez led the Spanish Navy and Army in the capture of British positions along the east side of the Mississippi river along with the capture of the seaports of Mobile and Pensacola. He also led the organizing of the fund raising effort to fund the French Navy at the sea battle in Chesapeake Bay which led to the surrender of the British forces at Yorktown.

Our keynote, Dennis Carlos, is an artist, historian, and a living history reenactor for over 20 years. He is currently the President of the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historical Trail Color Guard – California Division, for the National Park Service. Although most of his research is in early California history, he has focused the last 7 years on the Spanish hero, Bernardo de Galvez, and how Spain and his personal contributions helped America succeed in becoming an independent nation.

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Est. July 4, 1894 Celebrating our 130th Year



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.



SDSAR Youth at CASSAR Annual Meeting

Chapter's Oration Contest winner, Daniel Hernandez from Bonita Vista High School, was selected as the CASSAR Oration Contest winner and attended the award luncheon in Burlingame (near San Francisco Airport) along with his father Julio. Daniel presented his speech to the assembled group. His winning entry was forwarded to NSSAR for the national level award judging.

Congratulations to Daniel.

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 half 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.

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The role of Spain in the birth of the United States is a little known and little understood aspect of U.S. independence. Dennis's presentation, "Secrets of the American Revolution", will help bring Spain's involvement to light by portraying the General. Gálvez is best remembered for his victory at Pensacola that aided the American war effort and made him a hero to both Spain and the newly independent United States. Gálvez was officially recognized by George Washington and the United States Congress for his aid during the American Revolution.

In 2014, Gálvez became one of only eight people to have been awarded honorary U.S. citizenship, citing him as a "hero of the Revolutionary War who risked his life for the freedom of the United States people and provided supplies, intelligence, and strong military support to the war effort." Congressional resolution from 1783 ordering the portrait to be "placed in the room in which Congress meets." now hangs in our Capital building as promised over 231 years ago.

We anticipate a presentation on Patriot Juan Peralta who served with Galvez in New Orleans and Mobile by our Membership VP, Gene Moore. His wife, Claudine, was recently accepted into DAR based on her relationship to Peralta and she is the first person to qualify him in DAR (and SAR through a cousin).

We will also provide an update on the Patriots in San Diego that made donations thereby earning them the status of a *acknowledged* SAR Patriot and eligible to be used to qualify a direct *descendants* for membership in SAR. We have identified 17 Spanish soldiers that were buried at the Presidio and Mission de Alcala and have been recognized by SAR for their contributions to the war effort.

Any member(s) that would like to make an America 250 Minute presentation should let our President know so we can make sure we set aside time for your presentation.

There is a smaller venue and seating will be limited so signup today.

SIGNUP Today

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Rather than use the online signup you may pay by check and mail in this registration. Do not delay as this event might sell out.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number in Party: _____ x \$30 each = Total included: \$ _____ Guests: _____

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serves the community, and inspires and educates the public
about the history of the American Revolution**

CASSAR Annual Meeting

The 149th Annual Meeting of the California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution we held the weekend of April 26th and 27th at the Hyatt Regency in Burlingame, CA (adjacent to the San Francisco Airport). The annual meeting is a great opportunity to learn from the successes of other California chapters and to meet the leadership of Chapters from around the state. Numerous state level awards were presented and at the dinner that culminated the weekend our incoming state officers were sworn in. The meeting is open to any SAR member that would like to attend and not just chapter leaders.

The highlight of the closing dinner was a presentation by Steve Edenbro, affiliated with the American Historical Theater in Philadelphia. An amazing performer, he took the audience to heart of Thomas Jefferson and effectively told the story of Jefferson, Adams, Hamilton and Arron Burr. More information on Steve and his historical presentations can be found at his website <https://www.yourthomasjefferson.com/>.

We also had two winners from our Chapter's Youth Programs receiving recognition as the winners at the state level. Daniel Hernandez and his father attend our Saturday awards luncheon where Dainel repeated his winning oration. Veer Chopra was recognized at the winner of the JROTC Outstanding Cadet for the state and he will receive his award at an upcoming awards ceremony at his school.

Duncan Campbell and Jim McAdory were awarded the silver (state level) Henry Knox certificates and medals for their work with CAR and the George Washington Birthday dinner, Owen Stiles received a state level award and Michael Hirman received awards for his work as the CASSAR Chancellor and our Chapter won another Outstanding Chapter award as well as an Outstanding Color Guard award.



Daniel Hernandez (center) and his father, Julio to his left.



Owen Stiles (left) accepting his award from Jim Klingler



Peter Fagen accepts the award for our Color Guard



Steve Edenbro as Thomas Jefferson



Outstanding Chapter Awards



Color Guard at the final night's dinner

May will be a very busy month for our Chapter

11th—Memorial Service for Dick Leslie Lillian Leslie, widow of our late Compatriot Dick has provided us with information on a memorial service that will be held on the morning of May 11. She requested us to share this with our members who remember Dick as webmaster and several years as Treasurer. "Our family would like for you to attend Dick's service on May 11th at 11am and stay for a casual luncheon afterwards."

The service will be at the Village Community Presbyterian Church at 6225 Paseo Delicias in Rancho Santa Fe, CA at 11am. We hope to see a big turnout of our members for the family.



May 18th—Chapter Meeting, 8:30am at Marie Callender's 6950 Alvarado. The front page has a complete writeup on this meeting. It will be a "don't miss" program.



May 25th- Flag Placement at Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery—In preparation for Memorial Day our Chapter will place 300 flags at Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery. Anyone that would like to attend and place flags should let our Color Guard Commander to let him know in advance at colorguard@sarsandiego.org. We will publish the exact time soon.

May 27th- Memorial Day at Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery—Our musket team has been invited once again to participate the Memorial Day activities at Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery. This is always a big event and well worth attending. We are asking all members that have qualified for musket firing to attend as we would like at least seven! We will post the muster time on the Events page soon. This event is open to the public and always draws a large crowd so arrive early if you plan to attend.



Chapter members posed for a photo shoot at the Green Dragon in April. The photos were taken by Discover Magazine, which plans to do a multi-page spread with them. They also plan to attend our May 18th meeting for photos for a second spread in a different edition. Participating members were Andrew Fagen, Peter Fagen, Alan Winters, Rico Jay Chaloner Buhay, Jim McAdory, Duncan Campbell and Carolyn Campbell (ladies auxiliary).

[Discover Magazine](#) is a locally distributed, slick publication, that is published six times per year in the San Diego area.



America 250

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

May 18th Meeting, We are returning to Marie Callender's near SDSU for an exciting program. This will be a breakfast meeting with doors opening at 8:30am and the meeting starting at 9:00.

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 Balboa Park. 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