



The California Compatriot

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Presidents Message

Compatriots and Friends of the SAR

Thanks to everyone who sent me cards and encouragement through my recent health crisis; while I have a long way ahead to full recovery, I remain optimistic.

This Independence Day, we celebrated the 246th anniversary of the founding of our nation. I hope you participated in events to honor our patriot ancestors who freed us from British rule. This is a good time to recall their sacrifices whether a militiaman or a soldier in the continental line, each one risked his life and treasure to secure the freedoms that we enjoy today. My patriot ancestor accepted a captains commission at the age of 57; his company was in the yard of the state house when the Declaration of Independence was ratified, and shortly afterward marched to New York, where his company was assigned to Long Island. At the subsequent battle, he left eleven of his soldiers dead on the field, including his brother in law. Retreating to Kings Bridge and back to Pennsylvania, he served in the 13th PA Regiment in the battles of Brandywine Creek and Germantown. Following Brandywine, the Hessian Army marched across his farm plundering it of all his livestock and possessions. His story is not unique, but is repeated thousands of time over by the stories of your patriot ancestors.



One of our missions as members of the SAR, is to preserve the legacy of our patriot ancestors by educating our youth and engaging the citizens of our country about how their freedoms were obtained. We do this through our members volunteering their time serving on committees and in chapter and state leadership positions. A small cadre of our member's volunteer year after year in chapter and state positions; their efforts truly make a difference in the lives of our students, teachers, and veterans.

I need your help! If you haven't been active in SAR programs and you want to make a difference, please contact your chapter president and learn how you can help. If you are unsure of your chapter contact, you may contact me directly at craigandersonsar@gmail.com. A few hours of your time per month will truly have a positive impact on the lives of our youth, our educators, and our veterans.

Libertas et Patria,

California SAR Celebrates Independence Day



General George Patton SAR Chapter Color Guard marched in July 4th parade in Ojai, CA. Pictured are Joe Thayer, bagpiper, and (L-R) Jim Armstrong, musket, Jerry Hayes (US flag), Bob Taylor (SAR flag) and Bill Hurley (America 250 flag). They are followed by DAR members in the trolley.



The Kern Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution took part in the 33rd annual Westchester, CA 4th of July parade. The Color Guard, along with two members of the Children of the American Revolution, Gunnar and Claire

Meridith who carried the SAR banner, were proud to lead the procession of this event. At the start of the parade, Compatriot JB Hay brought and fired, his replica cannon from the Battle of Saratoga. The Color Guard was highlighted on the local NBC affiliate as well as the local newspaper. The various participants included the parade grand marshal, a 95 year-old World War II veteran, and the mayor of Bakersfield.

The Harbor and Orange County SAR Chapters joint Color Guard marched in the Huntington Beach July 4th parade. Pictured are (L-R) Kevin Bidekap, Kent Gregory, Jim Klingler, Kelly Villardi, and CASSAR Color Guard Commander, Brandon Villardi. The Huntington Beach parade is one of the largest Independence Day parades in the country and was covered by ABC 7 news in Los Angeles.



The Orange County SAR Chapter Color Guard marched in the Lake Forest, CA July 4th parade. Pictured are (L-R) Chapter Co-Commanders Dan McKelvie and John Ferris, and Mike Miller. Karen McKelvie and Liz Ferris are carrying the SAR Banner in front.

The Orange County and Harbor SAR Chapter joint Color Guard presented the colors at the 49th Annual Let Freedom Ring Celebration and Bell Ringing on July 4th in Cerritos, CA. Pictured are (L-R) Liz Ferris, Kent Gregory, Kelley Villardi, Brandon Villardi, John Ferris, Dan McKelvie, Karen McKelvie, Barbara Wood, Larry Wood, and Jim Klingler. CASSAR Executive Vice President, Jim Klingler, read the Let Freedom Ring Proclamation adopted by Congress in 1963.





Thomas Jefferson SAR Chapter VP Greg Owens (L) participated with other veterans organizations in the July 4th parade in Alameda, CA.

The Sacramento and Mother Lode Chapter joint SAR Color Guard marched in the Carmichael, CA July 4th parade. Pictured are (L-R) Sacramento Chapter President Russ Kaiser, CASSAR VP North Don Littlefield, and Mother Lode Chapter President Doug Drake.



America 250 SAR

New 250 Honor Roll!

Everyone in CASSAR should know by now the Society's participation in NSSAR's 250 Award Recognition Program. Many chapters are doing the America 250 Minute and watching their points add up. This is a great time in our SAR history to learn more about our patriot ancestors and the history they made.

To recognize those who are participating, our webmaster Greg Hill, has added a new link to our 250 page [Honor Roll – California SAR](#). Here is listed those in our Society who have earned various levels of recognition. If you believe there are names that should be on the list and aren't, please let me know. If you want more information on the Program, talk to your chapter representative or call me. As the next few years go by, this is a great venue to let everyone know the patriotic fervor this Society has!

For any questions, please contact John Ferris, Co-Chair, America 250 SAR.

This Day in History from PG Manning

The CASSAR website has a new addition for helping us all learn/remember our revolutionary past. PG Manning has been sending *This Day in History* for years to the Alabama Society for everyone in SAR to use. Now it is coming directly to the California Society [Daily History – California SAR](#). This is a fantastic resource to get everything you need to present an America 250 Minute to your chapter or a scout meeting or the VFW or any group you are a part of to create a 250 event.

The 250th Anniversary Recognition Program is all about increasing the awareness of all citizens the events that took place over 20 years to win our

freedom from Great Britain. It is a wonderful history that many do not know and many take for granted. A review of This Day in History will help us all gain a stronger appreciation of the wonderful history that made the United States of America!

250 Committee Starts a New Project

Compatriots John P. Beall from the Orange County Chapter and David Morrow from the Sons of Liberty Chapter of Los Angeles are creating content for a webpage for the California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution's 250 site working on Untold Stories of Patriots of Color & the Revolutionary War Soldiers of California and their families.

I have heard many times that history is boring. I ask why and the answer is it is just a bunch of dates, names and places. For us in SAR it is not just date, names and places, but family...our ancestral family that secured this nation. Family is not boring. Family and the stories families tell help to create our sense of identity.

There are many untold and unfamiliar stories and JP and David are working on stories concerning the Spanish in California and Patriots of Color throughout the nation that fought for the Colonies. They invite you to send them stories or family histories that would help make this resource more interesting and more personal to all of us in CASSAR.

Both David and JP have already been working independently on their areas of interest and are now collaborating to create a site with stories and links that should interest all of us. The 250th Anniversary Recognition Program is all about increasing an awareness of our revolutionary past. I find the more I learn about the revolution the more I learn about families who made a difference. This project is about those who made a difference we all should know.

David and JP invite you to contact them at davidmorrowla@gmail.com or beallj14@gmail.com

America 250 Presentation to Cub Scouts

President William Nay and Past President William Van Valkenburg of the SAR Redwood Empire Chapter, California Society conducted America 250 SAR presentations for Cub scouts of the Redwood Empire Council, Scouts BSA. The Camp Director Kandi Andrade and Senior Scout Camp Director Sean Smilie were presented California Society America 250 SAR Coins.

The Senior Scout Sean Smilie already had his application submitted; along with his father Dave and his brother, to join the SAR Redwood Empire Chapter.





Click the image to play the America 250 SAR Video

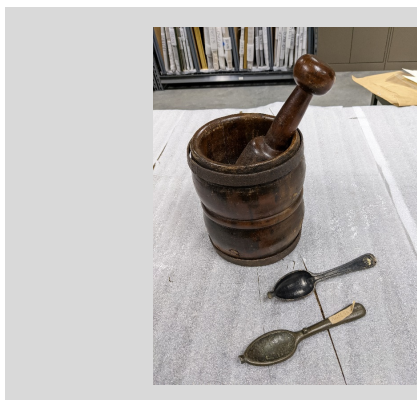
READ THE 5 YEAR OPERATIONAL PLAN FOR AMERICA 250



SAR Education Center and Museum

SAR Museum Board Chairman, Kent Gregory reports that several California Society members have generously donated historical artifacts for the SAR Museum Collection. Some are military weapons - others reflect 18th Century life. Here are some recent donations:

Strike-a-light tinder box holder, donated by Larry Hansen. It opens to hold flint and steel and tinder for fire starting. Matches were not invented until the 1800's.



New England mortar and pestle made of maple, and a bronze spoon mold to make pewter spoons, donated by Dan Casey.

Spiral candlestick of wrought iron on a turned wood base. Candlesticks like this were adjustable to raise or lower the candle to ensure the whole candle was used, and to support soft tallow candles. The hook at the top of the spiral could be

used to hang it up on the back of a chair. Donated by Liz and John Ferris.

[Text Link](#)



Brass gang bullet mold for .45, .50, .54, and .60 caliber pistol balls, donated by Brandon Villardi.

Welcome New Members

Congratulations! Welcome to the California Society, Sons of the American Revolution. We are honored that you have elected to join our society of descendants of those patriots and heroes who gave us our freedoms. The California Society conducts many patriotic, historical, and educational programs in our communities, and we rely heavily on our member volunteers to keep them strong and vibrant.

If you haven't yet been, you will shortly be contacted by a representative of your chapter; We urge you to meet your fellow compatriots, join them in their chapter programs, and become an active member of your chapter and state society. We are looking forward to meeting and working with you in the future.

NSSAR	Name	Chapter	Date
222587	Stanley Dean Flud	Yosemite	6/3/2022
222672	Stephen Mark Adams	Gen George Patton	6/10/2022
222675	Daniel James Kempf	Gen George Patton	6/10/2022
222679	John Badman III	Orange County	6/10/2022
222676	George Malcolm Rooks III	Sacramento	6/10/2022
222677	George Malcolm Rooks IV	Sacramento	6/10/2022
222670	Harry Fletcher Nash IV	Santa Barbara	6/10/2022
222673	Jeremy Paul Carmone	Sons of Liberty	6/10/2022
222674	Stephen Michael Phelps Jr	South Coast	6/10/2022
222678	Glenn David Martin	Thomas Jefferson	6/10/2022
222671	James Lewis Riley	Yosemite	6/10/2022
222844	Aaron Matthew Todd	Gen George Patton	6/24/2022
222840	Michael Kenneth Woodward	Kern	6/24/2022
222843	John Wayne Conlee	Orange County	6/24/2022
222839	Riley Lewis Brown	South Coast	6/24/2022
222838	Scott Gerald Brown	South Coast	6/24/2022
222837	Stanley Lewis Brown Jr.	South Coast	6/24/2022
222842	Vincent Russel Smith	Yosemite	6/24/2022
222841	William Gregory Smith	Yosemite	6/24/2022

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NSSAR	Name	Chapter	Date
76631	William Richard Dana	South Coast	6/2/2022
156302	Clay Walker Sigg	Gold Country	6/12/2022

Upcoming Events

2022 Event	Date
Constitution Day	September 11th
NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting	September 29th- October 1st
147th CASSAR BOM Meeting	November 4th and 5th
Veterans Day	November 11th
Wreaths Across America	December 17th

Youth Protection Training

The National Society, requires that all members who participate in SAR youth and education programs that interface with students under the age of 18,

successfully complete SAR Youth Protection Training. We had formerly utilized the training offered by the Boy Scouts of America, but subsequently, the SAR has developed its own training program that is geared specifically to the programs that we conduct. The process is very simple; the training can be taken on-line in about 20 minutes, and the certificate is valid for three years.

Please forward your certificate of completion to Dan McKelvie at mckelvie@sbcglobal.net.

[CLICK HERE TO BEGIN YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING](#)

From the Editors Desk

RELEASE FORMS

As a reminder to all compatriots, if you submit photos or materials (e.g. youth program winners) for publication in the Compatriot, you must include a signed release form.

[Click To Download the Release Form](#)

News From Around the California Society

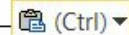
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Cyber Scams

If you receive an email from a purported Compatriot in need of help that is unsigned, with no personal contact information seeking contributions to any type of fundraising site; or an email addressing you by name from another member of your Chapter requesting the expenditure of funds or the purchase of gift cards, **consider it a hoax**. These messages are getting more sophisticated and may even include the unauthorized use of the SAR logo and/or a pseudo SAR email address.

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