



# The California Compatriot

*The Official Newsletter of the California Society Sons of the American Revolution*

**October 2022**

## Presidents Message

Compatriots

Shortly after our 2022 annual meeting, I was diagnosed with serious health issues, and during the following months, I was hospitalized on multiple occasions and underwent multiple surgeries. My recovery has been difficult and has not gone as well as I hoped. After long and careful thought, I felt that it was best for me to resign my position as CASSAR President and to focus my energy on my recovery. This was a tough decision, but I thought it was the best choice for my family and me.



As provided in our By-Laws, CASSAR Executive Vice President, Jim Klingler, will be assuming the duties of President effective October 1.

It has been a privilege to serve the CASSAR in this leadership role, and I thank you for your trust. The California Society has a great leadership team moving forward; please give them your support!

Thanks also to everyone who has provided me comfort and encouragement with your phone calls, cards, and emails. They have been very helpful to me in maintaining a positive outlook.

Libertas Et Patria  
Craig Anderson

## News From Around the California Society

### 147th Fall Board of Managers Meeting

**November 3 - November 5, 2022**

The Fall 2022 California SAR Board of Managers Meeting is being held at the DoubleTree Hilton in Rohnert Park, CA in Sonoma Wine Country.

**It is VERY IMPORTANT that all chapters are represented at the meeting, hopefully by the Chapter President. If the Chapter President**

is not able to attend, he should designate his representative who will be attending and inform CASSAR Secretary Fred Schuster by email at: [schuster6789@aol.com](mailto:schuster6789@aol.com).

- **Registration Form**

A Special SAR Group Rate of \$139.00 per night (single or double) is available until October 12. After Oct. 12, price and availability is at DoubleTree discretion.

Hotel reservation group link: <https://group.doubletree.com/cpncnv> or call (707) 584 – 5466. Parking is available.

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## **California Delegation Attends SAR Fall Leadership Meeting in Louisville**



California Society SAR Trustees, Officers and Members participated in the National Society SAR Leadership meeting held at the SAR Headquarters and at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, KY from September 29 to October 1, 2022. Various topics were discussed by the National SAR Committees and the Trustees. Our Society continues progress on our goals of completing the SAR Education Center and Museum by July 2026, and celebrating the 250th anniversary of the Declaration on Independence through our America 250 programs.

Front row (L-R) PG Warren Alter, VPG Derek Brown, Jim Fosdyck, PG Jack Manning.

Back row (L-R) Jim Klingler, Phyllis Smith, Charles Smith, Jim Faulkinbury, PG Joe Dooley, John Fulwinder, Kent Gregory, Matthew Bowdish, Diane Stephens, Brian Stephens, Un Hui Fosdyck, Dan McKelvie, Sheila Manning, SG John Dodd. Attendees not pictured: John Ferris, Brandon Villardi.



CASSAR Compatriots at the Leadership Meeting enjoyed a dinner together. Pictured are (L-R): Brandon Villardi, Jim Klingler, Dan McKelvie, Dr. Matthew Bowdish, Kent Gregory, John Ferris, Derek Brown, Brian Stephens.



Compatriots John Ferris and Brandon Villardi participated in the National SAR Color Guard at the Leadership Meeting.



The National SAR Color Guard advanced and retired the colors at the SAR Leadership Meeting in Louisville.



The SAR Trustees meeting was held in the Brown Hotel ballroom.

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### California Society SAR Celebrates Constitution Day



A joint color guard from the Orange County and South Coast SAR Chapters presented the colors at the Mojave DAR Chapter meeting on September 17th, Constitution Day. Pictured are (L-R): Dan McKelvie, Larry Hansen, Jim Klingler, John



Orange County SAR Chapter VP, Phil Mitchell and CASSAR America 250 SAR Chairman, John Ferris present an America 250 Flag and certificate to the Mojave DAR Chapter.

Blake, Kent Gregory, John Ferris,  
Nolan Forrest, Kevin Forrest.

The San Diego SAR Chapter celebrated Constitution Day at the Hall of Nations in Balboa Park. The speaker was US Navy Captain Jon Paul LaBruzzo. Pictured are (L-R): Chapter President Michael Hirman, 1st VP Peter Fagen, Capt. LaBruzzo, Vicki LaBruzzo, Andrew Fagen, Jim McAdory.



### **Patriot Day Observance**

A joint Color Guard from the Orange County and South Coast SAR Chapters presented the colors at the Patriot Day Observance on September 11th at Post 291 of the American Legion in Newport Beach. Pictured are (L-R): Dan McKelvie, Nolan Forrest, Mike Miller, Larry Hansen, Kevin Forrest.

### **Minutemen Recognized**

The Orange County SAR Chapter recognized its chapter members who have received the SAR Minuteman Award. Pictured are (L-R): Jim Fosdyck, Kent Gregory, Lou Carlson, John Dodd. Not pictured: Larry Magerkurth.



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### **CASSAR 148th Annual Meeting scheduled for April 14-15, 2023**

The 148th Annual Meeting of the Members of the California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution will be held April 14-15, 2023 at the Hilton Orange County Hotel in Costa Mesa, CA. Hotel and Meeting Registration will be open November 7, 2022.

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### **SAR 133rd Annual Congress Hotel Reservations**

Registration is now open for the SAR 133<sup>rd</sup> Annual Congress at the Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando, FL, July 14-20, 2023. Our group is **NSSAR2023**. Below is the link for the online registration.

**The Rosen Plaza toll free number is 1-800-627-8258.**

If you use the online site, please remember that the default date is 12 July since that is when our block is set up for the advance party people. You need to click on the little calendar next to the date 12 July and you can change your arrival date as necessary. It will also allow you to adjust the departure date if you need to by clicking on that calendar in the departure section.

This hotel has limited King Beds. So, if you want one, please annotate that

request in the "Additional Notes and Preferences" box when you input your contact information and credit card data.

Please read this paragraph for information on hotel policies for guaranteeing rooms and the cancellation policy.

### **Guarantee Policy**

All reservations are required to be guaranteed with a valid credit card . Please be advised that five days prior to your arrival, an authorization equivalent to a one night's room and tax charge will be processed on your card. Authorizations on a debit card will place a hold on funds within your bank account at the time of authorization.

### **Cancel Policy**

Cancellation required at least 5 days prior to arrival to avoid a charge of one night's room and tax. As a reminder, the reservations cut-off date is Monday, June 12, 2023, or until the contracted room block is sold out, whichever comes first. At 5:00PM on the cut-off date, any rooms remaining in your block will be released back to the hotel for general sale. At that point, any new bookings will be accepted based on hotel availability.

If you have any questions, please contact Paul Callanan at 704-756-0363 or LTCMRSC@aol.com.

**SAR Congress Hotel Reservation**



**America 250 SAR**

### **America 250 Goals**

Many of us are involved in America 250 SAR activities. We are busy and that is a good thing. But do we have goals; action items that we are purposely moving towards? To that end, we should create America 250 goals for ourselves, our chapters, and our State Society.

For example, my personal goal is reading one book a year during our 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Recognition Program focusing on the American Revolution and raising my awareness of the conflict that gave our great nation birth. Additionally, to spread the word, I have challenged myself to speak to my friends about America 250. I am sure you can think of others that would be of interest specifically to you.

A chapter goal might be a certain number of new members, a certain number of 250<sup>th</sup> Gold medal earners, a Liberty tree planted, a bench donated, etc. The list is endless, but the main thing is to accomplish something the chapter wants to do in celebration of our 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Finally, our Society goals. These are being developed and if you have an idea, please submit it to me or anyone on the Executive Board. The goals we set and the goals we accomplish reflect on all of us so input is requested from any of us.

I hope to present the CASSAR 250 Goals during the 250 report at the November meeting.

## America 250 Honor Roll

To recognize those who are participating in the CASSAR America 250 programs, 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.

For any questions, please contact John Ferris, Chairman, America 250

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### This Day in History - California SAR



Click the image to play the America 250 SAR Video

READ THE 5 YEAR OPERATIONAL PLAN FOR AMERICA 250



SAR Education Center and Museum

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View SAR Education Center and Museum Video

## 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.

<b>NSSAR</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Date</b>
223653	Benjamin Andrew Townsend	Orange County	9/2/2022
223652	John Sims Townsend II	Orange County	9/2/2022
223654	Richard John Townsend	Orange County	9/2/2022
223647	Donald Leroy Sparks	Sacramento	9/2/2022
223646	John Robert Mansperger	Silicon Valley	9/2/2022
223650	David Russell Brown	South Coast	9/2/2022
223648	Barry David Michaels	South Coast	9/2/2022
223649	John Philip Michaels	South Coast	9/2/2022
223651	Wayne Dowling Morris	Thomas Jefferson	9/2/2022
223655	David Roy Smith	Yosemite	9/2/2022

## IN MEMORIUM

None reported in August.

## Upcoming Events

<b>2022 Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
147th CASSAR BOM Meeting	November 4th and 5th
Veterans Day	November 11th
Wreaths Across America	December 17th
<b>2023 Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
President's Day	February 20th
148th CASSAR Annual Meeting	April 14th and 15th
Independence Day	July 4th
SAR 133rd Annual Congress	July 15th - 19th

## 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](mailto:mckelvie@sbcglobal.net).

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

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## From the Editors Desk

### New Compatriot Editor

Due to the resignation of President Craig Anderson, and my assumption of the President's duties, I am resigning as the California Compatriot Editor with this issue. Vice President North, Don Littlefield, has graciously agreed to take the position of Editor for the duration of his term. Thanks to everyone for their support during my 6 months as Editor. Please keep Don informed of your activities.

Jim Klingler  
California Compatriot Editor

### 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](#)

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## Important Links

[Click to Access SAR Dues and Transaction Fees](#)

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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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