



# The California Compatriot

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

## November 2022

### Presidents Message

Compatriots,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President of the California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. I did not expect to be in this position at this time, but Past President Craig Anderson's resignation due to health issues resulted in my promotion. Please join me in wishing him a full recovery. I am optimistic that we can emerge from the challenges of the past few years and grow our Society stronger than ever.



As I stated at the recent CASSAR Board of Managers meeting, I want to share with you four words that summarize my vision for the next year. I will discuss two of the words this month and the other two words next month.

#### **The first word is Inspiration.**

What inspires you to do what you do? What inspires us to be in the SAR? Like many of you I am inspired by our patriot ancestors. They were farmers, shop keepers, and tradesmen, and they decided to take on the largest army in the world. What were they thinking? Some have called it the Glorious Cause, some have called it a Miracle, but after 8 years on the battlefields, our ancestors won. They wanted liberty and freedom so much that they risked everything. They inspire me by their courage and perseverance.

Moving to the present, I'm also inspired by the youth that participate in our SAR programs. One of my favorite events at our SAR Annual Congress is the High School Orations Contest Finals. It's also inspiring to see the elementary school students who participate in our poster contest, the middle school students who participate in our brochure contest, the high school students who write essays, and the Eagle Scouts, JROTC Cadets and Sea Scouts who earn SAR Awards. All of these young people have learned more about American history and the founding of our country by participating in our SAR Youth Programs.

These are two examples. You may be inspired by these and other activities in the SAR.

#### **The second word is Involvement.**

When we are inspired by something or someone in an organization, most of us want to get involved. The fact that you are reading this indicates you already are involved in the SAR, and many of you are leaders in the SAR. When you think about what inspires you, then, think about how you can get others involved. I mentioned the youth contests, but maybe others are inspired by wearing the uniform of our ancestors and participating in the color guard at

patriotic events. Maybe they are inspired to honor our patriot ancestors by serving as a chapter registrar and helping new members complete their applications. Maybe they can share their skills with the SAR by serving as a chapter secretary or treasurer. Maybe they want to serve as a Chapter President or as a State officer or in a position at the National Society. We need for everyone to find what inspires them and then get involved.

I believe these two words, Inspiration and Involvement, are a way we can continue growing our Society and increase our presence in our communities as we approach the 250th Anniversary of our nation's independence. With all of us working together we can find what inspires us and help our members get involved.

Thank you for your service to SAR,  
Jim Klingler, President

## 147th Fall Board of Managers Meeting

### Highlights

November 3-5, 2022

The Fall 2022 California SAR Board of Managers Meeting was held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Sonoma Wine Country in Rohnert Park, CA. It was a beautiful venue and the Redwood Empire Chapter impressed everyone with their preparation, hospitality, and execution as host Chapter.

#### **Mission accomplished!**

The official minutes will be published a month in advance of the Annual Meeting on April 14-15, 2023, at the Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa.

Approximately 66 individuals registered for the Board of Managers meeting. Eight were national general officers, 3 others were from out of state, as well as 51 members plus their spouses, significant others, and children. Another 17 guests joined in the luncheons and Gala Banquet.



#### **Congratulations Mr. President**

Not to get ahead of ourselves, but a highlight of the Board of Managers meeting was the formal installation of Jim Klingler as President of the California Society by SAR President General C. Bruce Pickette. While Jim automatically became President upon the resignation of Past President Craig Anderson on October 1, 2022, the BOM presented the perfect opportunity for Jim to be sworn-in by President General Pickette.



#### **America 250 Gold Medals Presented**



Michael Hirman, Duncan Campbell, Brandon Villardi, Bill Nay, Scott Elliott, Randy Dhindsa, and Derek Brown were presented with Gold America 250 medals for their outstanding efforts in informing the public of America's coming semiquincentennial on July 4, 2026.

### **Wreaths Across America - 2021 Chapter Certificates**



Wreaths Across America chapter participation certificates for 2021 were presented to the Yosemite Chapter (Randy Dhindsa), South Coast Chapter (Scott Whitman), Harbor Chapter (Brandon Villardi), Delta Chapter (Scott Elliott), and San Diego Chapter (Michael Hirman).

### **Public Service Luncheon**



#### **Fire Safety Commendation Medal**

Fire Chief Marshall Turbeville, Northern Sonoma County Fire Protection District. Chief Turbeville led his community's response to the devastating wildfires in California over the last several years, including the Tubbs, Pocket, Kincade, and Wallbridge fires. These events not only caused widespread damage and destruction, but they also triggered significant emotional and psychological trauma within the community and the fire department. After frontline experience fighting these fires, Chief Turbeville determined the status quo response to the firestorms was inadequate and worked with his community to develop new

strategies focused on prevention, preparedness, and appropriate mitigation methods to save future life, property, and the environment.



### **Law Enforcement Medal**

William E. Nay is a Marine having served 1967-1977 as an MP and Criminal Investigator. While working at the University of California Livermore Police Department he earned both his BS and MS Degrees in Criminal Justice. At San Jose State University he reactivated the Iota Chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma, the National Criminal Justice Honor Society and has remained active for 40 years. He was a National Security analyst in the U. S. Department of Energy. Retiring in 2005 he continued to perform duties as a National Security Consultant. He continues to mentor criminal justice students in Alpha Phi Sigma.



### **Silver Good Citizenship Medal**

Edwina "Eddy" Sauers – Color Guard Commander – American legion Post 111 Healdsburg. She is in charge of the Honor Details for Veterans identified in the Missing in America Project (MIAP). Eddy has assumed the duties of the Military Honors Coordinator. At 81 years of age you will still find her leading the Honor Details in her crisp "squared away" uniform with Attend To Details.

## **Youth Awards Luncheon**



### **Valley Forge Teacher Scholarship**

At the Youth Awards Luncheon on Saturday, Rachel LePage, our 2022 Valley Forge Teacher Scholarship recipient gave a presentation on her experiences and memorable takeaways from this past Summer's Freedom's Foundation at Valley Forge Teachers Program. What teachers learn from these tours to sites where American Independence was forged from from an idea and into reality and the historical figures who led the way is invaluable when they return to their classrooms and share with their students.

### **Bronze Good Citizenship Medal**

President Klingler presented the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to Ashley Nay, Granddaughter of Bill Nay. She is Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 848, an all-



Girl BSA Troop, in Petaluma and volunteers at Redwood Empire Food Bank, Just Be Friends, and participates in many Flag and Flag Retirement ceremonies all while maintaining academic excellence.

## Ladies Auxiliary California Society Sons of the American Revolution



(Front row L-R) Diane Stephens (President), Mary Addington, Diane Ungvarsky, SAR First Lady Rita Pickette, Janet Brown, Cynthia Weissinger PA-C

(Back row L-R) CASSAR First Lady Lidia Klingler, Anne Duarte-Adams, Karen McKelvie, Lisa Gregory, Joann Kramer, Liz Ferris, the Susan B. Anthony, Kelly Villardi, Mary Ann Littlefield, Karen Faulkinbury, Carolyn Campbell, Nicola Garcia

Any meeting of the the California Society would not be complete or as enriching without the efforts of the officers and ladies of the LACASSAR. At the Annual Meeting last April, the LACASSAR raised \$2,100 toward youth CASSAR scholarships and our many programs. At the BOM, they raised another \$1,200.

**Thank you ladies!**

## News From Around the California Society

**Veterans Day — November 11, 2022**



**Clovis Veterans Day - Yosemite Chapter**  
Jon Russell, Jim Riley, John Ferris, Randy Dhindsa, Scott Nichols



### **Folsom Veterans Day - Sacramento Chapter**

Don Littlefield, Jim Faulkinbury, Phil Noble, David Beach

Missing from the photo is Scott Brooks

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### **Fresno Veterans Day - Yosemite Chapter**

Brandon Villardi, Randy Dhindsa, Scott Nichols, Jon Russell,

Jim Riley, Stan Day, John Ferris

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### **Palos Verde Veterans Day - Harbor Chapter**

Kevin Bidekap, Regent Jackie Luca and Francine Bostrom (El Redondo DAR)

Jim Olds, Kelly Villardi, Kent Gregory

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El Redondo and Point Vicente DAR Chapters joined with the Harbor Chapter SAR to honor veterans at Green Hills Cemetery, Palos Verdes

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**Murietta Veterans Day - Eagle Chapter**

Benny White and Benny White, Jr.

Missing from the photo is Wayne Rogers

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**El Toro Memorial Park Veterans Day  
Orange County and South Coast Chapters**

Larry Hansen (OC), John Blake (OC), Nolan Forrest (SC), Dan McKelvie (OC), Jim Klingler (OC),  
Matt Noell (OC), Shane Gates (SC), Mike Miller (OC), Kevin Forrest (SC)



**Palm Springs Veterans Day - Coachella Valley Chapter**

Seated in the carriage: David Grinnell, Ray Allen, William Haines.  
Standing with the Flag: Chris Cerillo, President CVC; Norma Bruton, CSSDAR

**Harbor Chapter Celebrates Navy's 247 Birthday**

The Harbor Chapter hosted a dinner event and patriotic celebration of the United States Navy's 247 birthday on October 13 on board the Battleship USS IOWA.



(L-R) Derek Brown, Janet Brown, Daniel Miller with daughter, Duncan & Carolyn Campbell, and Redondo DAR Regent Jackie Luca and her husband Tony Luca.

The USS IOWA served our country proudly in WWII, Korea, and the Cold War. Today the historic U.S. Navy Ship is an iconic Los Angeles landmark and considered one of the region's best outdoor museums for families and visitors of all ages.

Color guard representatives were present from Harbor, Orange, and San Diego County chapters as they mustered in the USS Iowa Officers' Wardroom.



The highlight of the evening was the recognition of World War II veteran, William Dillion, who was the radio and radar operator on the USS Sailfish that sank the Japanese Aircraft Carrier Chuyo during a typhoon.

The Chuyo was the only aircraft carrier sunk by allied forces during WWII.

Retired Army Col. Darryl Hensley, who received the Bronze Star for his service in Afghanistan in 2003, was also formally recognized.

David Canfield, vice president and chief information officer for the Iowa Foundation, spoke on the years he served on the ship and its coming to transformation as the National Museum of the Surface Navy. Vice President South, John Ferris also received a certificate of appreciation for his contributions to encourage promotion of America 250 in the California Society and at the chapter level.

Harbor President, James Bunker, in keeping with the evening's theme, gave an America 250 presentation on the formation of the Continental Navy and the struggles they faced during the Revolutionary War.

Turnout for the event was excellent with 43 chapter members and guests in attendance including the Western District Vice President General, Derek Brown and several regents from local DAR chapters.

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## Harbor Chapter Marks 40th Anniversary



The Harbor Chapter celebrated its 40th Anniversary at its November meeting. They had a great turnout that included Karl Jacobs, awards for Kevin Bidekap (Silver America250 Medal), John Ferris (America250), and Kim Edwards (Good Citizenship), and a presentation by Kent Gregory on the history of the SAR.



Don Littlefield, Russ Kaiser, Jim Faulkinbury, David Beach, Phil Noble

The Sacramento Chapter Color Guard presented the Colors for the 101st Anniversary Celebration Luncheon of the Sacramento Chapter, CSSDAR.

## SAR FLAG CERTIFICATE PROGRAM



(L-R) City Council members Will O'Neill, SAR OC Chapter Vice President Philip Mitchell, CASSAR President James Klingler, Noah Blum, Joy Brenner, Kevin Muldoon, Duffy Duffield, Brad Avery, SAR OC Chapter President Paul Garcia

Orange County Chapter thanked the City of Newport Beach for the flags flown at every city facility, their support of the Field of Honor where 1776 flags are placed every Memorial Day, and as a reminder of the upcoming America 250 U.S. Semiqincentennial.

## CASSAR 148th Annual Meeting



### **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/Costa Mesa, 3050 Bristol ST., Costa Mesa, CA. To make reservations call (714) 540-7000. The Group code is CASSAR. The special room rate \$155/night; parking is \$18/night.

### **SAR 133rd Annual Congress**



### **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. Request reservations for the "Sons of the American Revolution." Group code: **NSSAR2023**. Below is the link for the online registration.

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

[SAR Congress Hotel Reservation](#)

**Note:** The hotel is **SOLD-OUT** for **Wednesday, July 19, 2023**. To be placed

on a waiting list contact Paul Callanan at 704-756-0363 or [LTCMRSC@aol.com](mailto:LTCMRSC@aol.com).

If you book online, the default date is set to 12 July. To change your arrival date click on the calendar icon next to the date. You can also adjust the departure date by clicking on the calendar icon in the departure section.

### **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](mailto:LTCMRSC@aol.com).



## **A 250 Minute?**

Many of our CASSAR chapters are incorporating a 250 Minute in their meetings making their meeting a 250 event. This helps all the attendees remember that 20-year (1764-1783) period in which our ancestors struggled for independence. At a recent event someone asked me how to have an America 250 Minute at their meeting.

The first thing, of course, is a short presentation on some point in the 20-year period that helped the colonies gain their independence from Britain. It is best if the meeting agenda has the 250 logo as well as the SAR logo displayed. It should also be referenced in the agenda as a 250 Minute.

These are little things, but it shows the chapter has intentionality toward the America250 celebration. As SAR members, this is a great time to walk with our patriot ancestors as our new learning gives more context to their struggle.

For any questions concerning the 250 Minute, please contact John Ferris [jrf1776@outlook.com](mailto:jrf1776@outlook.com).

## **America 250 Honor Roll**

There have been a lot of names and some new chapters added in the last month. During our recent CASSAR meeting we had 15 Silver and 9 Gold medals presented. Those who received the Gold were Derek Brown, Randy Dhindsa, Scott Elliott, Jim Fosdyck, Bill Nay, Brandon Villardi, Duncan

Check out all the recipients of the Bronze, Silver and Gold in the 250 section of our website [Honor Roll - California SAR](#) . If your name should be there and isn't, contact John Ferris at [jrf1776@outlook.com](mailto:jrf1776@outlook.com) . If your name isn't there and you want it to be, again contact [John Ferris](#), CASSAR Chair, America 250 SAR.

### 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

**View SAR Education Center and Museum Video**

**Subscribe to the SAR YouTube Channel**

### 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>
223972	Jeremy Brink	Eagle	10/7/2022
224048	Henry Thomas Williams	Eagle	10/14/2022
224089	Richard Jenkins Pearson Sr.	Harbor	10/21/2022
224090	Richard Jenkins Pearson Jr.	Harbor	10/21/2022
224041	John William Dodd	Orange County	10/14/2022
224044	Andrew Bohannon Lane	Sacramento	10/14/2022
224042	Dennis Cecil Lane	Sacramento	10/14/2022
224043	Eric Gary Lane	Sacramento	10/14/2022
224093	Raylan Blue Vanderpool	Sacramento	10/21/2022
224092	Alexander Jon Wroten	Sacramento	10/21/2022
224091	Jon William Wroten	Sacramento	10/21/2022
224094	Christopher Steven Zimmerman	Sacramento	10/21/2022
224045	Scott Wilson	Santa Barbara	10/14/2022
224046	Cameron Walter Beavers	Thomas Jefferson	10/14/2022
224047	Steven Edward Grace	Thomas Jefferson	10/14/2022

### **CASSAR Registrar News from Owen Stiles**

As the 2022 year comes to an end we thought it would be a nice gesture to recognize the Chapters which contributed to the never ending quest for new membership and processing supplementals.

As of September 1<sup>st</sup> new applications approved by SAR have their 2023 dues covered.

Here is a brief rundown by Chapter:

Central Coast	11	Redwood Empire	10
Coachella Valley	7	Riverside	1
Delta	3	Sacramento	25
Eagle	5	San Diego	8
General Patton	17	Santa Barbara	1
General Washington	5	Silicon Valley	11
Harbor	9	Sons of Liberty	3
Kern	8	South Coast	17
Orange County	17	Thomas Jefferson	10
Redlands	2	Yosemite	24

## **IN MEMORIUM**

**Charles "Charlie" Gentis**  
May 3, 1944 - September 28, 2022



Charles Adrian Gentic passed away at the age of 78 at his home in Corona, California on Wednesday, September 28th after a prolonged illness. Charlie's application to join the SAR was approved on December 6, 2000 and he remained an active member of the Riverside Chapter until his illness intervened. [Read more.](#)

### Hal Don Hichborn

JUNE 4, 1929 – OCTOBER 12, 2022

Hal Hichborn, age 93, of Manhattan Beach, California passed away on Wednesday, October 12, 2022. Hal's application to join the SAR was approved on August 19, 2009. Hal was a member of the Harbor Chapter.



## Upcoming Events

2022 Event	Date
Wreaths Across America	December 17th
2023 Event	Date
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 any member who participates in SAR programs and interacts with youth under the age of 18, must successfully complete SAR Youth Protection Training. Training is online, takes about 20 minutes, and is valid for three years.

Send your certificate of completion to Dan McKelvie: [mckelvie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mckelvie@sbcglobal.net).

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

## From the Editors Desk

**CALL FOR ARTICLES -- December 21, 2022 Deadline**

Please send news of events and high resolution digital photos to  
Don Littlefield at [dblittlefield@comcast.net](mailto:dblittlefield@comcast.net)

## 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](#)

## Important Links

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

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*If you receive an email, text, or voice mail from a purported*

*Compatriot in need of financial 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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