

California SAR Patriot Grave Marking Project Guide



Introduction

This document *is not* a substitute for the SAR Grave Marking Manual rather just information on how the San Diego Chapter organized it's three marking ceremonies in 2024.

According to SAR's Patriot Research System California has almost 200 recognized Patriots buried in the state and only a handful have been "marked". "Marking" involves a meeting like ceremony at a location at or close to the burial locations and placing of a commemorative marker at or close to the burial(s). The ceremony typically includes a Color Guard and musket team and while a local chapter(s) put together the program the State Society conducts the ceremony.

The Spanish Patriots were identified in what is often called the "Border Studies", a monumental work of 8 volumes that detail Spain in the Western U.S. and its often misunderstood role." Spanish that donated funds to support the Revolution were detailed in documents found in the Royal Spanish Archives. Our South Coast Chapter Compatriot, Dr. Granville Hough and his daughter are the source of the extensive research that qualified the Alta-California Spanish as Patriots recognized by SAR. Their work is available at: "[Spanish Patriots During the American Revolution, 1779-1783, The 8-volume Series by Written by Dr. Granville and NC Hough](#)". Note that Volume 1 & 2 are dedicated to those in Alta California.

Basic Steps

Below are the basic steps to follow, each will be discussed in the following section.

1. Identify any Patriots buried in your area. Use the Patriot Research System (PRS) on SAR.org which will indicate the location of the burials.
2. Verify that the Patriot has not been previously marked. This is on the detailed PRS record.
3. Download the Grave Marking Manual and the Patriot Bio form and Grave Marking Medal application from SAR.org.
4. Contact the burial location(s) to seek permission.
5. Determine how you are going to "mark" the graves.

6. Contact the CASSAR President early in the process as he should be the master of ceremonies as this is a state level event. It is the responsibility of the sponsoring chapter(s) to gather the needed resources, complete the forms and create the program for the ceremony.
7. Send an email to the Chairman of the NSSAR Patriot Records Committee and let them know your plans. This is where the Patriot Bio forms, and Medal applications are sent by the CASSAR President, click the link below <https://www.sar.org/committees/patriot-record-committee/> . The Records Committee page can be found under “Members/Committees” after you login or follow the link above.
8. Everything entered on your Ceremony Program handout, Medal Applications and Bio forms must match **exactly!** GPS coordinates must match as well as the cemetery name. If the burial location has a find-a-grave for the Patriot that is similar to your information, then we suggest that you use the Find-a-Grave coordinates.

Start Early, you will need months to put together a plan and gather the personnel needed to perform a ceremony.

Step 1 - Identify any Patriots buried in your area. Use the PRS which will indicate the location of the burials.

Below is a screen capture of the PRS search page. To access this page, select the “PRS” menu option on SAR.org. The page that opens appears to be for a paper-based search but look along the top of the page where you will see a menu option for “Patriot Search”, click this and the screen shown below will be displayed.

You *do not* need to fill in all the fields, generally just the County and State is all that is needed.

Search Patriots

Search the database for Patriot records based on Patriot Number, Patriot Name, and other criteria. If the search only matches entries will be displayed and you can select the one you wish to view in more detail. The search will return records meeting all

FYI - Searching on a Patriot Number will limit the search to a single entry, as those values are unique.

Patriot Number:

P-

Surname

▾

Given Name

Spouse Name

State of Service

Birth Year

▾ ▾

Death Year

▾ ▾

Cemetery Name: County: State:

Sort by

▾

The easiest way to search is simply enter “CA” for the state and then the name of your County. Be aware this is a case sensitive form, use “CA” for state and then proper case for your County. If you do not find any Patriots, try counties around yours. There are a lot of Spanish buried in California but not in every County. Results will appear similar to that shown below, click on the name for the details pages.

11 Patriots Interred in this Cemetery

GraveMap Unavailable ⓘ

Patriot	Icons	Birth Date	Death Date	Cemetery Lot No	Marker Type	Monument Date	Find A Grave Memorial
Juan Angel AMARILLAS (P-103184)			Apr 1780				179885253
Tomas Maria CAMACHO (P-127599)		1750	17 Sep 1781				102099644
Jose Manuel CANEDA (P-128149)		bef 1762	bef 14 Dec 1782				196847180
Guillermo CARRILLO (P-129282)		1736	02 Dec 1782				178494074
Raymundo Jose CARRILLO (P-129283)		1760	1809				82126305
Gaspar LOPEZ (P-238432)			Mar 1782				196846626
Jose Ygnacio Maria de Jesus LOPEZ (P-238433)		1759	03 Feb 1789				175274059
Juan Francisco LOPEZ Y MORA (P-238435)		10 Oct 1746	04 Jan 1800				82133773
Jose Tadeo SANCHEZ (P-284229)		abt 1756	04 Mar 1811				161999731
Francisco SERRANO (P-287192)		1744	26 Mar 1808				162237526
Jose Miguel SILVAS (P-289978)		1734	06 Dec 1789				82126948

Step 2 - Verify that the Patriot has not been previously marked. This is on the detailed PRS record

The Patriot name will be displayed on the left side of the results and the “P” Patriot Number for the Patriot that SAR has recognized. Click on the name & P number link to display:

Patriot Detail	Grave Detail	Contribute Biography	Additional Information
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State of Service: ESP Qualifying Service: Patriotic Service
Birth:
Death: Apr 1780 / / CA

Qualifying Service Description:
Soldier of San Diego Presidio

Additional References:
Spain's California patriots in its 1779-1783 War with England during the American Revolution, Part 2. Granville W. And Nancy C. Hough. 1999

Spouse: Maria Loreta de Vega
Children:

[Members Who Share This Ancestor](#)
None*

Click on the “Grave Detail” tab. *If* the grave has not been marked this should have little if any information filled in however *if* it has been marked, the “Grave Detail” will look similar to:

Patriot Detail	Grave Detail	Contribute Biography	Additional Information
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Burial: Presidio Hill Cemetery (c-0205251)
Location: Old Town San Diego / San Diego / CA / USA
Find A Grave Cemetery #: 2407378

Grave Plot #:		Grave GPS Coordinates:	n/a
Marker Type:	SAR Brick	SAR Grave Dedication Date:	

Comments:
This Patriot was honored by a Memorial Service conducted by the San Diego Chapter SAR on 8-31-2024 and was the sixth grave marked that day.

If you have not identified any potential Patriots that qualify for marking, then search adjacent counties and/or partner with another California Chapter that has qualified Patriots that can be marked

If, however, you did find candidates then continue

We also recommend that you download the Patriot Graves Booklet. This can be accessed on the Patriot Research System main page under the “Members” menu option and then “Generate Patriot Graves Book”. This will be created and sent to your computer as a Microsoft Word document and contains the details for each Patriot. Save this to your computer as you will find this helpful in setting up your program.

The next step should be the formation of a small working group to put together the project. In San Diego our group consisted of the President, Vice President, a past President with close ties to the Mission and another member who researched the Presidio grounds and marking opportunities. This group was the leadership for the project. Late in the project we brought in a few more people to review our plans and offer feedback.

Step 3 - Download the Grave Marking Manual and the Patriot Bio form and Grave Marking Medal application from SAR.org.

The SAR Grave Marking materials can be downloaded from SAR.org at <https://www.sar.org/committees/patriot-record-committee/> You will need to login to SAR.org to access this page. It can be located under the “Membership” link and then “Patriot Records Committee” and click to access the page.

During the course of your Grave Marking project we suggest that you check these files on SAR.org on a regular basis for any updates that might have been made.

The Manual has more detail and suggestions than appear in this document.

Step 4 - Contact the burial location(s) to seek permission

There are notations in historical documents that indicate that the Spanish did not mark graves of soldiers but there are several priests whose burial were marked. The priest markings are typically in or very near the mission but there are also burials away from the Mission and priest are in the PRS data as eligible Patriots.

Because the Spanish were closely tied to a Mission you will generally need to deal with a local Mission. Some members have found a cold shoulder from a local Mission and most are either not supportive or simply don’t engage on the topic.

The reason that we found in San Diego was that our Mission was very concerned with the local native reaction and that by allowing a “marking” ceremony and that other groups will ask for similar “markings”. Being flexible will be needed with your approach.

Once we changed our approach and discussed as simple ceremony that honored early Spanish in San Diego and their relationship to the establishment of the Mission we got a positive response. While SAR requires “marking” to occur you may find this is not an option at a Mission and some cemeteries however there is some flexibility from SAR in what can be used and where it is located. It is suggested that you have a plan ready when you approach the Mission.

We suggest that your first contact with a potential site be in letter form. It sets the tone that you are making a serious effort, and you have shown a level of formal respect. This is especially true with a Mission where the Mission priest will need to be contacted. Indicate in the letter that you wish to schedule a brief appointment to discuss your historic themed project. It is not mandatory that the Mission be involved but historically the Missions played an important part the Spanish in early California. We strongly suggest that you do not use the term “Grave Marking” and use something similar to “Patriot Recognition Ceremony”. It would be common for all early California Spanish to be tied to the Mission and that focus will likely be more acceptable to a Mission. We did bring up at our meeting that the typical ceremony would be called a “Grave Marking” but we would not use that term at our ceremony at the Mission.

Step 5 -Determine how you are going to “mark” the graves

Be prepared to “mark” in non-traditional ways and at alternate locations which are allowed by SAR. Our local Mission had a “commemorative bricks” program which was used as none of the San Diego locations would allow the preferred SAR lug or other types of markers and there were no locations available where we could place a marker.

Step 6 - You must “mark” at least 50% of the graves to claim for Grave Marking medal points. Fifteen graves are needed for a medal so at least 8 must be marked.

To qualify for the Patriot Grave Marking medal, you must:

- *Participate* in ceremonies that mark fifteen graves. Later in this document is a partial list of duties that qualify as *participating*. Simply attending a ceremony or being part of the Color Guard is not a qualifying duty but being a member of the musket team or participating in singing the National Anthem or a patriotic song as a group does.
- Not all 15 need to be marked on the same day and in fact that would be unusual.
- The SAR Patriot Grave Marking Medal Application has spaces for all 15 and this can be used to accumulate markings toward the medal. You may have participated in more than 15 however you can only submit 15 at a time. As an example, San Diego held ceremonies for 18 but participants could not submit for three however these could be applied to a subsequent application for a *Bronze Oak Leaf* for the original medal.
- In addition to the Medal Application the State (CASSAR) must file the Patriot Bio Form for each Patriot on the medal form. To make this clear San Diego had 41 Medal applications but only needed to send in 15 Bio forms. Forms and SAR contact information can be found on the SAR Patriot Records Committee page at <https://www.sar.org/committees/patriot-record-committee/> .
- While the CASSAR President is responsible for “signing off” on the application and bio, it is the responsibility of the sponsoring Chapter(s) to provide the completed bio forms, and each member is responsible for forwarding the Medal Application form to the Chapters designated member. Once all materials have been collected for the required 15 markings, the Chapter will then forward this to the CASSAR President (not SAR).
 - The Bio forms should be completed by the Chapter, not each member.
 - It is recommended that the Chapter provides the *exact* wording that each member must use on the application. Any deviation in the wording on forms will likely cause some applications to be rejected. In San Diego we provided a form to download from our website with all of the required information other than member information. Each member could then download the form and save to their computer and then enter their personal information and save send

back to the Chapter. When downloaded we suggest members rename the PDF with something like “member last name-first-name_PGM.pdf”.

- It is recommended that the Chapter appoint a member to be the collection point for all applications and the bio forms and be the person that forwards all to the CASSAR President.
 - Each application should be reviewed for accuracy and consistency of the information.
 - Create a spreadsheet “log” of those that applied for the PGM. The log should have last name, first name, chapter, CASSAR #, NSSAR #, email, phone and address.
 - Backing up on a different computer of all of the forms is highly recommended. Dropbox.com offers a free account that would be a good “off site” server to store the forms and photos. At least 2 people should have access to all collected data.
- Forms are **ONLY** submitted electronically, never mailed. Using one or more “Compressed” folders to hold the forms will make attaching to an email(s) much easier as most email systems limit attachments to 10mb.
- Because these “markings” can be accumulated it is imperative that the Chapter maintain a list of those SAR members that participated in each marking ceremony and how they participated. These records must be maintained as they will need to be forwarded to the CASSAR President along with applications that have met the requirements to submit for the medal approval.
- The application cannot be filled in a handwritten form. The form is a “editable” PDF, and the field data must be entered via a computer. **ONLY** use Adobe PDF Reader (or full Adobe version) to fill in the form. Other PDF viewers will often render the form unreadable when viewed with the Adobe Reader.

To qualify for Grave Marking Medal, at least 50% of the graves on the Medal form must be marked.

Step 7 - Contact the CASSAR President early in the process as he should be the master of ceremonies as this is a state level event.

Provide the details of your planned marking and the date to the CASSAR President as soon as possible. In San Diego the CASSAR President was included in all of our early planning and after we created our detailed plan, we then formed a “committee” of Chapter members and a DAR representative to review our plans so that we had more people involved in the plans before we moved forward.

We suggest that you write an article for the CASSAR Compatriot newsletter detailing your plan. Send that in a few months before the planned ceremony.

Also contact the CASSAR Color Guard Commander as you will likely need his assistance and support to gather a Color Guard and Musket team. Note that a Musket team is not required but adds to the impact of the ceremony.

Step 8 - Send an email to the Chairman of the NSSAR Patriot Records Committee and let them know your plans. Unless instructed otherwise this is where the Patriot Bio forms and Medal applications will be sent by the CASSAR President.

This does not need to be your detailed plans rather just an overview of your project such as number of patriots, source of determination they are qualified and have not been marked, location for ceremony and type and place of marking. If marking is not occurring the burial area. Also advise that you have the Grave Marking Manual (and version) as well as the Medal Application and the Bio form. Current contact information can be found on the SAR Patriot Records Committee page at <https://www.sar.org/committees/patriot-record-committee/>

Step 9 – Develop a plan for the ceremony including a detailed agenda and program.

Everything on your Ceremony Program handout, Medal Applications and Bio forms must match **exactly**. The name and location of the cemetery will be checked on the forms and the program and there can be no variation. Patriot names must also be exact matches. Any variation will cause the forms to be rejected by NSSAR.

1. Develop a list of jobs that will need to be filled that can be updated with a person's name when the position(s) have been filled. Remember that to earn credit toward a Grave Marking Medal members must participate in each ceremony they claim credit for. There is a sample of a page shown in the appendix.
2. One option to participate is to sing (as a group) and to make donations for the project. Singing the National Anthem is a good way to have a lot of members qualify. Donations amounts are set by each Chapter and are meant to help offset the cost the Chapter incurs and count as participation.
3. The agenda or "program" should indicate the location and time of a ceremony as well as the names of the Patriots that will be "marked". The cover should indicate the location, name, date and time and that information *must* match the information on the Bio and Medal application forms. A sample can be found in the appendix.
4. The ceremony follows many of the same steps as in a regular Chapter meeting.
5. Have a designated Photographer. SAR will require photos of the event that clearly show the marker(s) including a close up shot and a wide shot of the area where the markers are placed (without people in the photo). The rule of thumb is if you saw this photo and then visited the site you should be able to walk to the makers. We suggest you take a number of photos from different vantage points and distances in case a different view is asked for.

Tips

- Tasks that can be used for participation for the SAR award should only be assigned to SAR Members with the exception of general help in setup, handing out programs and cleaning which are good CAR assignments.
- CAR members can earn a Grave Marking Medal, enter "CAR" in the NSSAR# field for these participants. Both male and female CAR members are eligible.
- DAR Members cannot earn the SAR medal but are welcome to participate. Same with other lineage societies. DAR has different requirements for such a ceremony.
- Wearing a Continental Uniform or being part of the Color Guard does *not* qualify as "work".

- We recommend that a different member be assigned to each task so that the number of members that can qualify will be maximized.
- The San Diego Chapter's website has an extensive section on the Spanish in the Revolutionary War and in that material is a link to the research used by SAR to confirm the Patriots in California (which has almost 200 patriots buried here). Click on <https://www.sarsandiego.org/teacher-content-spain/> and near the bottom you will find "References & Links" where you will find "[Spanish Patriots During the American Revolution, 1779-1783, The 8-volume Series by Written by Dr. Granville and NC Hough](#)". Often called the "Border Studies", a monumental work of 8 volumes that detail Spain in the Western U.S. and its often-misunderstood role."
- If you find conflicting information from the SAR Patriot Records Committee, follow their recommendations. We will update this document to remove the conflict after we learn of it.
- We found that the Spanish Consulate to be highly supportive of our recognition of the Spanish patriots in Alta-California and they sent 2 speakers to our events. Send the Consul nearest your ceremony location a letter or email (letter preferred for initial contact) regarding your desire for someone from the Consulate participate in the ceremony. There should be an explanation of what the ceremonies are about and that they recognize and honor the early Spanish in California. This should be sent well in advance of the event and they will follow-up and usually have a "Honorary Consul" participate in the program. In San Diego we found the response to slow initially but once the representative contact information you use that for direct communications. Contacts: *San Francisco* Consul - cog.sanfrancisco@maec.es 1405 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94109-5417 and *Los Angeles* - cog.losangeles@maec.es 5055 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 860 Los Angeles CA 90036.

Appendices

Sample Ceremony Program

Patriot Grave Marking San Diego Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution August 31, 2024



Mission de Alcala 10 am

10818 San Diego Mission Road

Presidio 1 pm

2727 Presidio Dr.

Mormon Station 3 pm

2510 Juan St. (for Kings Garden of the Dead)

File Prelude
Call to Order
Presentation of Colors
Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance
National Anthem
SAR Pledge
Welcoming Remarks

San Diego Chapter Greetings
Mission de Alcala
Presidio
Mormon Battalion Station

Honored Guest Greetings

10am – Mission

1pm – Presidio

3pm – Mormon Museum

Grave Marking & Dedication
Musket Firing
SAR Recessional
Retire the Colors
Benediction

God Bless America

Matthew Noell (Orange County Chapter)
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Rob Welch leads, everyone participates
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Jim McAdory, President
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Lawrence E. Morrow, Esq.

Viceconsul Honoraria de España en San Diego.

Rosaura Picasso

Cónsul Honoraria de España en San Diego

Jesus Benayas

President house of Spain

John Ferris, Reading of the Names

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The Patriots

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Jose Manuel Bustamente *abt 1752 ~ 15 Sept 1782*

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Fray Juan Figuer *ukn ~ 19 Jun 1784*

Presidio

Jose Manuel Caneda *bef 1762 ~ 14 Dec 1782*

Joaquin Guerrero *ukn ~ abt 1781*

Joaquin Higuera *ukn ~ abt 1794*

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Sample Task List

Assignment	Marking 1 Mission	Marking 2 Presidio	Marking 3 Mormon Btl.	SAR CODE
Program Leaders*				P
Research Patriots				R
Contact Relatives				R
Planning Committee				R
Attendance Recorders (will keep track of those attending and participating)				L
Publicity?-				L
\$ donated for project				D
Lead Pledge of Allegiance.				P
Lead SAR Pledge				P
Lead Invocation				P
Lead Benediction				P
Lead Recessionals				P
Singing-Lead				M
Singing- Choir				M
Fife & Drum ?				M
Bell Ringer ?				M
Taps?				M
Presentation				P
Presentation				P
Presentation				P
Muskets				MS
Photographer				L
Videographer				L
Setup/teardown				L
Clean site				L

*Program Leads were current and past SDSAR Presidents who opened the ceremony and then introduced and turned it over to the CASSAR President.

Potential Expenses

As with any such project there are always going to be expenses of which some can be easily managed while others may be inflexible. Evaluate your Chapter's and include the following list which is not inclusive of all expense items you might incur.

1. Markers. An outdoor metal plaque can easily run into thousands of dollars. If you can use the SAR Patriot Grave Marker Lug these are \$180 each. This will likely be the single largest expense item. The cost can be offset with donations which can be used by a member for GM points.
2. P.A. system rental as outdoor ceremonies are best when the speakers can be heard. Also, PA systems will require electricity and some locations this can only be provided with a generator. If your chapter does not own a PA then a rental or donated rental will be needed. If money is going to be spent it is suggested that rather than pay rental fees the Chapter should explore directing those funds to purchase a small, battery powered portable system. These are not loud but they will be enough for most needs and will cost less than a rental.
3. Permits. Depending on the chosen location, a government issued permit might be required. These can easily run hundreds of dollars.
4. Printing/paper or copy expenses. A "Program" will be needed that is similar to a meeting agenda. Generally, all needed content can fit on a standard letter size paper which is folded. See sample above.
5. Seating & table. A table is handy for a check-in point and while you can ask attendees to bring a portable chair there will be those that are not able to handle these so a few chairs for those less able will be appreciated.
6. Tokens or mementos which are not required but would be a nice touch.

Medal Application Sample



Sons of the American Revolution Patriot Grave Marking Medal Reporting Form

Nominee Information:			
Name: James McAdory	National Number: 220604	State Number: 11409	
Society: California	Chapter: San Diego		
District: Western			
Has this Nominee received the Grave Marking Medal previously? <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/> YES If Yes, when?			

The Nominee has participated in the following Grave Marking Ceremonies

Note: Only one Role is required for each event. Color Guard service does not count toward this medal.

Ceremony #1	Patriot Name: Fray Juan Figuer	Patriot ID: P-158086	Date of Birth:	Date of Death: 19 Jun 1784
Cemetery Name: Mission de Alcala	Cemetery Address: 10818 San Diego Mission Road			
City: San Diego	State: CA	Zip Code: 92108-2429	County: San Diego	
Type of Marker: Engraved Bricks	Ceremony Date: 8/31/2024			
GPS Latitude: 32.78465445912281	GPS Longitude: -117.10633377645263	Nominee Role: R		

As the sample shows, the Ceremony data will repeat up to 5 entries per location per day. The only change will be the Patriot name, number and date of death until a new location/day needs to be reported. All entries indicated “Engraved Bricks” for Type of Marker for all entries.

Bio Forms



Patriot Graves and Biographies Report

Tooltips provide important instructions – please read them carefully

Patriot Information		
Name: Fray Juan Figuer		Patriot Number: P-158086
Date of Birth:	Place of Birth: (City/County)	State/Nation: ESP
Date of Death: 19 Jun 1784	Place of Death: (City/County) San Diego/San Diego	State/Nation: CA

Spouse Information	
1 st Spouse Name:	1 st Spouse Pension Number:
2 nd Spouse Name:	2 nd Spouse Pension Number:
3 rd Spouse Name:	3 rd Spouse Pension Number:

Children Information
First names only

Service Information

There is only one (1) Bio Form per Patriot so applications ready for submission to SAR would contain exactly 15 forms. Not all information on this form will have available data to enter.

Burial Information			
Cemetery Name: Mission de Alcala		Cemetery Address: 10818 San Diego Mission Road	
Cemetery City: San Diego	County: San Diego	State: CA	Zip Code: 92108
NOTE: these GPS coordinates are for the Patriot's grave, not those for the Cemetery, as found on Find-a-Grave Cemeteries			
GPS Latitude: 32.78465445912281		GPS Longitude: -117.10633377645263	
Comments on Gravesite/Cemetery Notes:			

The Burial section of the form must match *exactly* the information on the Ceremony Program and the Medal Application.

Marker & Tombstone	
Is there a tombstone / headstone at the site: <input type="radio"/> YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	If there is, it a Revolutionary War Service Marker and please indicate the type: <input type="checkbox"/> SAR <input type="checkbox"/> DAR <input type="checkbox"/> VA <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Engraved brick with SAR</u> <input type="checkbox"/> None
Find A Grave Memorial ID: <u>7202684</u>	Find A Grave Cemetery ID: <u>449581</u>
Directions to grave site: Park in the Mission parking lot at 10818 San Diego Mission Road, walk up stairs to Mission entrance and walk though the open gate into a plaza area. Markers are around the fountain in the center of the plaza.	
Are you attaching or sending a picture of the tombstone / headstone? <input type="radio"/> YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	Date of Grave Marking: <u>8/31/2024</u>

Source of Service Reference	
Pension Number:	<u></u>
Documents:	<u>SAR PRS</u> <u>"Spanish Patriots During the American Revolution, 1779-1783" by Granville and N.C. Hough, Vol. 1.</u>

The verbiage used for the Source of Service. If marking Spanish Patriots your entry should match this.

Markers

The Patriot Markers used by the San Diego Chapter were “Commemorative Bricks” that were purchased through the Mission which also installed these.



Above- Framed image that was presented to the House of Spain in Balboa Park which placed it in their common area.

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The San Diego Chapter held three Patriot Grave Marking Ceremonies on August 31, 2024 and each honored five Patriots meaning all participants qualified for the Grave Marking Medal on a single day. This document was created to aid others that wish to perform similar ceremonies.