



The California Compatriot

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Presidents Message

Compatriots

The 132nd National SAR Congress recently adjourned in Savannah, GA; I'm told it was one of the largest Congress' with 640 attendees and 280 delegates. A highlight for the California Society was the election of 4 CASSAR members to leadership positions in the NSSAR: John Dodd was elected Secretary General, Derek Brown was elected Vice President General of the Western District, Brian Stephens, Trustee and Jim Klingler, Alternate Trustee. These four compatriots have a combined 54 years of service to the SAR – most of them in leadership positions. Please join me in congratulating them and all of the other CASSAR compatriots serving in national positions and wish them success in the coming year.



Also, congratulations are in order for the CASSAR entrants in the SAR youth programs. The entrants from California won first place at the National SAR Congress in the Elementary School Poster contest, the Middle School Brochure contest, and the Eagle Scout contest, and second place in the High School Oration contest.

Registration for the 147th BOM managers meeting, November 3rd – 5th is now open. The registration form is available on our website and linked below in this issue of the California Compatriot. This meeting will be held in the beautiful Sonoma Valley in Rohnert Park and will be hosted by the Redwood Empire Chapter. Please mark your calendars and I hope to see you there. This promises to be a great event.

The list of our members who have earned bronze, silver, and gold America 250 medals keeps growing every month; thank you to everyone who is taking an active role in this program by educating our fellow citizens in the story of our American heritage and the upcoming 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Many chapters have regularly integrated America 250 events into their monthly meetings; if you haven't done so, I encourage you to do this. It's a great way to increase participation in your meetings and make them interesting to your membership by stimulating discussions around our common interests.

Libertas Et Patria
Craig Anderson, President
California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

California SAR Attends 132nd Annual SAR Congress

Over 30 members and guests of the California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution attended the 132nd Annual Congress of the Sons of the American Revolution held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in historic Savannah GA from July 9-15, 2022. The Congress included a variety of activities and tours.



Pictured top to bottom and left to right are: Kent and Lisa Gregory, Matthew and Gloria Noell, John and Liz Ferris, Joe Dooley, Brian and Diane Stephens, Derek Brown, Jim and Karen Faulkinbury, Dan and Karen McKelvie, Chris Cerillo, John and Pam Fulwinder, Bill and Karen Nay, John Dodd, Lacey Dodd, Bob and Darian Taylor, Paul and Nicole Garcia, Charles and Phyllis Smith, Jim Klingler, PG Davis Wright, Lidia Klingler, Karen Dodd, Jim and Un Hui Fosdyck.



CASSAR VP South John Ferris participates in the color guard for the Installation Banquet.



The SAR Trustees Meeting is called to order.



The Memorial Service to honor those Compatriots who have passed was held in the historic St. John's Episcopal Church (founded 1841).



CASSAR Compatriots Bob Taylor and Bill Nay join the honor guard for the Memorial Service.



2022 SAR Minuteman Award Recipient, James Fosdyck, is escorted by 2021 SAR Minuteman Award Recipient, Kent Gregory. Both men previously served as President of the California SAR Society and as Vice President General of the SAR Western District. The SAR Minuteman Award is the highest award presented to a member by the SAR. It is presented for distinguished service rendered to the SAR on the national level.



SAR Western Region Breakfast Meeting included (clockwise from front): Dan and Karen McKelvie, Rob Moore from Hawaii, Jim and Karen Faulkinbury, Derek Brown, VPG Western District Charles Smith from , Jim Klingler, Kent Gregory, and John Dodd.



Julia Abbott receives her Award Certificate from President General Davis Wright for



Members of the California Society SAR and their guests who attended the SAR Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest with Finalist Julia Abbott and her family. Pictured left to right are: Brian and Diane Stephens, Jim and Un Hui Fosdyck, Jim and Lidia

placing 2nd of 16 finalists in the SAR Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest. Julia lives in Los Angeles, CA and she was sponsored by the Sons of Liberty Chapter of the California Society SAR.

Klingler, PG Davis Wright, Julia Abbott with her parents and brothers, Dan and Karen McKelvie, John and Liz Ferris, and Oration Contest Committee Chairman, Jack Bredenfoerder.



America 250 SAR

Yosemite Chapter has the Spirit!

In the last month the Yosemite Chapter has made a big splash by awarding the Bronze 250th Medal to 6 of its members: John Cline, Stan Day, John Hendon, Scott Nichols, Jon Russell and Robert Thompson. Yosemite's President Randy Dhindsa has earned the Gold! Way to go, Yosemite!!

Revolutionary War Rarities Podcast

At the SAR Congress dinner John Ferris met two fascinating compatriots Jim Maples and Jim Griffith. They are making short podcasts on little known facts associated with the American Revolution. You can access these by doing a search on "Revolutionary War Rarities".

Check these out and I think you will be enlightened and entertained. And for those of you trying to get points earning your 250th medals, show these podcasts at a meeting. They can be a part of an America250 Minute.

SAR America 250 Presentation

At the Sons of the American Revolution Congress Tour of the Marine Corp Recruit Depot at Parris Island, SC, California Society Executive Vice President, Jim Klingler presented Drill Instructor SGT Acosta with a SAR America 250 Coin. Compatriot Bill Nay also presented 1st SGT Freeman with a SAR America 250 Coin.



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.

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!



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 to the SAR Museum Collection. Edged weapons were an essential and versatile part of the military arsenals during the Revolutionary War. They could be used on horseback, or in fighting in wet weather when muskets were useless. They often found other uses such as cooking meat over a fire, cutting through brush, or prying open doors. Several styles of swords that have been donated to the SAR Museum Collection are featured below.



1750 French Officer's shell-guard hanger sword, donated by Mark and JoAnn Kramer.



1770 American Cavalry slot-hilt saber, donated by the Riverside Chapter, Dan Casey, and Brooks Lyles.



1767 French Grenadier hanger sword with brass hilt, donated by Kent & Andrew Gregory.



American hanger sword with walrus ivory grip, donated by Mark Torres.



American hanger sword with maple grip, donated by Derek Brown.



1770 Naval Officer's slot-hilt cutlass, donated by Dan McKelvie.

[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.

NSSAR	Name	Chapter	Date
223030	MacArthur Jackson Lee Gilles	Sacramento	7/8/2022
223029	Lawrence Lee Niekamp	Sacramento	7/8/2022
223124	John Eaton David Nicholson	Central Coast	7/15/2022
223125	John Frederick Nicholson	Central Coast	7/15/2022
223123	Jon Paul Morgan	Kern	7/15/2022
223122	David Boyd Cofer III	Sacramento	7/15/2022
223121	Michael Christopher Cofer	Sacramento	7/15/2022
223126	James Matthew Bird	Silicon Valley	7/15/2022
223182	Alex Lucas Smayda	Delta	7/22/2022
223183	Richard Gary Horton	Sacramento	7/22/2022

IN MEMORIUM

None reported in July

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

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.

- **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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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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