



The California Compatriot

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

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Presidents Message

Compatriots

Summer is almost behind us and it's time to look forward to preparing for our 2023 youth and community programs. I am encouraged that we continue to produce awards to our youths at the national level and it speaks well to all chapter and state program chairmen and directors who volunteer their time developing these programs. Thank you for your hard work and dedication.

The SAR has a wealth of youth, veteran, and community programs and we need members dedicated to furthering these programs in our communities.



America 250: We are making a lot of progress in our America 250 program. Many chapters have been very active in messaging our historical legacy to the public. Presentations at scouting events, chapter meetings, and assisted care facilities are some of the venues that our members have done. Thank you to all our members who have planned and conducted these events. If you haven't participated in this program, I encourage you to do so and share your historical legacy with members of your community.

Flag Program: Every SAR member, is entitled to present SAR Flag Certificates to members of their community such as individuals, corporations, businesses, fire departments, police departments, schools, libraries, etc. that properly display the American Flag. If over 50% of our chapters present flag certificates, our society will receive the NSSAR's Admiral William R. Furlong Award. This is an inexpensive program; the cost of flag certificates and presentation folders are only \$6. Details of this program as well as the flag retirement program can be found at this site:
<https://www.sar.org/committees/flag-committee/>

Many individuals and business who receive this award proudly display it in public. Be sure to report your flag certificate presentations to Don Littlefield or John Ferris so that you receive credit for the activity.

Color Guard: Our chapter color guards are the public face of our organization and members are always needed; personally, it's very satisfying to appear at parades, patriotic functions, community events in colonial attire. Our Color Guard appearances are very popular with the public. Please contact your chapter color guard commander to find out how you can participate. The latest issue of the Color Guardsman Magazine can be accessed at the following link: https://www.sar.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/38-colorguardsman_v11-i2.pdf

News From Around the California Society



San Diego SAR Chapter Meets at the Green Dragon Tavern

The San Diego Chapter had its largest turnout for a monthly meeting in years at its August 20th meeting. A total of 37 people were on hand at the [Green Dragon Tavern and Museum](#) in Carlsbad. The Carlsbad tavern is an enhanced replica of the original Green Dragon Tavern in Boston, and the Museum houses a collection of documents and antiquities that inspire and connect us with our nation's heritage.

Chapter President, Michael Hirman opened the meeting and introduced Jim Klingler, Executive Vice President of CASSAR who spoke on the recent National SAR Congress and CASSAR activities. Chapter Chaplin, Rev. Stan De Long introduced Jim Fosdyck and his wife Uni, guests of Ray Raser. John was a recent recipient of the SAR Minuteman Award and Stan is also the recipient of this prestigious award.



Our Minuteman visitor, Jim Fosdyck spoke on the George Washington EndowFund program and was able to recruit a new GWEF Fellow, Gail Raser. In addition, Jim McAdory, the Chapter Treasurer, gave an America250 presentation on the "Battle(s) of Drowning Creek" which was part of the "Tory War" in North Carolina in 1781.



The meeting included a guided tour of the Green

Dragon Museum which houses a collection of original documents (and copies) along with Revolution era artifacts. John Lek, co-founder and manager of the Museum, provided an excellent overview and spoke about the planned expansion of the museum which will hopefully include space for displays from the San Diego Chapter.



The original Green Dragon Tavern in Boston has a long and rich history, playing an important part in the freedom of Boston and America during the War of Independence. Established in 1654, The Green Dragon was a favorite haunt of Paul Revere (whom is considered a close neighbor) and John Hancock (whose brother lived next door). It has been ratified by Daniel Webster – the famous historian, that it was indeed in the Green Dragon that the plans for the invasion of Lexington and Concord were overheard thus starting the famous ride of Paul Revere.

SAR Eagle Scout Award Presentation

CASSAR Executive Vice President Jim Klingler presented the State and National SAR Eagle Scout awards to John Daniel McPhie at the Annual Orange County SAR Chapter picnic on August 13th. As the 1st place winner of the CASSAR Eagle Scout Contest, Eagle Scout McPhie was the California entrant to the National SAR Eagle Scout Contest, and he won 1st place in the National SAR contest.



National SAR Officers attending the Orange County SAR Chapter picnic, Secretary General John Dodd and Vice President General of the Western Region Derek Brown congratulated Eagle Scout John Daniel McPhie and his parents David and Erin McPhie. Pictured left to right above are John Dodd, Jim Klingler, David McPhie, John Daniel McPhie, Erin McPhie, and Derek Brown.

Eagle SAR Chapter Awards Flag Certificates

Compatriot Benny White of the Eagle SAR Chapter presented SAR Flag Certificates to individuals who continuously have flown the US Flag at their

homes. Pictured below are two of the recipients.



Manuel Yglesias receives SAR Flag Certificate from Compatriot Benny White.



Paul DeArmond receives SAR Flag Certificate from Compatriot Benny White.

JROTC Awards Banquet

Orange County SAR Chapter Vice President Phil Mitchell spoke and presented awards at the JROTC Awards Banquet at Sonora High School in La Habra, CA.



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.



America 250 SAR

The Gold Country Chapter is conducting America 250 Minute presentations at every meeting. Here Compatriot Ron Barker speaks on the Battle of Cowpens as part of the America 250 program. At the meeting, Gold Country President David Gilliard gave an America 250 challenge coin to the Manager of Mel's Diner in Auburn, which hosts the Chapter's monthly meetings. SAR members in attendance also received America 250 Challenge Coins.



Assembly Bill 1600

Most of you will remember, Assembly Bill 1600 was introduced into the California Legislature that would set up a California America 250 Commission. To the many of you who let your representatives know that you supported the bill, thank you. Unfortunately, despite our efforts, it was not successful.

The CASSAR America 250 SAR committee will try again to have it reintroduced in early 2023. Obviously, more effort will be needed to get this through the California Assembly. The committee will keep you informed of how you can help as we get closer to a reintroduction of the bill.

Surprising as it may be that this bill did not pass, it should be a reminder of how important our mission is in this time of our 250th Anniversary celebration. Most Americans are not aware of the history and importance of the American Revolution. By partaking in SAR's 250th Anniversary Recognition program and sharing it with others, we can show not only its relevance to our American society, but also its uniqueness in human history.

For any comments on the reintroduction of AB 1600. Please contact John Ferris at jrf1776@outlook.com or Dave Gilliard dave@gbacampaigns.com .

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



California Society Compatriots inspect the model of the USS Bonhomme Richard prior to shipment to the SAR Education Center and Museum in Louisville, KY. Pictured from left to right are: Jim Fosdyck, Kent Gregory, Jim Klingler and Victor Nguyen from Model Ship Masters, the company that built the model ship.



Originally built in 1766 by the French East India Company, the French merchant vessel, *Duc de Duras*, was purchased by King Louis XVI of France and given to Captain John Paul Jones on February 4, 1779 for use against Great Britain. Jones renamed the frigate *Bonhomme Richard* to honor Benjamin Franklin, the American Commissioner at Paris, whose famous almanacs had been published in France under the title *Les Maximes de Bonhomme Richard*. Following modifications, she became the flagship to a squadron consisting of the frigate *Alliance*, the former French privateer ship *Pallas*, and the brig *Vengeance*. In August and September, they captured 16 British Royal Navy and merchant ships. On September 23, *Bonhomme Richard* engaged the Royal Navy ship *HMS Serapis*, commanded by Captain Richard Pearson, and the hired navy vessel *HMS Countess of Scarborough* off Flamborough Head, England. With the frigate being destroyed by enemy fire, Pearson called for surrender, which Jones replied, "I have not yet begun to fight!" Emerging victorious after a four-and-half hour engagement, the *Serapis* and the *Countess of Scarborough* were captured while *Bonhomme Richard* eventually sank into the sea two days later.

[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
223302	Jackson David Reid	Sacramento	8/5/2022
223411	Russell S Rheams Jr	Sacramento	8/12/2022
223482	Michael Victor Smith	Coachella Valley	8/19/2022
223479	David Keith Smilie II	Redwood Empire	8/19/2022
223480	Sean Michael Smilie	Redwood Empire	8/19/2022
223481	Stephen Charles Smilie	Redwood Empire	8/19/2022

IN MEMORIUM

None reported in August.

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](#)

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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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