

SDSAR & CSSAR Enhanced JROTC Award Winner places 2nd at National



SDSAR JROTC Program Leader Gary Newton (left) presents cadet Julian Tang with the CASSAR award for winning the Enhanced JROTC competition.

Recently our JROTC Award leader, Gary Newton, attended the annual awards presentation at Mira Mesa High School where he presented cadet Julian Tang with his Awards (medal, certificate, \$1000 check, and America 250 coin). There were 300 people at the AFJROTC unit awards banquet where Julian was cheered by his fellow cadets. Julian shared an email he had received from NSSAR informing him that he finished in 2nd place in the SAR National JROTC competition!

This is the second Enhanced JROTC awardee from San Diego that has placed well in the National competition and our Oration contest winner for 2024 placed in the top 10 as well. Congratulations to cadet Tang and the AFJROTC program at Mira Mesa High School.

Honoring a Fallen Hero



Army Specialist Matthew J Holly was killed in action by a roadside bomb on November 15th 2005. When his remains were returned to San Diego, his coffin was unloaded from a commercial aircraft without any honors, and was unloaded with a forklift by the airport ground crew. His treatment was seen as a great dishonor and prompted a change by Congress that this would never happen again.

SPC Holly was buried at Glen Abbey Memorial Park in Bonita because there was no room for him at either Fort Rosecrans or Miramar National Cemetery. The San Diego Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution provided an Honor Guard at both Glen Abby and Miramar. Compatriot Duncan Campbell presented the family with the American Flag at Spc. Holly's final ceremony.

The news report of the day's activities can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yAZQjHUj010>



Awaiting Spc. Holly at Glen Abby Memorial Park



Compatriot Alan Winters (left) and Duncan Campbell folding the flag at Miramar.



Duncan Campbell presents the flag to the parents of Spc. Matthew Holly.

Memorial Day Weekend Activities

Flag Placement at Ft. Rosecrans

Compatriots Duncan and Carolyn Campbell along with volunteers placed over 350 American Flags at headstones at Ft. Rosecrans. Once again this year every grave had a flag.

Wreath Placement at Bennington Memorial in Ft. Rosecrans

Prior to the Memorial Day ceremony at Ft. Rosecrans, members of our Chapter placed a wreath at the Bennington Memorial on the grounds. Thirty-five sailors aboard the USS Bennington died as a result of a boiler explosion on July 21, 1905. The sailors were buried at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery and a replica obelisk of that at the Revolutionary War war memorial in Bennington Vermont.



Color Guard laying a wreath at the Bennington Monument. Left to Right, Michael Hirman, Duncan Campbell, Doug Wright-Commander, Gary Gauer and Alan Winters.

Memorial Day Ceremony in Ft. Rosecrans

An amazing and moving Memorial Day Ceremony at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery in San Diego. Our [Sons American Revolution San Diego](#) Color Guard participated by firing a three volley salute with our black powder muskets after the Marines did their three volley salute with their M16A4 service rifles. This is a well-attended event every year and this year was no exception.

Following the ceremony, as always there were many people who wanted to have their photos taken with our members.





Musket team, (left to right) Doug Wright, Duncan Campbell, Gary Gauger, Alan Winters and Michael Hirman.



One of three volleys.



Photos, ladies are (left to right) Michelle Johnson, DAR, and Carolyn Campbell, ladies auxillary.

May Chapter Meeting

We held our May meeting at the American Legion Post #460 in Linda Vista. This an excellent central location and the venue was very accommodating to our needs and those of our members. The focus of this meeting will be on Revolutionary War era history with our speaker being Dr. Edward Blum of SDSU's History Dept. We inducted nine new members into our Chapter and gave a number of awards to our members and guests.

Richard Rosvok from the Spirit of Liberty foundation gave a presentation on a new "traveling" display of the Declaration of Independence that he wants SAR to help present around the country.



We inducted nine (9) new members at our May meeting! This is the largest group of new inductee's in years for our Chapter.

From the left , Joseph Geiser, Jim McAdory with his back to the camera is blocking Matthew Griesbach, Justin Shelton, Chris Shelton, Ryan Ekler, Howard Bartholomew, Chester Gorman, Dave Geiser, Darryl Stanley.



Our keynote speaker, Dr. Edward Blum of SDSU's Early American History department. He opened a new perspective to our members on the importance of preserving official records in early America and throughout the Revolution.



Our Chapter's Poster Contest winner, Samuel Weeding, was presented checks from our Chapter and the California Society. Michael Hirman (center) coordinated the contest. Alan Winters (left) presents the checks to the winner as Jim McAdory holds the poster along with Samuel.



James Helt was presented the 5 year certificate and he and his wife, Sandra, were presented the Bronze Henry Knox medal for their years of attendance to our meetings.



Gary Ely was presented with the 5 year Certificate and he and his wife, Barbara, were also presented with the Bronze America250 medal.



Gary Newton was presented with the Distinguished Service Medal. He received the Certificate for this Award but not the medal. This is a well-deserved award as Gary built and manages our very successful JROTC program.

Flag Certificate Presented to the American Legion Post 460

After our May 17th Chapter meeting, we met with American Legion Post 460 members presented the SAR Flag Certificate.



Jim McAdory Presents Margie Johnson with the SAR Flag Certificate with Michael Hirman, Duncan Campbell, Gary Gauer along with Post members looking on.

San Diego SAR Summer Social
6-8pm, Saturday June 28th
94th Aero Squadron
8885 Balboa Avenue San Diego 92123



Outdoor area with view of the active runway at Montgomery Field. Late afternoon sunset in San Diego's near perfect climate. Enjoy the frindsheip of SAR members with no-host bar and food.



This is an expanded version of the gatherings we have held the past two years and we are inviting members from other California chapters. We don't plan on any content, just spending time together as Compatriots. We have had a request to expand the event to add more people from outside of our Chapter to the invitation.

We will be at the 94th Aero Squadron located at 8885 Balboa Avenue in San Diego, adjacent to the Montgomery airfield in the Kearny Mesa area between I-15 and CA 163. It will take place on Saturday, June 28th from 6pm until at least 8pm. We will gather in the bar

area (outside) and there are no reservations at the venue for our group so show up a little early to claim a spot. The gathering will be from 6pm until 8pm but you are welcome to stay later. There is no signup *required* and no fee to attend but you are responsible for your own tab. We do ask that you let us know if your are coming and how many in your party which can be done on our Event page for this gathering.

<https://www.sarsandiego.org/events/summer-social/>