



GADSDEN GAZETTE

A quarterly newsletter of the Gadsden Chapter
New Mexico Sons of the American Revolution



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TJ Vallejos - June 28

John Myers - July 4

Robert "Bob" Clark - July 8

Robert Francis - July 26

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Shannon Franks - August 25

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President's Soapbox



This quarter began with preparation for the annual SAR / DAR combined meeting, which is held in June each year and the host society alternates each year from our chapter to the Dona Ana chapter of the DAR. This year was our turn.

As is the case each year, we struggle with trying to balance attendance with table space. The meeting room that the Hacienda de Mesilla allows us to use has a capacity of 45, which would be very crowded. Although I encouraged attendance by any and all members and guests of both chapters, I was concerned as to what we would do if the numbers approached or exceeded the stated capacity of the room. Fortunately I did not have to deal with that problem, as we ended up with a total of 27 members and guests in attendance.

After calling the meeting to order and welcoming our guests from the DAR, the first order of business was the induction of new member, Donald R. Berger, whose mother proudly pinned on his rosette. Don was also presented with the Fire Service Commendation medal for his years of service and accomplishments with the El Paso Fire Department.

After Don's induction we presented two 15 year anniversary certificates to William Baker and Robert "Bob" Clark.

We welcomed the new Regent for the Dona Ana Chapter - DAR, Rachael Bissell. In recognition of all she has done and continues to do for the Wreaths Across America project she was awarded the Gadsden Chapter Medal.

Our program for this meeting was "A short history of space related activities at White Sands Missile Range" given by White Sands employee Jim Eckles. After the presentation he was given a certificate of appreciation.

As was discussed and agreed upon, there were no meetings in July and August but that didn't stop our activities. The 133rd Annual Congress was held in Orlando, FL, July 14-20. (More in NSSAR Affairs on page 11)

On the weekend of August 26th, compatriot Harry Murray's daughter, Shannon and her husband, put on the North American Diving Dogs southwest regionals at Burn Lake. Shannon offered us a vendor spot to set up a table for the SAR. Although we did not have a lot of interest, one person stopped and talked to me about the "Oak Street House", which is a 24 unit apartment house for homeless veterans. The person who talked with me said she volunteers 2-3 times a week to cook for the residents there. This was

discussed at our September meeting and we will "adopt" this house as our service to veterans project. At the very least, we will provide some turkeys for thanksgiving dinner this year.

Another "Service to Veterans" item that was taken up at our June meeting was a donation to the Fisher House in Albuquerque. We voted to send them a \$500 donation to help their cause. Here is a their mission statement.

"Our mission is to ease the burden on our Veterans and their families during difficult times. Friends of New Mexico Fisher House (FONMFH) is dedicated to financial and emotional support for the New Mexico (ABQ) Fisher House, built by the Fisher House Foundation mission to support America's military in their time of need. These "homes away from home" enable family members to be close to a loved one at the most stressful time during hospitalization for an illness, disease or injury. The program recognizes the special sacrifices of our men and women in uniform and their families."

<https://friendsofnewmexicofisherhouse.org/albuquerque-fisher-house/>

I am going to encourage the State to continue this donation in the future.

Our September meeting brought another officer change. Chapter Genealogist, Bob Northrup decided to resign his position. Roger Dombrowski has stepped up to fill this void.

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PRESIDENT'S SOAPBOX (Cont.)

Also in September we welcomed another new member with the induction of Gregory E. Whited. He was also presented with the Fire Service Commendation Medal for his service with El Paso Fire and continuing as Fire Chief with the village of Mesilla. In addition, he was given the military service medal. Greg's wife, Crystal, was given the EMS Service Commendation Medal for her service as a nurse.

(See "Chapter Happenings" on page 8 for presentation photos).

Late September saw the Fall Leadership meeting in Louisville.

(See NSSAR Affairs on page 11)

Early September, as state treasurer, I sent out dues renewal notices, fulfilling one of my goals when I took on the position. This year, for the first time, members are able to pay their dues online, using "Zelle" bank to bank transfers with no fees to either the sender or the state. Several members have taken advantage of this option with only a few problems that were overcome.

Lastly, this edition kicks off "Compatriot Escapades", a page devoted to you and your activities outside of SAR. This is your opportunity to show off your hobbies, travels or anything else that interests you. Send me photos with descriptions, short stories or anything that you think might be of interest to others.

Yours in service, Robert E. Vance

NMSSAR

Around the State

Although you may think that there is nothing happening at the State level, there have been a few things that the State BOM have addressed.

One item that is long in coming is the status of the Santa Fe Chapter. After years of the chapter languishing in an "inactive" status, President Newall sent a letter to all members who were still listed on the Santa Fe chapter roster, stating that they had a choice to make regarding their membership. They could re-activate the Santa Fe chapter, to include electing a slate of officers, scheduling regular chapter meetings, and establishing a chapter bank account, complying with all IRS and NM state regulations regarding a non-profit organization.

Or, they could decide to transfer their membership to one of the three active chapters in the state, or to a chapter in another state.

To date, of the 9 members who were listed, 7 have expressed their desire to transfer, 4 to Albuquerque, 1 to Gadsden, 1 to Three Rivers and 1 to NC. The remaining two have yet to indicate their choice. They have been sent a dues renewal notice stating that dues payment would not be accepted for continued membership in the Santa Fe chapter.

On July 26th, President Newall held a BOM Zoom meeting. The invitation was sent to all members of the Albuquerque and Gadsden chapters to attend. I am disappointed to report that initially, of the 8 state BOM members, only 4 were signed on, not reaching a quorum. A 5th member was notified of the meeting in progress and he signed on making a quorum so that we could conduct business. In addition to these

5 BOM members, there were only 3 other non-BOM members signed on, representing less than 3% of our state membership. We all need to encourage others to participate, fore without participation we will cease to exist.

Of the 2 items on the agenda the first was a request for reimbursement of \$100 by a dual member of the Albuquerque chapter residing in Georgia. He had made a donation as a representative of the NM Society to help sponsor a grave marking in Georgia. There was much discussion about our operating budget and that we should be spending our dues monies in NM for projects in NM rather than sending it out of state. The request was denied in a 3 against, 1 for vote (President Newall stated he would only vote in case of a tie).

Immediately after this vote, the next item on the agenda was a request made by myself, asking the state for a donation to the Gadsden chapter to help in fulfilling our goal of purchasing 100 wreaths for the Wreaths Across America event at the Fort Bayard National Cemetery in December. Last year we were given \$500, but our fundraising for this last year was successful and we had a carry-over, therefore I only asked for \$400. This was approved on a 3-0 vote. The person who voted yes on the previous request did not vote.

After these votes, discussion was held about getting back to in-person state meetings. Our annual meeting is to be held on the first Saturday in February in Albuquerque. The consensus was that we would meet in-person for this meeting and would explore items of interest to the members.

By Birth Month

Capt Henry Rhoads - 5 Jun 1739
Shannon Franks

Gen Thomas Posey - 9 Jul 1750
Paul Voegeli

Pvt Jesse White - 18 Jul 1750
Tom, Jacob, Matthew Rigsby

Pvt Stephen Francis - 25 Jul 1757
Robert Francis

Capt Thomas Beale - 6 Aug 1735
Warren Alter

PS John Swearingen - 6 Aug 1755
Tom Rigsby

Pvt Elijah Fenton - 8 Aug 1754
Dave Curtiss

Surg David Holmes - 11 Aug 1721
Bob Clark

Pvt John Van Gieson - 23 Sep 1731
Robert Middleton

Pvt John Anderson - 16 Sep 1737
William Rice

Sol Samuel Leidy - Sep 1757
George Richards

Remembering Our Patriots

Our Patriot Ancestors



By Death Month

Capt Tomas Beale - 30 Jun 1803
Warren Alter

Lt William Russell Jr - 3 Jul 1825
Paul Voegeli

Pvt John Bartholomew Stovall Sr
9 Jul 1781
Tom Rigsby

Lt Col Henry Dixon - 17 Jul 1782
Paul Voegeli

Col Isaac Shelby - 18 Jul 1826
Paul Voegeli

Sol John McCliman - 8 Aug 1829
Timothy, Travis Howsman

Sol Henry Myers - 23 Aug 1837
John, William Myers

Pvt Michael Young - 24 Aug 1833
Tom Rigsby

PS Nathan Lewis - 07 Sep 1799
Dave Curtiss

PVT Daniel Hough - 08 Sep 1803
Dave Curtiss

PVT Stephen Francis - 26 Sep 1821
Robert Francis

PVT Samuel Covey - 15 Sep 1840
Bill, Bennett, George Dials

PVT William McFerrin - 20 Sep 1845
William Baker

Chaplain's Corner

A while back a largish golden husky-like dog suddenly appeared at my feet. Rubbing up next to my leg and panting softly, the new arrival exuded the innocence of love that only an animal known as "man's best friend" could give. I petted it, rubbed its side and scratched its ears while enjoying this unexpected and pleasurable companionship.

And then my new friend decided to go explore other areas. As he moved on I suddenly and with some degree of shock realized that he had only three legs. The back left leg was missing! He simply hobbled away as if it were normal. And I suppose it was.

Returning to my contemplation of the role of generosity I could not get away from the image of this friendly, loving animal that provided an innocent companionship without showing the slightest awareness of his own handicap. Oh, if we could all be like that, focusing on sharing and giving what we have without noticing what we lack. What a brighter world it would be!



Dave Curtiss
Gadsden Chapter
Chaplain



WHAT IS A PATRIOT?

By Robert E. Vance

Can we assign the title of Patriot to only those who supported the cause of American independence? Or are there others who are worthy of this title?

Recent events show us that there are numerous Patriots among us, most notably a 12 year old student who was kicked out of class for having a small Gadsden Flag patch on his backpack.

Pictured are Jaiden Rodriguez and a top administrator at the Vanguard charter school in Colorado Springs, who is heard on tape lecturing that the flag has “slavery and the slave trade” origins which makes it “disruptive to the classroom environment”. The district went further in an email to Jaiden’s mother stating that the flag is an “unacceptable symbol” tied to “white supremacy” and “patriot” groups.

Jaiden and his mother did not back down and after the video of the meeting with the administrator went viral, with over 9.1 million views, the school board decided to reverse their decision and allow the patch. While the school tried to backtrack and claim the issue was about the other patches of firearms which were also on the backpack, there was no mention of these until after the fact.

So how do we battle this ignorance? One of the tenets of the Sons of the American Revolution is education! We must strive to educate the public on historical facts that relate to the cause of American freedom. The first thing we must do is to educate ourselves so that we are prepared to confront this type of ignorance and persuade those who hold such erroneous views that they may not be aware of the true facts. If we do not have the answers to combat these views then the burden is on us to do our homework and get those answers. In this way, perhaps we can start to change the viewpoint of those who don’t have a clue.

So to give you some ammunition here are a few facts regarding the Gadsden flag.

The Gadsden flag was a symbol of defiance to British imperial control. It was designed in 1775 by Christopher Gadsden, a delegate to the Continental Congress from South Carolina. The rattlesnake on the flag refers to Benjamin Franklin's famous 1754 print, 'Join or Die,' promoting colonial unity during the French and Indian War. Ironically, in view of the flag's modern history, the service that used the flag during the Revolutionary War was the Continental Navy, perhaps 10 percent of whose sailors were African American.

(See also Gadsden Flag article by Donald R. Berger next page)



The Gadsden Flag: Tracing its Origin, Significance, and Adoption by the Sons of the American Revolution

By *Donald R. Berger*

INTRODUCTION

The Gadsden Flag, bearing the unmistakable image of a coiled rattlesnake poised to strike, accompanied by the bold words "Don't Tread on Me," stands as a resolute emblem of American independence, valor, and unity. This iconic symbol, however, has not escaped controversy, particularly due to its connection to the Sons of the American Revolution and debates surrounding its historical ties to slavery.

GENESIS OF THE GADSDEN FLAG

In 1775, the indomitable spirit of the American Revolution was encapsulated in the creation of the Gadsden Flag by Christopher Gadsden, a notable figure in South Carolina's political and military spheres. With its radiant yellow background and the image of a coiled rattlesnake, the flag became an emblematic representation of resilience and defiance against the British Crown.

ROLE IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

The Gadsden Flag held a pivotal role during the American Revolution, serving as a rallying cry for those fervently striving for liberty from British dominion. The coiled rattlesnake, a native inhabitant of the American landscape, mirrored the determined colonies, ready to safeguard their rights and sovereignty. The phrase "Don't Tread on Me" echoed the colonies' unwavering commitment to repel oppression.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND THEIR ADOPTION OF THE FLAG

The Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), an esteemed lineage society commemorating the revolutionary spirit of America's founding patriots, hold a special place in the story of the Gadsden Flag. As torchbearers of historical memory, the SAR members have embraced the flag as a symbol of their ancestors' courageous struggle for independence. The flag serves as a unifying emblem that honors the sacrifices made by those who fought for freedom.

CHAMPIONING HISTORICAL LEGACY

The belief that the Gadsden Flag, with its coiled rattlesnake and "Don't Tread on Me" motto, symbolizes slavery arises from its creation during an era when slavery was widespread. The flag's imagery and its association with figures who owned slaves add to this perception. Additionally, its adoption by various groups, some with controversial ideologies, has led to concerns about its evolving meanings. While the flag was intended to represent resistance against British oppression, its historical context and modern use have contributed to differing interpretations, underlining the complexity of historical symbols.

In the narrative of the Gadsden Flag, the Sons of the American Revolution play a pivotal role in upholding its historical significance. While debates persist about the flag's potential connection to slavery due to the historical context, SAR members highlight that its primary purpose was to galvanize a spirit of unity and resistance against tyranny. This underscores the importance of interpreting historical symbols within the framework of their era, rather than imposing contemporary viewpoints onto them.

MODERN REVERBERATIONS

In recent times, the Gadsden Flag has experienced a revival, becoming a symbol of libertarian principles, personal autonomy, and limited government intervention. The flag's resilience through changing epochs showcases its adaptability to reflect the values of the times. The Sons of the American Revolution, through their devotion to preserving historical memory, continue to weave the flag's legacy into the fabric of modern discussions on freedom and self-determination.

CONCLUSION

The Gadsden Flag, originating from the crucible of the American Revolution, carries a legacy that is deeply intertwined with the Sons of the American Revolution. Amid debates and misconceptions, the flag remains a symbol of bravery and unity against oppression. The SAR's unwavering commitment to preserving history ensures that the flag's essence endures, reminding us of the sacrifices made by our forebearers in the pursuit of freedom.

Revolutionary War History

In recognition of Hispanic Heritage month, we explore the involvement of Spain during the American Revolution

Spain and the American Revolution

<https://www.amrevmuseum.org/spain-and-the-american-revolution>

What was happening in Spain in 1776

In 1776, Spain was almost 20 years into the reign of King Charles III, a member of the royal House of Bourbon. Charles was one of the European rulers who subscribed to Enlightened absolutism. Like Louis XVI in France and Catherine the Great in Russia, he held supreme authority but introduced some of the new ideas about society and progressive government that had emerged in recent philosophy. Like other European countries, Spain was vying for a global empire. Having allied with France in the Seven Years' (French and Indian) War, Spain lost control of Florida but gained Louisiana in the peace settlement of 1763. People throughout the world, including in many parts of Central and South America, thought of themselves as subjects of - or subject to - the Spanish Empire.

When did Spain become involved in the American Revolution?

As soon as the American colonies began their rebellion, Spanish officials considered how this new war might benefit their empire. But other priorities and regions competed for Spain's attention, including in the Spanish-Portuguese War of 1776-1777 over their own North American colonies and borders. That didn't stop the shipment of arms to America though; some of the first imported weapons purchased by New Englanders came from Spain in 1775. In 1779, Spain signed the Treaty of Aranjuez with France, agreeing to support the French in their war against Great Britain (as part of the American Revolutionary War) in return - assuming a victory - for several former Spanish territories then under British and French control.

Which side did Spain choose, and why?

Spain chose to support the Revolutionaries by allying with France primarily out of global political strategy. Three places played into their thinking: Menorca, an island off the coast of Spain in the Mediterranean; Gibraltar, a point on southern Spain guarding the entrance to the Mediterranean; and the large region of the Mississippi Valley known as Louisiana. In 1776, as the result of centuries of conflict, the British controlled Menorca and Gibraltar - key to Spain's defense of its coast - and the

French held Louisiana - a potentially lucrative source of raw materials. When France agreed to return Louisiana as part of an alliance, Spain entered the War on the Franco-American side.

Who were the key Spanish players in this story?

By far the most famous Spanish figure in the American Revolutionary War was Bernardo Vicente de Galvez, a Spanish military officer and governor of Spanish Louisiana who orchestrated a series of victories against British forces along the Gulf Coast. Galvez is one of only eight honorary U.S citizens, an honor granted for his service in the Revolution. Other Spanish imperial administrators, like Francisco Saavedra de Sangronis, contributed support for the Revolutionary cause, and at sea, naval commanders like Admiral Luis de Cordova damaged British shipping. We know less about thousands of other people in the Spanish empire who contributed to the cause. Some might surprise you, like soldiers serving in racially integrated Spanish units or Petit Jean, an enslaved man whose story was uncovered by historian Kathleen DuVal, who spied and carried messages for the Spanish around Mobile (in present day Alabama) and who achieved his freedom in the new United States.

What was the impact of Spain's involvement?

Along with their military support, Spain supplied the Revolutionaries with desperately needed arms, blankets, shoes, and currency. While Spain's influence on the Revolutionary War was significant, perhaps the most profound impact was the broader American Revolution's impact on Spain. A generation after the end of the Revolutionary War, new revolutions emerged in nearly a dozen Spanish colonies in Central and South America. These were led by Libertadores - like Simon Bolivar in Venezuela - who were inspired by new ideas about independence and equality that began during the American Revolution. Their declarations and wars of independence led to the creation of new countries, independent of Spain.

CHAPTER HAPPENINGS!

CHAPTER MEETING 17 JUN 2023



**New Member Induction
Donald R. Berger**

Proud mother pinning on member rosette.



**15 Year Member
Anniversaries**



**Fire Service
Commendation Medal**



Donald R. Berger

**Gadsden Chapter
Medal**



Rachael Bissell

**Certificate of
Appreciation**



Jim Eckles

William Baker



Robert "Bob" Clark

North American Diving Dogs 2023 Southwest Regionals

Compatriot Harry Murray's daughter Shannon and her husband own Las Cruces Dock Diving and K9 Center and hosted the NADD 2023 Southwest Regionals on August 26th at Burn Lake. They graciously invited us to set up a table at the event.



**Compatriots TJ Vallejos, Robert
E. Vance, Shannon Franks**



34' 2" Dive

CHAPTER MEETING 16 SEP 2023

New Member Induction



Gregory E. Whited

**Fire Service
Commendation Medal**



Gregory E. Whited

Military Service Medal



Gregory E. Whited

**EMS Service
Commendation Medal**



Crystal Davis-Whited

COMPATRIOT ESCAPADES

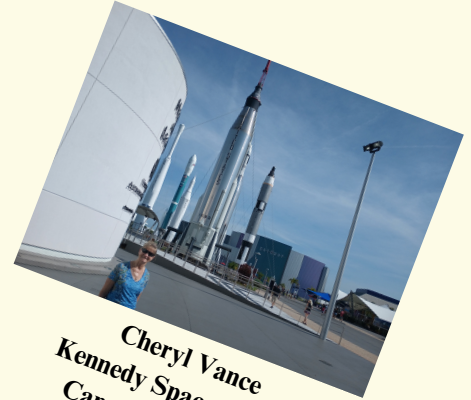
This is your newsletter, let fellow compatriots know that there is life outside the SAR!



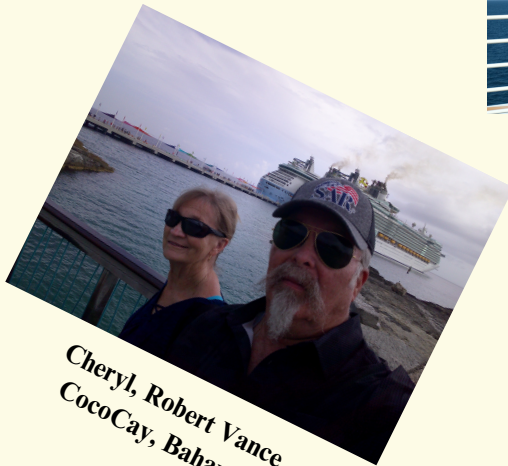
Harry Murray and daughter-in-law
at Arches National Park



Robert E. Vance
Heading out to sea.



Cheryl Vance
Kennedy Space Center -
Cape Canaveral, FL



Cheryl, Robert Vance
CocoCay, Bahamas



Cheryl Vance - Local Fare
Nassau, Bahamas



Compatriot William Rice Sr
Inducted into the White Sands Missile Range
Hall of Fame on Sept. 13, 2023
For his work perfecting cutting edge
technology used to test missile systems at
White Sands.

Color Guard

This quarter has seen a 400% increase in membership of the Gadsden Color Guard with new members TJ Vallejos, Bill Kinsella and Harry Murray joining the ranks. I was also able to recruit a new member in Albuquerque, Kevin Carr and in Three Rivers, Kris Jones (who received a Continental Marine uniform that belonged to Drew Lyngar). We are looking forward to representing you at the Veteran's Day parade in Las Cruces on 11 NOV 2023.

Robert E. Vance - New Mexico Color Guard Commander



Bill Kinsella



TJ Vallejos



TJ Vallejos - Robert E. Vance



TJ Vallejos - Robert E. Vance

Posting the Colors

Annual Combined Meeting

**Gadsden Chapter
NMSSAR**

**Dona Ana Chapter
NSDAR**

17 JUN 2023



Bill Kinsella - Robert E. Vance



NSSAR AFFAIRS



133rd Congress - Orlando, FL

July 14 - 20, 2023

Last issue I spoke of the biannual Leadership meetings in Louisville, KY. In this issue I'll cover the Annual Congress and the Fall Leadership meeting.

The annual Congress is the "convention" at which our national officers are elected to serve for one year terms - from one congress to the next. In addition, the business of the National Society is acted on at these Congresses.

State societies vie for the honor to host the annual Congress and thus, Congress is held in a different state each year. This year it was in Orlando, FL at the Rosen Plaza hotel. As you would imagine, it takes a lot of planning to host a Congress and the planning begins 5 years out. At each Congress the next society to host is announced. With that said, the next 5 Congresses will be held in: 2024 - Lancaster, PA; 2025 - Uncasville, CT; 2026 - Greensboro, NC; 2027 - New Orleans, LA; 2028 - ?, Ohio

Most notably at the 133rd Congress was the election of new officers with President General John Dodd (CA) taking the helm.

A complete list can be seen at:

<https://www.sar.org/general-officers/>

Shortly after PG Dodd assumed office, he issued a directive that at every SAR function (Chapter, State, District, National) where the SAR pledge is recited, the SAR mission statement should follow.

SAR MISSION STATEMENT

"The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our Country."

One of the most contentious items taken up was the increase in NSSAR annual dues and lifetime membership fees. There was a presentation on the rationale for an increase and much discussion. A couple of amendments were proposed regarding a timetable for implementation but these were either ruled out of order or voted down. Ultimately the motion to increase annual dues to \$50/year passed, effective on the 1st of Sept., with a significant number of no votes. Along with the annual dues increase came an increase in the lifetime member fees. Initially this increase was to be effective immediately, but there were objections from some state societies stating this would have a negative impact on their state life memberships. EXCOM met during the lunch recess and voted to extend the effective date until the 1st of August. (As a result, national received around 675 life member applications in the period between Congress and August 1st.)

Of the activities at Congress, one of the most pleasurable for both Cheryl and I is sitting in on the Joseph S. Rumbaugh historical oration contest. This year's 1st place winner was Madeline Lauren Phuong of Indiana.

Her oration was on Deborah Sampson, a woman who disguised herself as a man and served in the Continental Army under the name of Robert Shirtliff. To view her video, go to:



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gXEqvTlyGFs>



or on the SAR site for the Rumbaugh section under the education tab.

Fall Leadership

September 21-23, 2023

This Leadership meeting was the 4th for me, and the first as your Trustee. It was a very busy 2 days and to try to not bore you I will try to keep it short and hit on the highlights.

Several new medals were approved in the Medals and Awards meeting. One of the things I found disappointing was in regards to a medal that had been proposed by the Color Guard committee. The Badge of Merit, which evolved into the Purple Heart, to be authorized for wear only by Color Guardsmen of the Year on their uniform. This was denied by EXCOM, stating in part that it would "de-value" the Purple Heart. Another was the "Member Neck Ribbon" proposed by the genealogy committee. This was voted down in the Medals and Awards committee, reasoning that a neck ribbon is reserved for officers only. Perhaps these can be addressed in the future.

There was a lot of discussion about the America 250th and different programs that chapters/states can be involved in, such as planting "Liberty Trees" or placing SAR memorial benches.

Go to "<https://america250sar.org/>" to see a wide variety of programs and activities that we can become involved in.

One item that may be of particular interest is the "SAR 250th Anniversary Henry Rifle". A commemorative rifle will be offered annually for the next 10 years, beginning this year. Each edition will depict a different scene from the American Revolution. The 2023 edition depicts the Boston Tea Party. These can be for the collector or maybe as a raffle item for chapter fund-raising.

(See flyer on last page for more info).

FUNDRAISING MERCHANDISE



Front

Back

Chapter Challenge Coins
Companion coin to the Gadsden Medal
(Members Only)
\$10

All prices are for pick up at a meeting.
If you want it shipped, additional
shipping charges will be added.

Contact:

Robert E. Vance
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or

Don Berger
berger.don@gmail.com

15 oz. Coffee Mug
Chapter Logo on both sides.
\$10



White Polo Shirt
Embroidered Chapter Logo
\$30
(Price subject to change)



20 oz. Stainless Steel
Insulated Tumbler
(Customizable)
\$25

SAR 250th Anniversary

HENRY RIFLE

Boston Tea Party Edition



In honor of the 250th Anniversary of the Revolution, a special commemorative rifle will be offered annually for the next 10 years, beginning in 2023. Each edition will be offered for approximately 1 year, depicting a different scene from the American Revolution. A portion of the proceeds from each rifle sold go to support the SAR Education Center and Museum in Louisville, Kentucky.

If you are interested in purchasing the 250th Anniversary Henry Rifle - Boston Tea Party Edition, visit your local Cabela's® or Bass Pro Shops® and provide the sales clerk the SKU number: **3815337**.

