

REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION

MEETING DATE: August 18, 2026

SUBMITTED TO: Community & Library Services Commission

SUBMITTED BY: Ashley Wysocki, Director of Community & Library Services

SUBJECT: Review and Approve the Sons of the American Revolution Donation and Installation of an America 250 Memorial Bench on City Hall Property

Statement of Issue:

The Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) have submitted a request to donate and fund an America 250 memorial bench near the Veterans Memorial located on the City Hall grounds.

Financial Impact:

There is no financial impact to the general fund. Sons of the American Revolution will fully fund the project.

Recommended Action:

Review and recommend City Council approve the donation, inscriptions and installation of the Sons of the American Revolution America 250 Memorial Bench near the Veterans Memorial on City Hall property.

Alternative Action:

Do not approve the recommended action and direct staff on how to proceed.

Analysis:

Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) formed in 1989 and is comprised of descendants of the American Revolution. SAR has approached the City to donate and install a memorial bench honoring the nation's 250th birthday near the Veterans Memorial located on the City Hall grounds. Using the City's current memorial bench producer, Quikrete, the bench will be constructed of concrete, replacing a park bench adjacent to the existing Veterans Memorial near City Hall's front walkway (Attachment 1).

Resolution 2017-25 establishes policy guidelines for naming and memorial recognition within City parks and community facilities. Section 7 specifically provides criteria for memorial bench donations and donor recognition. While the physical design of the bench will match memorial benches throughout Huntington Beach, the inscription designs will be different. When viewing the bench from the front, the proposed inscriptions include (Attachment 2):

- Side 1: Huntington Beach logo
- Side 2: Sons of American Revolution Logo
- Backrest: "Celebrating 250 Years of Independence"

- Seat: “In Commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of American Independence We Honor the Men and Women Who Fought for the Cause of Liberty 1776-2026.”
- Front of Seat: Sons of the American Revolution
- Front of Side 1: 1776
- Front of Side 2: 2026

Once produced, a dedication ceremony for the bench will be scheduled.

Attachment(s):

1. Photos of City Hall Veterans Memorial
2. Rendering of Memorial Bench Inscriptions

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