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SECRETARY'S
CORNER



Life Membership:	\$500.00
New Applicant fees:	75.00
If under 25 years of age:	24.00
Sons, Grandsons, Brothers or Nephews:	20.00
Annual Dues:	34.00
Reinstatement:	34.00
Supplemental Applications:	30.00
Dual Membership fees:	10.00
Ladies Auxiliary annual dues:	5.00
Youth Registration fee:	10.00

FUNDS

In addition to our annual dues, many of our important programs are completely funded by tax deductible donation. These funds are:

- National Society's - Washington Fund
- California Society's - Permanent Fund
- California Society's - Education Fund
- Chapter's - Permanent Fund
- Chapter's - Color Guard Fund
- Chapter's, Walter G. Turnell R.O.T.C. Fund

**FEBRUARY
MONTHLY MEETING
25 February 1991**



The Chapter will hold its regular monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday evening February 25th, at GENIO'S RESTAURANT 420 West Olive Avenue, Burbank, California.

DINNER

Salad, Roast Turkey, Dressing, Rice
Pilaf, Vegetables, Dessert, Coffee, Tea or Milk, \$11.00 per person

PROGRAM

**Major-Commandant CALEB GIBBS of the
WASHINGTON LIFE GUARDS**

Tur Guest speaker, Major-Commandant **CALEB GIBBS**, of Newport Rhode Island joined the Continental Army on April 21st, 1775 just two days after the Lexington Alarm. He served as Commandant of the Commander-and-Chief's Guard from March 13th, 1776 until January 1st, 1783. He served in every battle in which Washington was in command. In addition to being the only New Englander to be a permanent member of Washington's personal staff, Major Gibbs was privy to many of the day-to-day events of the Commander-in-Chief, his staff and Camp life. Major Gibbs has agreed to an extensive question-and-answer session in which he no-doubt will be able to shed some light on many of those questions you have long harbored.

Major Gibbs is portrayed by a member of our Chapter's Revolutionary War Speaker's Bureau. In 1985 he has honored with the much coveted S.A.R.'s "STEPHEN TAYLOR AWARD" for "Distinguished and significant contributions to the preservation history of the Revolutionary War and it's Patriots." He is the author many Revolutionary War articles, has given numerous living history programs and has visited most of the historic sites associated with the American Revolution.

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**THE GEORGE WASHINGTON PATRIOTIC
SERVICE
24 February 1991**

We have been invited to attend the 68th Consecutive Annual Church Service to Commemorate the 259th Anniversary of the Birth of George Washington. It will be held at the **First United Methodist Church**, 22700 Sherman Way, Canoga Park. (cross street Fallbrook Ave.) It will be held at **9:00 a.m.** on Sunday, February 24th, 1991, with Dr. Gary Alan Dickey officiating. We need to support this commemorative effort. Please try to attend.

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**COMPATRIOTS
IN THE NEWS**



ompatriot Donald Ross McDowell a founding member of the Chapter has long been known for his writing ability. He has published in the "S.A.R. Magazine", served for several years as Editor of the Southern California Genealogical Society's marvelous and informative "THE SEARCHER" (and was Donald N. Moran's successor and Berni K. Campbell's predecessor). He has not lost his gift. For a number of years Don has been writing and editing the quarterly entitled "DRUMBEATS" for the Drum Barracks Civil War Museum. His well researched and written articles on the Civil War, and in particular on California's involvement are excellent. Don is now considering compiling all of this material in a book.

Several of our Compatriots and their wives were honored at the Annual Installation and awards Banquet held on January 28th. See the article in this issue on that event for details normally related in this column.

BIRTHDAYS

WALTER H. WALLEY - - - - - 02/01
 BEJAMIN R. WATKINS - - - - - 02/05
 RICHARD H. BREITHAUPT - - - - - 02/09
 GEORGE A. ECKERT - - - - - 02/23

ANNIVERSARIES

ROBERT and VIRGINIA WILEY
 02 February 1942
 AUDEL and BETTIE HICKS
 02 February 1944
 RICHARD and MARGARET MARSTON
 20 February 1960
 ROBERT and MARIAN STEELE
 25 February 1936

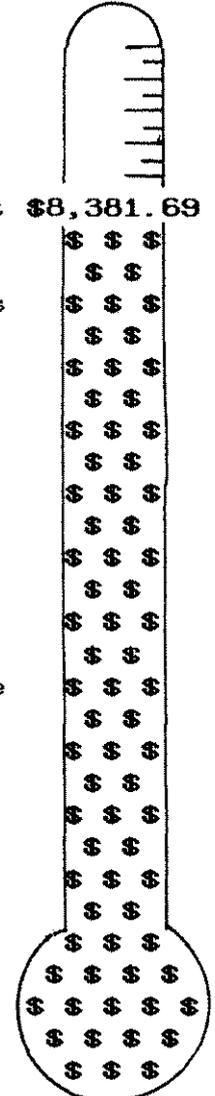
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**SAN FERNANDO
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CHAPTER'S
PERMANENT FUND**

THE DONORS

THE FUND

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The San Fernando Valley Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution is a tax exempt organization operating under the I.R.S provision of 501C3. All donations are tax deductible. The Chapter's IRS Tax Exemption number is: 95-3685784. During 1990 the fund generated interest equal to the dues of FIFTY-FIVE members in good standing.

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THE TENTH ANNUAL INSTANTION OF
 OFFICERS AND AWARDS BANQUET



AUDEL HICKS with BERNI and MARY CAMPBELL

Audel H. Hicks Sr. was honored with the traditional "gavel plaque" as outgoing President. He was presented with the S.A.R.'s Past Presidents pin. For the extraordinary work done as our President Audel received special recognition in the form of the SAR's "Silver Good Citizenship Medal." Betti Hicks, our first lady, was also honored with the "Martha Washington

Medal. Both presentation were made by incoming President Robert C. Emrey Sr. and are depicted on the facing page.

At our 10th Annual Installation and Awards Banquet the Chapter was able to bestow several well deserved awards on some of our members. The first to receive special recognition were Berni and Mary Campbell

Both received certificates of distinguished service for their efforts on behalf of the Chapter. Berni has served as the Chapter's Registrar for ten years, and Mary as his secretary. They have also shared in the Chairmanship of our Veteran Book Drive committee and Membership Committee.

Bob Emrey was singled out for special recognition. He was named "PATRIOT OF THE YEAR" and presented a handsome plaque surmounted with a statuette of a Minuteman. This special award has been awarded by the Chapter on only three previous occasions. The presentation was one of the highlights of the evening, with President Audel H. Hicks, Sr. making the presentation depicted to the right.



ROBERT C. EMREY, Sr. receiving the "Patriot of the Year Award" from Audel H. Hicks, with Secretary Donald Norman Moran looking on.

THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY
CHAPTER
NAMES

ROBERT C. EMREY
"PATRIOT OF THE YEAR"

President Audel H. Hicks, Sr., on behalf of the entire Chapter, presented founding member **ROBERT CHARLES EMREY**, a plaque naming him "PATRIOT OF THE YEAR".

During the moving presentation, an extraordinary list of Patriotic accomplishments was read by President Audel H. Hicks to the assembled Compatriots.

Robert was a founding member of the San Fernando Valley Chapter, serving as its 1st Secretary/Treasurer. He has held various elected offices in the Chapter for a full decade.

The very first Bronze Good Citizenship Medal awarded by the Chapter was presented to Bob on December 9th, 1983. Since then he has received the War Service Medal, The Silver Good Citizenship Medal, The Meritorious Service Medal, The S.A.R. Centennial Medal, with Palm. Over the years he has received numerous accommodations in the form of Certificates of Appreciation and Distinguished Service.

While he was the President of the Chapter, the Chapter earned the recognition of being named winner of the NSSAR's President-General's Award Contest and as a adamant supporter of the need for the S.A.R. to spread it's invaluable message of Patriotism he has become the strongest supporter of our Color Guard efforts.

Bob has proven over and over again that he is a team player an Organization man. He founded a Toastmaster Club in the San Fernando Valley, Served as a Director of the Verdugo



ROBERT C. EMREY

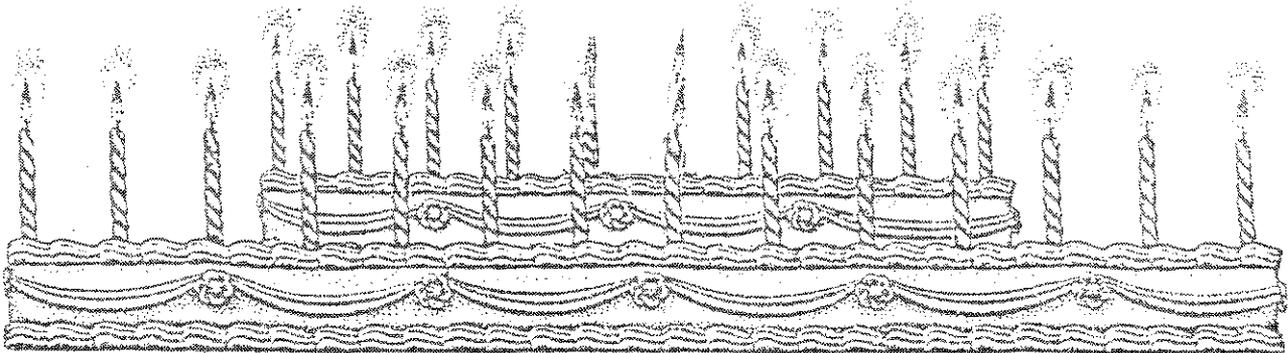
Hills Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He is an active member of the Rotary Club and served as Chairman of their Americanism Committee. He served as President of the 2,000 member Southern California Genealogical Society. He is a CPA and recently retired as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Office and of a major aerospace company.

Bob's current S.A.R. assignments include being the Special Assistant to the President and "referee" of the Award Contest was responsible for the S.A.R.'s War on Drugs program.

The above credentials certainly underscore why Robert C. Emrey was named **PATRIOT OF THE YEAR** by the Chapter.

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HAPPY TENTH ANNIVERSARY
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THE TENTH ANNUAL INSTANTION OF
OFFICERS AND AWARDS BANQUET
CONTINUED



AUDEL H. HICKS, Sr., outgoing President Receiving the Silver Good Citizenship Medal from New President Robert C. Emrey, Sr.



BETTIE HICKS, our going First Lady being presented the Martha Washington Medal by President Robert C. Emrey, Sr.

Compatriot and Vice President-South, CHARLES D. CONYERS conducted the swearing in ceremony of our 1991 officers. He swore in Robert C. Emrey, Sr. as President; Audel H. Hicks, Sr. as First Vice President; Robert Sterling Moore, as 2nd Vice President; Donald N. Moran Secretary/Historian; Donald H. McLaughlin as Treasurer; Berni K. Campbell as Registrar (his tenth consecutive term in this office), Richard Weldon Marston Chancellor, LtC James Bellah, Chaplain; Stephen Wm. Gregory Genealogist.

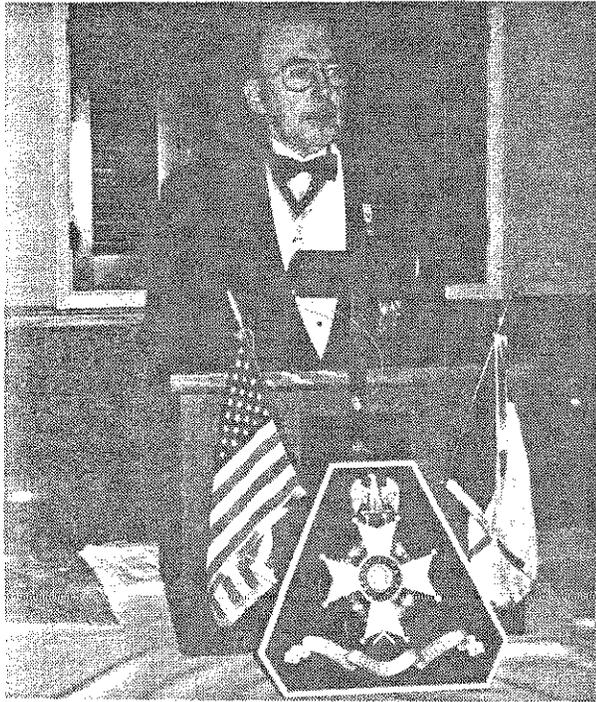
President Robert C. Emrey, gave an inspired inaugural address in which he called for more participation and support by our membership. He called for all our Compatriots to get

involved in any of our programs with particular emphasis on the "S.A.R.'s War on Drugs". This program was initiated by Bob through this Chapter, the State Society and the National Society as part of their Law Enforcement program.

He pointed out that we have a massive R.O.T.C. Program involving six Universities and twenty-five High Schools. We need "presenters" at these events. Although already very active, our Color Guard could be participating in more events. Bob predicted a very good year for the S.A.R. and our Chapter -- but cautioned that a "good year" means a lot of work by a lot of people to make it happen.

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FAREWELL ADDRESS
 OF
 AUDEL HARRISON HICKS, Sr.
 28 January 1991



AUDEL HARRISON HICKS, Sr.
 DELIVERING HIS FAREWELL ADDRESS

Honored guests! Guests! My dear friends! Friends! These were the same opening words of my immortal Inauguration Address uttered on 27 January 1990 -- just 366 days ago. Seems like a Century! On that auspicious time in history you honored me with the Presidency of this Chapter and heaped upon me all the laurels this poor mortal could ever hope to carry. I told you then that I didn't feel qualified for the task, that there was no "pie-in-the-sky" and that I could only offer you me sincere efforts. Perhaps there are some amongst you who now believe me!

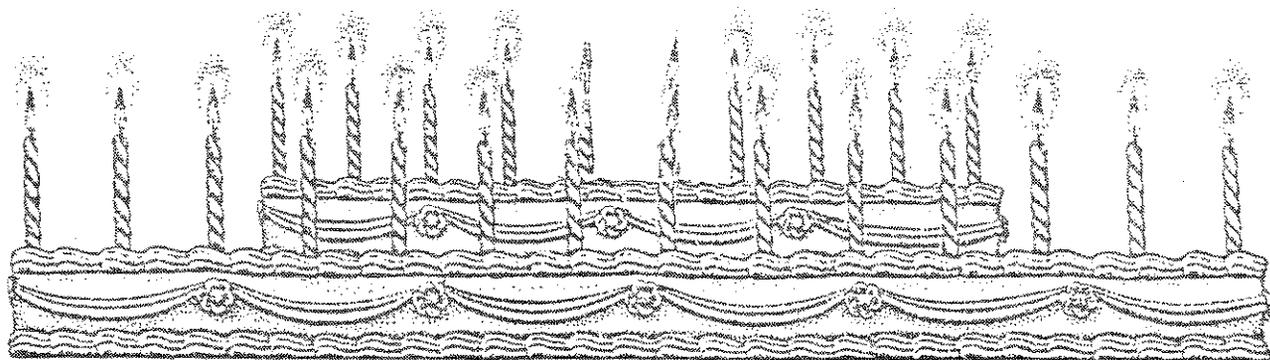
How has the past year measured up to your expectations? Please no applause! Maybe you have been justified in expecting

"nothing", but before I agree or disagree with you, let me itemize some of the efforts that have occupied my time as your President and fellow members during this past year. This is only fitting and proper to enable you to render unto me the requisite accolades, compliments and plaudits that I so rightfully merit, but please hold your applause until the end as the list is quite long.

1. Served as a Chapter Delegate to the San Jose CASSAR Annual Meeting and as a State Delegate to the NSSAR Congress in Louisville, Kentucky;
2. Provided 3 meeting speakers - Dr. Gary Dickey, Grant Owens and Ms. Louise Leigh;
3. Participated in the annual Montrose Christmas Parade;
4. Was a Color Guardeman in the Chapter's Armed Forces Day Parade in Torrance.
5. Changed Meeting places from Leon's to Genio's;
6. Was Master of Ceremony and Gave the keynote address at the 1990 George Washington Commemorative Massing of the Colors at Forest Lawn;
7. Represented the Chapter at the Washington Memorial Service - Saint James Methodist Church, Pasadena;
8. Addressed a Toastmasters' Club on the history of the Sons of the American Revolution

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AUDEL HARRISON HICKS'S
FAREWELL ADDRESS, Continued:

9. Registered my 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th ancestors for S.A.R. Supplemental Certificates and, as an aside, one of my forefathers was accepted by the Society of Boonesborough for my membership and still another, by the Society of the Cincinnati of Virginia, and
10. Finally, and most enjoyably held an Open House for the membership -- thanks to my wife Bettie, our friend and Compatriot Berni Campbell, and to a good caterer.

My term in office began with a somber note and that mournful tone was heard throughout the year. To begin with, we lost nine members in February - eight for nonpayment of dues and one who demitted. Three Summer meetings were cancelled for lack of attendance and we lost our title as "The Best CASSAR Chapter"! Regretfully we also lost two of our valued and esteemed members to the Grim Reaper; first, Walter George Turnell and then Robert Breckenridge Warwick, II. Subsequently Glenn Turnell made a noble gesture in behalf of her late husband and granted \$1,000 to the Chapter. Men like these will be sorely missed. May God Bless them!

Hopefully you can sense in the undertone of my little talk tonight that what we need and have needed in this Chapter is a wider and greater participation by our members. A new spark is needed, Gentlemen; dare I say, the vigor of youth is wanting. We all enjoy the National Recognition given to

our forefathers' Revolutionary War services that only NSSAR affords us. We all enjoy the patriotic principles for which the S.A.R. stands and that it espouses so forcefully. We all enjoy our associations - one with another. But who is to sustain and continue these desired ends? Who will provide the breath for this organization? Ponder this truism:

This is a story about four people named:
EVERYBODY, SOMEBODY, ANYBODY and NOBODY.

There was an important job to be done and EVERYBODY was asked to do it.

EVERYBODY was sure SOMEBODY would do it!

ANYBODY could have done it, but NOBODY did it.

EVERYBODY got angry about that because it was SOMEBODY's job!

EVERYBODY thought ANYBODY could do it, but NOBODY realized that SOMEBODY wouldn't do it. It ended up that EVERYBODY blamed SOMEBODY, when NOBODY did what ANYBODY could have done.

My friends, we need your help. We need you.

"Surely" you ask, "There were some highlights in the past year, weren't there?", and the answer is, "Yes, of course there were." I have already mentioned some so foregive the repetition:

1. We acquired a new meeting place - here,
2. We passed a resolution on the War on Drugs through National for its final adoption,
3. We entered the Armed Forces

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**AUDEL HARRISON HICKS'S
 FAREWELL ADDRESS, continued**

Day parade in Torrance for the first time.

4. Our Chapter sponsored Scout William Lugg, who won the National Eagle Scout Scholarship contest.
5. We instituted a new meeting speakers program.
6. Three of our members were placed on 6 National Society Committees and several on State Society Committees.
7. Seven young boys were registered in the S.A.R.'s Youth Program, and
8. Two of our highly deserving Compatriots, Berni Campbell and Don Moran, were recognized by National Awards.

Suffice it to say that these two latter named gentlemen represent the heart and soul of this organization. Without them and a few other hard workers like them this Chapter's Charter would revert to the State. Another capable and experienced leader is our incoming President, Compatriot Robert C. Emrey, Senior.

Bob; you're getting to be an old hand at this racket so the Chapter will do well under your able guidance. I wish you and your capable staff the best of luck.

As for me, I am to the point in life, at least age-wise, where I no longer feel capable; thus, not willing to carry the duties of an office any longer. However, judging by my ancestors' life spans, except my Granddaddy, I am a comparative

young man. You see, Granddaddy died at the age of 83, but he would have lived much longer had it not been for the "accident", as we refer to it in the family. Granddaddy was a methodical man even when it came to sex. He had a habit, good-bad-or-indifferent of making love to my Grandma in time with the Church bell in the small Kentucky town where we lived. BONG!...BONG!...BONG!... BONG! He would be alive today if it weren't for that darned, new fire engine bell! It completely wiped him out!

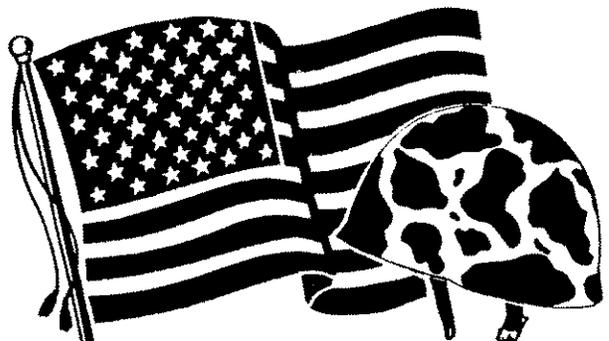
So my dear friends, life goes on: with or without us! We are but bit players on the stage of life, entering quietly, stage left, to mingle among the extras in the background, or, perhaps, to pause for a fleeting instant of glory in the full glare of the spotlight, center stage, then silently gliding into the shadows, to exit, stage right
BUT THE PLAY GOES ON!

Farewell!

Audel Harrison Hicks, Sr.
 President - 1991

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**FLY YOUR FLAG
 IN HONOR OF
 OUR YOUNG MAN
 AND WOMEN IN
 THE ARMED FORCES**



Support Our Persian Gulf G.I.'s

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LOUISE LEIGH
 HONORED BY THE
 CHAPTER



AUDEL H. HICKS, Sr. and Mrs.
 LOUISE LEIGH

Mrs. Louise Leigh, well known for her efforts in teaching the intimacies of our Constitution was the keynote speaker at our meeting. She had just been awarded the prestigious GEORGE WASHINGTON MEDAL by the Freedom Foundation of Valley Forge in a special ceremony held at the Beverly Hills Hotel.

During her address she described how our Constitution came to be and how it has endured the past two centuries.

The Chapter both enjoyed and was enlightened by her talk. At the conclusion of her speech President Audel H. Hicks, Sr. presented her with the S.A.R.'s Certificate of Appreciation.

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CRECENTA VALLEY
 HIGH SCHOOL ROTC
 HONORED



AUDEL H. HICKS, Sr. and Colonel
 PEIROT of CRESCENTA HIGH SCHOOL.

When the Chapter was invited to participate in the Annual Torrance Armed Forces Day Parade, we enlisted the support of Crescenta Valley High School R.O.T.C. to man our Color Guard as well as the D.A.R. The forty foot long float was a great success. So much so, that the United States Army presented the Chapter with a trophy.

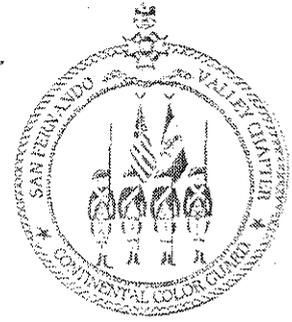
It was unanimously decided by the Chapter that the Crescenta Valley High School R.O.T.C. would enjoy being able to display the trophy in their Squadron headquarters room.

On December 3rd, President Audel H. Hicks, Sr. made the presentation depicted above to the Squadron Commanding Officer.

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THE
SAN FERNANDO VALLEY
CHAPTER'S
REVOLUTIONARY
WAR
SPEAKER'S
BUREAU



In keeping with the stated objectives of the S.A.R. which are declared to be Historic, Patriotic and Educational, the Chapter created the Revolutionary War Speaker's Bureau. In this way we are able to fulfill all three objectives.

Furnishing speakers for other organizations has been very rewarding experience. In the five years that the Bureau has existed we have addressed hundreds with story of the American Revolution and its soldiers. Our Speakers have given talks to Boy Scouts, The D.A.R., C.A.R., other chapters of the S.A.R. Kiwanis Club, Schools, Genealogical groups and at general public events.

Taking advantage of the museum quality uniforms of our color guard, we have given accurate historic presentations.

One of most

active members of the Speaker's Bureau is **JIM AGUIRRE** an applicant to membership. He is a George Washington look-alike. Jim reports that one of the most responsive and appreciative groups he has talked to are the elementary children.

Recently Jim spoke to some 7th graders at the El Cerritos Elementary School. He reports that the Children were very much impressed with Gen. George Washington and now have a role model worthy of emulating. At our installation dinner, Jim read a number of letters of appreciation he has received.

These letters demonstrate the value of this all important Chapter program and underscores the need for us to reach out to our country's youth. We CAN get our message of Patriotism to the Children. Some of the letters follow.



JIM AGUIRRE
AS
GEORGE WASHINGTON

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LETTERS TO JIM AGUIRRE
Continued:

January 25, 1991

Dear Jim Aguirre,

I want to thank you for coming to our class and for telling the class about George Washington. I enjoyed everything you told us about George Washington. You really looked like George Washington. Thanks again. Hope to see you again

Your Friend, John Frausto



January 25th, 1991

Dear Jim Aguirre,

I think you look just like George Washington. When Mr. Felix told us that you looked just like George Washington I couldn't believe it but now that I met you I think you do look like him. Mr Aguirre I would like to thank you for coming to our class. Mr Class mates and me were really happy for your visit. I think you did great. Mr. Felix told us what you told him about the class that was nice, thank you for that too. That was pretty sweet of you. I hope you consider me like one of your friends, even if we just met. But if you are one of Mr. Felix and Mrs. Felix friends I think you are a nice friend. Good luck on your career. I wish you have a year of happiness. By!!

Sincerely, Ingrid Gonzalez

January 24, 1991

Dear Jim Aguirre,

I really appreciate you for coming to our class. You do know a lot of things about George Washington. I really enjoyed you being there because I learned some things like he was poor when he was born. And his father died when he was eleven. I liked your picture on the one dollar bill. You do look like him. Thank you for coming to our class.

Sincerely, Anna Robles

January 24, 1991

Dear George Washington,

Hi George Washington, its me Siria the girl that you met in School. I was happy for you that you came over to room B and because you know alot about George Washington. You were wonderful and I am sorry that our class was interrupted when the bell rang. Thank you for coming to our school.

Sincerely, Siria Samano

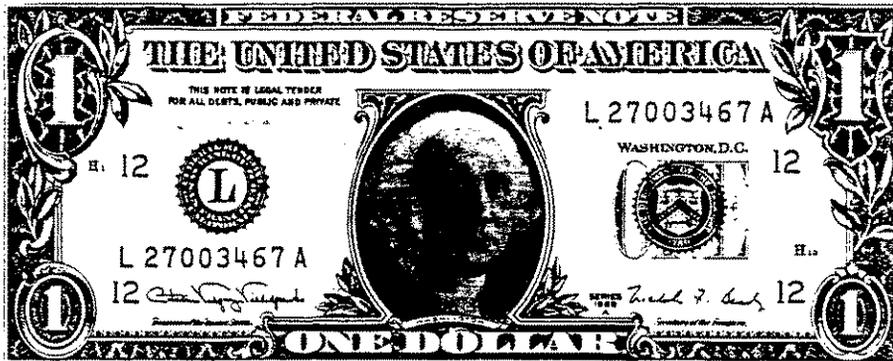
Per Jim Aguirre the bell was for badly timed fire drill.

LETTERS TO JIM AGUIRRE, Continued

Dear Jim,

Thank you for coming to my Class. I am very surprised that you look like Goerge Washington and you know alot of things about George. You are very nice nad I thank you again for coming to my class and for the dollar.

Sincerely, Ana Maria Garcia



THE ONE DOLLAR BILL, WITH JIM AGUIRRE PICTURE INLIEU OF GEORGE WASHINGTONS. THE CHILDREN GET A BIG KICK OUT OF IT.

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GEORGE
HERTBURN

A MATTER OF CHANCE

Bishop Hugh Le Puiset (1153-95) nephew of King Stephen, reorganized the bishopric estates, building new towns. At Stockton-on-Tees, Durham County, he constructed a fortified Manor House and needed the estates of Sir William fitz Patric, alias de Hertburn to round out his hold-
holdings. It was convenient for



GEORGE
WASHINGTON

William to relinquish it in exchange for the estate at Wessyngton because of its closeness to Offerton, to which William was Heir. The trade took place just before 1180. Everyone benefited, including a yet to be discovered United States of America!

During the 12th century, surnames as we know them did not exist. Most often the peasantry had no surnames at all, while the landowners usually assumed the name of their principal estate. It was quite natural for Sir William fitz Patric, de Hertburn to change his "surname" to reflect his new residence. Over the years, with the developement of the English language, the name Wessyngton became Weshyngton, then Washyngton, and finally Washington.

Sir William de Washington was the first of the name and the ancestor of our founding Father, George Washington. who added so much honor to the name. Had he not relocated and changed his name, George Washington would have carried the name of Hertburn, hence the capitol of these United States would be HEARTBURN!

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The San Fernando Valley Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution

THE MINUTES OF
THE JANUARY
28th
MEETING

he San Fernando Valley Chapter, S.A.R. held its Annual Installation and Awards Banquet on January 28th, 1991 at Genio's Restaurant, Burbank, California. The presiding officers were Presidents Audel H. Hicks, Sr. and Robert C. Emrey.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

There were no minutes of the President Annual Christmas Open House as no business was conducted.

2. JIM AGUIRRE PRESENTATION

Jim Aguirre who portrays George Washington as part of our Speaker's Bureau, gave a presentation to the Chapter. It consisted of several letters written to him from school children. We will reprint some of them in our newsletter.

3. SWEARING IN OF OFFICERS

Vice President-South Charles Conyers swore in our 1991 officers. They were:

ROBERT C. EMREY, President
AUDEL H. HICKS, 1st Vice Pres.
ROBERT S. MOORE, 2nd Vice Pres.
DONALD N. MORAN, Secretary and Historian
DONALD H. McLAUGHLIN, Treasurer
BERNI K. CAMPBELL, Registrar
RICHARD W. MARSTON, Chancellor
LtC JAMES BELLAH, Chaplain
STEPHEN Wm. GREGORY, Genealogist

4. AUDEL H. HICKS FAREWELL ADDRESS.

Outgoing President Audel H. Hicks gave a moving farewell

address, that will appear in the next issue of the Newsletter.

5. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

President Audel H. Hicks, Sr. presented Compatriot Robert C. Emrey, Sr. with the "PATRIOT OF THE YEAR" plaque in recognition for his many patriotic activities.

He then presented Berni and Mary Campbell with Certificates of Distinguished Service for their 10 years of excellent work as Registrar and Chairman of our membership committee.

6. THE INAUGURAL ADDRESS OF ROBERT C. EMREY, SR.

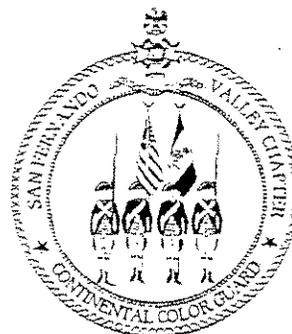
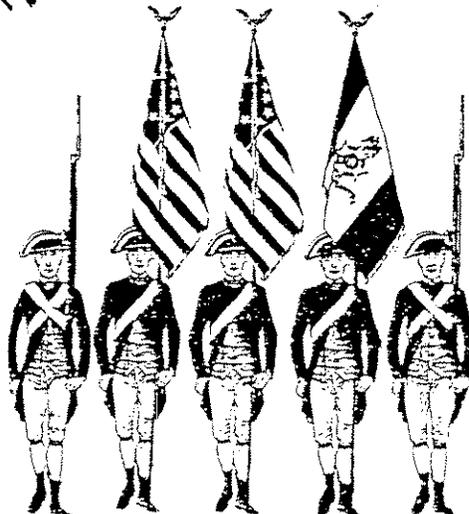
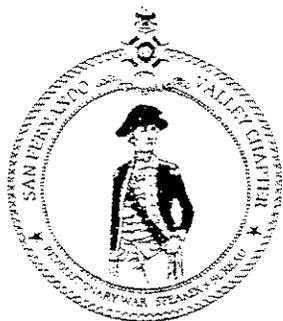
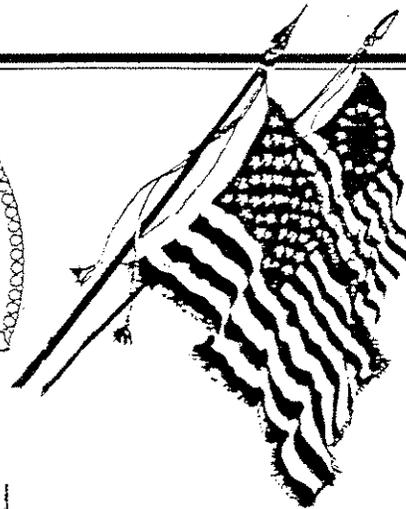
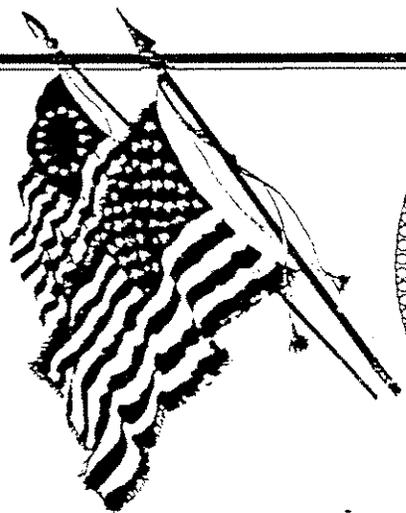
Newly elected President, Robert C. Emrey, Sr. gave his Inaugural address. Then presented Audel H. Hicks, Sr. with a President's Gavel Plaque, a Past President's pin, and then the Silver Good Citizenship Medal. Bettie Hicks, our outgoing "First Lady" was presented the Martha Washington Medal for her activities in support of the Chapter.

7. WASHINGTON'S BUTTONS

Audel H. Hicks, Sr. gave a brief but very interesting speech on George Washington's buttons and displayed a replica set. The story, which will be featured in a future issue of the Valley Compatriot proves that George Washington started the "KEEP AMERICA FIRST" and "BUY AMERICAN" movement.

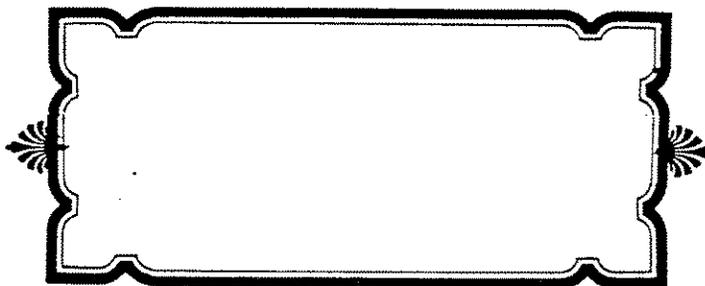
THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS before the San Fernando Valley Chapter, the Meeting was declared Adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Donald Norman Moran, Secretary
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