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Bob Emrey, State President, Don McLaughlin,
President. Rick Breithaupt, President-Elect

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OUR FORMER PRESIDENTS

Donald H. McLaughlin - 1992

Robert C. Emrey - 1991

Audel H. Hicks - 1990

Robert C. Emrey - 1989

D. F. "Bill" Semerau - 1988

Roger E. Robertson - 1987

Col. George A. Eckert, Jr. - 1986

George S. Van Dorn - 1985

LtC James Bellah - 1984

Donald Norman Moran

1981 - 1983

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER MEETING NOTICE

January 15th
1994

The San Fernando Valley Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution will hold regular meeting on Saturday January 15th. All members, applicants and guests are invited.



Location:
The TAM O'SHANTER RESTAURANT

2980 Los Felix Drive
Glendale (Atwater)

Time:
12:00 Noon

\$11.50
Per Person

The 12th Annual Installation of Officers and Award Meeting

The San Fernando Valley Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution will hold its 12th annual Installation of Officers and Awards Meeting on January 15th, at 12:00 noon.

State President Robert C. Emrey will swear in the 1994 Officers

Keynote Speakers

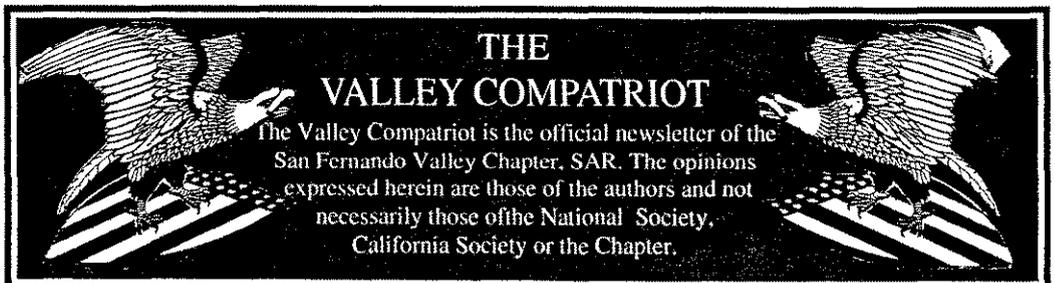
DONALD H. McLAUGHLIN
Outgoing President

RICHARD H. BREIRHAUPT
Incoming President



THE VALLEY COMPATRIOT

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TAPS



MICHAEL RICHARDS
1949 - 1993

Mike had not yet gained his membership in the SAR, but was nevertheless a strong member of our team. Mike, a Ridgecrest resident, was one of the men spearheading our SAR Extension in that community.

He was very active in the genealogical community and well liked by all of us who knew him. Mike died of a heart attack on November 23rd at aged 44. Our deepest sympathy to his family

COMPATRIOT IN THE NEWS

We are pleased to report that President Donald H. McLaughlin is doing very well and plans on attending our next Chapter meeting.

Compatriot Donald R. McDowell's "The Beat of the Drum" has been published and is available from the Drum

Barracks Garrison & Society, 1052 Banning Blvd. Wilmington CA 90744

The 300 page book tells the story of the people, personalities and events of Drum Barracks' colorful 130-year history.

Don's writing style makes the book highly readable and very interesting. This book tells an indispensable story of the Civil War and the Indian Wars in California. A hardcover Collector's edition is available for \$29.95. Compatriot Don will personally sign you copy.

Compatriot George Sutherland Van Dorn was appointed by State President Robert C. Emery to the chairmanship of the California Society's Committee for the creation of the CASSAR Medal. Compatriot Clifford J. Craft whose Malibu home was destroyed in the recent fires is rebuilding! Cliff, in spite of having suffered such a loss was at our November meeting.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY COMPATRIOTS

John G. Craft 12/01
Audel Harrison Hicks, Jr. 12/09

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

William and Grace Griffing
19 December 1981

David and Linda Burnett
27 December 1969



1994

CHAPTER OFFICERS

At the November 29th meeting of the Chapter, Compatriot Audel H. Hicks, Chairman of the Nominations Committee, presented a slate of candidates to serve as our officers in 1994. First Vice President LtC Edgar D. Whitley, the presiding officer of our November meeting called for nominations from the floor, there being none the membership voted to instruct the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate as presented.

President

RICHARD H. BREITHAAPT, Jr.

First Vice President

AUDEL HARRISON HICKS, Sr.

Secretary

DONALD NORMAN MORAN

Treasurer

Dr. CLIFFORD J. CRAFT

Registrar

BERNI K. CAMPBELL

Chaplain

Dr. GARY A. DICKEY

Historian

KENNETH M. BURDICK

Trustee of the Permanent Fund,
ROGER E. ROBERTSON

The officers will be sworn in at the January 15th meeting of the Chapter.

ATTENTION

COMPATRIOTS

THE TIME, DAY AND LOCATION OF OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS HAS BEEN CHANGED

The San Fernando Valley Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, will be meeting on the third Saturday, 12:00 Noon, at the Tam O'Shanter Restaurant, 2980 Los Felix Drive, Glendale (Atwater). The Restaurant is located between the Golden State Freeway

(Los Felix off ramp and San Fernando Road)

The cost will be \$11.50 per person





MEET YOUR 1994 OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

Richard Hoag Breithaupt, Jr.

(Pronounced "Bright-hop") Rick is President and CEO of Walika, Inc. He is very active in hereditary Societies and is serving as Treasurer of the California Association of the Society of the Cincinnati, and Secretary of the Southern California Chapter of that organization. He is also serving as Vice President General of the Aztec Club of 1847 and Vice President General of the Society of the Barbary Wars.

Gentleman of the Council, Society of Colonial Wars and State Historian for the S/R. He also belongs to thirteen other hereditary societies. Rick's SAR Patriot ancestor is Lt. John Hubbell, Sr., who served in the 2nd Troop 4th Connecticut Regiment of the Continental Line.

VICE PRESIDENT

Audel Harrison Hicks, Sr.

Del is one of the Chapter's "old Guard" - he served as our President in 1990. He is a retired Lockheed Executive and is very active in the Hereditary Society and Veteran organizations. Among those is the Society of the Cincinnati; Washington Family Descendants; Founders and Patriots; Washington's Army at Valley Forge; The Military Order of the Purple Heart (He was seriously wounded in WWII). Del's Patriot Ancestor is Abraham Swango who served as a Private in the 1st and 2nd Virginia Regiments of the Continental Line. Del also has 13 supplemental ancestors.

SECRETARY

Donald Norman Moran

Donald was our Chapter's founding President, and has served as State President and Vice President General. He has served as Secretary since 1984. He has served as our newsletter editor since the Chapter was founded and is now editor of the State newsletter as well. He was awarded the SAR's

Patriot Medal. Donald's Revolutionary War ancestor is 1st Sergeant Nathaniel Perkins, III.

TREASURER

Dr. Clifford J. Craft, III

Cliff is serving his second term as our Treasurer. He is a CMA (Certified Management Accountant) Cliff served in the Marine Corps during WWII as a First Lieutenant. He is also active in several other Hereditary Societies. Cliff's Revolutionary War ancestor is Private George Payne, who served as a Private in the 7th Regiment of the Maryland Continental Line.

REGISTRAR

Berni Keith Campbell

With his election as our Registrar Berni will be serving his thirteenth term as our Registrar! He is a retired television engineer and one of California's foremost genealogist. He served as editor of the Southern California Genealogical Society's "The Searcher" for over ten years and served as that organization's President for five years. Berni's Revolutionary War ancestor is Doctor George Monell, Surgeon in Col. Ten Broeck's Regiment of New York Troops.

CHAPLAIN

Rev. Dr. Gary Alan Dickey

Gary is a dual member of our Chapter and the Pasadena Chapter, of which he was just elected President. He is the Pastor of the First Methodist Church of Canoga Park. His Church sponsors the annual Washington Memorial Service in February. He is serving as editor of the excellent "1812 Overtures" newsletter (Society of the War of 1812), State Chaplain of the S/R and is active in numerous hereditary Societies.

HISTORIAN

Kenneth Milton Burdick

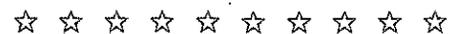
Ken is one of our newer members but has demonstrated a willingness

to pitch in and do more than his share. He has participated in our ROTC program as a presenter. He was a team member when we hosted the State meeting in April of 1993. Ken was invaluable. Ken served in the United States Army during WWII. His Revolutionary War ancestor was Nathan Coe who served as a teamster in the Maryland Continental Line.

TRUSTEE OF THE PERMANENT FUND

Roger E. Robertson

Roger is a founding member of our Chapter serving as our President. He has served as Chancellor for the State Society during a very trying period of time, and was awarded the Patriot Medal. Roger is a retired Engineer and attorney. Through his efforts both the Chapter and the State established their Permanent Funds. Roger serves as a Trustee of both. He is the author of both the State and our Chapter's Bylaws. His Revolutionary War Ancestor is Ensign Thomas Mower, plus four supplementals.



SAR HUMOR

At the Lancaster Christmas Parade, our Color Guard formed up adjacent to the to the Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard. After the horses were saddled the Marines, all sergeants, went into the forty foot horse trailer and returned in their Dress Blue uniforms. Three of the Sergerants mounted without difficulty, however the fourth Sergeant found that each time he placed his foot in the stirrup, the horse side-stepped. This happened four times. It was obvious the horse had different ideas. The Sergeant grabbed the bit, went none-to-nose, toe-to-hoof and proceeded to dress the horse down in typical Marine fashion alluding to glue factories and dog food. Then calmly, without further problems mounted the once spirited horse. Even horses fear Sergeants!





THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER ENDORSES CANDIDATES FOR NATIONAL OFFICE

At the November 25th, 1993 meeting of the San Fernando Valley Chapter, SAR, A resolution to endorse the candidates, shown below, for National office was unanimously approved.

FOR REGISTRAR GENERAL



THOMAS BOND
Washington, D.C.

Tom Bond has been known to us for many years. It is a pleasure to be able to endorse him for National Office.

He has served on numerous National Committees including:

- Congress Planning - 8 years
- 2 years as Chairman
- Gov't Affairs - 8 years
- 2 years as Chairman
- Medals & Awards - 9 years
- SAR Centennial - 3 years
- Orations - 3 years;
- Library - 3 years
- Membership - 2 years
- Resolutions - 2 years
- Credentials - 2 years
- Nominations - 2 years
- Merchandising - 1 Year

He has served as President of the District of Columbia Society. Tom has received the Minuteman, Patriot, Meritorious Service with cluster, Bronze Good Citizenship, Library, Centennial medals. 6 Certificates of Distinguished Service and Appreciation.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT GENERAL



ROBERT EMREY
California

We have known Bob Emrey for many years. He was a founding Secretary of the San Fernando Valley Chapter and has served as an officer for 12 years.

In 1989 he was elected President and again in 1991. He proposed the Society's "War on Drugs" program which was unanimously adopted in the SAR in 1990.

He has attended numerous National Congresses and Trustees meetings and is a member of the National Society's Council of State Presidents.

He is a member of the National Society's Nomination Committee.

During his years of service to the SAR he has been awarded the following medals:

- War Service medal
- Bronze Good Citizenship
- Silver Good Citizenship
- Meritorious Service Medal
- Centennial medal

FOR SECRETARY GENERAL



WILLIAM C. GIST
Kentucky

Bill Gist is one of the old guard at National. Always there, always working. He is a frequent visitor to California often staying with his cousin, Lee Hawkins.

Bill has served as Registrar General and two years as Historian General. He has served 3 years on the Executive Committee. Vice President General for the Central District, National Trustee. He served as Chairman of the Centennial Gala Committee, Vice Chairman of the 100th Congress. Served as Chairman of the Council of State Presidents, Centennial Observances (5 years), National Headquarters (4 years) and 30 other Committee Assignments. He has been awarded the Minuteman, Patriot Meritorious Service (3 clusters) Silver Good Citizenship, Liberty Medal 2 clusters, and the DAR History Award Medal. He was the Kentucky Society President.

FOR CHANCELLOR GENERAL



CARL HOFFMAN
Florida

Carl has been a figure at the National Congress for over twenty years. He was Chancellor General in 1970, again in 1971 and a third term in 1972.

He has chaired the Resolutions Committee since 1972 (21 years!) He served as Vice President General Foreign Districts, National Trustee for the Florida and Switzerland. Has served on the Legal Advisory Committee for four terms. Has attended all but 2 congresses since 1968 (23). And has served as President of the Florida Society, Chapter President of the Miami Chapter, and organized the Fort Lauderdale Chapter.

He was awarded the Minuteman Medal in 1974 and the Patriot Medal in 1970, along with numerous others.

He is currently a Professor of Business Law at the University of North Florida, Jacksonville. He retired as a senior Partner of Kimbrell & Hamann, P.A. Miami.



OUR LEADERS

Bill Doyle (Newhall Extension Chairman)
Rick Breithaupt (President-Elect) and Jim
Laughlin (Lancaster Extension Chairman)

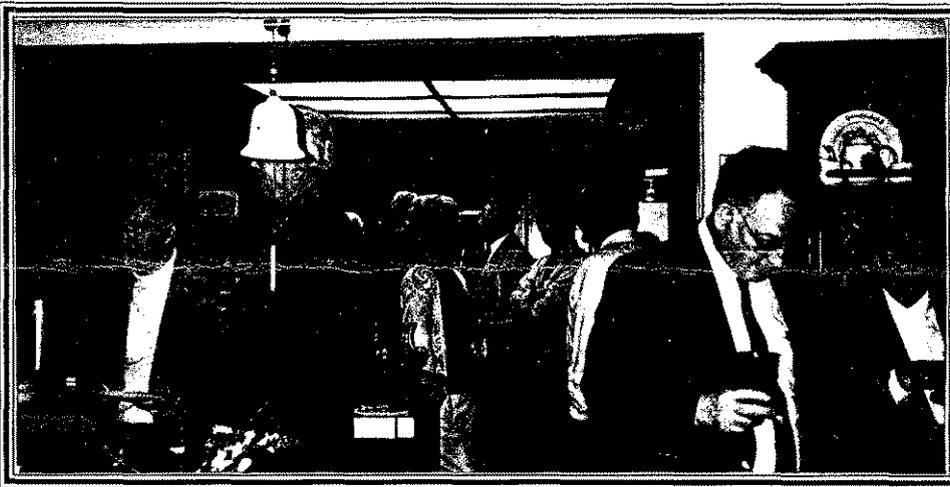
OUR CHAPTER'S ANNUAL

The San Fernando Valley Chapter has had a tradition of holding an annual Christmas open house ever since the Chapter was founded. This year it was hosted by Donald and Linda Moran at their Lancaster home.

The weather reports were bad - heavy rain and snow predicted all week. Unfortunately this dramatically effected the attendance. Those brave souls thaty did take a chance and drive to the high desert were rewarded with a great party.

An effort was made to photograph everyone for inclusion in this article, but, we failed miserably. Compatriots and their wives came and went escaping the 'limelight'.

Those you attended were:
Wilma Biren (Former President of the Ladies Auxiliary)
Thomas and Florence Ponton;
Douglas and Christina Whitley, Ronald and Rosemarie Risley (State Vice President); Roger and Marylou Robertson (former Chapter President and State and Chapter Trustee); George and Mary Van Dorn; (former Chapter President) Rick Breithaupt (President-Elect); LtEdgar and Bonnie Whitley (First Vice President); Berni and Mary Campbell (Registrar); Donald H. McLaughlin (President) and Clarabelle McLaughlin (former President of the Ladies Auxiliary); Audel and Betty Hicks (former Chapter President and Vice President Elect); Robert C. Emrey (former Chapter President and State President) Virginia Emrey (President of the Ladies Auxiliary) William and Susan Doyle (Chairman of the Newhall Extension); James Laughlin (Chairman of the Lancaster Extension); Merrill Zimmer (Applicant); Trevor and Melinda Hibbert (Applicant); Donald Moran (former Chapter President and former Vice President General); Linda Moran, (former President of the Ladies Auxiliary) and Vivian Moran.



MIXING

Berni K. Campbell; Donald H. McLaughlin; Clarabelle McLaughlin;
Thomas J. Ponton; Douglas Whitley; Bill Doyle; Ronald and Rosemarie Risley



OUR PRESIDENTS

Robert C. Emrey, State President;
Donald H. McLaughlin, President;
Rick Breithaupt, President Elect



CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Christmas is a good time to reflect on the year gone by. It was an excellent year for the San Fernando Valley Chapter. We added two major honors to our list of achievements. The first happened at the April State Meeting, that our Chapter hosted. We were awarded the President's plaque for "Best Large Chapter". In the past we had won the plaque for "Best Small" and then "Best Mid-Sized" Chapters. It was a first that a single Chapter had won the award in all three categories. It was also a first in a very long time that any Chapter managed to unseat the San Diego Chapter, won have repeatedly won the award every year.

The second honor came from the National Society which awarded the San Fernando Valley Chapter with the "Historic Celebrations Award" for our having sponsored the "George Washington Commemorative Massing of the Colors".

President McLaughlin established a Task force on membership growth which had spectacular results. This year we grew by twenty-five per cent! - twelve new members!

Our ROTC program, under the Chairmanship of LtC Edgar Whitley presented medals to twenty-three schools.

Our Veteran's Book drive program collected three thousand paperbacks and distributed them to three V.A. Hospitals.

We started a new program to create much needed Chapters in the Santa Clarita, Antelope Valley and Ridgecrest areas. This program establishes "extensions" of our Chapter which will ultimately lead to the spinning off of the new Chapters - when they're ready!

We hosted the Annual Meeting of the California Society and had the pleasure of entertaining President General Paul H. Walker, who we made honorary Captain of our Color Guard and a dual member of our Chapter. 1993 was a very good year for the Chapter.



OUR LEADERS
Mr. and Mrs. Presidents
Bob and Virginia Emrey



AROUND THE HEARTH
Rick Breithaupt, Ron Risley, Roger Robertson,
Rosemarie Risley and Marylou Robertson



SOME OF THE LADIES
Wilma Biren, Virginia Emrey,
Clarabelle McLaughlin
and Florence Ponton





THE NATIONAL SOCIETY, SAR GRAVE REGISTRATION PROGRAM

In September of this year the National Society, SAR published the "Revolutionary War Graves Register." This 672 page hard bound book is the finest work done by the SAR in recent years. It contains the names, brief service record and place of burial of 53,000 Revolutionary War soldiers. A typical entry reads: "ABBOTT, Isaac, Jr. 1762-1861; Fish

Street Cem. Fryeburg, Me; Soldier ME: Susan N. Knight."

As a research tool it is excellent and should be in every genealogical collection.

Clovis H. Brakebill, former President General of the NSSAR, served as Chairman of the Committee which did a superb job of compiling this monumental work.

The valuable information contained in the book come from a number of sources, including the SAR membership files, and it would appear every other available reference that could be found. Fortunately the Society intends to continue collecting information on our Revolutionary War veterans and publishing supplements. Of the 265,000 known American veterans of the Revolution we need to find and identify the burial locations of the remaining 213,000!

The form to the left is available from our Secretary or National SAR Headquarters.

The sample form is completed with the amount of information that can normally be expected to be available. If you haven't submitted your ancestor's burial information do so. As soon as National has enough material for a second book it will be published.

The book can be obtained from the National Society at a price of \$65.00.

The stated objectives of the SAR are declared to be: Historic, Educational and Patriotic. Publishing books such as this fulfills all three goals. We strongly recommend the SAR to continue publishing the records of our Patriot Ancestors. It should be a National priority!

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

National Headquarters: 1000 South Fourth Street Louisville, Kentucky 40203

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SOLDIER'S GRAVE REGISTRATION DATA

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SOLDIER

MOORE DANIEL

Last Name, all spellings First Name, all spellings Middle Name

Born on: 30 August 1750 Where: Scotland

Died on: 22 September 1827 Where: Scotch Valley, Pa.

Married: (1) Elizabeth Hamilton Widow's Pension W none

(2) _____ Widow's Pension W _____

(3) _____ Widow's Pension W _____

Service: Rank: Corporal State (s) Pa. Pension: none

Source: DAR National No. 503161 - Kathryn G. McLaughlin

Buried: Name of Cemetery: Hollidaysburg Presbyterian Cemetery

City: Hollidaysburg Township: _____ County: Blair State: Pa.

Directions for locating Cemetery: The cemetery is located in town

Location of grave in Cemetery: Section "A" - Old Section Left side of road

Tombstone: Yes No _____ If possible, attach picture of headstone to reverse side of this form.

Marker: Yes _____ No _____

If Marker: DAR _____ SAR Other (Name) _____

Date placed, if known: October 1st, 1992

Information furnished by: Name: Donald H. McLaughlin (NSSAR No. 133705)

Address: 23614 Dunsmore Lane, Valencia, California 91354-2409

Date form filed: Oct. 30, 1992 Please return form to: National SAR Headquarters



The grave of Daniel Moore

SPECIAL FUNDS

Trustees Roger E. Robertson and Audel H. Hicks advised the Chapter that the Permanent Fund now has a total of \$15,537.80.

The contributors to the fund are:

- Charles D. Barnard
- Arthur Wm. Barrett
- Richard H. Breithaupt, Jr.
- Berni K. Campbell
- Dr. Clifford J. Craft, III
- Col. George A. Eckert, Jr.
- Robert C. Emrey, Sr.
- Col. Thomas D. Gillis
- Philip Reid Giltmier
- Leland B. Hawkins, III
- Audel H. Hicks, Sr.
- Audel H. Hicks, Jr.
- Craig A. Hicks
- Bruce A. Jagger
- Richard W. Marston
- Donald Ross McDowell
- James A. McKenzie
- James A. McKellep
- Donald H. McLaughlin
- Robert Sterling Moore
- Donald Norman Moran
- Norman Philip Moran
- Thomas Jefferson Ponton
- James R. Reynolds
- Dr. Glen S. Robertson
- Ned W. Robertson
- Roger E. Robertson
- D. F. "Bill" Semerau
- Charles K. Stahl, Jr.
- Mrs. Walter G. Turnell
- George Sutherland Van Dorn
- Philo Van Wagoner
- Walter High Walley
- Thomas H. Warden
- LtC Edgar Duer Whitley
- Robert J. Wiley, Sr.
- Augustus di Zerega

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**WALTER G. TURNELL
R.O.T.C. FUND**

This fund presently has \$10,270.24

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All donations to the S.A.R. are tax deductible under the provisions of I.R.S. 501C. Our number is 95-368578

**A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A
FORMER PRESIDENT**

D. F. "Bill" Semerau served as our Chapter's President in 1988 and has been an active member for many years. Bill is the recipient of the SAR's Law Enforcement Medal, having served in the Glendale Police Department for thirty years. After his retirement he joined the Lockheed Aircraft Plant Protection Department and when Lockheed moved its plant to Georgia, Bill transferred to the Lockheed Credit Union's Security Department at their Burbank headquarters.

On Thursday, December 16, Bill was on duty at the security booth at the entrance of the Credit Union's Bank when he was suddenly shoved forward against the counter. When he got up, he found a 9mm handgun aimed at his face. He complied with the order to put his hands up. The perpetrator then called to his confederates, all four of them, who promptly ordered the patrons to lie down. The robbers went from teller to teller and collected \$18,000 in cash. All this time Bill was staring down the barrel of the 9mm, but was making mental notes to help the police apprehend the criminals.

Since none of the robbers were wearing masks or disguises of any kind, Bill thought that there could easily be a massacre. Fortunately, that did not happen.

After gathering up as much cash as they could find, the perpetrators backed out of the bank. Bill, knowing the silent alarm had probably been activated, feared that the Burbank Police would surprise the robbers in the parking lot, hence they might attempt to re-enter the bank and take hostages. To prevent that Bill locked the doors!

The Burbank Police Department telephoned the Credit Union to confirm the alarm and learn the particulars of what had happened. The call was transferred to Bill

who was providing the Police with a detailed description of what the perpetrators looked like, what they were wearing, what they were armed with, etc. While in the middle of providing these details directly to the Police Dispatcher a mortgage officer from the other side of the Bank's lobby rushed in and gave Bill a description of the getaway car. Bill related that to the dispatcher who immediately, and within hearing of Bill broadcast the information. Instantly, two motorcycle officers responded that the suspects just passed them and they were now in pursuit. When one of the robbers aimed a handgun at the pursuing officers, they immediately backed off. However, by this time several units of the Burbank police were now in pursuit and the chase began in earnest. Crossing into Glendale, the Glendale police joined the chase. At Grandview Avenue and Glenoaks Boulevard, a Glendale Police cruiser rammed the suspects and ended the pursuit. All five were apprehended while trying to escape from their damaged car.

Bill and two of the tellers were transported by the Police to the apprehension scene and identified all five of the perpetrators.

\$18,065.00 was recovered. A bit more than was stolen. None of the Credit Union employees or customers were injured and there was no property damage, other than the Hyundai sedan they were driving. That car was taken Wednesday night in a car-jacking. According to Bill, this was a textbook example of good procedures. The Credit Union was closed for the rest of the day. The FBI discovered during their investigation that all five suspects were clearly depicted on the video tapes of the 16 Credit Union security cameras.

It will be very difficult for these five criminals to escape a well deserved long prison sentence.



THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

“WASHINGTON’S CROSSING OF THE DELAWARE”

In December of 1776 the situation for the American colonist was disparate. Forced out of New York City the previous summer, followed by the defeat at White Plains. Morale was low, and worse yet the majority of the army’s enlistments expired on December 31st. The troops were in rags, ill equipped to endure the winter that had set in. To add to Washington’s dilemma, the British had occupied many of the primary towns in New Jersey, any of which could be used as a jump off point for a winter attack on his small army.

Washington realized that the only thing that would save the rebellion was a quick and complete victory. To that end he planned an impossible campaign. Cross the ice choked Delaware River, with his

entire army. Lead a three-prong attack against the Hessian Brigade of Colonel Johann Rall, based at Trenton. Rall had distinguished himself at White Plains and Fort Mifflin. He was a veteran Commander with an outstanding reputation and competent opponent.

Washington sent for Colonel John Mifflin and his Marblehead Regiment. They secured every boat on the Delaware and forced a passage through the freezing river, and at night.

Washington personally commanded the main effort, some 2,400 veterans and 18 cannon. These were the troops of Generals Green and Sullivan. They crossed the Delaware at McKonkey’s Ferry, (now Washington Crossing), nine miles north of Trenton. General

Ewing crossed at Trenton Ferry with another 1,000 men. Col. Cadwalader lead 2,000 men and crossed the river at Bordentown. This was a diversion and would prevent the garrison at that town from reinforcing Trenton. Both these efforts failed.

In spite of these set backs the main army, under Washington, launched a spirited attack on Trenton at daybreak. The Hessian’s tried to rally, but each time they did Washington’s troops cut them down.

The victory was far reaching. The British realized that every out post was at risk, hence withdraw to Staten Island and New York City. As a result, the British effort to occupy the colonies collapsed, and they had to be content to hold up in major fortified positions. This contributed greatly to their losing the war.



One of the most famous pictorial images produced by the American Revolution, Washington crossing the Delaware, in an engraving after the painting of Emanuel Leutze.

THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 25TH MEETING

The 27 November 1993 meeting of the Chapter was held at GENIO'S RESTAURANT. 1st Vice President, Edgar Whitley presiding.

1. MEETING MINUTES APPROVED

It was moved by Compatriot Berni K. Campbell and Seconded by Compatriot Thomas J. Ponton that the minutes of the October 25th, 1993 meeting be approved as submitted.

2. REPORT of the TREASURER

Treasurer, Dr. Clifford J. Craft, III, reported that he saved the Chapter's financial records from the fire that destroyed his home (The Malibu fire), but has not compiled the monthly report. He further stated that the Secretary made a substantial deposit (Dues and donations) and that the Chapter is solvent and all bills have been paid.

3. MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Compatriot Berni K. Campbell reported that we have submitted the applications of three applicants: Floyd H. Lawrence; Jeffery E. Burgess, Stephen Smith, C. H. Terhune, Jr. and William Smith. A dozen others are in various stages of completion.

4. VETERAN'S BOOK DRIVE

LtC Edgar D. Whitley reported that we did not make a delivery in November.

5. PERMANENT FUND REPORT

Compatriot Audel H. Hicks reported that the Permanent Fund has \$15,537.80 and the Walter G. Turnell ROTC Fund has \$10,270.24. The total value of both funds is \$25,808.04. The interested earned on both accounts was \$707.50.

6. ELECTION OF 1994 OFFICERS

Chairman Audel H. Hicks presented the Nominations Committee 1994 slate of Officers:

President:
Richard H. Breithaupt

Vice President:
Audel Harrison Hicks

Secretary:

Donald Norman Moran
Treasurer:

Dr. Clifford J. Craft, III
Registrar:

Berni Keith Campbell
Chaplain:

Dr. Gary Alan Dickey
Historian:

Kenneth M. Burdick
Trustee of the Permanent Fund
Class of 1996
Roger E. Robertson

Compatriot Edgar D. Whitley called for nominations from the floor, there being none, it was moved by Compatriot Robert C. Emrey, and seconded by Compatriot Donald H. McLaughlin that an unanimous vote be cast for the slate as presented. The motion passed by acclamation.

7. CHRISTMAS PARADE

Our Chapter's full color guard will be in the December 4th Christmas Parade in Lancaster. We will join a flat being provided by the D.A.R. and C.A.R. The theme will be Christmas at Valley Forge. This effort will greatly assist in gaining publicity in the Antelope Valley for our new extension.

8. REPORT ON THE CASSAR MEETING

State President Robert C. Emrey reported to the members what took place at the November 5th and 6th Board of Manager's meeting which was hosted by the South Coast Chapter in Costa Mesa. He reviewed the important business that was handled.

9. "THE SAR WANT'S YOU"

Secretary Donald N. Moran reported that a revised special issue of *The Valley Compatriot* for applicants entitled "The SAR Wants You" has been completed.

10. THE ANNUAL CHAPTER CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

The Christmas Open House, a Chapter tradition, will be hosted by

Don and Linda Moran on Saturday, December 11th, from 2:00 to 5:00 pm

11. THE MONTHLY MEETING QUESTIONNAIRE

Compatriot Donald Norman Moran presented the results of the meeting questionnaire before the membership. It was moved by Compatriot Donald H. McLaughlin and Seconded by Compatriot Richard H. Breithaupt The Chapter change the day, time and place of its meetings to the Second Saturday, at 12:00 noon, starting in January. The location, the Tam O'Shanter Restau-rant in Glendale. The motion carried

12. SAR MAGAZINE INDEX

Compatriot Donald Norman Moran reported that he is working on a 10 year index of the SAR Magazine for Winston C. Williams, Editor of the National Society publication. Compatriot Moran estimates the publication will be fifty pages and recommended that the Chapter volunteer to publish it. It was moved by Compatriot Robert C. Emrey and Seconded by Compatriot Berni K. Campbell that the Chapter undertake the project. The motion carried.

13. ENDORSEMENTS FOR NATIONAL OFFICE

It was moved by Compatriot Donald Norman Moran and Seconded by Audel H. Hicks that the Chapter endorse Thomas J. Bond for Registrar General, William G. Gist for Secretary General and Carl K. Hoffman for Chancellor General. The Motion carried.

PROGRAM

Compatriot James Emerson of the South Coast Chapter presented his program entitled "We're All Cousins." It was enjoyed by all.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER business before the San Fernando Valley Chapter, 1st Vice President LtC Edgar D. Whitley declared the meeting adjourned.

Donald Norman Moran, Secretary



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THE CHAPTER'S CALENDAR

December 11th, 1993
Annual Christmas
Open House
Saturday
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year*

January 15th, 1994
Annual Installation
and Award Meeting
The Tam O'Shanter
Restaurant
2980 Los Felix Dr, Glendale

February 12th, 1994
Monthly Luncheon
Program TBA
The Tam O'Shanter
Restaurant
2980 Los Felix Dr. Glendale

February 20th, 1994
THE
GEORGE WASHINGTON
MEMORIAL SERVICE
First United Methodist
Church
Canoga Park

February 20th, 1994
THE
GEORGE WASHINGTON
COMMEMORATIVE
MASSING OF THE
COLORS
Forest Lawn, Burbank



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