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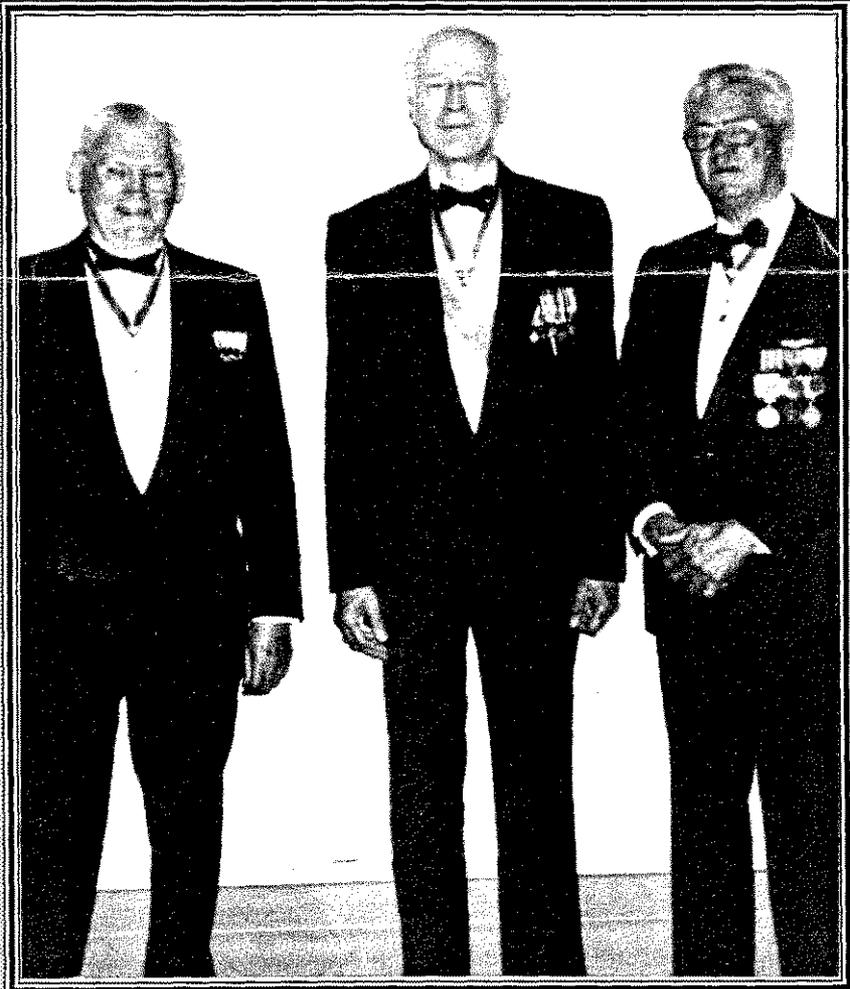
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OUR PRESIDENTS

State President ROBERT EMREY, President General & Dual
Member PAUL WALKER, President DONALD McLAUGHLIN

MEETING NOTICE

24 MAY 1993

The San Fernando Valley Chapter will hold its' monthly meeting at 6:30 P.M. Monday, May 24th, 1993, At the home of Robert and Virginia Emrey - 171 Wonderview Drive, Glendale, Calif.

DINNER "POTLUCK"

Reservations would be very much appreciated. please notify President Donald H. McLaughlin

PROGRAM



"ADVENTURES in GENEALOGY"

Speaker :

CHRISTOPHER T. LOWTHER

All of us S.A.R. members have traced our ancestry to the American Revolutionary war period. Some of us have traced further to our european 'come-overer'. A few of us have looked into our early european roots. But all the way back to King Arthur! Chris Lowther is a truly gifted researcher. He has achieved a level of genealogical expertise few can claim and in both colonial America and England. And to add to his ability as a genealogist, Chris has published two books on the subject.

One of the advantages of on-site research is the acquiring the 'feel for the land' and to be able to envision, first hand, what ones ancestor's lives must have been like. A secondary benefit is the interesting people you meet and the incredibly strange situations you can get yourself into. This is particularly true when off the beaten track in England. Some of these personal experiences can only be described as "Adventures in Genealogy".



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Audel H. Hicks, Sr. -1990
D. F. "Bill" Semerau -1988
Roger E. Robertson -1987
Col. George A. Eckert -1986
George S. Van Dorn -1985
LtC James Bellah, II -1984
Donald N. Moran - 1981-1983



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**COMPATRIOTS
IN THE NEWS**

Compatriot **Robert C. Emrey** was sworn in as the State President of the S.A.R. on April 17th. Com-patriot **Donald H. McLaughlin** was elected Treasurer of the State Society and **Virginia Emrey** was elected President of the Ladies Auxiliary. Compatriot **Roger E. Robertson** commenced his final year as State Trustee of the Permanent Fund.

On May 9th,
Berni and Mary Campbell will be
celebrating their 50th Wedding
Anniversary
Congratulation

At the Annual meeting of the membership of the State Society, on April 17th, 1993 outgoing President, **Arthur L. Ogilvie** awarded Bronze Good Citizenship Medals to **Berni Campbell, William T. Doyle, Donald H. McLaughlin** and **Donald Norman Moran**.

BIRTHDAYS

- Richard W. Marston.....05/08
- Glen S. Robertson.....05/10
- Kenneth M. Burdick.....05/15
- William J. Dunwoody.....05/17
- LtC Robert J. Wiley.....05/18
- Paul L. Kirk.....05/19
- Marvin C. Hutchins.....05/20
- James R. Laughlin.....05/24

ANNIVERSARIES

Berni and Mary Campbell
09 May 1943

Ronald and Meya Abramovitz
19 May 1988

Marvin and Gloria Hutchins
20 May 1972

Walter and Dorothy Walley
16 May 1949

The
San Fernando
Valley Chapter
wins
the
President's
Activities
Contest
**BEST LARGE
CHAPTER**
Category

in 1983 our Chapter
was named
"Best Small Chapter"
then in 1985, 1986, 1988 and 1989
we were named
"Best Mid-Sized Chapter"
Winning the
"Best Large Chapter"
makes our Chapter
the first to win in all
three categories

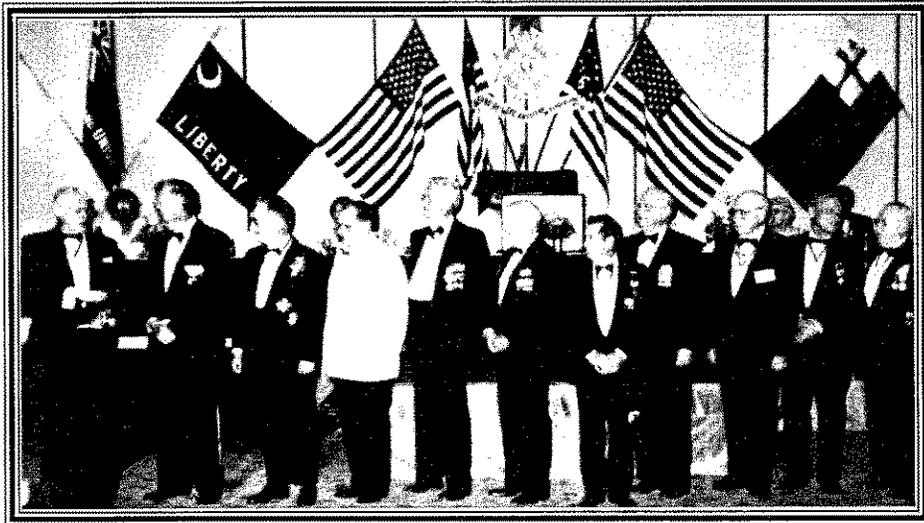
**THE VALLEY COMPATRIOT WINS THE
WILLIAM JACKSON AWARD**

The William Jackson Award is presented annually to the editor of the "most improved newsletter" in the California Society. It was created by **Robert F. Jackson**, Vice President - North, three years ago and is named in honor of his revolutionary war ancestor.





THE 117th ANNUAL MEETING



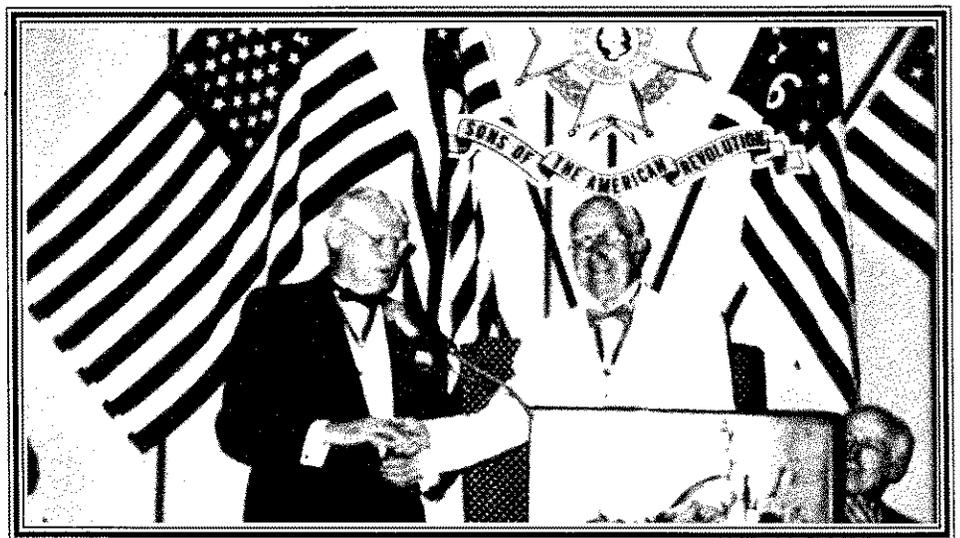
THE SWEARING IN OF THE 1993 CASSAR OFFICERS

l-r: Robert C. Emrey, Sr., Robert von Pegahardt, Ronald D. Risley, Robert F. Jackson, Donald H. McLaughlin, Charles D. Conyers, Sr., Travis E. Spears, Carl H. Lamb, Richard F. Locke, Thomas W. Armour and Dr. Vernon C. Harp

OUR TEAM

Putting on a State Meeting is a massive effort, taxing most Chapters to the maximum. We were no different, but we had a great group of people pitching in and taking on all the necessary jobs. I want to personally thank each of these wonderful people:

Berni and Mary Campbell, (Assisting everywhere), **William T. and Susan Doyle** (Chairman Registrations) **Ken and Pearle Burdick** (Registration), **Col. George A. Eckert**, (Registration), **Roger and Mary Lou Robertson**, (Registrations) **Richard W. Marston** (Re-Registrations), **George Robinson** (Registrations), **LtC Edgar D. and Bonnie Whitley** (Decorations Chairman), **Thomas and Jennifer** (Transportation & set-up **Audel** and **Bettie. Hicks**, (Host Chapter

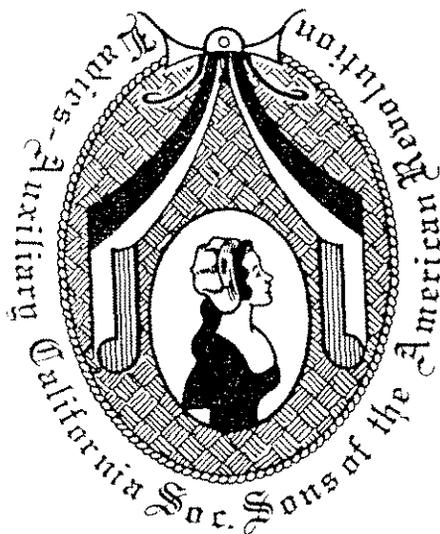


OUTGOING PRESIDENT ARTHUR L. OGILVIE PASSING THE GAVEL OF OFFICE TO INCOMING PRESIDENT ROBERT EMREY

reception), **Linda Moran** (Table Decorations), **Frank Covarrubais** (Color Guard), **Trevor Hibbert** (Color Guard and Soloist) **Robert C. Emrey, Jr.** (Color Guard and

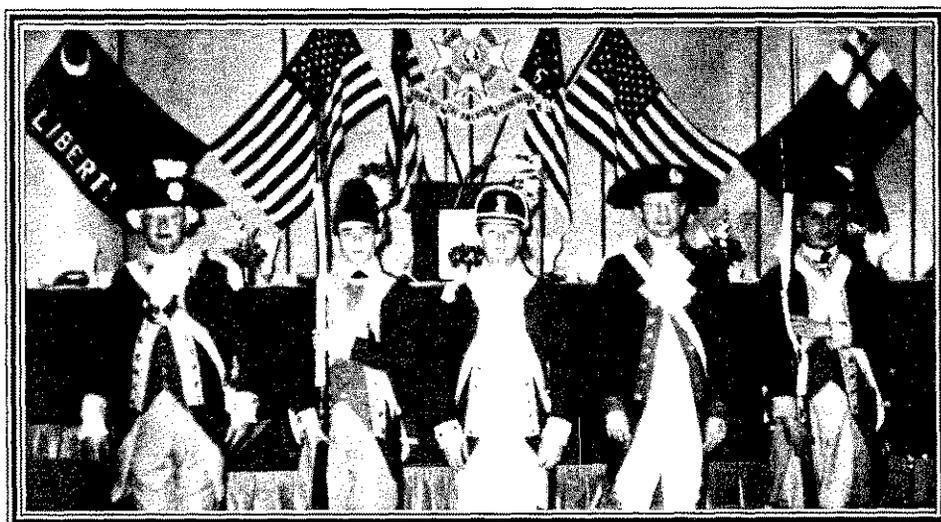
Transportation), **David R. Stielow** (Color Guard), **Donald N. Moran** (Color Guard and Publications), **Dr. Clifford J. Craft**, (Treasurer), **D. F. "Bill" Semerau** (Security), **David S. Burnett** (Registrations)

OF THE CASSAR MEMBERSHIP



1993 LADIES AUXILIARY OFFICERS

l-r: Mrs. Robert F. (Bobbi) Jackson, Mrs. Travis E. (Francie) Spears, Mrs. Ronald D. (Rose Marie) Risley, and President Mrs. Robert C. (Virginia) Emrey



OUR CONTINENTAL COLOR GUARD

l-r Donald Norman Moran, Trevor Hibbert (Soloist), David Stielow, Robert C. Emrey, Jr. and Frank Covarrubais

Stephen Wm. Gregory (General support) George and Mary Van Dorn (General support). A very special thank you for Past President of the Ladies Auxiliary, Claribelle

McLaughlin, who handled any number of details and supervised the Ladies portion of the meeting.

A very special thank you to State Presidents, **Robert "Bob"** and **Virginia Emrey**. They hosted a memorable dinner party at their home for President General **Paul H. Walker** and Treasurer General **Reon Hillegass** and their lovely wives, **Gwynn** and **Jean**, the Senior State Officers, and their wives. They were deeply involved in every aspect of the planning and implementing the State Meeting. We couldn't have do it without them.

As President of the Host Chapter I speak for the entire Chapter when I thank the State officers for all their cooperation and help. And, I would be remiss if I didn't mention the wonderful cooperation we received from the Red Lion Hotel Staff.

Donald Haney McLaughlin
President

**President-General
PAUL H. WALKER MADE HONORARY
CAPTAIN OF OUR COLOR GUARD**

**THE
"GORGET"**



Chapter President Donald H. McLaughlin presenting President General Paul Walker the Gorget.

When President General Paul H. Walker visited California to attend the S.A.R.'s Annual Meeting of the Membership (our Chapter hosted the event) presented him with a unique gift. A "gorget" and a certificate making him an honorary Captain of our Color Guard. President General Walker has been an active participant in the Massachusetts Color Guard for over a decade.

The Gorget was engraved on the inside as follows:

"Presented to
President-General
PAUL H. WALKER
Honorary Captain
of the
San Fernando Valley
Color Guard
April 17th, 1993"

'In days of old, when knights were bold' and plate armor had just been invented, a method had to be found to protect the neck and at the same time allow some mobility. A devise was invented, in France, which connected the helmet to the body armor and permitted the helmet to rotate left and right. The devise was called a "Gorget".

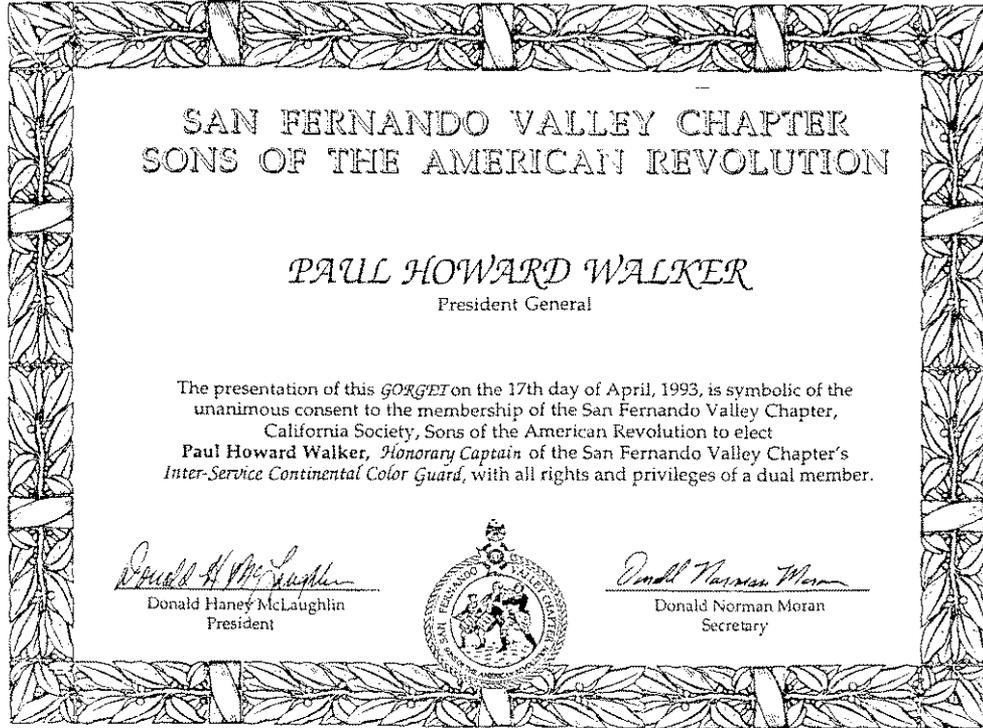


Since only knights (the medieval equivalent to today's officers) wore plate armor, it became symbolic of their position. During the 17th Century armor was reduced to a breast and backplate and helmet, a gorget connecting the three.

Uniforms as we think of them today did not exist in the late 17th Century. An insignia was needed to distinguish the officers from the rank and file. The Gorget was selected. It was reduced in size, and generally was ornate. By the time of the American Revolution, every Officer in the British Army wore a Gorget, usually decorated with the officer's regimental emblem.

The gorget never attained much favor among American Officers, probably because of the lack of materials and the costs associated with such luxuries.

The British discontinued the use of the Gorget in 1831. The German Army continued the general use of the gorget through WWII and today, they still use the gorget, but now it denotes being in one of their elite armor units.



The Certificate presented to President General Paul Walker (reduced 50%)

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MESSAGE OF THE STATE PRESIDENT

ROBERT C. EMREY

In the *Patriot Volunteer*, the newsletter of our State President, which is distributed to the Board of Managers of the California Society, President Robert Emrey published "Targets: 1993-1994". We are taking the liberty of reprinting this article in the Valley Compatriot for your information.

"TARGETS: 1993 - 1994

Elsewhere in this memorable tome you will find a list of appointees to many important positions within our Society. Some are veterans while others are newcomers to State responsibilities - - they all deserve your solid support. You are encouraged to express your thoughts to them, or me, regarding matters, both new and old, which can help expand and improve our Society. The list of appointees is not complete. It will be augmented quickly as new tasks appear or problems arise. In addition to the list as published, every member of the CASSAR is hereby appointed to the membership committee.

Each member should bring a friend or acquaintance to at least three Chapter meetings during the coming year.

Each Chapter should have a membership Advocate and the Advocates should spend whatever time is necessary to "push and shove" the Chapter members into action.

Presidents, your task is to ensure that your meetings are educational, entertaining and worthwhile. Make your group so irresistible that your guests can't wait to sign their applications for membership. Vice-President Howard Lohnes tells me that on average, each of our members has thirty-two living relatives who are eligible for membership. That means there are

more than 38,000 potentials within our families for members !!!

The time for action is **NOW!** If Florida, Virginia, Texas and Georgia can swell their ranks so can we.

I, and the Society's Vice Presidents will be ready to visit the Chapters during the coming year. I believe each Chapter should invite at least one such person from the State Administration. Let me emphasize that no CASSAR officer should visit a Chapter without an invitation.

When you are setting up your meeting programs for the year, don't forget the public school system. Invite a High School Principal to speak to your Chapter and while you have that person in hand, ply him or her with the glories of our oration contest, and point out the S.A.R.'s role in Education, American History and Patriotism. Perhaps you could arrange a Patriotic program at a school assembly.

I shall be reminding you of successes, as well as our problems, in subsequent issues of the *Patriot Volunteer*. I believe this report and the letter I send to you each month with the standings of the Chapter Activities Contest will be adequate to keep you up to speed.

I intend continuing for another year as Referee of the Chapter Activities Contest because it is an easy way for me to keep you abreast of your achievements.

The California Compatriot will be published four times annually. It will be mailed 40 days before and 40 days after both the Spring and Fall State meetings. It will carry news of your Chapters as well as State and National Society news items worthy of note.

We will be heard in Phoenix, We will have a good time in

Phoenix and I urge each of you to attend.

You have elected a splendid panel of Officers and I will have no excuses. This will be a great year.

Robert C. Emrey
State President

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**REPORT
ON THE
VETERANS
BOOK
DRIVE
PROGRAM**

Chairman Berni Campbell reports that during the Month of May, 95 books were delivered to the Wadsworth Veterans Hospital and another 95 books to the Brentwood Hospital.

On page 32 of the SAR Magazine, Editor Win Williams commented: "Over 3,200 paperback books were delivered by the San Fernando Valley Chapter to the Wadsworth and Brentwood Veterans Administration Hospitals. Can any Chapter top that mark?"

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S.A.R. HUMOR

Tensions were still running high because of the Rodney King verdict, at the State Meeting in Glendale. Our Color Guard, in our Continental uniforms, carrying bayonet fixed muskets was proceeding through the lobby to the banquet hall. Two young ladies asked "Who are you guys?" A straight faced answer was given: "Hotel Security, Miss".



"THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER"

By: Billy Rose



There's a graveyard near the White House

Where the unknown Soldier lies
And the flowers there are sprinkled
with the tears from a mother's eyes.

I stood there not so long ago
With roses for the Brave,
And suddenly I heard a voice
Speak from the grave:

"I am the Unknown Soldier,
The spirit voice began:
And I think I have a right
to ask some questions man to man

"Are my buddies taken care of?
Was their victory so sweet?
Is that big reward you offered
selling pencils on the street?

Did they really win the freedom
they battled to achieve?
Do you still respect the Croix de Guerre
Above and empty sleeve?

Does a gold star in the window
Now mean anything at all?
I wonder how my old girl feels
when she hears a bugle call.

And that baby who sang
'Hello Central, Give me no man's land'
can they replace her daddy
with a military band.

I wonder if the profiteers
have satisfied their greed?
I wonder if a soldier's mother
ever is in need?

I wonder if the kings, who planned
it all are really satisfied?
They played their game of
checkers
and eleven million died.

I am the Unknown Soldier
and maybe I died in vain, But if I
were alive and my Country
called
I'd do it all over again."

CHAPTER FINANCIAL REPORTS

Trustee Roger E. Robertson advised that \$252.63 was transferred from the Permanent Fund's earned interest to the ROTC fund for the 1993 medals purchase. The Permanent Fund now has a total of \$ 15,150. The contributors to the fund are:

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Col. George A. Eckert, Jr.
Robert C. Emrey, Sr.
Col. Thomas D. Gillis
Philip Reid Giltmier
Leland B. Hawkins, III
Audel H. Hicks, Sr.
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Mrs. Walter G. Turnell
George Sutherland Van Dorn
Philo Van Wagoner

Walter High Walley
Thomas H. Warden
Robert J. Wiley, Sr.
Augustus di Zerega

REPORT ON THE MEMBERSHIP TASK FORCE

Registrar Berni K. Campbell advised the Chapter that he is working on or has already submitted the papers on twelve men:

Curtis Bates
Jeffery E. Burgess
John C. Craft
William J. Dienz
Matthew B. Grindal
Wallace Leedy
Christopher T. Lowther
L/Cpl. David D. Murray
Joseph Northup
Thomas J. Ponton
George Rodearmel
Dennis Simpson

The following men expressed an have been ontacted:

Gerry Alger
James Aquirre
John Boegehold
Robert Boisvert
Frank Book
Gifford Cast
Jay Morton Clifford
Dr. Leonard O. Condit
Merl Cunningham
Charles E. Fairman
Patrick Flanagan
Thomas Gavigan
Leman M. Herridge
Trevor Hibbert
Vernon W. Hodges
Lloyd Jennings
John N. Landon
Gene C. Lemmon
R. H. "Dick" Nichols
Frederick Olsen
Meade Phillips
Jerry Reynolds
Robin Schmit
Victor Springer
Bill Stewart
Gary Traves
Ray Wyman Welker
Merrill K. Zimmer

BEAT OF THE DRUM

By: Compatriot DONALD ROSS McDOWELL
 Founding Member of the San Fernando Valley Chapter, S.A.R.

Foreword by Judson A. Grenier, Ph.D.
Professor of History, California State University, Dominguez Hills

In 1862, in answer to an increasing need for a strong Union presence in secessionist-prone Southern California, the U. S. Army established a camp at Wilmington, near Banning's Wharf and San Pedro Harbor.

Named "Camp Drum" (later changed to Drum Barracks) in honor of Lt. Col. Richard C. Drum, assistant adjutant general of the Department of the Pacific, its story is now fully told in this new book by historian Don McDowell.

THE BEAT OF THE DRUM delineates the history of the camp from its beginnings as a bustling Civil War post from which troops, matériel and supplies were dispatched to frontier bases all over the Southwest, through abandonment by the military in 1871, conversion of some buildings to a college for a few years, use of the present building as a boarding house through two world wars, and concludes with the saving of the building from

demolition, and restoration to the lovely city museum it is today.

The people, personalities and events of Drum Barracks' colorful 130-year history are told in a highly readable style, supplemented by scores of photographs, maps and illustrations, creating an indispensable story for history buffs of the Civil War and Indian Wars in the Far West.

This first edition is issued in limited, numbered and signed hardcover with dust jacket, and in trade softcover. 6 by 9 inches, with over 200 pages on quality gloss stock, bibliography, and index.

Library of Congress Catalog Card Number 92-75536.

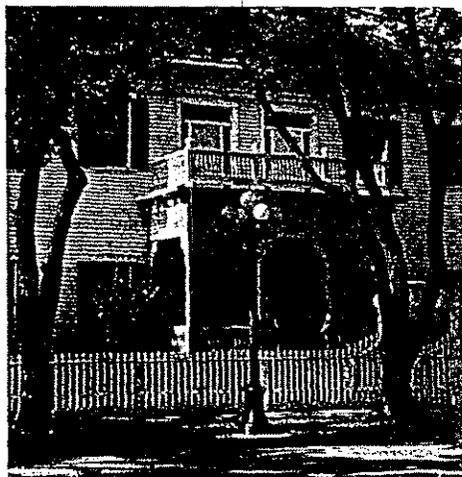
ISBN 1-882824-02-4 (hardcover)

1-882824-03-2 (softcover). Available Spring, 1993.

DRUM BARRACKS CIVIL WAR MUSEUM

1052 Banning Boulevard, Wilmington, CA 90744
 310-548-7509 Marge O'Brien, Director

Book dealers inquire for discount price list.



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Please reserve _____ copies of the hardcover Collector's Edition of **THE BEAT OF THE DRUM**, numbered and signed by the author, at the special price of \$24.95 each \$ _____

Please reserve _____ copies of the softcover Standard Edition of **THE BEAT OF THE DRUM**, at \$16.95 ea. \$ _____

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THE CHAPTER'S CALENDAR

<p style="text-align: center;">May 1st and 2nd, 1993</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Southern California Genealogical Society 24th Annual Genealogical Jamboree</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">May 24th, 1993</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monthly Dinner Meeting At the home of Bob and Virginia Emrey See Page 42 Speaker CHRISTOPHER T. LOWTHER</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">June 12th - 16th</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The 103rd Annual National S.A.R. Congress Pheonix, Arizona</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">June 28th, 1993</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monthly Dinner Meeting At Genio's Restaurant 1420 Olive (at Verdugo) Buirbank Speaker YVONNE S. FILES</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">July 4th, 1993</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">FLY THE FLAG</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">IMPORTANT NOTICE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Chapter will not Meet During July and August</p>



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