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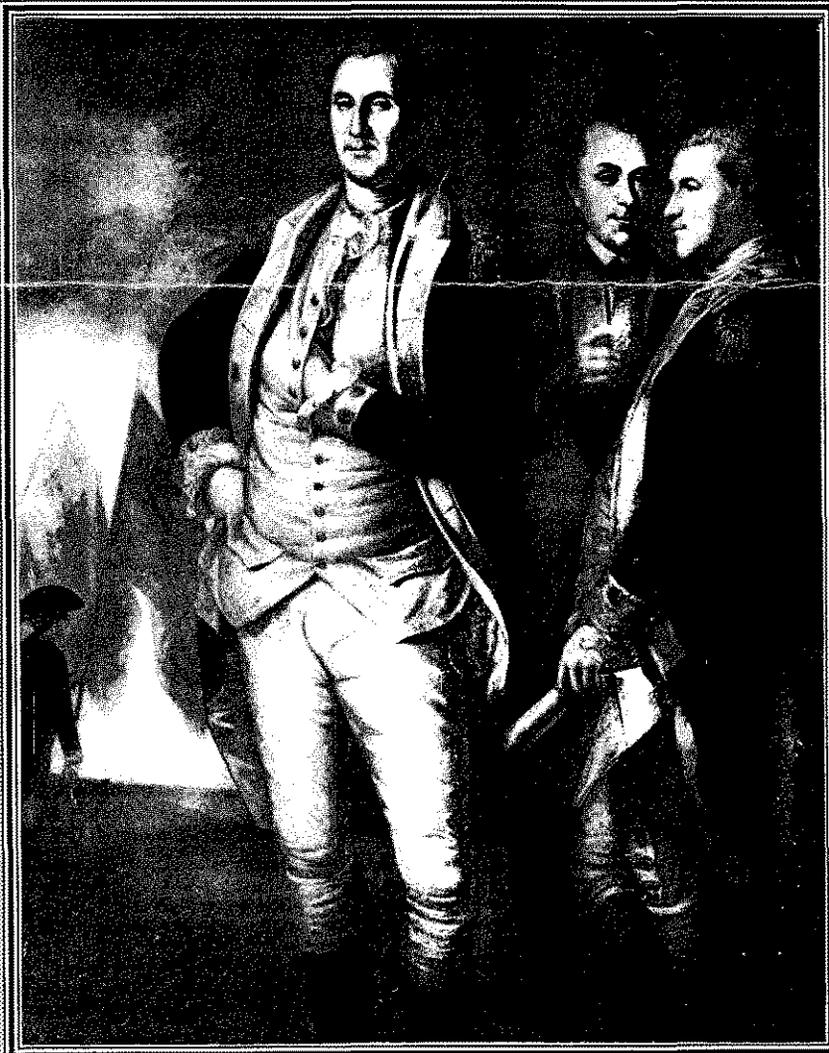
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GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON
AT YORKTOWN



1993

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SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER MEETING NOTICE

25 October 1993

The San Fernando Valley Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution will hold its monthly dinner meeting on October 25th. All members, applicants and guests are cordially invited.



Location:

GENIO'S RESTAURANT
1420 West Olive Avenue
At Verdugo Road
in Burbank, California

Time:
6:30 p.m.

\$15.50
per person

PROGRAM

THE HISTORY OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF WATER IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Speaker

GERALD G. REYNOLDS

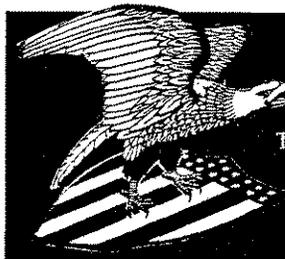
Our speaker, Gerry Reynolds will be addressing the Chapter on a subject we all share and interest in - WATER. We have built one of the largest cities in the world in a desert. The need to keep it supplied with ample clean, fresh water is of vital interest.

Jerry will provide us with the historical background necessary to fully understand our system of acquiring, treating, processing and distributing our water/ We will hear how it's done.



THE VALLEY COMPATRIOT

The Valley Compatriot is the official newsletter of the San Fernando Valley Chapter, S.A.R. The opinions expressed herein are those of the authors and not necessarily the opinions of the National, State.



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WELCOME NEW COMPATRIOT

Compatriot
WILLIAM LEE WOOD
NSSAR # 141227 CASSAR # 6118

Ancestor:
Private Michael Reasor
Served as a fifer in Captain
Gilkason's Company of Col.
Kennedy's Virginia Regiment and
later as a Private in Captain Frost's
Company of Virginia Militia.

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SUPPLEMENTALS

Two of our Compatriots have been awarded supplemental certificate for having proven their descent from Revolutionary War veterans. This program is very important to future generations as it documents additional veterans of the American Revolution. If you have ancestors that served the cause of American Independence submit a supplemental application.

Compatriot
William T. Doyle

Ancestors

Private JOHN HENRY SIMLER
Served under Captain Bart's 1st Troop of Light Dragoons, Colonel Armand's Legion. He was recruited by the Marquis Lafayette in Paris.

Private ADAM RAMBERGER
Served as a Associator of Leacock Township, Lancaster County, Penn.

Private MARTIN FUNK
Served in Ensign William Henry's Company, 4th Battalion, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania Militia.

Compatriot
Robert Sterling Moore

Ancestor

Private NATHANIEL SAWYER
Served in Massachusetts's Militia

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THE S.A.R.'S YOUTH REGISTRATION

Compatriot William T. Doyle has registered his five nephews in the program. They are:

- BRAD EAMIGH**
- JOHN R. KOPTCHAK**
- THOMAS J. KOPTCHAK**
- KEARY M. RAUCH**
- SAMUEL T. RAUCH**

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COMPATRIOTS IN THE NEWS

We are pleased to report that President **Donald McLaughlin** is recovering nicely from his heart attack. He and **Clarabelle** are planning to attend the State Board of Manager's Meeting in November.

Compatriot **Robert** and Virginia **Emrey** attended the National Trustee's Meeting in Louisville, and are now back in Glendale.

Compatriot **Robert S. Moore** was married on August 14th to Miss **Maria C. Saldana**. Congratulations! Former President **Audel H. Hicks** recently discovered that his Revolutionary War ancestor, **Roger Tandy**, died at Valley Forge. If that is not unusual enough, he was serving with his son-in-law, **Thomas Burris** at the time! The service of **Roger Tandy** was used by Del to gain

admission into the Society of the Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge.

BIRTHDAYS

- Jerry A. Baker** 10/05
- Robert S. Moore** 10/07
- Norman P. Moran** 10/10
- Robert C. Emrey, Jr.** 10/14
- George B. Robinson** 10/24
- James A. McKelley** 10/25

ANNIVERSARIES

- Thomas and Kimberly Whitley**
03 October 1971
- Roger and Mary Lou Robertson**
23 October 1955
- George and Barbara Noonan**
25 October 1958
- Bruce and Betty Jagger**
27 October 1962

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CHAPTER STATISTICS

Our Chapter has 59 regular members. A break down of our ages is very interesting.

- Aged 20 to 29 3
- Aged 30 to 39 5
- Aged 40 to 49 10
- Aged 50 to 59 10
- Aged 60 to 69 11
- Aged 70 to 79 16
- Aged 80 to 89 4



Clifford J. Craft presenting his son John with is Membership certificate





CHAPTER 1994 OFFICERS

At our November 29th meeting we will be electing our 1994 Officers. It is extremely important to the well being of the Chapter that we have a full slate of officers willing and able to serve. Any member that is would like to run for office is encouraged to contact our Secretary.

Again, we can not understate the need for capable men to stand up and be counted!



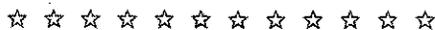
THE RIDGECREST EXTENSION

On September 10th our Secretary met with a group of men and women in Ridgecrest, California - 170 miles north east of Los Angeles and established the Ridgecrest Extension of the San Fernando Valley Chapter. Five eligible men expressed a definite desire to join and several others stated they were interest.

The extension's chairman is R. H. "Dick" Nichols who will coordinate the activities.

The first activity will be manning a recruiting table at a forth coming Genealogical Seminar being held this month.

The concept of forming Branches which we are now calling "Extensions" will greatly assist the establishment of new chapters and at the same time eliminate many of the negatives faced by those trying to set up the new chapter.



REPORT ON THE MEMBERSHIP TASK FORCE

Registrar Berni K. Campbell advised the Chapter that President McLaughlin's Task force on membership is paying big dividends. In addition to seven new members since the April State meeting, we have added a score of new names to those contacted. He further explained

that he is working on the papers of the following ten (10) men, or has already forwarded their papers to State and National.

- Curtis Bates (N)
- Jeffery E. Burgess
- William J. Dienz
- Floyd H. Lawrence (L)
- Christopher T. Lowther
- L/Cpl. David D. Murray (L)
- Joseph Northup
- Dennis Simpson (N)
- Stephen B. Smith
- James Stubblefield

(L) = Lancaster Extension
(N) = Newhall Extension
(R) = Ridgecrest Extension.

The following forty-two men expressed an have been contacted: We have listed these men in alphabetical order by either the Chapter or the "Extension" nearest their home.

THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER

- James Aguirre
- John Boegehold
- Frank Book
- Gifford Cast
- Jay Morton Clifford
- Dr. Leonard O. Condit
- Merl Cunningham
- Charles E. Fairman
- Timothy Pat Frederick
- Thomas Gavigan
- Leman M. Herridge
- John E. Janeway
- Lloyd Jennings
- Rodney Lighthipe
- Frederick Olsen
- Jerry Reynolds
- Chris Rumbaugh
- Eric Schmidt
- Victor Springer
- Bill Stewart
- Ray Wyman Welker
- Merrill K. Zimmer

Capt. JOSEPH LANCASTER EXTENSION

- Roland B. Clark, Jr.
- Trevor Hibbert
- Vernon W. Hodges

- John N. Landon
- Gene C. Lemon
- Robert Montgomery
- Meade Phillips

Lt. Col. EZRA NEWHALL EXTENSION

- Judge George Crawford
- Col. David A. Hilliard
- William Hutten
- Andy Lamprey
- Jeff Marlke
- Paul Traves
- Todd Weneick

RIDGECREST EXTENSION

- Gerry E. Alger
- Robert Boisvert
- Scott Muhn
- R. H. "Dick" Nichols
- Michael Pierce
- Michael Richards



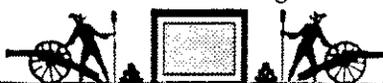
OUR CHAPTER'S VETERAN'S BOOK DRIVE PROGRAM

Compatriots Edgar D. Whitley and Berni K. Campbell reported that they have delivered SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY (750) books evenly divided between the Sepulveda, Brentwood and Sawtelle Veterans Hospitals during September. Additionally, we are proud to announce that we will be adding a forth hospital to the program - The La Jolla Veteran's Hospital.



S.A.R. HUMOR

One of our Compatriot's had taught his children to use the dictionary to look up words they didn't understand. One afternoon his ten year old asked him. "Why doesn't this word have a definition - - - all it says is 'Cannot be explained?'" He wondered about it as well and looked up the word *Inexplicable*.



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REPORT OF THE TREASURER

January 1st to August 31, 1993

CHAPTER'S REVENUES

<u>Description</u>	<u>Year-to- June 18</u>	<u>Current Period</u>	<u>Year-to- Aug. 31</u>
1992 Balance	\$383.08	\$0.00	\$383.08
Chapter Dues:	2,335.00	150.00	2,485.00
Contributions:			
Color Guard:	140.00	0.00	140.00
General:	1,227.00	0.00	1,227.00
Permanent Fund:	302.63	0.00	302.63
Computer Systems:	5,714.31	0.00	5,714.31
Publications:	77.56	0.00	77.56
Dinner Revenues:	1,239.50	474.42	1,713.92
Interest:	10.55	1.39	11.94
Other Revenue:	<u>515.66</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>515.66</u>
Totals:	\$11,945.29	\$625.81	\$12,571.10

CHAPTER'S EXPENSES

Bank Fees:	\$114.47	\$18.00	\$132.47
Computer Systems:	5,714.31	0.00	5,714.31
Dinner Expenses:	1,303.53	466.19	1,769.72
Medals and Awards:	226.50	0.00	226.50
NSSAR/CSSAR Dues:	1,980.00	210.00	2,190.00
Office Supplies:	110.41	0.00	110.41
Postage:	262.59	0.00	262.59
Printing:			
Miscellaneous:	73.10	0.00	73.10
Valley Compatriot:	749.63	152.33	901.96
To the Permanent Fund:	302.63	0.00	302.63
Other Expenses:	<u>432.10</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>432.10</u>
Totals:	\$11,269.27	\$846.52	\$12,115.79

Total Chapter Revenues:	\$12,571.10
Total Chapter Expenses:	<u>12,115.79</u>
Funds Available:	\$455.31

Respectfully submitted
 Dr. Clifford J. Craft, III
 Treasurer
 31 August 1993

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THE PERMANENT FUND

The National Society, S.A.R. changed its procedures regarding the purchase of R.O.T.C. medals. All order must be submitted on or before October 1st. This will enable National to furnish the medals long before they are actually needed. In the past the medals usually arrived barely in time for the presentations. To accomplish this purchase funds were withdrawn from the Walter G. Turnell Memorial ROTC Fund and supplemented with \$100.00 from the permanent fund.

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
- 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
- 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
- Robert J. Wiley, Sr.
- Augustus di Zerega

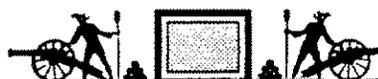
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WALTER G. TURNELL R.O.T.C. FUND

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 tax exemption number 95-3685784





EYE WITNESS ACCOUNT AT YORKTOWN SARAH OSBORN BENJAMIN

It has been two-hundred and twelve years since the victory at Yorktown. The details of the battle are well known to all our readers, however, the following eyewitness account taken from the pension record of Sarah Osborn Benjamin.

She was an acute observer. In 1837, at age eighty-one, her memory was remarkable; most of the details that can be verified are accurate.

She was a extraordinary women. She served in her husbands Company for three years, cooking and sewing for the soldiers.

Her account of the surrender at Yorktown is as fine an eyewitness account as we have.

Unfortunately, space limitations in the Valley Compatriot preclude our reprinting her entire story as relayed to the Court of Common Pleas in Wayne County, Pennsylvania on November 12th, 1837. A brief recap tells us that she was married firstly to Aaron Osborn who served as a Drummer, and later a Private in Captain James Gregg's 6th Company, in Colonel Goose Van Schaick's 2nd Regiment New York Continental Line. After the War she remarried John Benjamin, also a veteran of the Revolution. Her application was approved and she received a double pension, for both her husbands, Osborn and Benjamin and she deserved every penny of it.

"When the Army were about to leave West Point and go south, they crossed over the river to Robinson's Farms and remained there for a length of time to induce the belief, as deponent understood, that they were going to take up quarters there, whereas they recrossed the river in the nighttime into the Jerseys and traveled all night in a direct course for Philadelphia. Deponent was part of the time on horseback and part of the time in a wagon. Deponent's said husband was still serving as one of the commissary guard.



SARAH OSBORN BENJAMIN

1745 - 1854 -- At age 109

In their march for Philadelphia, they were under command of Generals Washington and Clinton, Colonel Van Schaick, Captain Gregg, Captain Parsons, Lieutenant [Joseph] Forman, Sergeant Lamberson, [there was a Sgt. Simon Lamberton with the 2nd Regiment] Ensign [Alexander] Clinton, one of the general's sons. They continued their march to Philadelphia, deponent on horseback through the streets, and arrived at a place toward the Schuylkill where the British had burnt some houses., where they encamped for the afternoon and night. Being out of bread, deponent was employed in baking the afternoon and evening. Deponent recollects no females but Sergeant Lamberson's and Lieutenant Forman's wives and a colored woman be the name of Letta. The Quaker ladies who came round urged deponent to stay, but her said husband said, "No, he could not leave her behind." Accordingly, next day they continued their march from day to day till they arrived at Baltimore, where deponent and her

said husband and the forces under command of General Clinton, Captain Gregg, and several other officers, all of whom she does not recollect, embarked on board a vessel and said down the Chesapeake. There were several vessels along, and deponent was in the foremost. General Washington was not in the vessel with deponent, and she does not know where he was till he arrived at Yorktown, where she again saw him. He might have embarked at another place, but deponent is confident she embarked at Baltimore and that General Clinton was in the same vessel with her. Some of the troops went down by land. They continued sail until they had got up the St. James River as far as the tide would carry them, about twelve miles from the mouth, and then landed, and the tide being spent, they had a fine time catching sea lobsters, which they ate.

They, however, marched immediately for a place called Williamsburg, as she thinks, deponent alternately on horseback and on foot. There arrived, they remained two days till the army all came in by land and then marched for Yorktown, or Little York as it was then called. The [New] York troops were posted at the right, the Connecticut troops next, and the French to the left. In about one day or less than a day, they reached the place of encampment about one mile from Yorktown. Deponent was on foot and the other females above named and her husband still on the commissary's guard. Deponent's attention was arrested by the appearance of a large plain between them and Yorktown and an entrenchment thrown up. She also saw a number of dead Negroes lying round their encampment, whom she understood the British had driven out of town and left starve, or were first starved and then thrown out. Deponent took her stand just back of the American





tents, say about a mile from the town, and busied herself washing, mending, and cooking for the soldiers, in which she was assisted by the other females; some men washed their own clothing. She heard the roar of the artillery for a number of days, and the last night the Americans threw up entrenchments, it was a misty, foggy night, rather wet but not rainy. Every soldier threw up for himself, as she understood, and she afterwards saw and went into the entrenchments. Deponent's said husband was there throwing up entrenchments, and deponent cooked and carried in beef, and bread, and coffee (in a gallon pot) to the soldiers in the entrenchments.

On one occasion when deponent was thus employed carrying in provisions, she met General Washington, who asked her if she "was not afraid of the cannonballs?" She relied, "No, the bullets would not cheat the gallows." that "It would not do for the men to fight and starve too."

They dug entrenchments nearer and nearer to Yorktown every night or two till the last. While digging that, the enemy fired very heavy till about nine o'clock next morning, then stopped, and the drums from the enemy beat excessively. Deponent was a little way off in Colonel Van Schiack's or the other officer's marquee and a number of officers were present, among whom was Captain Gregg, who, on account of infirmities, did not go out much to do duty.

The drums continued beating, and all at once the officers hurrahed and swung their hats, and deponent asked them, "what is the matter now?"

One of them replied, "The British have surrendered."

Deponent, having provisions ready, carried the same down to the entrenchments that morning, and four of the soldiers whom she was in the habit of cooking for are their breakfasts.

Deponent stood on one side of the

road and the American officers upon the other side when the British Officers came out of the town and rode up to the American Officers and delivered up their swords, which the deponent thinks were returned again, and the British officers rode right on before the army, who marched out beating and playing a melancholy tune, their drums covered with black handkerchiefs



"CAMP FOLLOWERS' PREPARING A MEAL FOR THE SOLDIERS"

and their fifes with black ribbon tied around them, into an old field and there grounded their arms and then returned into the town again to await their destiny. Deponent recollects seeing a great many American Officers, some on horseback, and some on foot, but cannot call them all by name. Washington, Lafayette, and Clinton were among the number. The British general [General Charles O'Hara] at the head of the army was a large, portly man, full face, and the tears rolled down his cheeks as he passed along. She does not recollect his name, but it was not Cornwallis. She saw the latter afterwards and noticed his being a man of diminutive appearance and having crossed eyes.

On going into town, she noticed two dead Negroes lying by the market house. She had the curiosity to go into a large building that stood nearby, and there she noticed the cupboards smashed to pieces and china dishes and other ware strewed around upon the floor, and among the rest a pewter cover to a hot basin that had a handle on it. She picked it up, supposing it to belong to the British, but the governor [Thomas Nelson] came in and claimed it as his, but said he would have the name of giving it away as it was the last one out of twelve that he could see, and accordingly presented it to deponent, and afterwards brought it home with her to Orange County and sold it for old pewter, which she has a hundred times regretted.

After two or three days, deponent and her husband, Captain Gregg, and others who were sick or complaining embarked on board a vessel from Yorktown, not the same they came down in, and set sail up the Chesapeake Bay and continued to the Head of [the] Elk, where they landed. The main body of the army remained behind but came on soon afterwards....."

She returned to West Point and later New Windsor and stayed until February 20th, 1783 when the army was disbanded. Her husband Aaron left her at New Windsor and she never saw him again. He married a girl by the name of Polly Sloat. She confirmed the remarriage of her husband and not being willing to contest it she returned to her home in Blooming Grove, Orange County, New York, where she married John Benjamin.

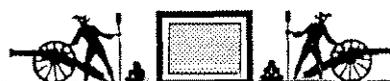
Biography:

Art Collection - Newberry Library

American Phrenological Journal
November 1854 pages 101-102

Revolutionary War Pension
Applications - National Archives.

Camden, S.C. Historic Society





THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 27TH MEETING

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

1. MEETING MINUTES APPROVED

It was moved by Compatriot Berni K. Campbell and Seconded by Compatriot Audel H. Hicks that the minutes of the 28 June 1993 meeting be approved as submitted.

2. REPORT of the TREASURER

Treasurer, Dr. Clifford J. Craft, III, reported that all bills have been paid and that the balance in our Checking account is \$455.31. A full report will appear in the Valley Compatriot.

3. MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Compatriot Berni K. Campbell reported that we have had one approval: Compatriot William Wood. Compatriot David Stielow has submitted two (2) more Supplementals. The applications of three (3) applicants have been submitted and he is working on several more.

4. VETERAN'S BOOK DRIVE

Compatriot Berni K. Campbell reported that LtC Edgar D. Whitley delivered 250 paper back books to each of the following Veteran's hospitals. Brentwood, Sawtelle and Sepulveda. Additionally, the Committee is going to start supplying books to La Jolla Veteran's Hospital as soon as arrangements can be made.

5. REPORT on the ROTC PROGRAM

Compatriot Edgar D. Whitley reported that the years activities were complete and the Chapter presented a total of twenty-three (23) R.O.T.C. Medals.

Compatriot Audel H. Hicks advised the Chapter that the 1993 R.O.T.C. program was the best one we have ever had and that credit is due to Chairman LtC Edgar D. Whitley for his efforts.

The membership seconded the report with a round of well deserved



applause of appreciation.

LtC Whitley advised that the National Society, S.A.R. has taken steps to correct the one of the major problems we have had - the available supply of medals. All orders for 1994 medals must be submitted before 01 October 1993. In the past National waited until January or February to order the medals, hence we had a problem in getting the medals before the presentations started.

7. TRANSFER OF INTEREST

It was moved by Compatriot Audel H. Hicks and Seconded by Compatriot Donald Norman Moran that the sum of \$145.00 be withdrawn from the available interest of the Walter G. Turnell Memorial R.O.T.C. fund, and \$100.00 be withdrawn from the Chapter's Permanent Fund for the purpose of purchasing the 1994 R.O.T.C. Medals, Certificates and Presentation folders. THE MOTION CARRIED.

8. THE RIDGECREST EXTENSION

Secretary Donald Moran and his Wife Linda attended the inaugural meeting of the Ridgcrest Extension. Applicant R. H. "Dick" Nichols agreed to serve as Chairman of the Extension. Several man were present who are eligible and are excited over the prospects of having their own Chapter.

Additionally, the Extension will be handling out recruiting material

at a forthcoming genealogical seminar being held in October.

9. CHRISTMAS PARADE

Our Chapter's full color guard will be leading the December 4th (a Saturday) Christmas Parade in Lancaster. We will be joined by a forty foot float being provided by the D.A.R. and C.A.R. The theme will be Christmas at Valley Forge.

10. ANNUAL CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE - DECEMBER 11th

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 p.m. Details will be published in the next issue of the Valley Compatriot.

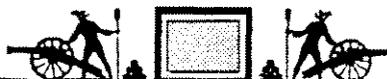
OUR PROGRAM

For the past twenty years our guest speaker, James Bruce Joseph Sievers, has spoken to more than 5,000 groups all across America. He has been invited to the White House to do his program for the President's Ford, Carter, Reagan and Bush. President Reagan awarded him the George Washington Medal of Honor for his presentation *An American in Love with his Country*. He has been featured in People Magazine, the Washington Post, the Los Angeles Times, the Los Angeles Herald Examiner and more than 150 other publications across the United States.

He has published five books and has just completed a screenplay. During the Viet Nam War he served as a Green Beret. All this he has accomplished by his unabashed advocacy of a single theme: The joy of being an American.

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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When our Chapter was established in 1981, it was decided that **all** our meetings would be open to our general membership. It was decided that we would hold dinner meetings on a monthly basis.

Investigating various alternatives for dining facilities we learned that restaurants have a sliding scale of room charges or guarantees, based on which day of the week you choose to hold your meeting. Monday evening offered the lowest minimums, Friday and Saturday evenings the highest. Hence, we started holding our meetings on that evening, and after twelve years still do.

Unfortunately, those minimums have been increasing at an alarming rate along with the cost per meal. In spite of our continuing to increase the dinner charges, the Chapter suffers a loss when we fail to meet the minimum, which is happening all too often.

Analyzing the various reasons for diminished attendance, we discovered it isn't the programs nor the meeting format. That leaves the following possibilities: The cost, the meeting night or the meeting hour and the meeting location. A fourth factor, which is unpleasant to address is the concern we all now have for our personal safety. Any or all of these factors could be effecting our meeting attendance.

In keeping with the long standing tradition of our Chapter, the officers have decided to put the matter before the Chapter's membership.

To the right we have prepared a questionnaire which we would appreciate your completing and returning to our Secretary.

The results of this survey will be published in the next issue of the Valley Compatriot.

If changes are indicated, they will be considered and acted upon at the November 29th meeting.

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November 29th, 1993

Monthly Dinner Meeting

At Genio's Restaurant

1420 Olive at Verdugo

Speaker

JAMES EMERSON

*Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year*

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