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* THE FIRST CABINET: ALEXANDER HAMILTON SECRETARY OF
 * THE TREASURY; HENRY KNOX SECRETARY OF WAR, EDMUND
 * RANDOLPH, ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THOMAS JEFFERSON
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MEETING NOTICE

MONDAY AUGUST 29TH, 1988

At 6:30 P.M. on Monday, August 29th, 1988 the monthly dinner meeting of the San Fernando Valley Chapter, S.A.R. will be held at LEON'S STEAK HOUSE, 10945 Victory Blvd. North Hollywood, Ca. (Corner of Victory and Vineland.)

Applicants, the ladies and guests are most welcome. Please notify the Secretary if you plan on attending. We need to advise the restaurant of the number to expect.

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OUR VETERAN'S BOOK DRIVE

The Chairman of our Veteran's Book Drive Committee, Berni K. Campbell reported that the collection of paperbacks continues at a high rate and the program has again been expanded by the inclusion of the Brentwood Veteran's Hospital in Los Angeles. Berni delivered 400 books to them this month. We are now delivering books to the following facilities:

- SEPULVEDA VETERAN'S HOSPITAL
- SAWTELLE VETERAN'S HOSPITAL
- BRENTWOOD VETERAN'S HOSPITAL
- U.S.O. AT THE LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

All of these facilities need our support. Please bring your paperback books to the next meeting. Large donations will be pick-up by Chapter members upon request.

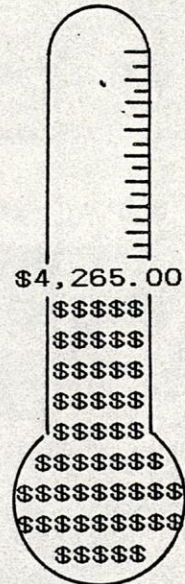
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OUR CHAPTER'S PERMANENT FUND

THE DONORS

THE FUND

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 Fr. John Bartke
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Contributions to the Chapter's Permanent fund are Tax Deductible and an excellent way to assist the Chapter in continuing its many valuable and patriotic programs. The interest earned on the permanent fund in 1987 was equivalent to twenty (20) members, without the usual membership related expenses. Please consider making a contribution to this fund and help assure that our Chapter continues the goals of the S.A.R.

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1889 - 1989
 A CENTURY OF COMMITMENT



TO OUR NATION'S HERITAGE

COMPATRIOTS
IN THE NEWS

Compatriot Donald Norman Moran and wife Linda are the proud grandparents of their first grandchild - an S.A.R. - Spencer Camdon Wilde born 13 July 1988, 10 lbs. 3 oz.



Photo courtesy of Col. R. F. Locke

Newly elected National Vice President - General Donald Norman Moran and wife Linda in the procession of General Officers at the wednesday evening banquet held at the 98th National Congress in Washington, D. C.

BIRTHDAYS

CHARLES BARNARD - - - - - 08/08
BERNI K. CAMPBELL - - - - - 08/09
RICHARD KAMMERER - - - - - 08/23

ANNIVERSARY

WALT & GLENN TURNELL - 08/17/57
JOHN & EDYTHE BARTKE - - 08/28/77
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SUPPLEMENTAL
ANCESTORS

As you all know, many of the records pertaining to the Revolutionary War were lost when the British burned Washington, 'D.C. As a result the service records of many veterans no longer exist denying them the status they deserve. To overcome that problem and to identify as many of our Revolutionary War ancestors as possible, the S.A.R. as a "SUPPLEMENTAL ANCESTOR" which documents their service. The method of securing a Supplemental ancestor is much the same as attaining membership in the S.A.R., but far less expensive. For each ancestor thusly 'approved', a certificate is issued, and you may wear a small gold star for each supplemental on your membership emblem ribbon.

More importantly, you are establishing a genealogical link to the Revolution. That record, may be the only proof of service future generations can find.

Compatriot Audel H. Hicks, has received three such certificates:

JAMES SWANGO

Service: 1st Continental Light Dragoons "Light Horse Harry Lee's" Regiment.

THOMAS BURRIS

Service: With Washington in the French and Indian wars, later served in 3rd Virginia Regiment of the Continental Line.

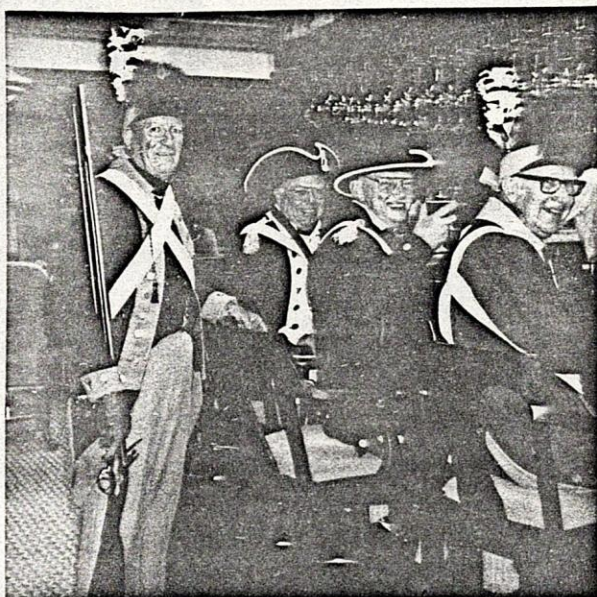
REVEREND JAMES T. QUISENBERRY

Service; 5th Virginia Regiment of the Continental Line

The National awards were presented by President-General Nolan W. Carson. Two Californians, Col. Richard F. Locke, Jr and John R. Morgan received the new "Liberty Medal" for recruiting ten new members each. The much coveted President-General Activity Award went to Arkansas for a tremendous program.

This newsletter, The Valley Compatriot was awarded the "Carl F. Bessent" Plaque for being the Best Chapter Newsletter.

We were also recognized for our suggestion of having folders made to place the certificates which accompany our awards. The suggestion was acted on and the new folders were used for the first time at the 98th Congress.



The California Color Guard "bellying up" to the bar for a much needed "cold one".

The National Society
of the
Sons of the American Revolution



THE CARL F. BESSENT AWARD
1987-88

VALLEY COMPATRIOT
DONALD N. MORAN, EDITOR
SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER



4 July 1988

Nolan W. Carson
President General

THE SEARCH FOR
THE REMAINS
OF
ADMIRAL
JOHN PAUL JONES



By: Donald Norman Moran

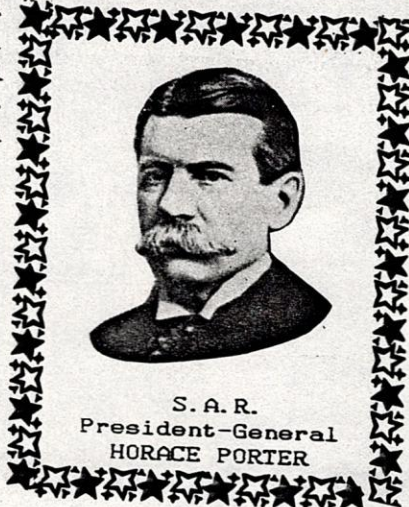
Jpon John Paul Jones's return from Russia in May of 1792 he found his health gravely impaired by his long journey from Saint Petersburg. He took an apartment at number 52 rue de Tournon, not far from the Palais de Luxembourg.

During the afternoon of July 18th, 1792, Gouverneur Morris, the American Minister to France received a message that his friend Jones was dying. He immediately left for Jones's apartment picking up two public notaries along the way. They found Jones "sitting in an easy chair, sick of body but of sound mind, memory, judgement and understanding." At Morris's insistence, the great naval hero dictated his last will and testament. He left all of his property to his two sisters, Mrs. Janet Taylor and Mary Ann Lowden. After seeing Jones, Morris decided to keep an important engagement and left after the will had been signed and notarized. It is obvious that he was concerned for the ailing Jones, because he left the dinner at about 8:00 P.M. and picked up Dr. Vicq d'Azyr a noted physician of the famed Academie Francaise and then returned to his friend's apartment. He was too late, John Paul Jones was already dead.

Colonel Samuel Blackden, who, except for a lone servant was the last to see John Paul Jones alive reported that he had left Jones sitting in the easy chair after the will had been finalized. Jones apparently went to his bedroom, laid face down on the bed, with his feet still on the floor and expired.

Minister Morris instructed Jones's landlord, a Monsieur D'Arbergue, that Jones was to be buried as inexpensively as possible. Morris feared that the expenses of an elaborate funeral would fall on himself. Fortunately, Col. Blackden and district Commissaire Pierre-Francois Simonneau undertook the responsibility of seeing that the Naval hero received a funeral befitting status.

Commissaire Simonneau had the body preserved in alcohol, placed in a lead coffin and prepared for transport to the United States. For reasons unknown today, he did this at his own expense. The funeral was held two days after the Admiral's death, on July 20th, 1792. The funeral procession started on rue de Tournon and in solemn fashion proceeded across Paris. Leading the procession was a company of French grenadiers followed by their regimental drummers, beating the death



S. A. R.
President-General
HORACE PORTER

cadence. Immediately behind them came the hearse bearing the mortal remains of Jones. Next were the carriages of the Committee of the Assemblée Legislative. Colonel Blackden, Major J.C. Mountflorencia, attache at the American legation, Thomas Waters Griffith and a few other Americans followed. Next came the Admiral's valet and femme de chambre plus a score of Parisians that nodoubt knew Jones. It is also said that a few sailors that served under him were in the party.

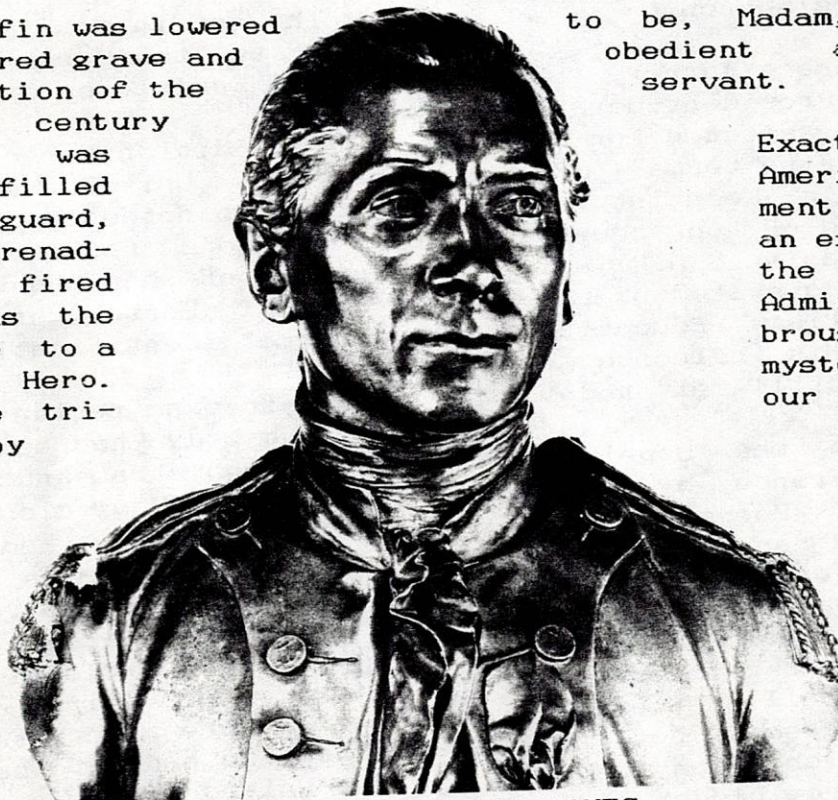
After passing thru the impressive Porte St.-Martin, Louis XIV's monumental entrance to Paris, the funeral party entered a little cemetery set aside for foreign Protestants. The Reverend Paul-Henri Marron, a Protestant cleryman, appointed by the by Assemblée Legislative to preform the graveside service gave the eulogy.

The coffin was lowered in the prepared grave and in the tradition of the eighteenth century the grave was immediately filled. The honor guard, the French grenadiers, then fired a volley as the final salute to a great Naval Hero. Thus was the tribute paid by France and a handful of loyal Americans. Colonel S. Blackden wrote Mrs. Janette Taylor, of Dumfries, Scotland,

the eldest sister of Admiral John Paul Jones, in response to her letter of August 3rd. She had received a letter from M. Beaupoil advising her of her brothers death, dated July 19th.

"Great Tichfield Street, London August 9th, 1792.

Madam - I had the honor of receiving your letter of the 3rd instant, and shall answer you most readily. Your brother, Admiral Jones, was not in good health for about a year, but had not been so unwell as to keep to the house.....His disorder had terminated in dropsy of the breast. His body was put into a leaden coffin on the 20th, that in case the United States, whom he had so essentially served, and with so much honor to himself, should claim his remains, they might be more easily removed. This is all I can say concerning his illness and death....I have the honor to be, Madam, your most obedient and humble servant. S. Blackden"



ADMIRAL JOHN PAUL JONES
UNITED STATES NAVY

Admiral Jones posed for Jean-Antoine Houdon famed sculpture

Exactly Why the American Government did not make an effort to have the remains of Admiral J.P. Jones brought back is a mystery. Perhaps our young Country did not realize the importance the future generations of Americans would place upon memorializing our Revolutionary War heroes.

On August 10th, 1792, just three weeks after the death of Admiral Jones, a Paris mob stormed the Royal place of the Tuileries and "arrested" Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette. Many of the famed Swiss Guards died defending the Royal couple. They were buried without ceremony in a common grave alongside Jones. They appear to have been the last to have been buried there as the cemetery was closed shortly thereafter.

As the City of Paris grew the cemetery at Porte St.-Martin was covered over by the ever expanding slums.

Little was done to recover the remains of Jones until John H. Sherburne, who, in 1851, published the earliest biography on Jones, entitled: "The Life and Character of John Paul Jones" He made a serious effort to locate the Admirals remains but became frustrated and gave up after a years search.

General Horace Porter, who was the third President-General of the S.A.R., elected for an unprecedented five terms (1892 thru 1896). His keen interest in the heritage of our country guided the early S.A.R. in establishing it's stated objectives of Patriotism, Education, and History. His influence on the Society is still felt today.

In 1897 he was appointed ambassador to France by President McKinley. For six years Porter searched for the grave of John Paul Jones. He hired historians, researchers, and in some cases charlatans. He spent a great deal of his own money on the project. Finally, after he located the cemetery, but not the grave, which was never marked and was now hidden under slum buildings. His attempts to have the site excavated was met

with requests for outlandish sums of money. He waited until the excitement died down, obtained the necessary permits and in April of 1905 started what amounted to an "archeological dig". He employed dozens of workman who sank shafts and dug trenches. They uncovered the bones of the murdered Swiss Guards, and two lead coffins, both of which were opened on the spot and found to contain the remains of unidentified civilians. On April 7th, a third lead coffin was located (1). It too, was opened on the spot and was found to contain the remarkably well preserved remains of America's first Admiral. Using the portrait of Jones by Dupre, which was the basis for the medal depicted on page 115 of this newsletter, Porter was convinced he had realized his patriotic goal. He had indeed found John Paul Jones's remains.

The coffin was immediately rushed to the Paris Ecole de Medicine for closer examination.

In addition to officials of both the United States and France, two noted anthropologists and France's foremost pathologist, all of whom had been hired by General Porter were to make the formal identification.

Their examination revealed that the body had been packed tightly with straw and preserved in alcohol. They also discovered that the body had not been embalmed. The remains had been first wrapped in tin foil, then over wrapped with a sheet. The body was unclothed except for a shirt and linen cap. This confirmed the fact that they expected the body to be shipped to the United States

(1) the exact location was at 43 Rue Grange-aux-Belles, Paris.



official u. s. navy photograph

The photograph of the head of John Paul Jones taken two days after his casket was opened. General Porter stated that the body was more lifelike when the casket was first opened.



official u. s. navy photograph

The above photograph was superimposed on a photograph of Houdon's bust of John Paul Jones as depicted on page 115. The composite shows a remarkable similarity between the two. Without a doubt, proof of the identity of the remains. This was one of the first, if not the first use of comparative photography, in forensic medicine.

The specialists conducted a meticulous external examination. They found the body to be that of a man approximately 45 years in age, 5'7" (1.71 meters) in height. The long brown hair, with a touch of gray was covered with a linen night cap monogrammed with the letters "P" and "J".

A detailed comparison was made between the body's head and Houdon's bust, known to have been made from life. It became obvious that Houdon had employed calipers and rulers to obtain the exact measurements of Jones's features. The ear lobes were carefully examined against those on the bust and again there was no difference. When they were satisfied that nothing more could be determined by that method, they turned the remains over to the pathologist for the autopsy.

His findings were most interesting. It was generally believed that Jones had died of tuberculosis, however, the lungs, which were remarkably well preserved, showed that he was suffering from chronic pneumonia. Jones was also described as having been jaundiced before he died, but his liver showed no such ailment. The pathologist determined that the cause of death was kidney disease.

The body was then placed back in the lead coffin, which in turn was put into a beautiful mahogany casket for transporting back to the United States.

On John Paul Jones's 158th birthday, a proper memorial service was held at the American Church on l'Avenue de l'Alma in Paris. After the service, Jones was given a heroes sent off. A parade led by 500 American sailors followed by the hearse, American and French officials and units of French cavalry, infantry and sailors escorted the body to



THE CRYPT OF ADMIRAL JOHN PAUL JONES AT THE U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY, ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND. (official united states navy photograph)

the Paris railway station. The body was transported to the seaport of Cherbourg, where with elaborate ceremony the remains were transported to the U.S.S. Brooklyn. President Theodore Roosevelt, also a member of the S.A.R. had followed the progress of President-General Porter with great interest. When he was notified that the Admiral's remains had been found he sent Admiral Charles D. Sigsbee (1) to bring back the great naval hero. Sigsbee commanded a Cruiser squadron, the U.S.S. Brooklyn, (his flagship) and the U.S.S. Chatanooga, U.S.S. Galveston and U.S.S. Tacoma.

(1) Sigsbee had been the Capt- of the ill fated U.S.S. Maine, sunk in Havana Harbor in 1898.

Thirteen days later on July 19th, Sigsbee's squadron rendezvoused off Nantucket Shoals with the North Atlantic Fleet. The combined fleet entered Chesapeake Bay with the USS Maine (2) leading, followed in column by the Battleships USS Missouri, USS Kentucky, USS Kearsarge, USS Massachusetts, USS Alabama, and then Sigsbee's Cruiser Squadron. Arriving at Annapolis, the body was taken ashore on the torpedo boat USS Standish, and again with great ceremony. The coffin was placed in a temporary brick vault to await the building of the permanent crypt under the chapel at the Academy.

(2) This U.S.S. Maine was BB10, commissioned on 29 Dec. 1902. replacing the original "Maine".

In 1912 "The Cathedral of the Navy" at Annapolis, designed by Earnest Flagg was completed. Beneath it is the Crypt of John Paul Jones which design was obviously influenced by the tomb of Napoleon Bonaparte. The magnificent sarcophagus, supported by dolphins and surrounded by marble columns was carved by Sylvain Salieres. The floor around the sarcophagus is inlaid with the names of the ships Jones commanded during the Revolutionary war as well as his name. When the commemorative services were held dedicating the tomb, 12,000 people attended including President Theodore Roosevelt.



THE S. A. R. 'S PLAQUE
DISPLAYED IN THE
JOHN PAUL JONES
CRYPT

The United States Congress voted it's appreciation to General Horace Porter for his efforts in recovering the remains of Jones. They also awarded him \$35,000 to reimburse him for his expenses. He declined the money, and requested that it be applied to the cost of the crypt instead.

IN TOOK 113 YEARS, BUT JOHN PAUL JONES FINALLY RECEIVED THE HONORS DUE HIM, THANKS TO THE S. A. R.

THE CASSAR
PRESIDENT'S AWARD
CONTEST
CHAPTER STATUS
JULY

Presented for your information are the results of our Chapter's activities for the month of JULY, as reported to the Compatriot Jess T. Wolfe, State President.

1. Publicity.....4,950
2. TV or Radio.....0
3. New Members.....0
4. 50% attendance.....0
5. Supplementals.....0
6. NSSAR Delegates.....50
7. CSSAR Delegates.....0
8. Reinstated members.....0
9. Ladies attending.....7
10. Auxiliary members.....0
11. 2 Chapter functions.....0
12. Hosting State Meeting.....0
13. Organizing new Chapter....0
14. Program/Talk Given.....50
15. Gifts to V. A. Hospital....0
16. Books Donated.....4,000
17. Historical Site marked....0
18. Awarding medals.....0
- 18a. Personally presented....50
19. Printing roster.....25
20. each newsletter.....25
21. College scholarship.....0
- 22a. Social gathering.....15
- 22b. with prospective member...0
23. DAR/CAR Meeting.....0
24. Speech Contest.....0
25. Eagle Scout Nominee.....0
26. SAR Table.....0
27. Donations to the SAR.....0
28. Each New citizen.....0
29. Report filed on time.....50

Monthly total (June) 9,222
Year-to-date total: 18,599
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Compatriot Berni K. Campbell delivered 300 books to the Los Angeles International Airport U.S.O. and 500 to the Sawtelle V.A. Hospital. 165 column inches of newspaper space was obtained. The Chapter published it's roster of members in the July Valley Compatriot.

THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER,
CALIFORNIA SOCIETY
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 27th, 1988



The San Fernando Valley Chapter, S.A.R. held it's May Meeting at Leon's Steak House in North Hollywood, California at 6:30 P.M. on June 27th, 1988. the presiding officer: President D.F. "Bill" Semerau. Sergeant Major Terry Lee was the guest speaker.

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

IT WAS MOVED by Compatriot Audel H. Hicks, and SECONDED by Compatriot Berni K. Campbell that the Minutes of the May 30th 1988 meeting be approved as submitted.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

2. The REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer Charles M. Pitchford advised that the Chapter is in excellant shape. The Permanent fund continues to grow, The Chapter has no outstanding debts. THE REPORT WAS ACCEPTED.

3. REPORT ON THE CHAPTER'S VETERAN'S BOOK DRIVE

Compatriot Berni K. Campbell reported that the Chapter has collected an additional 500 books for distribution to the Sawtelle and Sepulveda Veteran's Hospitals and in addition 300 books were delivered to the "United Services Organization" (U.S.O.) at Los Angeles International Airport for distribution to our Servicemen who are traveling. This expansion of our Book Drive program will further enhance this all important Chapter program. A reminder: we need all the paperback books we can collect. THE REPORT WAS ACCEPTED.

4. REPORT OF THE CHAPTER'S MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Chapter Registrar and Chairman of the Membership Committee advised that the special incentives for young members has worked well and that the Chapter has received numerous applications. Eleven applications have been or are being processed at the this time. Several are awaiting additional documentation, such as birth certificates, etc. However, all should be processed in a timely manner. THE REPORT WAS ACCEPTED.

5. REPORT ON THE COLOR GUARD

Secretary Donald Norman Moran reported that the Uniforms and Equipment of the Chapter's Color Guard were enroute to Washington D.C., thanks to CASSAR Vice President Arthur Wm. Barrett who is transporting them in his car. The Guard will be representing the California Society and will be comprised of five (5) men from the Society who have volunteered. The activities the Color Guard will participate in include the memorial services to be held in downtown Washington, and various functions at the National Congress. THE REPORT WAS ACCEPTED

6. NATIONAL CONGRESS REPORT

Secretary Donald Norman Moran reported that at this time Vice President Robert C. Emrey, and wife Virginia; Treasurer Charles M. Pitchford and wife Toni; Past President George Sutherland Van Dorn and wife Mary; and Secretary Donald Norman Moran and wife Linda are planning on attending the 98th Annual NSSAR Congress.



The NINETY-EIGHTH
ANNUAL CONGRESS
of the
NATIONAL SOCIETY,
SONS OF THE AMERICAN
REVOLUTION

The 98th Annual Congress of the National Society was held at Tyson's Corner's Virginia, hosted by the Washington, D.C. Society of the S.A.R. First, a special thank you for the marvelous arrangements and the extra efforts by Washington Society. They did a great job.

The San Fernando Valley Chapter was presented by two Compatriots, George Sutherland Van Dorn and wife Mary, and Donald Norman Moran and wife Linda. At the last minute, Compatriot Robert C. Emrey and wife Virginia and Compatriot Charles M. Pitchford and wife Toni had to change their plans. Additionally, The Douglas H. High Oration contest winner, Heather Consoli had a family emergency and had to withdraw.

The Congress started on July 1st, at the Sheraton Premiere Hotel and continued through July 6th.

The San Fernando Valley Chapter had arranged to have our Color Guard, entirely manned by members of the California Society, S.A.R. represent the California Society. They participated in the Memorial Services held at Saint John's Church, at Lafayette Square, Washington, D.C. across from the White House. Then in the closing ceremonies. They were joined by the Color Guards from Maryland, Massachusetts, and New Jersey. Mrs. Raymond Fleck, President-General of the D.A.R. acting as drummer. The heat, 100°F along with the famed Washington humidity made

duty as a Color Guardsman very difficult indeed. Those uniforms are wool!

Many important items of business were presented and voted on at the Congress. One, which we deem very important is the establishment of a Senior Vice President-General, who will succeed to President-General's position the following year. This will enhance the transition between administrations.

A by-law change was proposed giving the Board of Trustees the power to increase fees and dues. This was soundly defeated, and that power is still vested with the annual congress delegates.

A much needed dues increase was approved, increasing the National Dues by \$2.00 annually. An attempt to increase admission fees was defeated.

The elections were held and the 1988-1989 President-General is Charles Printz. CASSAR's Charles Vencill was re-elected Registrar-General. Compatriot Robert Swadley was elected Trustee and our editor, Donald Norman Moran was elected Vice-President-General for the Western District.

The San Fernando Valley Chapter will be pleased to know that our new "Parade Banner" was prominently displayed in the main lobby of the hotel for the entire five days of the Congress - suggesting that it is an idea that has come of age. We understand that there was much interest in it.



THE CALIFORNIA SOCIETY, S. A. R. COLOR GUARD
l-r: ARTHUR L. OGILVIE, V.P. North; DONALD N. MORAN, V.P.G.
PAUL H. DAVIS, State Treasurer; COL. RICHARD F. LOCKE, jr.,
State Genealogist; ARTHUR WM. BARRETT, V.P. -South.
(The "White House" in the background)



THE COMBINED COLOR GUARDS OF THE S. A. R.
from: CALIFORNIA, MARYLAND, MASSACHUSETTS & NEW JERSEY

JUNE MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

7. PRESENTATION OF NEW S.A.R. MEMBERSHIPS

President D.F. "Bill" Semerau and Registrar Berni K. Campbell presented S.A.R. Membership Certificates to Audel H. Hicks. He will inturn present these certificates to his son Audel H. Hicks Junior and grandson Craig Hicks.

8. REPORT ON THE ORATION CONTEST.

Secretary Donald Norman Moran advised that a problem has developed in regard to he National Oration Contest. For some reason, both the winner, Heather Consoli and the first runner up, Cawley Carr have been advised that they were the winners of the State's Contest. Miss Carr having been presented with the Airline tickets and hotel reservations. To overcome the problem, the Chapter is sending Miss Consoli to Washington where a second contest will be held to determine the California winner.

THE REPORT WAS ACCEPTED.

9. REPORT ON THE VALLEY COMPRIOT

The Chapter's Newsletter, the Valley Compatriot, July edition is in final preparation and will contain the 1988 Chapter's roster. Members are encouraged to submit articles on the American Revolution for publication. Additionally, we will be re-enstating the series "Our Revolutionary War ancestry" which is biographical sketches on our members ancestry. These ancestors can either be the ancestor you joined the S.A.R. on, or a supplemental ancestor that has been approved by the National Society, S.A.R.

10. PRESENTATION OF AWARD

President D.F. "Bill" Semerau presented to the Van Nuys Hiugh School Army R.O.T.C. a S.A.R. Certificate of Distinguished Service and an 8" x 10" color photograph of their cadets manning our Color Guard, handsomely framed together. Accepting on behalf of the Unit was Sergeant Major Terry Lee. The award will be displayed in the units trophy room at the High School.

11. PRESENTATION OF MEDAL

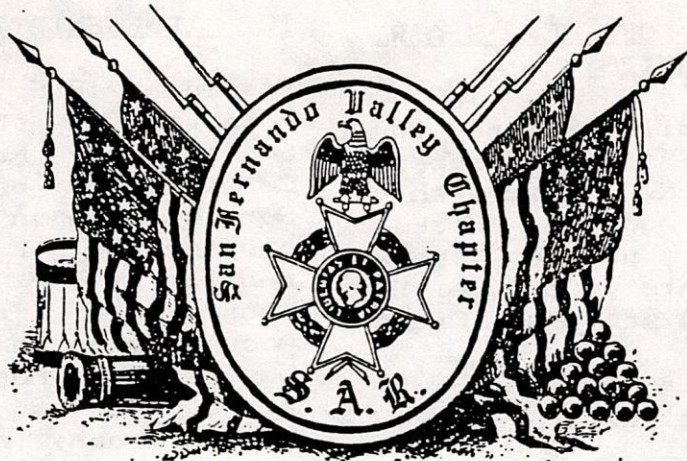
President D. F. "Bill" Semerau presented the S.A.R.'s Bronze Good Citizenship medal to Sergeant Major Lee for is extraordinary efforts on behalf of his R.O.T.C. unit and arranging for the manning of our Color Guard at several major events. This involved giving up a lot of personal time and supply transportation for the cadets.

MEETING PROGRAM

Sergeant Major Lee addressed the Chapter on the subject of the R.O.T.C. program and it's importance to our students and the impact it has on their lives. The talk was most encourging. There are problems of negative peer pressure. however most of our High Schools now have an R.O.T.C. unit and they are growing. The influence of the training and discipline is having a marked effect on the schools and the students. Our support of the R.O.T.C. program is most helpful and very much appreciated

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS before the Chapter, the meeting was adjourned.

Donald Norman Moran, Secretary.



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