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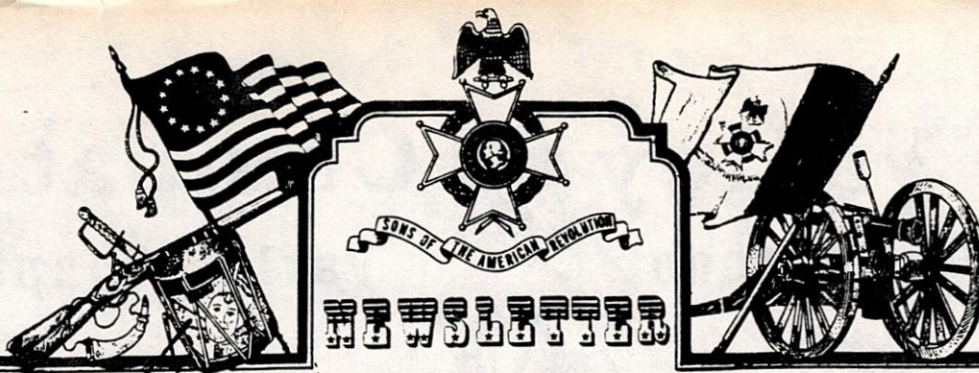
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THE FRONT COVER

GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON - presented on the occasion of his 255th birthday - Long may his memory last.

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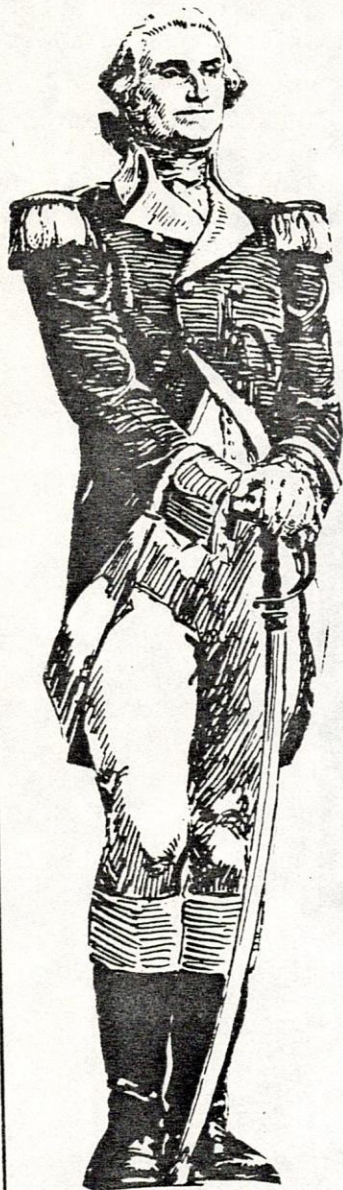
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George Washington Commemorative 3rd Annual Massing Of The Colors

1:00 p.m. February 22nd, 1987



The Officers and Men of the San Fernando Valley Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution extend to you an Invitation to Participate in the Annual Massing of the Colors in Tribute to the Father of Our Country, General George Washington.

The Ceremony will be held at the Colossal George Washington Monument at the Court of Liberty, Forest-Lawn-Hollywood Hill, 6300 Forest Lawn Drive, Burbank. The Ceremony will include a Formal Wreath Laying by the Sons of the American Revolution

Meeting Notice



Un February 23rd, 1987, Monday Night, the San Fernando Valley Chapter will hold its' first regular meeting of the year at Leon's Steak House, 10945 Victory Blvd., North Hollywood, California. Social hour: 6:30 P.M. and Dinner at 7:00 P.M. (from the menu). Applicants, Wives and Vistors are most welcome and are encouraged to attend. This meeting will be to establish the annual calendar and plan some of the forthcoming events. Your input will be extremely helpful.

As we have previously reported, the Chapter will be hosting the California Society, S.A.R.'s annual meeting on March 13th and 14th (See details on the next page) - much planning must go into making this event a success.

Compatriot's in the News

January was a very special month for the Chapter in that it is the month in which we hold our annual INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS MEETING and as a part of it the Chapter has traditionally given out annual awards for outstanding service. This year was no different. Outgoing president, Colonel GEORGE A. ECKERT, Jr. was presented the S.A.R.'s "Past-Presidents Badge", and from the Chapter, a walnut plaque on which was a president's gavel and suitably inscribed, and in addition, the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal.

President Eckert honored two of our ladies - Mrs. MARY CAMPBELL, who has been so helpful in two areas - typing the numerous applications and supplemental applications for our new members (for the PAST SIX YEARS!) and in the veteran's Book drive. Mary was presented the Martha Washington Medal. Mrs. GLENN TURNELL who has been so helpful in our R.O.T.C. program, and helped set up the R.O.T.C. Sword program, was likewise presented the Martha Washington Medal. Unfortunately, Glenn was in the hospital at the time of the meeting, recovering from surgery, and was unable to accept the medal in person.



MARY CAMPBELL accepting her Martha Washington Medal from Col. George A. Eckert, Jr. National Vice-President General, Leland B. Hawkins, III looking at the presentation.

Birthdays

- Compatriot WALTER H. WALLEY - - - - - February 1st.
- Compatriot WALTER G. TURNELL - - - - - February 9th
- Compatriot GEORGE A. ECKERT, Jr. - - - February 23rd.

Anniversaries

- ROBERT and VIRGINIA WILEY - - - - - February 4th, 1942
- RICHARD and MARGARET MARSTON - - - - - February 20th, 1960
- ROBERT and MARIAN STEELE - - - - - Febraury 25th, 1936

Veteran's Book Drive

Bompatriot BERNI K. CAMPBELL, Chairman of the Veteran's Book Drive Committee advised that in Janaury another delivery was made to the Veteran's Hospital. Over 300 paperbacks were collected and distributed. 1986 was a good year for this program. 1987 will be better!

State Meeting in Burbank



n Friday, March 13th, 1987 the Annual Meeting of the Membership of the California Society, Sons of the American Revolution will commence. The SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER, S.A.R. WILL BE THE HOST CHAPTER. The activities will include various committee meetings on Friday afternoon, and at 6:00 P.M. a special reception honoring the PRESIDENT GENERAL, Compatriot Clovis H. Brakebill. The Chapter is responsible to handle the details of this activity.

Saturday morning the Business meeting of the California Society, S.A.R. will start at 9:00 A.M. At the same time, the Ladies Auxiliary will be holding their annual meeting.

At 12:00 noon, the meetings will temporarily adjourn and a luncheon will take place in the Holly-Glen room. A special guest speaker will be the highlight of the luncheon which will also include presentations of awards.

Following the luncheon, the business meetings will re-convene and continue until 4:00 (ish). That evening the annual California Society banquet will be held. State President Richard N. Andriano-Moore will conduct the meeting which will have as the keynote speaker, President-General Clovis H. Brakebill. The President-General will also swear in the 1987 State officers. The 1987 Ladies Auxiliary officers will also be sworn in.

A VERY SPECIAL presentation of the Colors will take place and the entire evening will be memorable. It is the desire of the Chapter officers that this State Meeting be the BEST EVER!

Mark your calendars!

March Meeting Notice



arch 30th, 1987 will be the regular monthly meeting of the San Fernando Valley Chapter, California Society, Sons of the American Revolution. The meeting details will be announced in the March issue of the VALLEY COMPATRIOT. A guest speaker is planned and it should be a very interesting meeting. Again, mark your calendar. Additionally, please feel free to make any recommendations regarding meetings and agendas.

April Meeting Notice



resident Roger E. Robertson has accepted the invitation of our brother Chapter, PASADENA CHAPTER, S.A.R. F. Gage Biren, President of the Pasadena Chapter has arranged for a very special meeting on April 18th, 1987 (Saturday afternoon) with the guest speaker being the COUNT RENAUD de LAFORADE, of the French Society, S.A.R. The French Society, S.A.R. is very active and extremely proud of their link with our common heritage.

President Biren and his "Pasadena Compatriots" have a state-wide reputation for putting on marvelous events - and this will no doubt be no exception. Plan on attending.

We're Really for Real



ow often have you heard the expression "I never heard of the S.A.R.!" or "Who are you guys?" - THAT'S OVER! - One of the first things our new Chapter President, Roger E. Robertson did upon taking office is to make the San Fernando Valley Chapter, S.A.R. a REAL ORGANIZATION! If you doubt this statement, just check the forthcoming additions of the telephone directory - the Chapter will be listed in all the phone books in the area code "818" area! Our telephone number 1-818-886-7830!

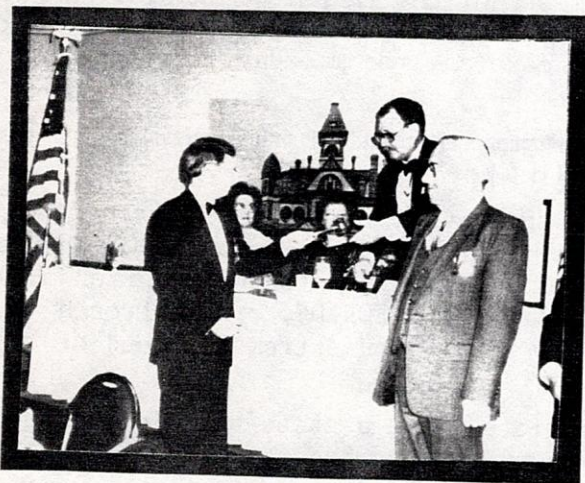
Installation Dinner



On January 24th, the Chapter held its annual Installation of Officers Banquet, at the Burbank Airport Hilton Hotel. Vice-President General Leland B. Hawkins was on hand to do the installing. The Banquet was well attended and all that came expressed their pleasure at the evenings events. President George A. Eckert gave his "Farewell Address" which is presented in this issue of the Valley Com-patriot as well as President Roger E. Robertson's Inaugural Address. It is often said that one picture is worth a thousand words, so here is a photographic report:



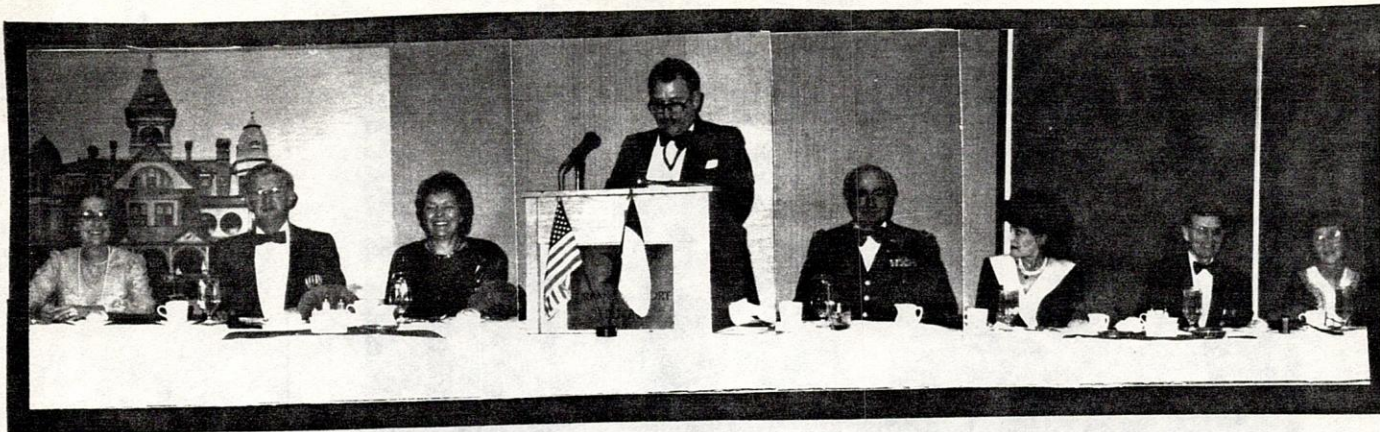
L to R: ROGER E. ROBERTSON, President; DeWILLO "BILL" SEMERAU, First Vice-President, DONALD NORMAN MORAN, Secretary; BERNI K. CAMPBELL, Registrar; BRUCE A. JAGGER, Chancellor; LtC JAMES BELLAH, II, Chaplain; STEPHEN W. GREGORY, Genealogist; JEFFERY L. TOWERY, Historian; (ROBERT C. EMREY, Second Vice-President, who was ill and unable to attend.) Vice President General LELAND B. HAWKINS, III at the podium.



Newly elected Chapter President Roger E. Robertson accepting the Gavel of the Presidency from Vice President General Leland B. Hawkins. First Vice-President Bill Semerau watching.



President George A. Eckert, Jr. accepting the S.A.R.'s Past-Presidents pin From President Roger E. Robertson. Vice-President General Leland B. Hawkins watching.



THE HEAD TABLE

L-to-R: LINDA T. MORAN; DONALD NORMAN MORAN (CASSAR Vice-President); JANE HAWKINS; LELAND B. HAWKINS, III (Vice President-General, NSSAR); Col. GEORGE A. ECKERT, Jr (Retiring President), JOANA LEE; ROGER E. ROBERTSON (Incoming President) MARY LOU ROBERTSON.



L-to-R: JEFFERY L. TOWERY (Historian, Dressed in the Uniform of a Confederate Sergeant-Major, as Commander of the J. Hood Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans; KATHRYN TOWERY; MARY VAN DORN; GEORGE SUTHERLAND VAN DORN (Former President); JACQUELINE SEMERAU; BILL SEMERAU (First Vice President and Treasurer); and CHARLES and ANTONETTE PITCHFORD.



Col. GEORGE A. ECKERT, Jr. giving his Farewell Address

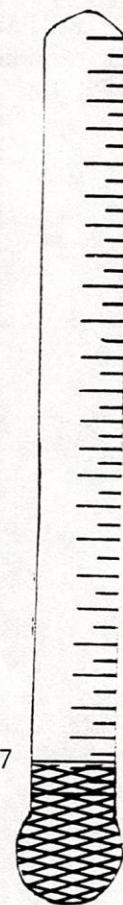


L-to-R: BETTY JAGGER; BRUCE ANDERSON JAGGER (Chancellor)
 MARY CAMPBELL (Recipient of the Martha Washington Medal)
 BERNI CAMPBELL (Registrar); WALTER H. WALLEY.



L-to-R: JAMES McKELLEN; GRACE DIGNMAN; SHEPHEN W. GREGORY
 (Genealogist); DEBORAH HOEFKER (Daughter of President
 Robertson) DR, GLEN ROBERTSON; CLAIRE ROBERTSON, LtC
 JAMES BELLAH, II (Chaplain and Past President), ROBERTA
 STORM.

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Roster Corrections

In the last issue of the Valley Compatriot we published the Membership roster of the San Fernando Valley Chapter, S.A.R. We have been advised that two corrections are necessary.

On page 13: Should read: RICHARD WELDEN MARSTON

On page 14 JEFF TOWERY's Telephone No. (818) 345-1777

underscoring denotes change:

Donors

- Berni K. Campbell
- Donald Norman Moran
- Norman Philip Moran
- Roger E. Robertson
- Jeffrey L. Towery
- Walter G. Turnell
- Walter H. Walley
- Anonymous

President Eckert's Farewell Address



Col. GEORGE A. ECKERT Jr. Accepting a GAVEL PLAQUE from President Robertson

"Vice President General Leland Hawkins; Vice President for the California Society, Donald Moran, Ladies and Gentlemen. This will be a short speech - I promise you. This past year has been a challenge but it has also been fun. Now, I'm supposed to sum up the Chapter's accomplishments in my parting words, but I think it would be better to name the people who made those accomplishments possible. Would each of you please stand and take a bow as I call your name:

- First Vice President - Bob Emrey who is unable to be here tonight
- Second Vice President - Bill Semerau
- Secretary - Don Moran
- Treasurer - George Sutherland Van Dorn
- Registrar - Berni K. Campbell
- Chancellor - Bruce Jagger
- Chaplain - LtC James Bellah, II
- Genealogist - Marv Hutchins
- Historian - Jeff Towery

And a word about someone who has been one of those people without actually holding office - My successor, President-Elect, Roger E. Robertson. Again, gentlemen please rise.

And, now, for the fellow after whom this chapter is named. A fellow, you say? I thought it was a "Valley". Think again. He lived from 1199 to 1252. Queen Elizabeth II of England is descended from him, as is anybody descended from the English, French, or Spanish Royal Lines. If the records are correct - I am - and so are many of you. The San Fernando Valley Chapter was named after King Ferdinand III of Spain - actually of Castile and Leon. Ferdinand spent most of his life as a soldier, crusading against the Moors. For his services he was canonized by the Roman Catholic Church in 1671. Fernando is the diminutive of Ferniannnd. Hence SAN FERNINAND or SAN FERNANDO.

Thanks for a good year - VIVA SAN FERNANDO!"

President Robertson's Inaugural Address



Mary Lou Robertson places the Presidential Neck Piece around husband Roger's neck Vice President-General Leland B. Hawkins and Col. George A. Eckert, Jr. watching.

"Vice President-General Lee Hawkins, Compatriots, Ladies and Guests. Life is full of surprises. One of my greatest is to be standing here tonight. This is my third great surprise from the Sons of the American Revolution. I'd like to tell you about all three, and how each one has influenaced my plans for serving the San Fernando Valley Chapter in 1987.

The first was a half century ago. I can still picture that warm June evening in 1937, on the stage with the graduating class of a small New England high school. Sitting in the back row, I was not paying attention to the program. Suddenly all of my classmates turned around and stared at me. To say the least I was embarrassed. Someone whispered "Go get it." I didn't understand. They all continued to stare. Then someone pushed me to my feet, shoving me towards the front of the stage. There I was, trembling and red-faced. There was the Principal, hand extended, presenting me a medal.

What a relief to find I had only to say "Thank You" and return to my seat in the back row. Looking at the program, there it was: "Presentation of American History Metal." That's all it said. The medal told the rest. "For excellence in the study of United States History," from the Massachusetts Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Yes, fifty years ago the Massachusetts Society had a program to encourage and to attract youth. I'm glad our Chapter has been active in this area. The Eagle Scout award program is under the able guidance of our Vice President, Bill Semerau. Annual presentations of swords to outstanding R.O.T.C. graduating Cadets is the work of Walter and Glenn Turnell. They are to be commended again and again for establishing these awards and supporting them with an endowment. It is my earnest desire to see this Chapter add further participation in awards for youths. The Spirit of America Award for Junior High School students, a program successfully underway in another Chapter and recently endorsed by the California Society,

is a good candidate for this year.

My second great surprise came after joining the California Society. It really was a series of surprises, started with a very innocent request from the newly elected state President in 1983, Lee Hawkins. Lee had appointed me State Chancellor, a position I had held several years previously in a similar organization called the Sons of the Revolution. His request was reasonable. Investigate and recommend a proper legal way to include the newly reestablished Ladies Auxiliary. That called for delving into the S.A.R. history, part of it interesting, part of it not. As the Chancellor, it would leave me challenged, astonished and amazed.

Let's start with the interesting parts. Our California Society dates from the centennial of the Declaration of Independence. Anticipating the Centennial Celebration, a few men in San Francisco met on October 22m 1875 and formed a temporary organization. On July 4th, 1876 they formed a permanent organization called "Sons of Revolutionary Sires". It was to include a Ladies Auxiliary. Seven years later a New York City group formed the Sons of the Revolution, allowing for auxiliary organizations in other states. Five years after that, Philadelphia started the Society of Sons of the Revolution, but refused to be auxiliary to New York. Organization of similar societies followed in several eastern states.

By 1890 a convention in Washington had established a National Society called the Sons of the American Revolution. California had joined and changed it's name. Both New York City and Philadelphia refused to join remaining as Sons of the Revolution, a small organization continuing to this day in many states.

Unfortunately, the new National Society voted to be an all male organization. The Ladies were not to be outdone. They held their own convention and formed the D.A.R., a group far greated in size and far better known than either the Sons of the American Revolution or the Sons of the Revolution. The moral of this part of history is "Don't underestimate the power of women".

Almost a century later, in 1982, the California Society Board of Managers voted to reestablish the Ladies Auxiliary. In response to Lee Hawkins' request I studied S.A.R. history, investigated National S.A.R.'s position and found it unchanged. I then guided the Ladies Auxiliary through the legal paperwork to organize as a separate nonprofit tax exempt association. All of this took a couple of years. The experience heighten my appreciation of the great work of the Ladies and their many contributions to the California Society, both financially and in attracting new members. Our California Ladies have been so successful, other states are inquiring how to do the same. As part of our 1987 Chapter program I look forward to working with the Ladies Auxiliary, both Chapter members and state officers. The Ladies are always welcome as guests at our Chapter meetings. I plan to continually solicit their ideas on ways to improve meetings and increase attendance and to enlist their aid in attracting members.

Now let's skip lightly over the less interesting parts. While searching for a legal way to include the Ladies Auxiliary I stumbled on recent California S.A.R. history chock-full of surprises. The Articles of Incorporation called for a 13 member Board of Managers, but there we were, operating with more than 20. A change intended in 1976 had not been followed through to the Secretary of State. Why not simply file the change late? Unfortunately the minutes of two required meetings conflicted as to what had been approved. To further compound the problem, the California Corporations Code, completely rewritten as of 1980, dictated change in both Articles and Bylaws.

The Bylaws too had been updated in 1976, and expanded to forty-one legal size pages, in a format and wording that required many hours trying to comprehend. The requirement for amending them was impossible and a provision for discipline was lacking. To make matters worse, the State Society than had need for a discipline provision. The National Bylaws had one. To explore the possibility of using theirs, I set up a special meeting with the Chancellor General, the President General and other State and National officers at the Cincinnati National Congress. The National Society would be risking bad publicity, for a California problem. We were asked to find a solution in California. That was understandable.

All of these surprises, astonishing findings, amazing happenings, challenging situations, and more recently their solution, have taken place over the past four years. In 1984 the Articles of Incorporation were amended. By 1985 a "band-aid" revision of the thick Bylaws document faced an impossible amendment requirement. The required three-fourths of the Chapters were not even present at the State Convention. In 1986, again there were not the required number of Chapters present. To solve that problem, the Articles of Incorporation were amended once more, overriding the Bylaws to reduce the amendment requirements, at the same time a discipline provision was being added. Continuing as Co-Chairman of an Article and Bylaws Committee I then helped reduce the Bylaws from forty-one legal size pages to nine letter size pages, in language more easily understood. The nine page document will be submitted for Chapter approvals this year. Our Chapter will be reviewing the new document.

Little did Lee Hawkins know what he was letting me in for, or letting himself in for, when he very innocently asked me to recommend how legally to include the Ladies in our Society. Fortunately it has all turned out well, both for the Ladies and for the California Society. In the process, I learned many things, some of which I hope to put to good use this year with the San Fernando Valley Chapter.

First and foremost I learned "The objectives of this Society are declared to be patriotic, historical, and educational - - -" Events of the last four years have seemingly served to distract efforts from these objectives. Yet these words, *patriotic, historical, and educational* do encompass recent happenings as well as events of 200 years ago. They do encompass distasteful as well as heroic situations. What is the connection? you say.

Each time we recite the Pledge to the S.A.R. we solemnly pledge ourselves to defend the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic against every foe. More than military defense alone is embodied in that pledge. Today there is an equilly great need to defend against the type of disinformation the Soviet bloc is so successful in spreading, directly or indirectly, in our news media, in our television, in our university teaching and, yes, even in the textbooks of our public schools.

Our state Vice President, Jess Wolfe, has emphasized the dangers of disinformation in his Americanism Committee report, at each state convention for several years. Our state Vice President, Don Moran, wrote an excellent article on anti-American history in school textbooks in the October, 1984 issue of the "Valley Compatriot". It deserves rereading.

Meanwhile the Soviets steal our technology, build up their war machine, invade other countries, suppress human rights, ignore their treaties and support countries that supply terrorists. Viewed in the light of their actions, it is little wonder they successfully expand their sphere of control, decade after decade.

Newsweek's reporter in Moscow, Andrew Nagorski, was expelled in 1982. His recent book Reluctant Farewell provides an excellent view of how the Soviets ruthlessly control their people and cleverly control the colony of foreign news correspondents. It reveals why the mainstream American press usually reflects Soviet views rather than the true situation. Nagorski spoke Polish and learned the Russian language before going to Moscow. He talked directly with people in Russia, Poland, Estonia and Tajikistan (Tadzhikistan), a Soviet republic near the Afghanistan border, although continually dogged by the KGB. For this type of reporting the Soviets expelled him before his assignment was finished. The majority of the American Press in Moscow do not speak Russian. They are required to use Soviet interpreters who are controlled by the KGB, who filter out the truth if it does not fit the government's position. They attend meetings and cocktail parties where English is spoken travel very little in the USSR and simply rephrase Soviet press releases to send home as news. After their return, many publish books on the USSR, posing as experts, without having met or communicated with Soviet people outside of government control. Nagorski's book is an exciting story of his experiences in gathering news by talking with Soviet people, despite clever and continual KGB interference and harassment.

There is another book, now in paperback, I strongly recommend to your reading. It is called Breaking With Moscow, by A. N. Shevchenko, the highest ranking Soviet official ever to defect. The book is interesting, suspenseful and exciting. It tells how the Soviets are fighting their winning battle, to the detriment of our principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic, using United Nations' diplomatic immunity for the many KGB personnel operating quite effectively in the USA.

In 1987 I hope to see our Chapter contribute to the patriotic education of ourselves and others by discovering the revealing important facts about current history which are not being printed in the mainstream American press. It will add meaning to our Pledge to the S.A.R., when we "solemnly pledge ourselves to defend [the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic] against every foe." In today's world, disinformation is an important strategic weapon of that foe.

My third great surprise is to be standing here tonight. A few months ago I expressed a desire to work up through some of the offices of our Chapter and some day run for President. The reason was, I had begun to see light at the end of the tunnel, after almost four years of working the chain of problems of the California Society, uncovered by that innocent request of Lee Hawkins in his concern for the Ladies. I gladly shared his concern. I had worked the various problems, had been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal and the Patriot Medal for my efforts and had learned to know and appreciate a large number of wonderful hard working and devoted Compatriots in the California Society. It was time to look ahead.

The immediate future of the San Fernando Valley Chapter seemed secure. In 1987 we would be under the leadership of our very capable First Vice President, Bob Emrey. In 1988 he would be followed by our upcoming Second Vice President, Bill Semerau, who in his few years of membership has been very active and effective in our Chapter. The came the surprise. A business committment would prevent Bob Emrey taking the leadership for a year or more. Bill Semerau elected to continue through the Chairs, with a year as First Vice President before interfacing with the State and National Societies, which he would be doing as President of our Chapter. Hence came my opportunity to serve.

As a charter member of the San Fernando Valley Chapter, it is both a privilege and a pleasure to serve the members of this Chapter. As one whose experience in serving the S.A.R. has been largely limited to working with the state and national organizations, it will be my great pleasure to extend that experience, serving within our Chapter organization.

Those who preceded in this position have done well, establishing the Chapter as a leader among Chapters in the California Society. It is a challenge to follow in their footsteps. There are very capable Compatriots in our complete slate of offices. I will learn from them. Together we will continue the great tradition of excellence this Chapter has achieved in the few years since receiving its charter, on April 25th, 1981. Thank you.

MEETING MINUTES

THE JANUARY 24TH, 1987 INSTALLATION DINNER MEETING MINUTES OF THE CHAPTER

1. CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due notice, the Chapter convened at 6:30 P.M. on Saturday, January 24th, 1987 at the Burbank Airport Hilton Hotel, Burbank, California, Col. George A. Eckert, Jr. President, presiding. Those attending were:

<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>GUESTS</u>
LtC James Bellah, II	Roberta Storm
Berni K. Campbell	Mary Campbell
Col. George A. Eckert, Jr.	Joana Lee
Leland B. Hawkins, III	Jane Hawkins
Bruce A. Jagger	Betty Jagger
James McKellep	Grace Dignman
Donald Norman Moran	Linda T. Moran
Roger E. Robertson	Mary Lou Robertson
Glenn S. Robertson	Claire Robertson
D. F. "Bill" Semerau	Jacqueline Semerau
Jeffery L. Towery	Kathryn Towery
George Sutherland Van Dorn	Mary Van Dorn
Stephen Gregory	Debbie Robertson Hoefker
Walter H. Walley	

2. ELECTION OF A CHAPTER TREASURER

Compatriot D. F. "Bill" Semerau agreed to serve as Treasurer on a temporary basis. President George A. Eckert requested confirmation of the appointment. IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

3. ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO C.A.S.S.A.R. AND N.S.S.A.R. MEETINGS

Pursuant to Article II, Section 1, Paragraph (a) of the California Society, Sons of the American Revolution By-laws, all Chapter Delegates must be elected. In order to comply, IT WAS MOVED that ALL members in good standing of the Chapter be elected to serve as delegates at the pleasure of the President. IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

4. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

President George A. Eckert presented the Martha Washington Medal to Mrs. Glenn Turnell for the assistance she has rendered to the Chapter. Mrs. Turnell, who is ill, was not present.

President Eckert than presented the Martha Washington Medal to Mrs. Mary Campbell who has done so much for the Chapter.

5. FAREWELL ADDRESS OF COL. GEORGE A. ECKERT.

Col. George A. Eckert, Jr. gave his farewell address which is too be presented in the Valley Compatriot.

6. ELECTION OF THE 1987 OFFICERS

Vice President General, Leland B. Hawkins, III installed the 1987 Officers of the San Fernando Valley Chapter, S.A.R. They are:

- President Roger E. Robertson
- First Vice-President . . . D. F. "Bill" Semerau
- Second Vice-President . . Robert C. Emrey
- Secretary Donald Norman Moran
- Treasurer D. F. "Bill" Semerau
- Registrar Berni K. Campbell
- Chancellor Bruce A. Jagger
- Chaplain LtC James Bellah, II
- Genealogist Stephen W. Gregory
- Historian Jeffery Lane Towery

7. HONORING OUT GOING PRESIDENT GEORGE A. ECKERT, Jr.

Newly installed President Roger E. Robertson presented Col. Eckert with the Sons of the American Revolution's PAST PRESIDENT PIN, the BRONZE GOOD CITIZENSHIP MEDAL and a GAVEL PLAQUE.

8. INAUGURAL ADDRESS OF PRESIDENT ROGER E. ROBERTSON

President Roger E. Robertson gave his inaugural address, the text of which is to appear in the next issue of the Valley Compatriot.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS before the January 24th, 1987 meeting of the San Fernando Valley Chapter, S.A.R. President Roger E. Robertson declared the meeting adjourned.

Donald Norman Moran

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Secretary

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Mary Washington "on" George

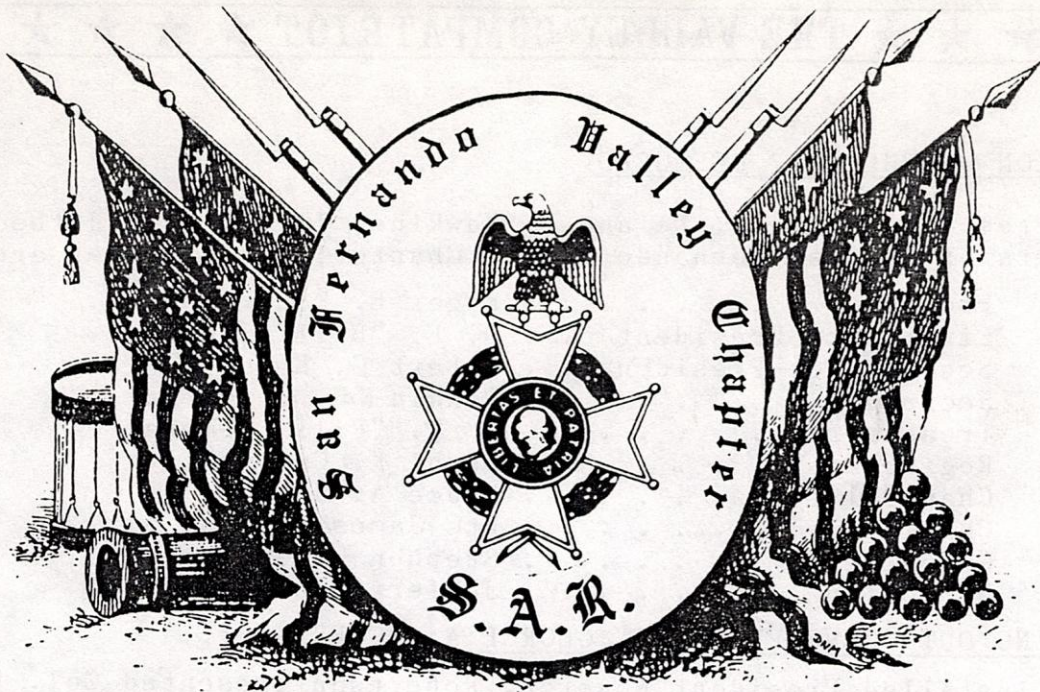


MARY BALL WASHINGTON



others have a way of expressing the accomplishments of their offspring that more often than not gives us the true measure of the man's worth. MARY BALL WASHINGTON, Mother of our founding Father said it all in October 1781. A courier from Yorktown delivered the news of the victory to her at her Fredericksburg, Virginia residence. Kiger the Courier reported that Mrs. Washington simply drop the message in her pocket. A neighbor asked the content of the message to which she replied: "There has been a victory" than she added: "George generally carries out whatever he undertakes."

Did she really know the importance of the Victory at Yorktown - your editor thinks she did and southern modesty and self-discipline are deeply rooted in the this simple statement that was the sum of George Washington.



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