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THE GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON

COMMEMORATIVE

MASSING OF THE COLORS

FEBRUARY 19TH, 1989 - 1:00 P.M.

The Officers and Men of the San Fernando Valley Chapter, Sons of The American Revolution cordially invite you to attend the sixth annual General George Washington Commemorative Massing of the Colors at 1:00 P.M., February 19th, at the Hall of Liberty, Forrest Lawn Memorial Park, 6300 Forest Lawn Drive Burbank, California. The ceremonies will include a wreath laying at the colossal monument of George Washington by the Sons of the American Revolution and appropriate remarks from civic dignitaries and prominent personalities. The Color Guards of numerous military, civic & hereditary organizations will mass for a passing in review in tribute to the Father of our Country. This is the largest such ceremony planned in the west for 257th anniversary of the birth of George Washington and the 200th anniversary of his being sworn in as the First President of the United States of America.



Henry Lee eulogized President George Washington by saying: "He was first in War, first in peace and First in the hearts of his Countryman." Some of the organizations that are planning on participating will include: The Sons of American Revolution, The Delaware Reg't of Foot, Brigade of the American Revolution, The Society of Cincinnati, The Daughters of the American Revolution, The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston, Units of the United States Armed Forces, Various R.O.T.C. units from the Los Angeles area; The Military Order of the Purple Heart, The Civil Air Patrol The Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims, Sons of Union Veterans, The American Legion, The Society of Colonial Wars, The V.F.W., The Boys Scouts of American, Military Order of the World Wars, and the Children of the American Revolution.

This tribute is sponsored by the San Fernando Valley Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

D. A. R. MEMBER
 HONORED



rs. Muriel Fisher of the DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION was honored at the Annual Installation and Awards Banquet after she addressed the Chapter on the subject of S.A.R. - D.A.R. mutual cooperation.

Mrs. Fisher has served as liason between the San Fernando Valley Chapter and the D.A.R. since the Chapter was founded. She brought the D.A.R.'s greetings and pledge of cooperation at our first Installation Banquet. Since that time she has referred dozens of eligible men to the Chapter's membership committee. She has also participated in many of our special events including the Annual George Washington Massing of the Colors at Forest Lawn.



Mrs. MURIEL FISHER receiving a S.A.R. Certificate of Appreciation from President D.F. "Bill" Semerau. Mrs. Fisher has already received the S.A.R.'s D.A.R. Medal of Appreciation in 1982 and the Martha Washington Medal in 1985 from the San Fernando Valley Chapter, S.A.R.

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 PRESIDENT'S AWARD
 CONTEST
 CHAPTER STATUS
JANUARY

1. Publicity.....630
2. TV or Radio.....0
3. New Members.....0
4. 50% attendance.....0
5. Supplements.....50
6. NSSAR Delegates.....0
7. CSSAR Delegates.....0
8. Reinstated members.....300
9. Ladies attending.....9
10. Auxiliary members.....0
11. 2 Chapter functions.....0
12. Hosting State Meeting.....0
13. Organizing new Chapter.....0
14. Program/Talk Given.....0
15. Gifts to V.A. Hospital.....0
16. Books Donated.....2425
17. Historical Site marked.....0
18. Awarding medals.....0
- 18a. Personally presented.....150
19. Printing roster.....0
20. each newsletter.....25
21. College scholarship.....0
- 22a. Social gathering.....15
- 22b. with prospective member...25
23. DAR/CAR Meeting.....25
24. Speech Contest.....0
25. Eagle Scout Nominee.....0
26. SAR Table.....0
27. Donations to the SAR....1397
28. Each New citizen.....0
29. Report filed on time.....50
30. Participation in Parade....0

Monthly total (January)....5221

Year-to-date total: 33,594

The chapter received publicity in the Searcher, The South Coast Patriot and the S.F.V. Genealogical Society Bulletin. \$1,397 was donated to the Chapter. 485 books were delivered to the Sepulveda V.A. Hospital. One dropped member was reinstated. Del Hicks received another supplemental. Plus the usual monthly points.

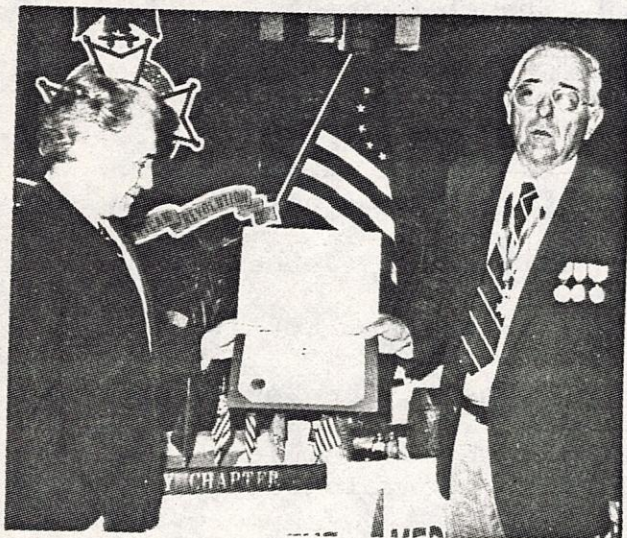
**COMPATRIOTS
 IN THE NEWS**



ompatriots Berni K. Campbell, Audel H. Hicks Charles M. Pitchford and D.F. "Bill" Semerau were honored at the Annual Installation and Awards Dinner for their diligent efforts on behalf of the chapter during the past year.



President D.F. Semerau awarding Compatriot Audel H. Hicks the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal



Compatriot Berni K. Campbell receiving the Certificate of Distinguished Service from President D.F. "Bill" Semerau.

BIRTHDAYS

WALTER H. WALLEY - - - - - 02/01
 WALTER G. TURNELL - - - - - 02/09
 Col. GEORGE A. ECKERT - - 02/23

ANNIVERSARIES

BOB and VIRGINIA WILEY
 02/04/42

DEL and BETTY HICKS
 02/09/44

DICK and MARGARET MARSTON
 02/20/88

BOB and MARIAN STEELE
 02/25/36

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LETTERS

22 January 1989

Dear Donald;

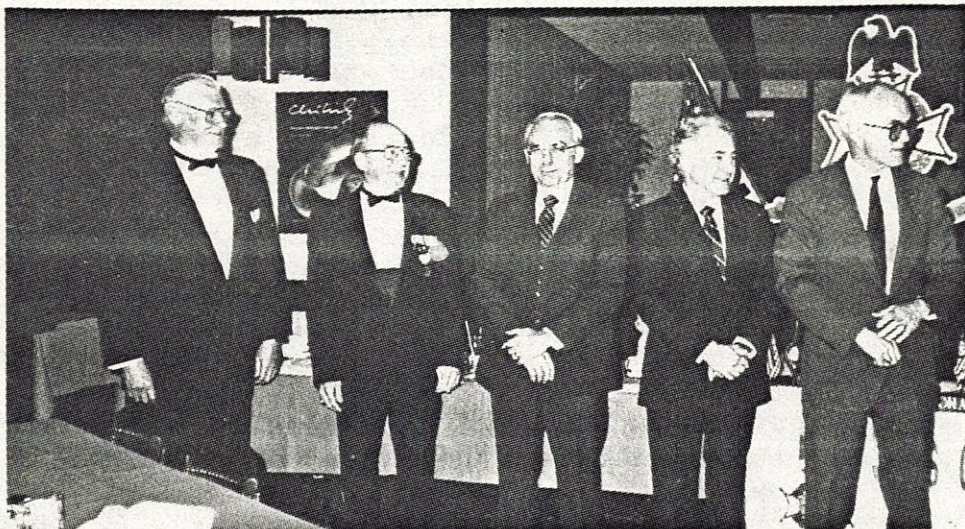
As you know, I am serving this year as President General of the National Society of Washington Family Descendants. The articles you have done in the Valley Compatriot on the Washington Family are excellent. I will be using copies of these at our annual meeting for NSWFD celebrating the Bicentennial of Washington's Auguration as First President of the United States. Our trip to England in 1986 really helped frame the perspective of the Washington Family. You have done a great job in capturing the history. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely;

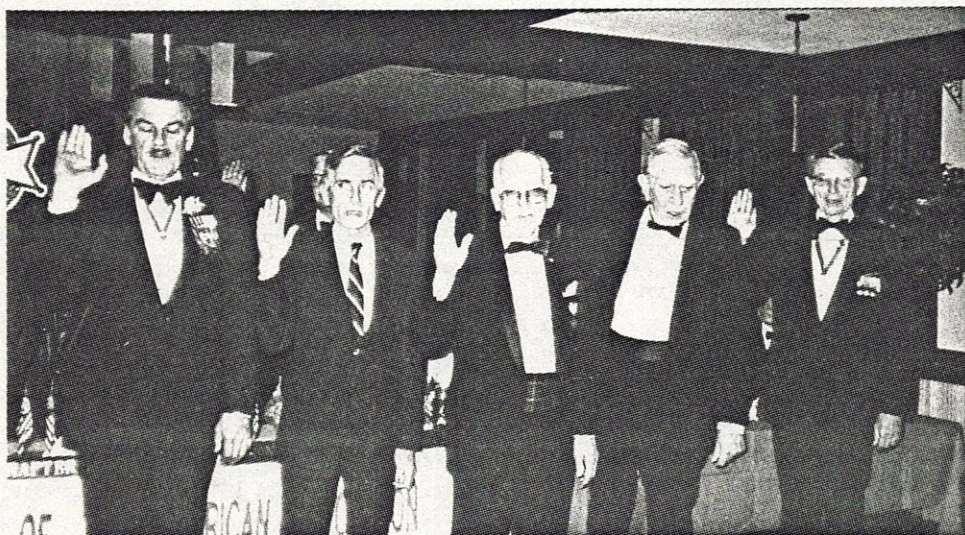
[signed]
 James R. Westlake
 Secretary General,
 NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE
 SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

THE NINTH ANNUAL
INSTALLATION AND AWARDS BANQUET

YOUR CHAPTER OFFICERS



The 1989 Chapter Officers (Left to Right:)
President and First Trustee of the Permanent Fund: ROBERT C. EMREY,
First Vice President AUDEL H. HICKS, Sr. Second Vice President
BRUCE A. JAGGER; Registrar BERNI J. CAMPBELL;
and Chancellor RICHARD W. MARSTON



Chaplain: LtC JAMES BELLAH, II; Genealogist: STEPHEN W. GREGORY,
Second Trustee of the Permanent Fund: JAMES A. MCKELLEP;
Historian: ROBERT BRECKENRIDGE WARWICK, II,
and Third Trustee of the Permanent Fund: ROBERT E. ROBERTSON



he Chapter's Installation and Awards Banquet was held at Cal-State Northridge's Faculty Club. The annual event was well attended and after the formal opening our first guest speaker, Mrs. Muriel Fisher from the Daughters of the American Revolution addressed the Chapter on the subject of the mutual advantages of cooperation between the D.A.R. and the S.A.R. He speech was well received. During the Awards portion of the Banquet President D.F. "Bill" Semerau presented her with the S.A.R.'s Certificate of Appreciation.

Bringing greetings from the California Society, S.A.R. was Compatriot Arthur Barrett, Senior Vice-President. He spoke on the future of the State Society and our chapter's contributions to it, citing the example the Chapter is presenting in the President's Award Contest. The Vice-President concluded his remarks with a generous contribution to the Chapter's Permanent Fund.

Greetings from the National Society, S.A.R. were brought by our Secretary, who is also Vice-President General for the Western District.

Following the banquet, President D.F. "Bill" Semerau presented the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to Compatriot Audel H. Hicks, and Charles M. Pitchford. A Certificate of Distinguished Service to Compatriot Berni K. Campbell. Other members of the Chapter received honorable mention for their contributions to the Chapter.

President Bill Semerau than gave his "Farewell Address" which is transcribed on page 15.

The 1989 Officers which are shown on page thirteen were than sworn in by the Vice President-General. They are:

President - ROBERT C. EMREY, Sr.
 1st V.P. - AUDEL H. HICKS, Sr.
 2nd V.P. - BRUCE A. JAGGER
 Secretary - DONALD NORMAN MORAN
 Treasurer - CHARLES M. PITCHFORD
 Registrar - BERNI K. CAMPBELL
 Chancellor - RICHARD W. MARSTON
 Chaplain - LtC JAMES BELLAH, II
 Genealogist - STEPHEN W. GREGORY
 Historian - ROBERT B. WARWICK, II
 1st Trustee - ROBERT C. EMREY, Sr.
 2nd Trustee - JAMES A. MCKELLEP
 3rd Trustee - ROGER E. ROBERTSON

Former President D.F. "Bill" Semerau presented incoming President Robert C. Emrey the Chapter's presidential gravel. Mrs. Virginia Emrey than presented husband Robert with the S.A.R.'s President's neck ribbon and medal.

President Emrey's first act was to present former president Bill Semerau with the S.A.R.'s Past President's pin, then in appreciation for excellance in leadership Bill Semerau was presented the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal with Certificate and a handsome plaque of appreciation featuring a golden gravel.

President Robert C. Emrey than presented the S.A.R.'s "Martha Washington" medal to Mrs. Jacqueline Semerau for her support of the Chapter and her husband Bill's Presidency.

Concluding the nights activities was the Inaugural Address of President Robert C. Emrey which is transcribed on page Sixteen.

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THE FAREWELL ADDRESS OF
 PRESIDENT D.F. "BILL" SEMERAU



PRESIDENT D.F. 'BILL' SEMERAU
 DELIVERING HIS FAREWELL ADDRESS

"Ladies and Gentlemen. This past year has been one of achievement and accomplishment. Shortly after being elected President I attended the State Annual Meeting in Monterey and accepted the State President's plaque for best mid-size Chapter in California. This was earned during President Robertson's administration. We were also presented the "Bud Scott" Plaque for best Chapter Newsletter in California. At the National Congress in Washington D.C. we were awarded the Carl F. Bessent Plaque for having the best chapter newsletter in the Society.

Early in my administration we put into place a special membership program for sons, grandsons, nephews, brothers. This proved to be very effective and we attained a 20% growth.

We continued the many programs including the Veteran Hospital Book Drive. During the year Berni Campbell delivered 3,755 books to 4 V.A. Hospitals.

Our Colonial Color Guard participated in several parades including the Memorial Day Services and Parade in Glendale. The Color Guard presented California at the National Congress in Washington, D.C. and again at the Montrose Christmas Parade. This was one of the highlights of my presidency. To see our Color Guard graphically representing our heritage and being cheered by hundreds of spectators, with many standing to salute the Flag makes me proud to have had a part in it. The Color Guard is one of the Chapter's crowning achievements. It fullfills the mission of our Society - which is Historic, Education and Patriotic.

We continued our support of the R.O.T.C. programs. We presented a sword to the U.S.C. Air Force R.O.T.C. We presented five Silver R.O.T.C. medals to other college and twenty-three Bronze R.O.T.C. medals to High School R.O.T.C.s. This is a very worthwhile program and to see these fine young men and women receiving these recognitions is a reward in itself.



PRESIDENT D.F. "BILL" SEMERAU
 RECEIVING THE GAVEL PLAQUE FROM
 PRESIDENT ROBERT C. EMREY, SR.

We presented the S.A.R.'s Law Enforcement Medal to Glendale's Chief of Police David Thompson. And the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to Ellen Perry California's Women of the Year.

Heather Consoli won the Chapter's Oration Contest, received a Bronze Good Citizenship medal and the Chapter's scholarship. She went on to win the State Contest.

A Special award, with a certificate of Distinguished service was presented to the Van Nuys High School Army R.O.T.C. for having manned our Color Guard at the numerous events and parades. We also presented Sergeant Major Terry Lee with the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal.

At the S.C.G.S.'s Genealogical Jamboree, the Chapter sponsored a recruiting table. The display of flags, our new banner and the color guard uniforms on mannequins was so colorful that we received television coverage.

Most importantly has been the growth of our Permanent Fund. It has surpassed the \$5,000 mark and will insure that the Chapter will be able to continue all it's programs.

This has been a good year for the Chapter and I am passing the gavel to Robert C. Emrey, who I know will continue the time honored traditions of the San Fernando Valley Chapter - excellence, growth and accomplishment. Thank You."

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THE INAUGURAL ADDRESS OF
 PRESIDENT ROBERT CHARLES EMREY, SR.



PRESIDENT ROBERT C. EMREY, SR.
 GIVING HIS INAUGURAL ADDRESS

"Vice President General Moran, Vice President Barrett, Past President Semerau, Visiting Dignitaries, Compatriots and Ladies and guests: I am pleased and proud to accept the office of President of this Chapter.

I am also grateful to the Chapter for electing so many good men to officers. Together we should be able to continue the fine work already begun, and in addition, we can try to attack some of the problems of our community, our organization, and our country.

The committees will be encouraged to provide the worthwhile services which have become a trademark of the San Fernando Valley Chapter. The work being done in recognizing the leadership abilities within the R.O.T.C. units in our schools and colleges is of great value. The support and praise we give to other youth organizations such as scouting will certainly produce better citizens and will foster leadership for the future

We are proud of the Color Guard we've created. Its appearances have spread our name through the community and helped with the ceremonies within our own Society.

The books Berni Campbell and his assistants have provided to Veteran's canteens and hospitals have helped our service people and veterans pass many boring hours.

We have singled out and recognized those peace officers who have been outstanding in protecting our citizens and upholding our laws. But these activities, and others, already exist - they are reality and they are good and must be continued. We must also remain solvent and with ample funds to maintain these functions when they are in need.

I should like to offer a few additional thoughts. It seems to me that we can and that we should be aware of the opportunities to react to the pressing danger of the illicit drug imports, manufacture and distribution in this country. We can help by backing our law enforcement units, supporting legislation in our cities, county, and State which enable police to do what is necessary to drive this business from our neighborhoods. Letters, phone calls, talking to friends and acquaintances. All these will be helpful.

Akin to the drug problem is that of gang violence. It must stop. We should shout our objection to this destruction of people and property.

A few weeks ago we resolved that a proposed constitutional

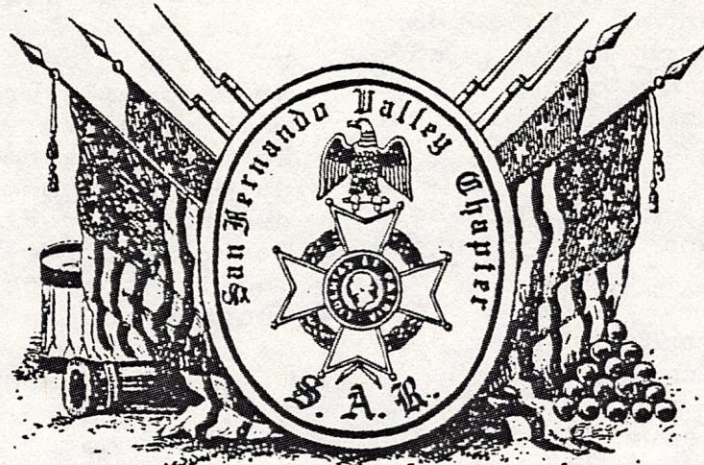
convention might destroy our Constitution. At best, it would be no better than the traditional procedure we have used for two hundred years to keep our sacred document up to date. We should let nothing destroy our Constitutional Government. We must be relentless in this cause and keep the message before our citizens.

Fourth and lastly I believe that above all this Chapter should be a FUN group. Compatriots and Ladies and guests attending our meetings should expect to have a good time. It should be an interesting experience. It should be participated in by all who are there. We should leave laughing, or at least with smiles on our faces.

Bill Semerau is a tough act to follow. He has served this Chapter well and faithfully. His predecessors have each left their mark on our progress as well. Our good and faithful Secretary has shown us the way and guided us well. With your support we shall try to carry on in this fine tradition. Thank you."



PRESIDENT EMREY RECEIVING HIS NECK RIBBON FROM WIFE VIRGINIA



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