

THE VALLEY COMPATRIOT



GEORGE WASHINGTON

Taken from the 1860 Currier and Ives lithograph of the Father of our Country, based on the Gilbert Stuart original painting

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THE SECRETARY'S CORNER

FEEES AND DUES

Life Membership:.....	\$500.00
New Application fees:.....	75.00
If under 25 years of age:.....	24.00
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Reinstatement:.....	34.00
Supplemental Applications.....	30.00
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FUNDS

In addition to our annual dues, which are quite minimal, many of the programs are maintained thru special funds, maintained by tax deductible donation. These funds are:

- National Society S.A.R.'s Washington Fund
- California Society S.A.R.'s Permanent Fund
- California Society's. S.A.R.'s Education Fund
- San Fernando Valley Chpt. S.A.R.'s Permanent Fund
- San Fernando Valley Chpt. S.A.R.'s Color Guard Fund

GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON COMMEMORATIVE MASSING OF THE COLORS

The Officers and Men of the San Fernando Valley Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution cordially invite you to attend the seventh annual George Washington Commemorative Massing of the Colors at 2:00 P.M. February 19th, at the Hall of Liberty, Forest Lawn Memorial Park, 6300 Forest Lawn Drive, Burbank, California.

The ceremony will include the laying of a wreath at the colossal monument of George Washington by the Sons of the American Revolution, guest speaker, Audel Harrison Hicks, Sr. President of the San Fernando Valley Chapter S.A.R. and the Washington Family Descendants will be the Keynote speaker. Other appropriate remarks will be made by civic dignitaries and prominent personalities. The Color Guards of numerous military, civic and hereditary organizations will mass for a Passing-in-Review as a tribute to the Father of Our Nation

This is the largest ceremony planned on the west coast for the 258th anniversary of General George Washington's Birth. Some of the organizations that are planning on participating

Several Chapters of The Sons of the American Revolution -- Washington Family Descendants --

The Delaware Regiment of the Brigade of the American Revolution; -- Society of the Cincinnati -- The Society of the Founders & Patriots -- units of the U.S. Army -- U.S. Navy -- U.S. Air Force -- U.S. Marines -- U.S. Coast Guard -- the Daughters of the American Revolution -- The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston -- Various ROTC units from the Los Angeles area -- Military Order of the World Wars -- Military Order of the Purple Heart -- The Boy Scouts of America -- The Mayflower Society -- The Civil Air Patrol -- The Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims -- The Sons of Confederate Veterans -- The Sons of Union Veterans -- The Veteran's of Foreign Wars -- The American Legion -- The Society of Colonial Wars --



The Children of the American Revolution. This Tribute to the Father of Country is Sponsored by the San Fernando Valley Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution.

THE SAN FERNANDO
 VALLEY CHAPTER
 MONTHLY
 MEETING NOTICE

26 FEBRUARY 1990



At 6:30 p.m. on Monday the 26th of February 1990, the monthly meeting of the San Fernando Valley Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution will be held at LEON'S STEAK HOUSE 10945 Victory Blvd (on the corner of Vineland and Victory) North Hollywood. All members, applicants, guests and the ladies are cordially invited to attend. Compatriot's Please notify the Chapter's Secretary if you plan on attending.

*** THE PROGRAM ***

THE FIRST BUSINESS MEETING
 OF NINETEEN-NINETY

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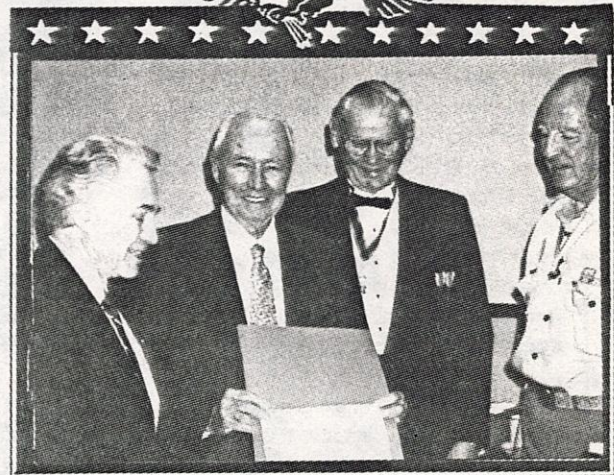
"THE BEST LAID
 PLANS"



In keeping with the time worn American tradition your Editor had a New Years resolution. A more timely mailing schedule for the Valley Compatriot. It is difficult because our monthly meeting is on the last Monday of the Month, hence publishing prior to the first of the following month is virtually impossible. However, by preparing as many of the regular features as possible in advance would speed up production schedule.

In keeping with this new resolution we sent the "proofs" to our printer on December 27th. On the 8th of January we asked the Post Office to trace the yet undelivered VALLEY COMPATRIOT. On the 16th of January it was delivered back to the Editor's home! The address to label had been torn off! It was printed and finally mailed on the 23rd! "The Best laid plans".

WELCOME NEW
 COMPATRIOT



LtC EDGAR DUER WHITLEY receiving his Membership Certificate and War Service Medal from State President Arthur Wm. Barrett, President Robert C. Emrey and Registrar Berni K. Campbell. LtC Ed Whitley is descendant from Private JOHN DUER who served in the Sussex County, New Jersey Militia.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER'S PERMANENT FUND

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COMPATRIOTS IN THE NEWS

This issue of the Valley Compatriot is filled with the many achievements and recognitions of our fellow Compatriots, therefore will not redundantly repeat them herein.

Of note however, our Chapter's D.A.R. "God-Mother" Mrs. Muriel Fisher has been elected President of the San Fernando Valley Genealogical Society. Congratulations.

BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARIES

- LtC ROBERT and VIRGINIA WILEY
04 February 1942
 - AUDEL and BETTIE HICKS
09 February 1944
 - RICHARD and MARGARET MARSTON
20 February 1960
 - ROBERT and MARIAN STEELE
25 February 1936
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THE LADIES AUXILIARY

The San Fernando Valley Chapter. Sons of the American Revolution is a tax exempt organization operating under the I.R.S. provisions 501C3. All donations to the Society are tax deductible. In 1989 the earnings from the fund were equal the dues of 40 members without the usual membership expenses!. Our tax Exemption number is 95-3685784. PLEASE DONATE AND HELP US PRESERVE OUR PRECIOUS HERITAGE,

At our October meeting the Chapter approved a resolution wherein the Chapter would underwrite the Ladies Auxiliary dues of widows of our deceased members, thereby encouraging their continued participation. At our Annual Installation dinner on January 27th we had the privilege of having Mrs. TONI PITCHFORD join us. Welcome back Toni!

THE NINTH ANNUAL INSTALLATION OF
 OFFICERS AND AWARDS BANQUET



THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER'S 1990 OFFICERS

l-r: ROBERT C. EMREY, Sr., Treasurer; AUDEL H. HICKS, Sr. President and Trustee, ROBERT S. MOORE, 1st Vice President; JAMES A. McKELLEP Second Vice President and Trustee; BERNI K. CAMPBELL, Registrar; LtC JAMES BELLAH, II, Chaplain and ROGER E. ROBERTSON, Trustee. being sworn in by NSSAR Vice President-General DONALD NORMAN MORAN.



In January 27th, 1990 the Chapter held it's Annual Installation Dinner at Burbank's Ramada Inn. Our President, Robert C. Emrey was Master of Ceremonies. After the opening ceremony, Greetings were brought from the State Society by State President Arthur Wm. Barrett, followed by his wife, Helen, who brought greetings from the Ladies Auxiliary. Don Moran wearing his Vice President General hat brought greetings from the National Society. The first event was the presentation to LtC Edgar Duer Whitley with

his SAR Membership Certificate and the War Service Medal for his service in World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

Jim Aquirre who portrays George Washington for our Living History Speaker's Bureau was than presented the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal. (see article on page 22).

Next to be honored was William Thomas Armand Lugg, the winner of the Chapter's Eagle Scout Scholarship contest. In the company of his Mother, Maureen and his Explore Post advisor Pat Aubuchon he received

the Eagle Scout Medal, Patch and Certificate. This young man's many accomplishments can be found in an article on him on page 25 of this issue.

President Emrey presented President-Elect Audel H. Hicks, Sr. the S.A.R.'s Bronze Good Citizenship Medal for his outstanding contributions to the National, State and Chapter.



VIRGINIA EMREY RECEIVING THE MARTHA WASHINGTON MEDAL FROM PRESIDENT AUDEL H. HICKS, SR.

President Emrey next honored Compatriots Berni K. Campbell and D. F. "Bill" Semerau for their outstanding efforts.

President Emrey than honored your Editor by naming him the Chapter's "Patriot of the Year" and presented him with a handsome plaque.

Your editor, as Vice President General, swore in your 1990 Chapter Officers, named and depicted on page 18.

President Robert C. Emrey than gave a stirring farewell address, mentioning the year's achievements of the Chapter and recognitions received, as well

one of our objectives we did not reach - an S.A.R. Anti-Drug Program. President Robert Emrey's speech is reproduced on page 21.

President Audel H. Hicks delivered his Inaugural Address, which we have reproduced on page 23. He than presented former President Robert C. Emrey with his Past-President's Pin, an S.A.R. President's Gavel Plaque



PRESIDENT ROBERT C. EMREY, SR. PRESENTING DONALD MORAN WITH THE "PATRIOT OF THE YEAR" PLAQUE

and the Silver Good Citizenship Medal for his many contributions to the S.A.R. and his inspiring leadership.

President Hicks presented Mrs. Virginia Emrey, now a former "First Lady" with the "Martha Washington Medal" for her support of the Chapter and the Ladies Auxiliary.

President Hicks than presented your Editor with an authentic Commission as a "Kentucky Colonel" signed by Kentucky's Governor Wallace G. Wilkinson and dated 29 Nov. 1989.

Thus ended the Chapter's 9th Annual Installation Banquet.

THE FAREWELL ADDRESS
OF
PRESIDENT ROBERT C. EMREY, Sr.



I have nothing but good things to report to you in this last message. Our membership is increasing and our dues collections for the New Year are about on schedule.

We had several tasks to accomplish this year -- Worthwhile ideas which I believed could be done and which were within the scope of our Charter. They included our continued fine performance in the California Society competition between Chapters; the continued improvement of uniforms and equipment of our Color Guard; the encouragement of our governments and citizens to fight illegal drug use; to solidify the friendships and the comraderie of our Chapter members and to have fun!

The San Fernando Valley Chapter met this challenge in every aspect but one, and won some recognition not even contemplated.

We resumed our rightful place of excellence in the California Society competition. As a bonus we were also selected for the top award in our chapter size group at the National Congress. Our newsletter continues to draw recognition and praise all across the Country.

The Color Guard has made a number of appearances. During the year we purchased new outdoor flagpoles 10 feet tall. We also acquired 16 new Revolutionary War flags, poles and carrying slings. At the George Washington's Birthday Massing of the Colors one year ago, I had the honor to lead our Chapter, and the organizations who joined with us, in the celebration at Forest Lawn Memorial Park. I was



PRESIDENT ROBERT C. EMREY, Sr. RECEIVING HIS GAVEL PLAQUE, PAST PRESIDENT'S PIN AND THE SILVER GOOD CITIZENSHIP MEDAL FROM PRESIDENT AUDEL H. HICKS, Sr.

most surprised that day to find myself in the company of George Washington himself! 1

The Color Guard carried on at the San Francisco National Congress when our own Don Moran as Chairman of the Color Guard Committee and produced an inspiring spectacle for the delight of our Compatriots and their Ladies. I have talked, studied and given much thought to the problem of our youth and its attraction to harmful drugs. Perhaps some of the talking did some good because President Bush and his Commission has taken some action here and in foreign countries, but it is too slow, to late and not enough. Some

1 - See article on Jim Aguirre.

\$11 Billion is proposed as a budget next year with which to fight one of the toughest wars in our country's history. It is not enough. I urge you to join with me -- WRITE, TALK AND THINK NO!

And last of all I've tried to bring us closer together to form an even stronger team of Compatriots and their Ladies to keep up our Chapter momentum. At our April "Clambake" we had the opportunity to hear much about each other and learn that there are a lot of great people in our group. In fact, we learned we are so close to Betty and Del Hicks that we both once owned and lived in the same house!

Yes we've had a great year. It came about because of the great efforts of Del Hicks, Berni Campbell, Bill Semerau, Roger Robertson, George Van Dorn, and of course Don Moran plus many others who made things happen. I thank you all.

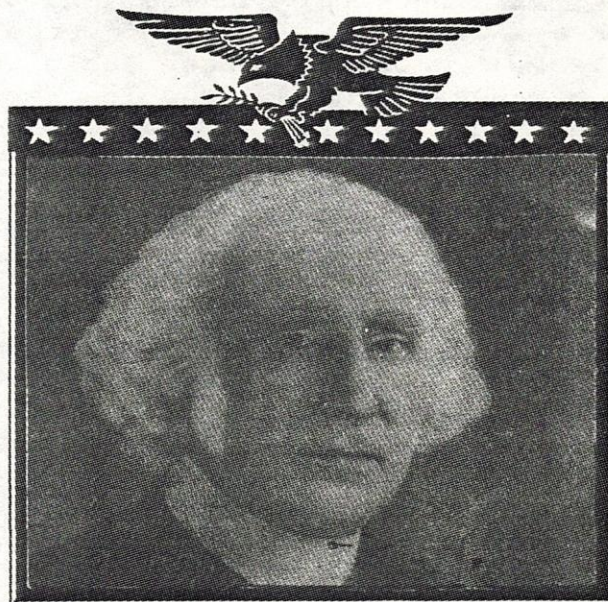
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JIM AGUIRRE
 (George Washington)
HONORED

Lresident Robert C. Emrey presented the S.A.R.'s Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to S.A.R applicant Jim (George Washington) Aguirre at the Ninth Annual Installation Dinner held on January 27th.

Jim has been active in our Chapter's "Living History Speaker's Bureau" for some time. He has a remarkable resemblance to our Founding Father and as a George Washington look-a-like he is much sought after for historic events. He participated in his uniform at the 1989 "George Washington Commemorative Massing of the Colors" and will appear at Forest Lawn in that important role again this year.

At the Glendale/Monrovia Memorial Day Parade, Jim Aguirre was one of the parade favorites. In his costume, riding in a horse drawn coach, immediately behind our Color Guard, he invoked a very believable vision of the Father of our Country.



JIM AGUIRRE AS GEORGE WASHINGTON

His best portrayal of George Washington was at the 100th Anniversary of the founding of our Society. It was held on July 4th, 1989 in San Francisco. As a special salute to our Country and the S.A.R. the combined S.A.R. Color Guards carried dozens of historical flags were led by Jim. His entrance was spectacular. He was escorted by a uniformed entourage of his Life Guards, carrying his personal flag. He then took the podium, and speaking in the first person as Washington would have done, described each flag and the Color Guard bearing it. The overall effect was marvelous and will long be remembered. For these and many more contributions we have honored Jim with a well deserved S.A.R. Bronze Good Citizenship Medal.

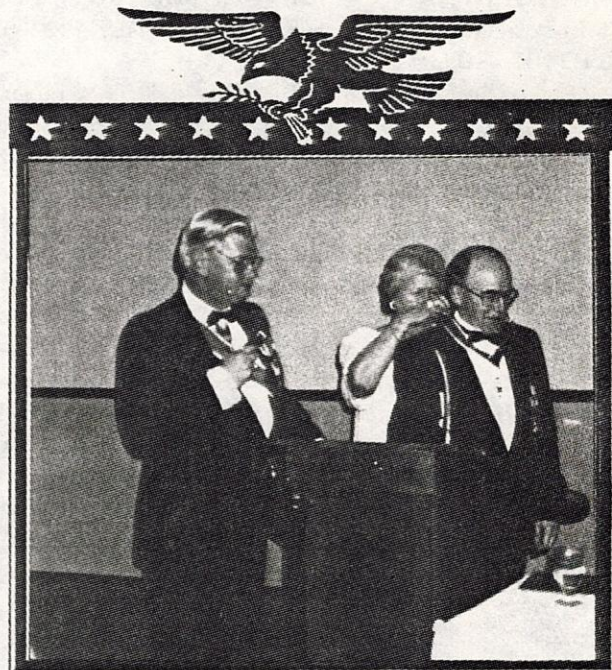
THE INAUGURAL ADDRESS
 OF
 PRESIDENT AUDEL H. HICKS, Sr.



honoored Guests, Guests,
 My Dear Friends, Friends.
 I was asked to deliver an
 Inaugural Address and to
 keep it under 10,000 words.
 That, I just have been able to
 do, but, perhaps in doing so,
 the main points of my address
 may be lost for the sake of
 brevity. I jest of course. As
 Henry the Eight said to each of
 his six wives, "I won't keep you
 long".

In accepting the Chapter's
 Presidency I had to consult
 first our "Robertson By-Laws" to
 find out just what in the heck
 I'm suppose to do. Well, the
 good book says that the
 President presides at all meet-
 ings. I can do that! He shall
 exercise the "usual functions".
 I can do that! - - all my
 systems are functioning as of
 this moment. The President
 shall enforce strict observance
 of the Articles of Incorporation
 and its By-Laws - - again our
 "Robertson's". I can do that! He
 shall appoint "Special Commit-
 tees" as he deems appropriate. I
 like that one. I can certainly
 do that either as I darn well
 please or as I don't darn well
 please. Your omnipotent leader
 shall be an ex-officio member of
 all standing and "Special"
 committees. These things I
 think I can do and so I
 accepted. This would ordinarily
 conclude an average person's
 Inaugural Address - But I go on!

I admit, in drafting this
 Inaugural Address, that I had
 to hark back to my 'Latin - 1'
 knowledge to determine what
 "inaugural" really means. I
 find that it comes from the
 Latin verb (first declension)



PRESIDENT AUDEL H. HICKS, Sr.
 RECEIVING HIS PRESIDENT'S NECK
 MEDAL FROM HIS WIFE BETTIE.

"inaugurare". Translation - "to
 take the auguries!" Funk and
 Wagner tells me that "auguries"
 are an ancient Roman Official. a
 devination or lastly a sooth-
 sayer. A soothsayer! I finally
 understood what I am to say for,
 if there's anything I can do, I
 can soothsayeth.

Now for the more serious
 side of this Address, The Sons
 of the American Revolution is a
 noble organization. I belong to
 many, but the S.A.R. has, on the
 average, the most honorable
 gentlemen with whom I have ever
 been associated. It is the ex-
 ception to the rule. It strives
 for its stated objectives: Pat-
 riorism, History and Education,
 and does a remarkable job. We
 shall continue to help our
 Society, State and National to
 achieve those pronounced ideals.

Our Chapter's historical activities are centered around our Color Guard. This is one of our best undertakings and we will continue to support it strongly under the able guidance of our own Don Moran. Similarly, we are very strong in civic programs; Good Citizenship; Law Enforcement; R.O.T.C., Eagle Scout Scholarship; an first, not lastly, the Veterans Hospital Book Drive so well lead by Berni K. Campbell.

As you know, our Chapter, the San Fernando Valley Chapter, is judged annually by the State and the National Societies. But have you noticed that over 40% of the "goodie points" which we receive in those ratings are for publicity earned through the efforts of Don Moran. Thank you Don for your efforts. Without publicity we die and all of our efforts come to naught. We hope to get more of the Chapter involved in this area.

I am proud and humble in accepting the position as your President, but like our revered George Washington on being appointed Commander-in-Chief, I don't feel qualified for the task ahead. Maybe that is the reason that this Inaugural Address is not filled with specifics. I offer no grandiose ideas for the future; there's no "pie-in-the-sky". I only offer you my sincere efforts in the coming year. I will draw on your strength to bolster my weekness, your friendship to support me and by and will your help this Chapter will continue to be a beacon to all other Chapters in the Sons of the American Revolution for guidance.

Thank you for the honor and may God bless each and every one of us."

THE CASSAR
PRESIDENT'S AWARD
CONTEST
CHAPTER STATUS
DECEMBER

1. Publicity.....	0
2. TV or Radio.....	0
3. New Members.....	0
4. Compatriot reinstated.....	0
5. Supplemental applicants.....	0
6. NSSAR Delegates.....	0
7. CSSAR Delegates.....	0
8. Social/Business meeting....	15
9. Each SAR attending.....	160
10. Prospective member.....	30
11. Each Lady attending.....	60
12. Each Aux. attending.....	14
13. Each DAR attending.....	8
14. Two + Chapter function.....	0
15. Hosting State Meeting.....	0
16. Organizing new Chapter.....	0
17. SAR Program or Talk.....	0
18. Gifts to V.A. Hospital.....	0
19. Each book donated.....	0
20. Historical site marked.....	0
21. SAR Medals presented.....	100
22. Presented in person.....	135
23. Chapter roster.....	50
24. Each issue of newsletter...	25
25. Granting a scholarship.....	0
26. Meeting with DAR/CAR.....	0
27. Oration Contest.....	0
28. Eagle Scout Nominee.....	50
29. Manning a Community table...	0
30. Donations to SAR/CAR.....	523
31. Each new citizen.....	0
32. Participating in Parade.....	0
33. Report on time.....	50
Monthly Totals (January)....	1,245
Year to date totals.....	33,640
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SMALL WORLD
DEPARTMENT

At the January 27th Meeting Robert and Virginia Emrey and Toni Pitchford were discussing the "Birds of a Feather" article when they realized that they shared the exact same wedding date TO THE HOUR! 19 Sept. 1943



**EAGLE SCOUT WINNER
 WILLIAM THOMAS ARMAND LUGG**



At the January 27th Installation Banquet, The members of the San Fernando Valley Chapter met the 1990 winner of our Eagle Scout contest William T. A. Lugg. He was awarded the Eagle Scout uniform patch and S.A.R. Eagle Scout medal with certificate.

William was born in Subiaco, Western Australia in October 1972. His parents were working on a special public health project there.

When he was eight years old his family returned to America where they have lived ever since.

Selecting the winning Eagle Scout is usually a real chore. In this instance, it was exceptionally easy. William's accomplishments were listed on FIVE typewritten pages! We have listed some of the highlights in this biographical Sketch. He has earned 60 merit badges, is serving as Western Los Angeles County Council Explorer Association's President. He represented Explore Post 220 at the White House ceremonies for the National Winner of the Youth Group Section, "Take Pride in America" Award. He participated in the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games opening ceremonies. He is

a member of the Order of the Arrow, and was awarded the Hornaday Unit Award in 1988.

In athletics he has earned numerous awards for his swimming. In 1981 he won first place in the State for his Breaststroke. First place in the Los Angeles Regional Swim Meet in 1987 and 1988. First place in Free Style in the 1987 All-City competition and 2nd place in 1988 the Breaststroke and backstroke competition. His other interests include photography where he was awarded 32 blue ribbons at the Los Angeles County and San Fernando Valley fairs. In 1985 he was awarded the "Grand Championship Ribbon" for his watercolor painting of San Francisco. William is also an accomplished musician. As a trumpet player he plays for his Church, is first chair Trumpet in his School Orchestra. He was awarded the L.A. Unified School Districts "Music Teachers Award" for his solo trumpet playing. Other honors include: School Honor roll 1987, Outstanding band member 1987-88, A Marching Band letter, All-City High School Band, 1987-88. He was named to the Knights and



OUR EAGLE SCOUT CONTEST WINNER WILLIAM LUGG WITH ADVISOR PAT AUBUCHON AND PRESIDENT ROBERT C. EMREY

Ladies Honor/Service Society. He was elected 11th Grade Humanities Peer Leader, Received a Gold Seal on his Diaploma from the California Scholarship Federation and is listed in "Outstanding High School Students of America" - 1990.

As if that is not enough, William likes to write and in that field has earned 6th place in the USA in the National Wildlife Federation's Story Writing Competition; Second place in the Revere/Palisades Rotary Writing Awards - 1985, In the 1984-1985 Hollywood Bowl "The Writing Tree" he was awarded 1st place in the Poetry Division. The same year he competed in the Children's Book Writing/Illustration competition and took another First place!

Part of the S.A.R.'s Eagle Scout Contest requirements are

to submit a four generation ancestor chart. William's Chart has 12 generations on two lines, eight on another and all four of the first generations are complete in every genealogical detail.

The other requirement is to submit a 500 word essay on the Revolutionary War period. In this area, William put together a two page newspaper titled "Colonial Times", with the historic date of April 19th, 1775. William stated in his cover letter "I felt putting it all into this newspaper format would make it more interesting to read, especially for any youth who might not think they 'enjoy' history!." We have reprinted it herein.

We know we will be hearing a lot more about William Lugg, both from State and National!



l-r: Mrs. MARLENE LUGG; Explorer Post Advisor PAT AUBUCHON; Eagle Scout WILLIAM LUGG; ROBERT C. EMREY and ARTHUR WM. BARRETT.

COLONIAL TIMES

April 19, 1775

Delivered by Pony and Town Crier

Lexington, Mass.

W. T. A. Lugg, Editor-in-Chief

price 1/4 pence

circulation 5,000

WAR !!

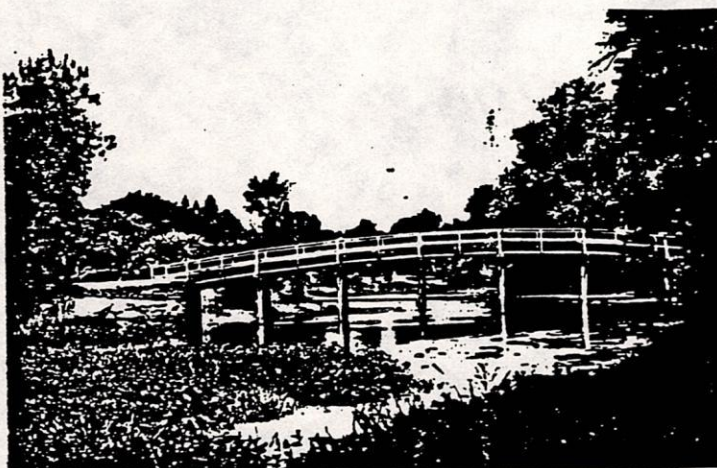
Shots exchanged at North Bridge, Concord,
and Lexington, Pitcairn captured!

This morning, shortly after dawn, 700 British Regulars and their commander, Lt. Colonel Francis Smith arrived at Lexington Green with orders to confiscate military supplies. Waiting for them were between 50 and 60 Minutemen and their Captain, John Parker. Parker's orders to his men were: "Stand your ground, don't fire unless fired upon, but if they mean to have a war, let it begin here."

At this time, it is not certain who actually fired the first shot, but it was most likely one of the British Regulars. Thereon followed a British barrage and bayonet attack. Eight Americans were killed, after which the British cheered and marched on to Concord. There they searched for our military supplies. A minuteman interviewed at the site, was asked why he had taken his musket and gone out

to face the British soldiers. His answer was "We had always governed ourselves, and we always meant to. They didn't mean we should." 1

Four Hundred Minutemen and militia were massed on the hillside above the North Bridge, waiting. Reports from the front are still sketchy, but there was smoke rising from Concord, as our troops advanced. At the Bridge, three British Companies began to volley, killing 2 of our minutemen. In the ensuing fight, 2 Redcoats were killed, another fatally wounded, and 9 more hit. The British regrouped and retreated towards Lexington. At Meriam's Corner, however, our local patriots maintained a steady harassment of the invaders. The exact location of the British Troops is not known as of press time, so we beseech everyone to be alert, have your muskets ready!



North Bridge, Site of Today's Battle

How Did We Get Here ?

1763 England kept a standing army in North America without asking us. Supposedly there to keep the French, Spanish and Indians at bay, it can be used against the us at Mother England's whim.

On October 7, 1763, England passes a proclamation allowing the Indians to own the lands on which they live, and tries to keep the Colonists from going west over the Appalachians.

1764, Ghastly Grenville (British Prime Minister) manages to get the Sugar Act passed. It should have been called simply the Revenue Act, for that's all it was! Three-pence tax on each gallon of molasses brought to the Colonies from the West Indies will make Grenville rich fast!

As if that wasn't enough, Grenville pushed Parliament into passing the Quartering Act. Imagine us Colonists being required to allow soldier, sailors, and all sorts of British troops to LIVE IN OUR HOMES! And to add insult to injury, we have to provide them with fuel, candles, cider or beer as well as transportation! We need is a law protecting OUR rights in this matter!

It is unbelievable that England could do more to annoy us; but yes, just this year, it was the "Stamp Act", making it mandatory for us to pay a special "stamp tax" on newspapers, playing cards, diplomas, and legal document. What tyranny; we are taxed but have no representation!

In 1772 pesky Parliament passed the "Tea Act", which allowed the East India Company to pay tax and still sell tea cheaper than the Dutch. If the Colonists purchase the lower priced tea, it will be a blow against "taxation without representation, so a group of Colonists (who shall remain nameless) dressed as Indians, and dumped the tea overboard!

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Comments about better times from our Young Readers

"In May 1773 my Farther, my self in my 14th year, with 2 hired men, set out for Peacham, no road, nothing but a spotted line with know and than a bush, cut 20 miles from the settlement in Newbury. my farther led his horse loaded with Provisions. We drove a yোক of oxen and a cow (that was expected to calve within the month) and when we got on to the ground we found on the lot adjoining the one my Farther had pitched, Robert Cour in a small camp. whair we pitched till we bilt a log house and bound it with bark.

"thair was Dr. John Keels, Coll. Frey Bailey, John Sanborn, and some others that come on that spring, and a number more through the summer. That sumer my Farther cleared of a number of acres & sewed six or 8 acres with winter wheat, and he hyered 10 acres, to be clared of for to be sewed with oats the next year. "
 - Jonathan Elkins, Jr. ²

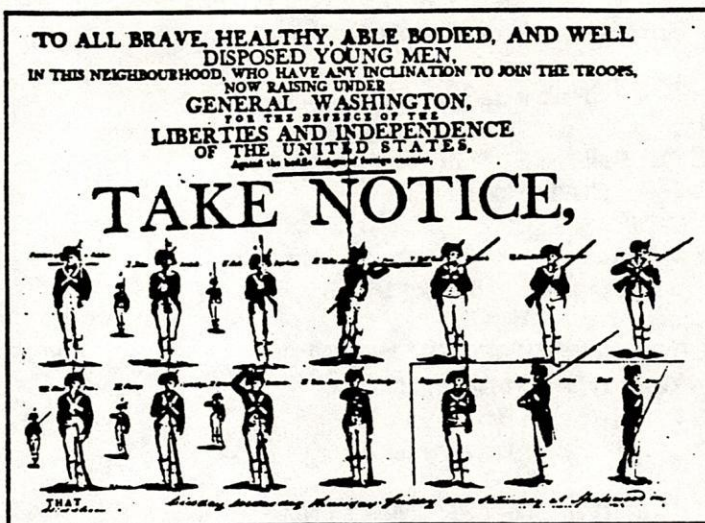
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Instead of backing down gracefully, as we hoped, England got back at the Colonies by passing the Intolerable Acts, which tried to starve us out by closing Boston Harbor until we agree to pay for the destroyed tea. No chance, the tea is still unpaid for and will remain so.

Next our so-called "Mother Country" tried to starve us out by prohibiting fishing on Newfoundland's Grand Banks, and preventing our trade with Britain & the West Indies. Where are we to find enough food, clothing and metals for all our needs?

Public Notice:

The Revere Pewter Company has temporarily suspended manufacturing of fine candlesticks, due to putting all its work and metals into the war effort.



Pre-war battles:

Redcoats and Boston Townspeople clashed on March 5, 1770 in King's Street. Several boys were only having fun in the snow, and hit a few British Troops with snowballs. For this, the British Troops fired their muskets into the crowd and killed five men and wounded many others.

On April 13, 1775, General Gage and his troops tried to destroy the patriot's main supply depot at Concord. Thank Goodness for Paul Revere who rode his trusty steed to warn us!

Who's Who, or Names to watch for in the coming months of battle:

On Our side:

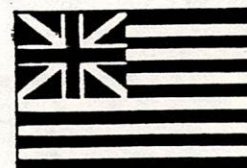
General George Washington, Commander in Chief of the American Army, and his Commanders: Maj. General Benedict Arnold, Horatio Gates, Nathanael Green, Henry Knox, the Marquis de Lafayette, Casimir Pulaski, and Fredrich von Steuben, Navy Commodore Esek Hopkins.

Their side:

King George III, Lord North (Prime Minister), General John Burgoyne, Charles Cornwallis and William Howe.

News smuggled out of England:

Colonists will be sad to hear that the James Lugg (Brother of Simon) and H. Skewes families of Ruan Major, Cornwall, did not arrive before today's battle began. Their long planned move from the tyranny of Mother England has been delayed due to the present delicate condition of Catherine Lugg. As soon as the baby arrives and is old enough to withstand the rigors of the long sea journey, The Luggs and Skewes plan to join us in the New World. ⁴



*****Editor's Notes:*****

- 1 Anonymous Minuteman, quoted in *Minute Man*, US Nat'l Park Service Pamphlet, 1977.
- 2 *Sweet Land of Liberty*, Engelwood Hills, Prentice Hall, 1974, pp 18-19.
- 3 *Ibid.*, p. 21.
- 4 Fortune did not immediately smile on the J. Lugg Family, and they did not live to see the new world. However, James' son Hannibal Lugg, the Skewes and their families migrated to Wisconsin in the early 1800's.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

THE SONS OF THE REVOLUTION'S
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St. James's Episcopal Church
Pasadena
18 February 1990

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Leon's Steak House
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26 February 1990

MARCH CHAPTER MEETING

Leon's Steak House
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26 March 1990

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP

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27th and 28th April 1990

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Leon's Steak House
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30 April 1990

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