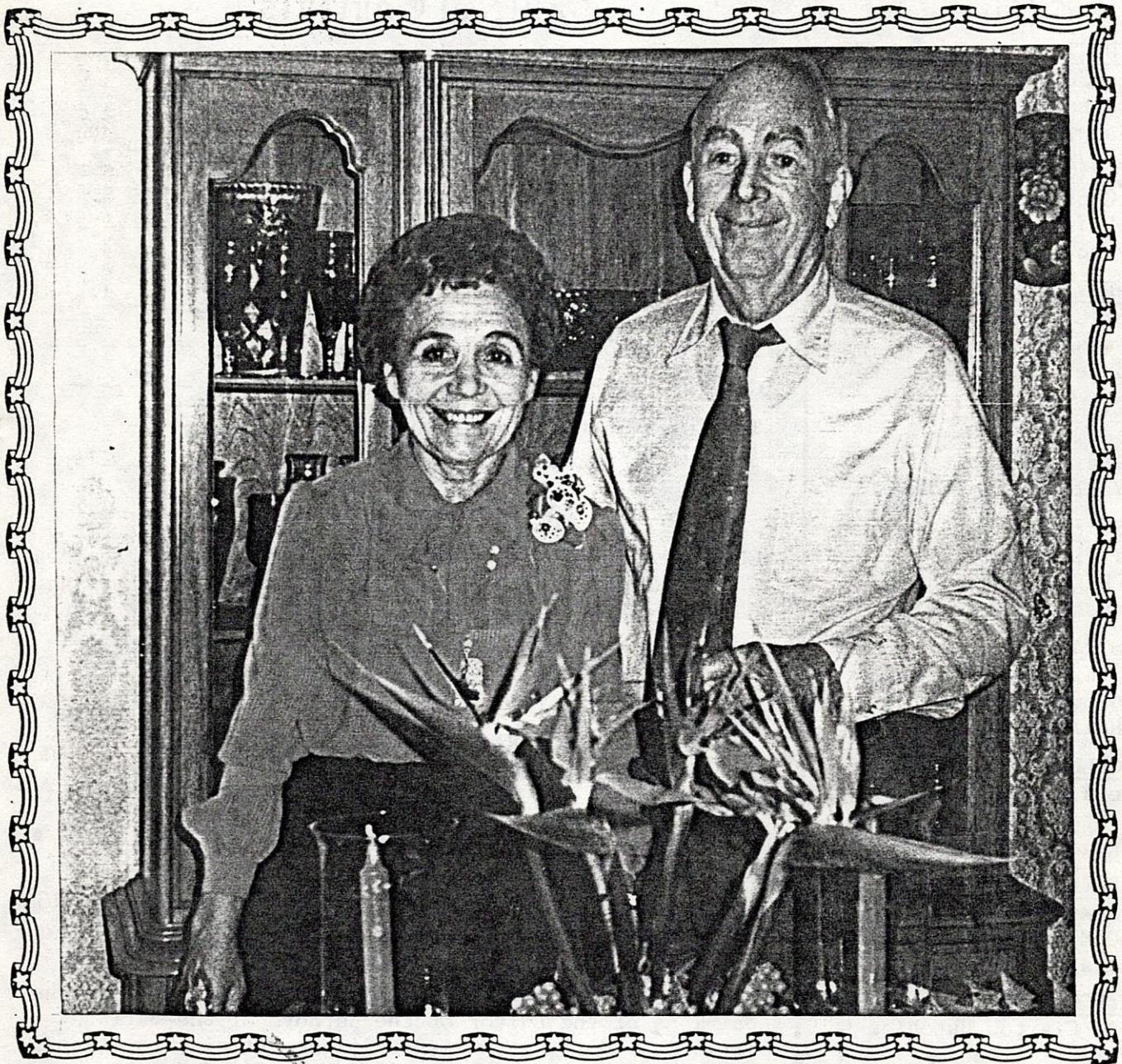


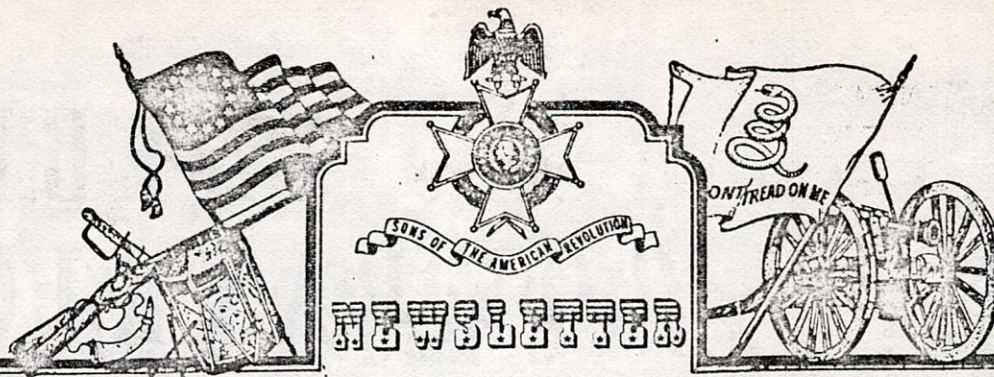


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**The Front Cover**

GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA - December 15th - Chapter President  
*GEORGE SUTHERLAND VAN DORN* and his wife *MARY*, Host and  
 Hostess at the Annual President's Christmas Open House.

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You are cordially invited to attend the  
Fifth Annual Installation Banquet  
of the  
San Fernando Valley Chapter, I.A.R.  
on Saturday, January 25th, 1985  
at the

Airport Hilton Hotel  
at 2500 Hollywood Way  
Burbank

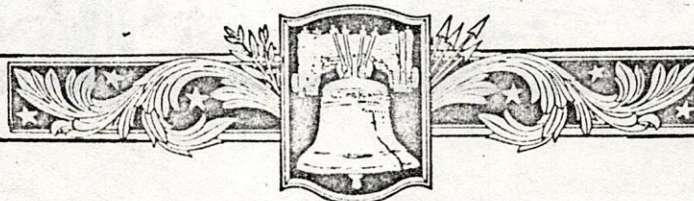
No Host Bar - 6:00      Dinner - 7:00

Pasadena Ballroom

Black Tie Optional - - \$15.00 Per Person

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## Our Installation Dinner



he program at our annual Installation Dinner will be a busy one, but one you will certainly enjoy. Firstly, we will be honored by having the President of the California Society, Sons of the American Revolution; Compatriot DAVID A. YOUNG present. He will swear in the 1986 Officers.

Our Inter-Service Continental Color Guard manned by soldiers of the 301st Infantry Battalion, S.M.R. will post the colors. This will be the first time the Color Guard has participated in an activity solely sponsored by our Chapter.

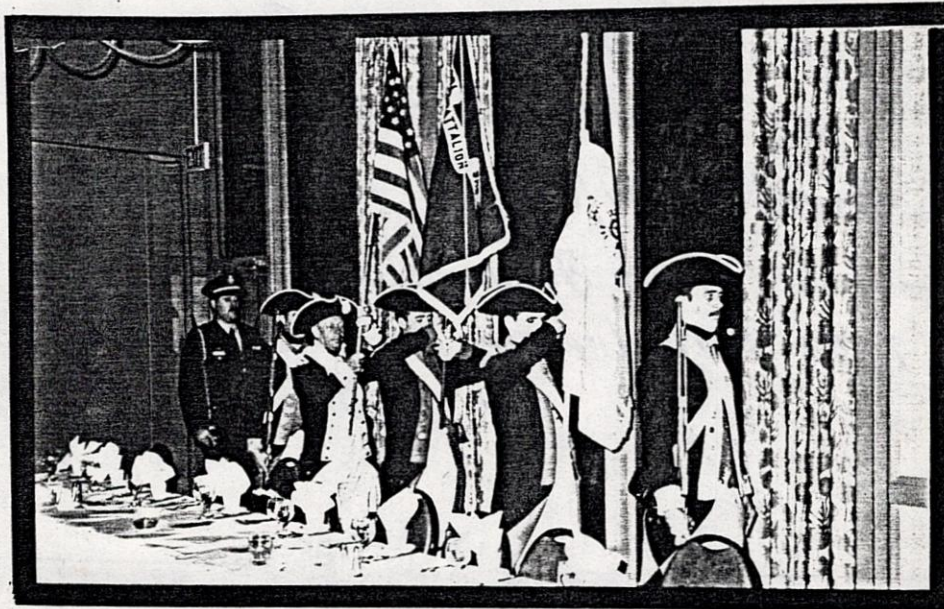
We will be swearing in our 1986 Officers and will hear George Sutherland Van Dorn's re-cap of the year's activities and the many accomplishments of the Chapter in 1985. As out-going Chapter President George will give his farwell address. Than Colonel George Eckert, our newly elected President will set forth his goals and objectives for the Chapter during the coming year.

## The Color Guard



ou Inter-Service Continental Color Guard has been busy since our last report. On December 17th they had the honor of posting the Colors for the Third Brigade, S.M.R. at their annual Brigade Christmas Dining out. Attending the affair was Major General Keith, Brigadier General Markarian and area Commander Colonel Sutherland. According to LtC John L. West, Commanding the 301st Battalion, the Color Guard made a very good impression. In addition to the 3rd Brigade, many members of the 4th Brigade were also present. Additionally, we are pleased to report that LtC West has been promoted to Deputy Commander of the Third Brigade with the rank of full Colonel.

Colonel West has extended an invitation to the members of the San Fernando Valley Chapter, S.A.R. to attend the Change of Command ceremony at the Glendale National Guard Armory (Colorado Blvd and Brand) at 8:00 A.M. January 25th. He will be turning over the 301st Infantry Battalion to LtC Ian Gold-Stone, DSO, MC. The Color Guard will be participating.





### Veteran's Book Drive



ompatriot BERNIE K. CAMPBELL, Chairman of the Veteran's Book Drive Committee reported that at the December President's Open house another 250 paperback books were collected bringing the total number of books delivered to the Sepulveda Veteran's Hospital up to ONE THOUSAND! The last delivery being made in time for the Christmas Holiday and very much appreciated by our hospitalized veterans. This program has become one of the most important in the Chapter and we are pleased to report that Chapter's all around the country are following our lead.

Bernie and his wife Mary urge each and everyone of you to BRING A PAPERBACK BOOK to our next meeting as we will be continuing the program into 1986.

### Compatriots in the News



ecember is a very quiet month for all Hereditary Societies, including the San Fernando Valley Chapter. C.A.S.S.A.R. Reports on the activities of our Compatriots denotes the level of family activities, but little to report to the membership. Remember, we are interested in your travels, activities other organizational accomplishments, and anything news worthy - just send them to your editor so we can share with the Chapter.

### Birthdays

Compatriot Thomas Warden	-----	January 1st
Compatriot Robert Steele	-----	January 12th
Compatriot Bruce Jagger	-----	January 27th

### Anniversaries

Compatriot Norman and Kathryn Moran	-----	January 1st
Compatriot Robert and Laura Moore	-----	January 21st

### Dues are Due



t's that time of year again, and you will be receiving a dues notice in the mail shortly. This year it was necessary to increase the dues (For the first time since the Chapter was formed six years ago. The 1986 dues are \$30.00. For your information, the dues are broken down as follows: \$10.00 to the National Society (Includes the subscription fee to the S.A.R. Magazine); \$10.00 to the California Society and \$10.00 to the Chapter.

When you think of all that the S.A.R. and the San Fernando Valley Chapter accomplish, it's a well spent \$30.00. And here in Los Angeles where the vast majority of civic activities are honoring foreign holidays and most events sponsored by the city seemingly have lost sight that Los Angeles is still part of the United States of America, the activities of the Chapter, and in particular, the newly formed Color Guard remind our fellow citizens where our national origins are and what holiday's we should be celebrating. Our role is becoming more important than ever.

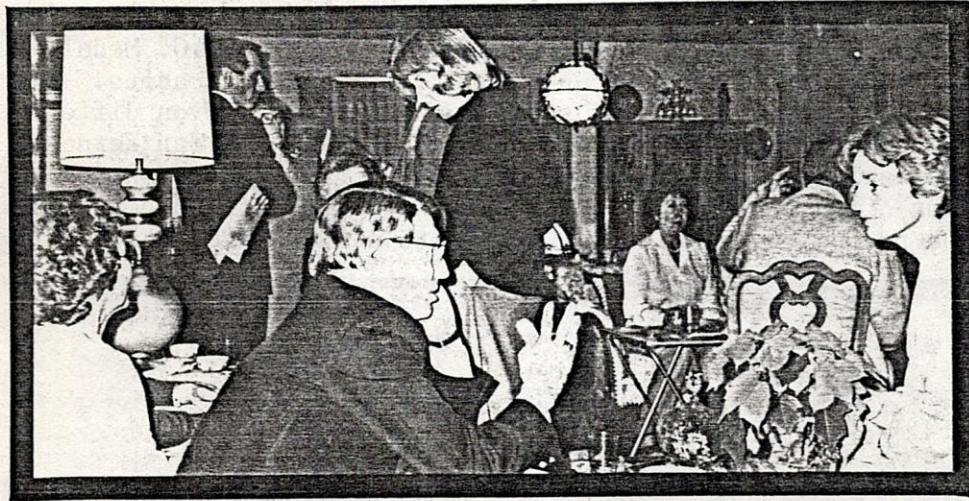
What have you done to preserve the American Way of Life and our National Heritage? LET US TELL YOU! YOUR DUES HAVE SUPPORTED:

1. OUR VETERANS HOSPITAL PROGRAM
2. AMERICAN YOUTH THRU OUR R.O.T.C. and EAGLE SCOUT PROGRAMS
3. AMERICANISM and PATRIOTISM THRU OUR OBSERVANCE OF PATRIOTIC HOLIDAYS
4. THE RESTORATION OF THE STATUE OF LIBERTY
5. THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY AS A NATIONAL HOLIDAY
6. THE PRINCIPLES OF OUR FOUNDING FATHERS THRU RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS.
7. THE MOVEMENT TO ESTABLISH ENGLISH AS OUR NATIONAL LANGUAGE
8. THE LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITY THRU OUR RECOGNITION PROGRAM
9. THE GENEALOGICAL COMMUNITY THRU OUR BOOK PROGRAM
10. THE PRESERVATION OF OUR REVOLUTIONARY WAR ANCESTORS RECORDS.

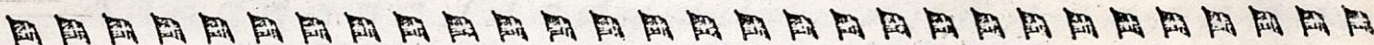


n December 15th, 1985, our President, George Sutherland Van Dorn and our First Lady, Mary, opened their beautiful home for the fifth annual President's Christmas open house. Their hospitality was enjoyed by all who attended. The food was great, and the fellowship superb. It has been often said that a picture is worth a thousand words, so we have reproduced six pictures of the Open House for your pleasure.





Noah Webster, in his dictionary, defined the word Chapter as meaning: "A local branch of a club, fraternity, or other organization." But at the San Fernando Valley Chapter, C.A.S.S.A.R. the definition takes on a totally different meaning: "A close knit group of men who share a common heritage and are dedicated to a common goal." George and Mary's Christmas Open House was a prime example of this special relationship, a rich, rewarding encounter during the Christmas season.



## SAR Video



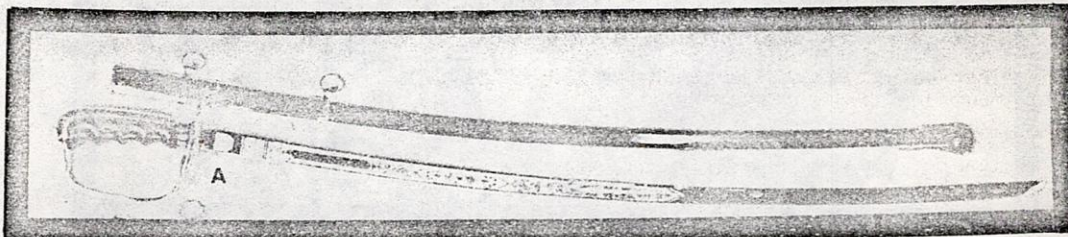
ompatriot *GENE KREBS*, the Merchandice Manager at our National Headquarters has kindly donated a video tape to our Chapter. The tape is of a local Louisville, Kentucky show entitled "'Wade Hall's Kentucky Desk", a human interest type of program devoting its attention to points of interest in and around the State of Kentucky. Earlier last year, Wade Hall interviewed our President-General, Col. Benjamin H. Morris at our National Headquarters. The President General addressed various topics including: 'What is the S.A.R.' 'Who are its members, etc. Than Compatriot Morris conducted a tour of the headquarters, Library and Museum. For those of you who have not had the opportunity to visit our Headquarters in Louisville, the one hour feature is a must.

The VCR Video Tape is available from our Secretary. Contact him for the loan of the tape. (First-come-first-serve)

## R O T C Swords



As we have reported time-after-time, the San Fernando Valley Chapter, CASSAR has been very active in presenting the S.A.R. R.O.T.C. Medals to both the Junior (High School) and regular R.O.T.C.(College) cadets. Last year we were priviledged to present seven such awards at seven different schools. Thanks to Compatriot *WALTER TURNELL* and his wife *GLENN*, The San Fernando Valley Chapter will be taking the program a giant step further. Starting with this year's graduating class of the Army R.O.T.C. at the University of Southern California, the Chapter will be presenting a selected Cadet with a DRESS ARMY OFFICERS SWORD!



*A United States Army Dress Officers Sword - Style "The Colonial".*

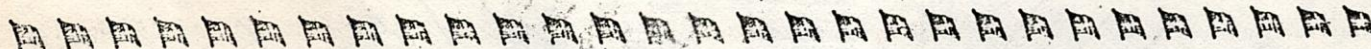
As is the case with many good ideas, they are acted upon, and than for one reason or another they are dropped. The usual cause for an organization such as ours to stop participation is the lack of funding. NOT SO FOR THIS PROGRAM. We are very pleased to report that Walter and Glenn Turnell have established a FULL FUNDED PERMANENT FUND for this program. The San Fernando Valley Chapter, CASSAR will be presenting a sword each year so long as the Chapter exists and there are worthy R.O.T.C. Cadets to receive them.

## Color Guard Equipment



As we have kept you informed, the Color Guard is fully equipped, although we are still seeking a few better replica's in the area's of arms. We are very pleased to report that three Compatriots have each donated replicas of 19th dress swords for the guard. They will be displayed on January 25th when the Inter-Service Continental Color Guard of the San Fernando Valley Chapter SAR and the 301st Infantry Battalion, SMR presents the colors at our installation dinner.

We are still seeking two good reproductions of Brown Bess style Muskets and when the need arises, different hats for three of the men, i.e. The Marine, the Continental Navy and a cavalry helmet for one of the Washington's Guards.



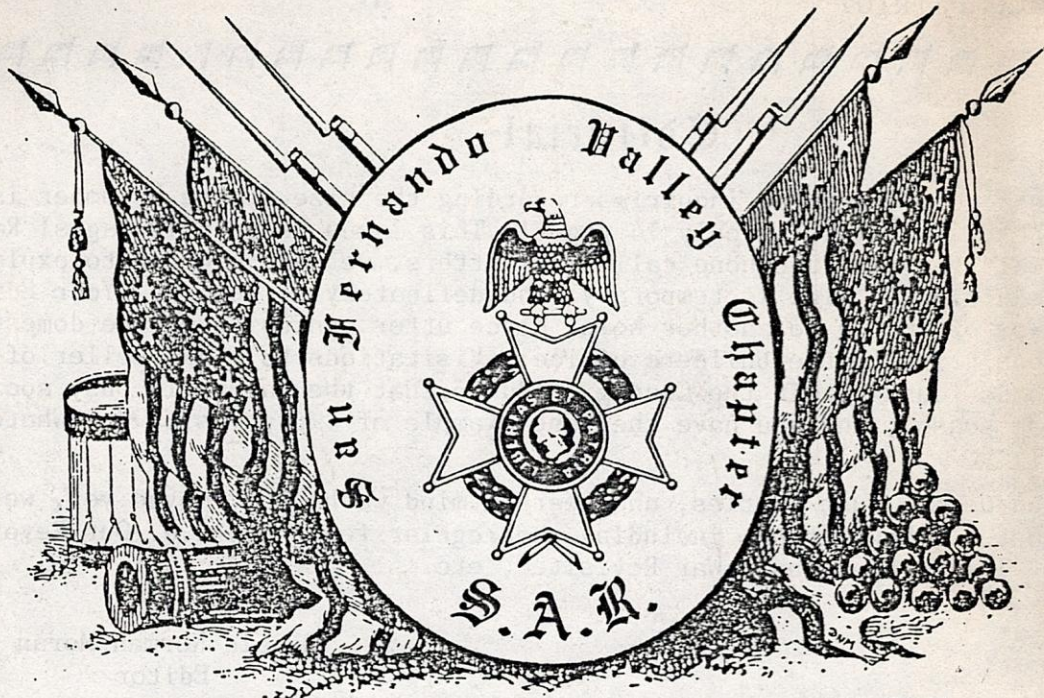
## Editorial



We have received several inquiries regarding the size of the December issue of the VALLEY COMPATRIOT - only 14 pages! This issue is only 10 pages! Rather than wait for the telephone calls and letters, we have elected to explain that the reduction in size is temporary, and definitely by design. Your Editor is in the process of moving to another home, hence utter confusion on the domestic scene. Numerous trips to the builders office; Visitations to EVERY seller of furniture, and holdhold goods found within the County. Add to that the naturally busy social life of the Christmas season, and you have the best example of "Murphy's Law" - Whatever can go wrong - will.

As soon as the dust settles, and bear in mind we haven't moved yet, we will continue the Chapter's Newsletter, including the regular features, i.e. Our Revolutionary War Ancestors, The Revolutionary War Revisited, etc.

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