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San Fernando Valley Chapter



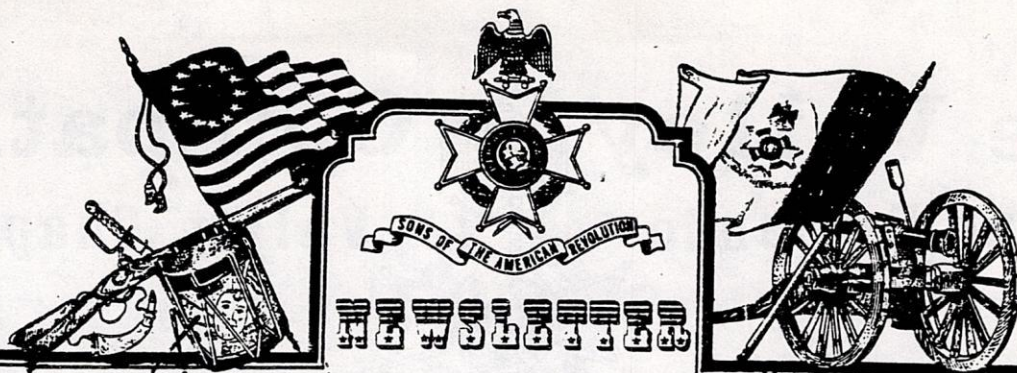
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## THE FRONT COVER

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA - - MAY 9th, 1987 - Our Inter-Service Continental Color Guard marching up Broadway in the "Thank You Veterans Parade".

## THE VALLEY COMPATRIOT

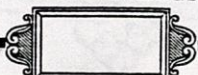
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**MEETING NOTICE**  
29 June 1987

**T**he San Fernando Valley Chapter, S.A.R. will be holding its monthly dinner meeting on June 29th, 1987 at Leon's Steak House, 10945 Victory Blvd., North Hollywood. Social Hour 6:30 P.M., Dinner at 7:00 P.M. Applicants, wives and guests are cordially invited and encouraged to attend.

President Robertson and the Compatriots who attended the National Congress will report on the activities at Valley Forge and the forthcoming plans of the National Society for this bicentennial year.

Be sure to mark your calendar and please don't hesitate to bring a guest.

**The 97th NATIONAL CONGRESS**

**T**he Chapter's President, Roger E. Robertson will be leading a delegation from the San Fernando Valley Chapter, S.A.R. to the 87th National Congress being held June 6th thru 10th at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. If you can attend, please do not hesitate to join the Chapter's delegation.

If you can make it contact either our President or Secretary for the particulars and official delegate status. Remember, attending the Congress is tax deductible.

Those of us planning on attending the 87th National Congress at Valley Forge thus far are:

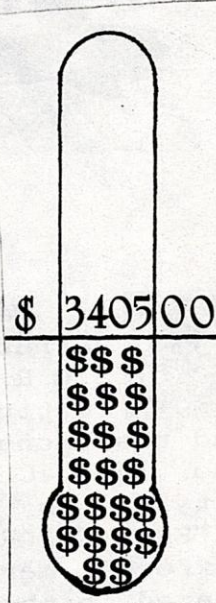
- Donald & Linda Moran
- Charles & Antonnette Pitchford
- Roger & Marylou Robertson
- George & Mary Van Dorn
- Augustus & Dotti di Zerega

**OUR CHAPTER'S PERMANANT FUND**

**THE DONORS**

**THE FUNDS STATUS**

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



Those wishing to contribute to the Permanant Fund may do so by simply sending their check to our First Vice President, Bill Semerau. Every bit helps and the interest from this fund will help finance the many worthwhile programs the Chapter is involved in - FOREVER!

THE "THANK YOU" VETERAN'S PARADE



The SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER, S.A.R.'S  
"INTER-SERVICE CONTINENTAL COLOR GUARD"



On May 9th, the San Fernando Valley Chapter, S.A.R.'s "Inter-Service Continental Color Guard" had the honor of being one of the lead Color Guards in the City of Los Angeles' "THANK YOU VETERAN'S PARADE". Although 268 different marching units participated in the parade, our Color Guard was the only one to recognize the contributions made by our Revolutionary War ancestors.

In addition, the unit was one of, if not the, most colorful unit in the entire parade. Spectators and participants alike made favorable comments about the smart appearance of the Color Guard.

A special Thank you is herein given to the Midshipmen of the University of Southern California's Navy R.O.T.C. Unit that volunteered for the Color Guard Duty: A Certificate of Appreciation is being sent to each of them as an expression of our gratitude. The Midshipmen are: (left to right)

Midn 3/C ERIC A. LINZ  
(Washington Life Guard)  
Midn 3/C BARRY J. FOSTER,  
Guard Commander  
(Continental Army);  
Midn 3/C THOMAS J. SPRATT  
(Continental Navy);  
Midn 3/C MICHEAL R. CURTIS,  
(Continental Marines)  
Midn 3/C CHRISTOPHER E. WYATT  
(Washington Life Guard)

**OUR  
VETERAN'S  
BOOK DRIVE**



ompatriot Berni Campbell, Chairman of our Veterans Book Drive Committee reports that the collection efforts of the Chapter continue at a high level and we are exceeding the number of books collected last year at this time.

In May, upon making a delivery of another THREE HUNDRED paperback books to the Veteran's Hospital in Sepulveda, Compatriot Campbell was presented with two CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION:

The first certificate was made out to:

The SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER,  
S. A. R.

The second certificate was made out to:

The NATIONAL SOCIETY,  
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

The latter will be presented to President-General Clovis H. Brakebill by our President, Roger E. Robertson at the forthcoming National Congress at Valley Forge.

In addition, 500 books were delivered to the Sawtelle Veterans Hospital in Los Angeles.

The Chapter owes a debt of gratitude To Berni and Mary Campbell for their hard work and to Bill and Jackie Semerau for their excellent collection efforts. WELL DONE!

**COMPATRIOTS  
IN THE  
NEWS**



s summer rapidly comes upon us, things normally slow down as far as Hereditary Societies are concerned, however not for the San Fernando Valley Chapter. S. A. R., Our forthcoming calendar is quite full and many of our Compatriots will be featured here. Please send items of interest to your editor.

New members, Commander AUTHUR G. BRUNER, USN Retired, A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy in 1927 and was on the U.S.S. Panay when it was attacked on the Yangtze River in China in December of 1937. He also served throughout World War Two

Compatriot David J. McIntire, USN. served two tours of duty in Vietnam. Both veterans have been awarded the S. A. R. 's WAR SERVICE MEDAL.

Commander Bruner's with the World War Two Clasp and Compatriot McIntire with the Vietnam Clasp. Congratulations to both!

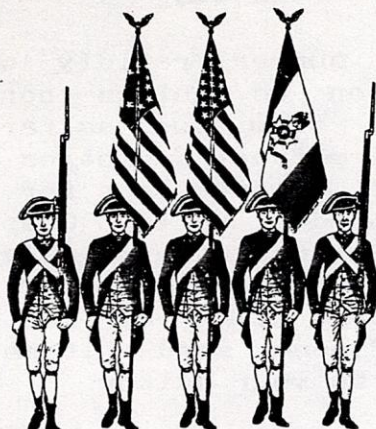
**BIRTHDAYS**

Philo Van Wagoner - - - - 6-10  
William David Tullis - - 6-15

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Dr. Glen and Claire Robertson  
20 June 1981  
Dr. Clifton and Agnes Brooks  
21 June 1947

OUR  
INTER-SERVICE  
CONTINENTAL  
COLOR GUARD



**N**ow that we have completed the Color Guard and all of its necessary uniforms and equipment, we felt those of you that were unable to attend any of the functions that the Color Guard participated in might find it interesting to see the uniforms separately with a brief description of each.

The Color Guard is truly Inter-Service, representing the Continental Army, Navy, Marines and Washington's Life Guards. The first three uniforms are completely different from one another, while the two Washington Life Guard's wear identical uniforms, but quite different from the other three. The effect is extremely good and can be compared favorably with today's "Armed Forces Color Guard" which represents all five branches of the Armed Service (Two of which did not exist during the Revolutionary War).

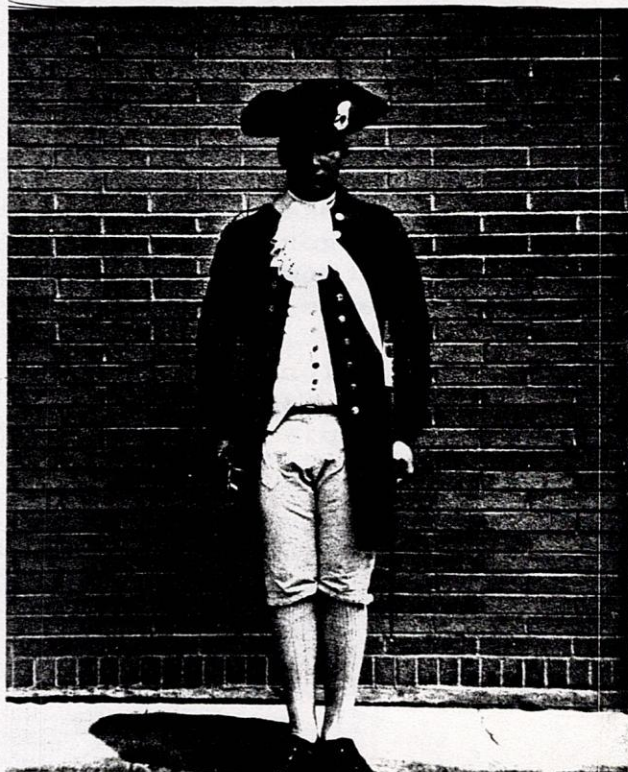
In brief, the two Life Guards act as the Guards, carrying Brown Bess Muskets. The other three are Flag bearers and carry the colors. They are all junior officers which conforms to the tradition of the day.

THE CONTINENTAL  
NAVY




**N** on September 5th, 1776, the Continental Congress passed a resolution which established the dress code of our Continental Navy. It provided that each Officer would wear a coat of blue, with red lapels and cuffs. Stockings, breeches, and waistcoats to be white. Buttons to be flat metal with an anchor design. The hat would be of the "cocked" variety, laced with black. In honor of the French involvement a white cockade to be worn on the right side. A silver epaulette of an Ensign is worn on the right shoulder, and under it is worn the sword belt, also in white.

Our uniform is faithfully reproduced to these historic requirements. Some years later, the Naval uniform was dramatically eliminating all the red and in lieu thereof white, and laced with gold, to be worn by senior officers.




MASSACHUSETT'S  
4th Regiment of the  
CONTINENTAL LINE

ur Ensign of the Fourth Regiment of the Massachusetts Continental Line wears one of the oldest uniforms in our Army. It was authorized on April 23rd, 1775 just 4 days after Lexington and Concord! A diary left by Miss Deborah Sampson (1760-1827) who, enlisted in the Regiment as Robert Sturtleff, described HER uniform as being: "A blue coat faced with white, with pewter buttons, marked "U.S.A", white breeches, and stockings, black gaitors, and a black felt tricon, trimmed with white tape." A white sword belt was worn over the right shoulder and under a silver epaulette. By General order of General Washington, the White cockade was added to the hat in honor of the French joining us. This is the uniform one thinks of when picturing one of our forefathers in uniform.



THE  
CONTINENTAL  
MARINES

nlike the other branches of the Continental Armed Forces, we have exacting records of the uniforms of the Continental Marines. In the Pennsylvania Gazette, dated 10 November 1779, the following description is found: "...green coat with red facings, light colored breeches, white woolen jacket [waistcoat] and a round hat with white binding." Other sources tell us that their pewter buttons had a fouled anchor device on them and that they wore black gaitors when on shore duty.

Our Marine is in the uniform of an Ensign and wears the Silver epaulette on his right shoulder as well as a white sword belt.

The Continental Marines fought and distinguished themselves in several "land" actions, among them, the major battles of: Trenton, Princeton and Germantown.



The COMMANDER-in-CHIEF'S LIFE GUARDS  
 "Washington's Life Guards"

**T**he WASHINGTON'S LIFE GUARDS, or the Commander-in-Chief's Life Guards, as they were also known, was formed by General Order on March 12th, 1776 and served throughout the Revolutionary War with great distinction. The Guard was comprised on hand picked men, and was usually a Company size unit.

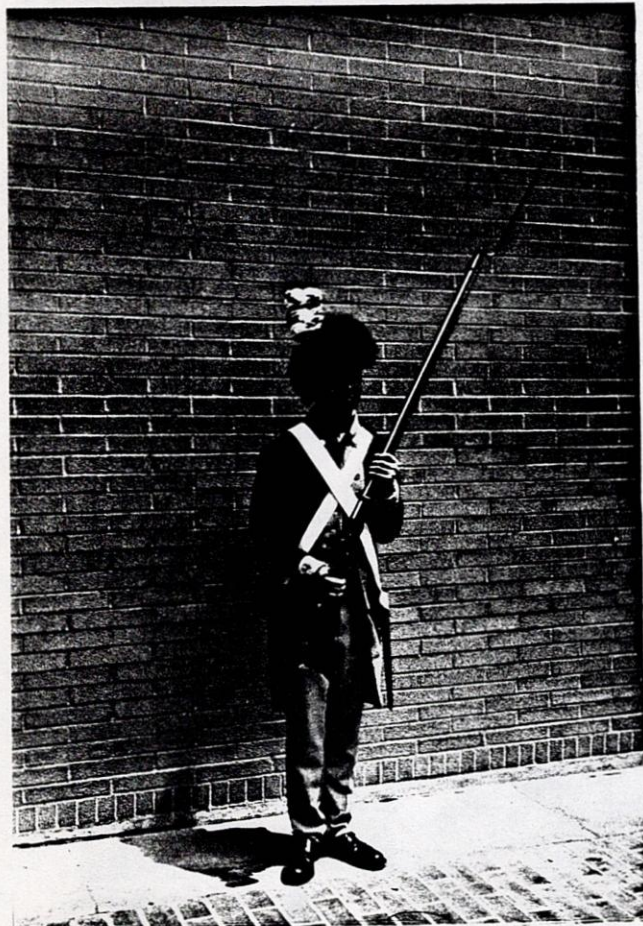
Like all of the uniforms of the American Revolution we have various descriptions, however we have several that are most reliable. General George Washington wrote in April 1777 to Captain Caleb Gibbs, of the Guard - "...Blue coats, faced with buff." Another description was from Andrew Mellick "They wore Blue coats, faced with buff, red waistcoats, buff breeches, white belts." We also

know from a contemporary French source that they wore "handsome bear skin crested helmets, trimmed in blue with a blue and white plume". We choose this head gear inlieu of the traditional tricon hats because of its colorful appearance.

The "Guard" is armed with Brown Bess Muskets and bayonets and sometimes carried sabres when on mounted duty.

The duties of Washington's personal Guard was his security, protecting the headquarters, acting as couriers and when the occasion arose serving in combat

General von Steuben chose the Life Guards for his first training unit, and they inturn demonstrated to the rest of the Army at Valley Forge. The unit was disbanded at Newburgh, N.Y. on June 6th, 1783.



The MARCH 30th MEETING MINUTES

The monthly meeting of the San Fernando Valley Chapter, California Society, Sons of the American Revolution was held at 6:30 P.M. on March 30th, 1987 at Leon's Steak House, North Hollywood, California. President Roger E. Robertson presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Berni K. Campbell  
 COL. George A. Eckert, Jr.  
 D. F. "Bill" Semerau  
 Jeffrey L. Towery

LtC James Bellah  
 Roger E. Robertson  
 Donald Norman Moran

GUESTS PRESENT

Mary Campbell  
 Jackie Semerau

Mary Lou Robertson  
 Kathy Towery

1. THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 23TH, 1987 MEETING

IT WAS MOVED by Compatriot Donald Norman Moran and SECONDED by Compatriot Berni K. Campbell that The Minutes of the February 23rd 1987 meeting of the Chapter approved as presented The MOTION CARRIED

2. THE REPORT OF THE CHAPTER TREASURER

Treasurer D.F. "Bill" Semerau reported that the newly established permanent fund is growing. One donation was \$2,000.00 to the permanent fund and another \$500.00 to the Color Guard. All the Chapter's indebtedness has been paid and the Chapter is in good Financial shape.

3. THE REPORT OF THE VETERAN'S BOOK DRIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman Berni K. Campbell reported that over 700 books were donated to the Los Angeles Veteran's Hospital and another 500 books to the Sepulveda V.A. Hospital.

4. THE REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Registrar Berni K. Campbell reported that Charles Pitchford's application was complete and ready for State and National approvals. Compatriot Reginald Humphrey's papers for five (5) supplementals have been completed. Applications are in progress of being completed for another two prospective members.

5. THE REPORT ON THE COLOR GUARD

LtC James Bellah reported that Hoover High School R.O.T.C. will be willing to furnish "bodies" for our Color Guard. Further arrangements must be made including determining if the uniforms will fit high School age young men.

THE MARCH 30th MEETING MINUTES

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6. CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION AWARDED

Vice President Bill Semerau reported that a S.A.R. "Certificate of Appreciation" was presented to SHIRLEY McCORMICK for her outstanding support of our Veteran's Book Drive.

7. REPORT ON THE GENEALOGICAL JAMBOREE

Compatriot Berni K. Campbell advised the membership of the forthcoming GENEALOGICAL JAMBOREE and our Chapter will have a booth for recruiting purposes. The Date: APRIL 26th, 1987.

8. REPORT ON THE MANNEQUINS

Secretary Donald Norman Moran reported that we will have three of the five mannequins at the Genealogical Jamboree and that we will do our best to conceal their true gender.

9. REPORT ON THE FORTHCOMING NATIONAL CONGRESS

We are receipt of a letter from the President-General requesting that the San Fernando Valley Chapter's INTER-SERVICE CONTINENTAL COLOR GUARD participate at the National Congress in Valley Forge. President Robertson agreed and all arrangements have been made to both transport the uniforms and equipment as well as manning them at the congress.

10. REPORT ON NEW MEETING FACILITIES

Compatriot Jeffery and Kathy Towery reported that they were unable to locate another facilities that would accommodate our Chapter and its unique requirements.

NEW BUSINESS

11. REPORT ON THE C.A.S.S.A.R. MEETING

President Roger E. Robertson reported on the State's Annual Meeting which was held here in Burbank and hosted by this Chapter. President Robertson reviewed both the conduct of the meeting and our Chapter's participation.

12. NEED FOR NEW CHAPTER BY-LAWS

President Roger E. Robertson reported that our present By-laws are wholly inadequate and desperately need to be overhauled. After the approval of the CASSAR By-laws, the Chapter will bring its By-laws up todate

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13. R. O. T. C. SWORD PRESENTATIONS

Chairman Walter G. Turnell reported. via the Secretary, that the Three (3) presentation swords would be presented as follows:

- April 18th - NAVY R. O. T. C. - U. S. C. - By: Roger E. Robertson
- April 18th - ARMY R. O. T. C. - U. S. C. - By: Donald Norman Moran
- May 23rd - A. F. R. O. T. C. - U. C. L. A. - By: Stephen Gregory

The Junior R. O. T. C. medals and certificates will be awarded for the most part by members of their our staffs, however several can and will be awarded by our own Compatriots. Volunteers are needed to help attend all of these awards ceremonies.

14. OUR PERMANENT FUND

IT WAS MOVED by Treasurer Bill Semerau and SECONDED by Registrar Berni K. Campbell sthat a separate investment account be established for the Permanent fund, as riskless as possible, THE MOTION CARRIED.

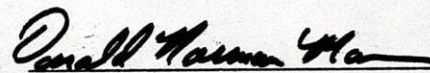
15. THE 'THANK YOU VETERANS PARADE'

Secretary Moran advised that Our Inter-Service Continental Color Guard has been requested for the City of Los Angeles's "THANK YOU VETERANS PARADE" IT WAS MOVED By Secretary Moran and SECONDED by Compatriot Jeffery Towery that we accept the invitation - THE MOTION CARRIED.

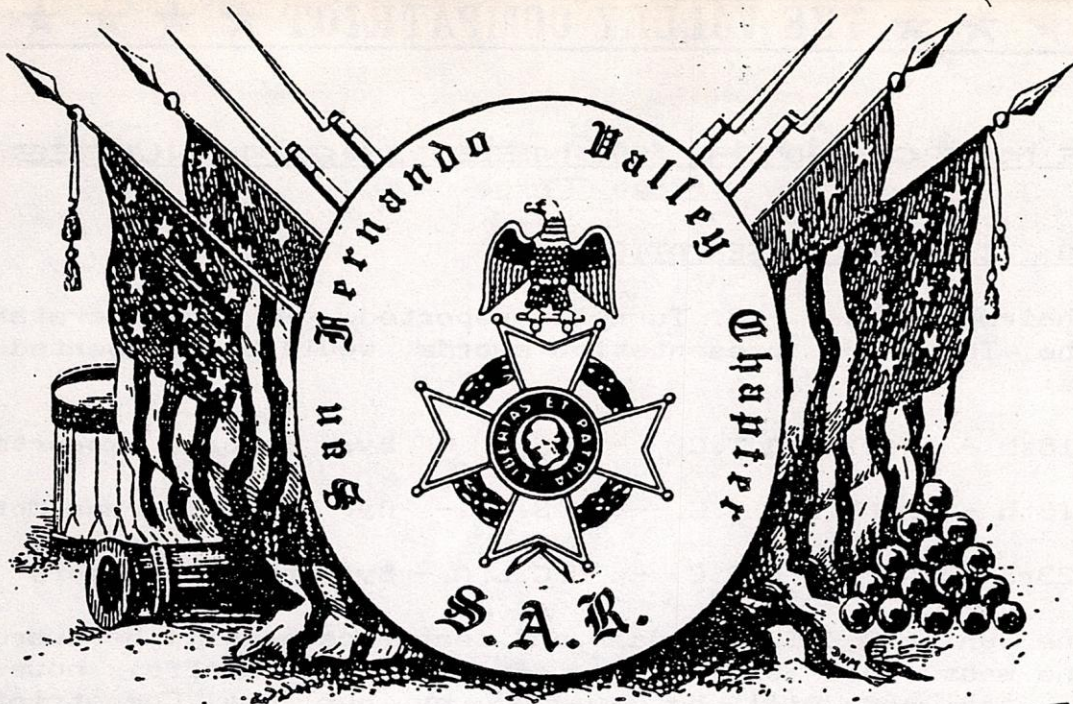
RAFFLE

The Raffle was won by Compatriot Jeff Towery.

THERE BEING No further Business before the San Fernando Valley Chapter, California Society, Sons of the American Revolution, President Roger E. Robertson declared the meeting ADJOURNED.



Donald Norman Moran  
Secretary



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