

# THE VALLEY COMPATRIOT

The  
Constitution  
of the  
United  
States

The  
American  
Declaration  
of  
Independence

The  
American  
Bill  
of  
Rights



The Valley Compatriot is sent to you uncensored thanks to  
the United States Constitution

March 1989

President  
 ROBERT C. EMREY, Sr.  
 171 Wonderview Drive  
 Glendale, Ca. 91202  
 1-818-241-9665

First Vice-President  
 AUDEL H. HICKS, Sr.  
 1160 East Elmwood  
 Burbank, Ca. 91501  
 1-818-843-1723

Second Vice-President  
 BRUCE A. JAGGER  
 7548 Stewart Avenue  
 Los Angeles, Ca. 90045  
 1-213-641-0259

Secretary  
 DONALD NORMAN MORAN  
 1248 Herzal Avenue  
 Lancaster, Ca. 93535  
 1-805-945-8071

Treasurer  
 CHARLES M. PITCHFORD  
 8800 Chiminez Avenue  
 Reseda, Ca. 91335  
 1-818-345-3835

Registrar  
 BERNI K. CAMPBELL  
 12806 Lorne Street  
 No. Hollywood, Ca. 91605  
 1-818-765-4925

Chancellor  
 RICHARD W. MARSTON  
 1224 Imperial Drive  
 Glendale, Ca. 91207  
 1-818-247-5289

Chaplain  
 LAC JAMES BELLAH, II  
 19030 Mirada Street  
 Tarsana, Ca. 91356  
 1-818-343-2825

Genealogist  
 STEPHEN W. GREGORY  
 4421 Auckland Avenue  
 Toluca Lake, Ca. 91602  
 1-818-760-2340

Historian  
 ROBERT B. WARWICK, II  
 11611 Tampa Avenue #184  
 Northridge, Ca. 91326  
 1-818-360-4761

Trustees  
 ROBERT C. EMREY  
 JAMES A. MCKELLEP  
 ROGER E. ROBERTSON

FORMER PRESIDENTS

D.F. "BILL" SEMBRAU  
 1988  
 ROGER E. ROBERTSON  
 1987  
 Col. GEORGE A. ECKERT, Jr.  
 1986  
 GEORGE SUTHERLAND  
 VAN DORN  
 1985  
 LAC JAMES BELLAH, II  
 1984  
 DONALD NORMAN MORAN  
 1981-1983

THE VALLEY COMPATRIOT  
 is the official publication of the  
 THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER,  
 CALIFORNIA SOCIETY,  
 SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Editor: Donald Norman Moran  
 1248 Herzal Avenue, Lancaster, California 93535

VOLUME IX MARCH 1989 NUMBER 3

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Table of Contents - - - - - 18  
 Chapter Meeting Notice - - - - - 19  
 Welcome New Members - - - - - 19  
 Our Chapter's Permanent Fund - - - - - 19  
 Compatriots in the News - - - - - 20  
 Publicity - - - - - 20  
 Our Color Guard - - - - - 20  
 The George Washington Massing of the Colors - 21  
 There was once a Country - - - - - 25  
 The November 1988 Meeting Minutes - - - - - 26  
 The President's Award Contest - - - - - 27

THE FRONT COVER

C. McCutcheon's "After the Spirit of 1776"  
 from the 1937 Chicago Tribune

NOTICE

The editorial content of this publication reflects the opinions of the editor or the authors and is not necessarily the official position of the San Fernando Valley Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution.

**CHAPTER MEETING NOTICE**

02 April 1989



The monthly meeting of the San Fernando Valley Chapter, S.A.R. will be a special meeting in honor of Patriot's Day. It will be held on Sunday, April 2nd, 1989.

Invitations, with all the particulars, will be sent under separate cover.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

There will NOT be a regular meeting of the Chapter in March.

----- end -----

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**



It is with a great deal of pleasure that the San Fernando Valley Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution welcomes two new members to our ranks:

JOHN BUFORD VAN WAGONER  
 NSSAR No. 132413 CASSAR No. 5588  
 Descendant from:  
 Micheal Van Wagoner

JON RONALD VAN WAGONER  
 NSSAR No. 132414 CASSAR No. 5589  
 Descendant from:  
 Micheal Van Wagoner

Private Micheal Van Wagoner served in the cause of American Independence in the Second Regiment, Westchester County, New York militia under the Command of Colonel Thomas Thomas. The 2nd N.Y. Regiment saw considerable action in and around New York City which the British heavily fortified and held until they evacuated it under the terms of the Treaty of Paris in 1783.

**OUR CHAPTER'S PERMANENT FUND**

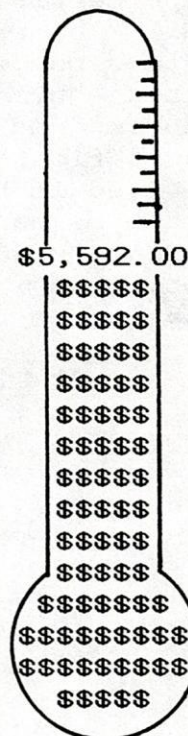


Donations to the Chapter's Permanent Fund are Tax deductible and the interest earned from the fund will greatly assist the Chapter in continuing it's many worthwhile and patriotic programs

THE DONORS

- Anonymous
- C. Barnard
- Arthur Wm. Barrett
- John Bartke
- Berni K. Campbell
- Robert C. Emrey
- Leslie L. Fleming
- Col. Thomas D. Gillis
- Philip R. Giltmier
- Audel H. Hicks, Sr.
- Audel H. Hicks, Jr.
- Richard W. Marston
- Donald R. McDowell
- James A. McKellep
- Robert S. Moore
- Donald Norman Moran
- Norman Philip Moran
- Charles M. Pitchford
- Roger E. Robertson
- D.F. "Bill" Semerau
- Walter G. Turnell
- Walter H. Walley
- Augustus de Zerega

THE FUND



The 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. The San Fernando Valley Chapter's Permanent Fund was established to provide the necessary operating funds to insure the continuation of all of our many patriotic and worthwhile programs. In 1988 the earnings from the fund were equal to fourteen members, without the usual membership expenses. We are preserving our heritage and need your help and support.

COMPATRIOTS IN THE NEWS



pplicant Thomas Emrey and wife Jennifer are the proud parents of a new "S.A.R." - TROY WESLEY EMREY who was born on February 20th, 1989. Chapter President Robert Emrey and First Lady Virginia are the equally proud Grandparents. Our Certificiate of Recognition will be presented as soon as Tom's membership is approved so that his S.A.R. membership number can be included on the certificate. President Emrey stated in his inaugural address that membership growth was one of his prime objectives and obviosuly he and his family are serious.

BIRTHDAYS

ROBERT B. WARWICK - - - - 03-27

There were no Anniversaries in the month of March.

===== end =====

PUBLICITY



hanks to the Massing of the Colors, the San Fernando Valley Chapter S.A.R. received a great deal of media coverage. We had one hundred and nine inches of press coverage in five newspapers, and were televised on two TV stations, NBC (appearing twice) and CBS (appearing four times), and heard on KNXT Radio on two occasions.

Of particular significance was the front page photo article published in La Opinion the Los Angeles Spanish Lanuage newspaper. The editors of La Opinion are making a major

effort to encourage our spanish speaking citizens to get more involved in our heritage. This is a very positive move and we strongly endorse their actions.

===== end =====

OUR COLOR GUARD



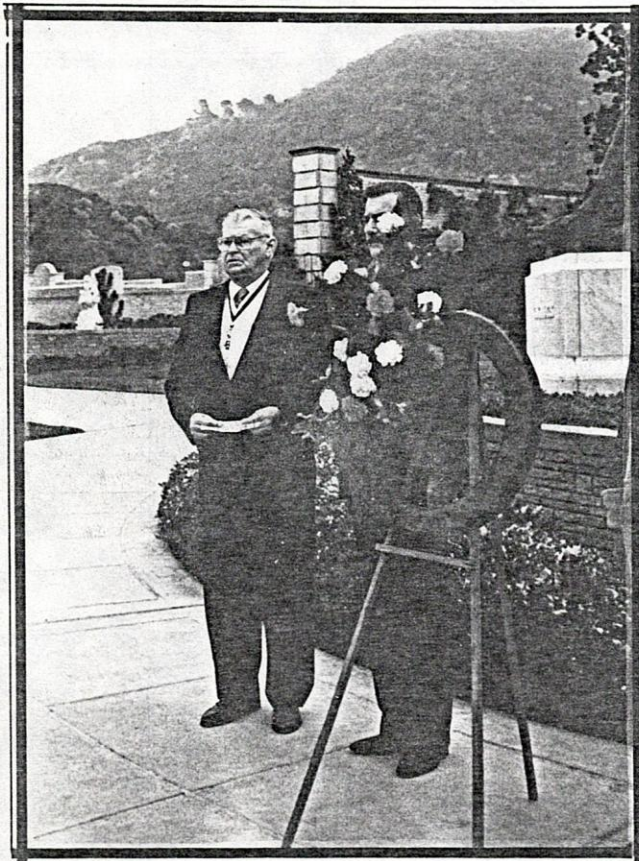
o enhance the San Fernando Valley Chapter's Color Guard the Chapter approved the purchase of twelve Revolutionary War flags to be carried in parades by the Color Guard and displayed at any other occasion were appropriate. These flags are: The Bennington flag, The Grand Union flag, The Bedford flag, The Bunker Hill flag, The Pine Tree flag, The Taunton flag, The Gadson flag, The Washington's Cruisers flag, The Culpeper flag, The Fort Moultrie flag and the First Navy Jack, Additionally, the Headquarter's flag of General Washington is being made especially for the Chapter. The addition of this collection of flags will greatly enhance the historic importance of the Chapter's Color Guard andwill assist our efforts to preserve our precious colonial heritage.

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON COMMEMORATIVE  
MASSING OF THE COLORS

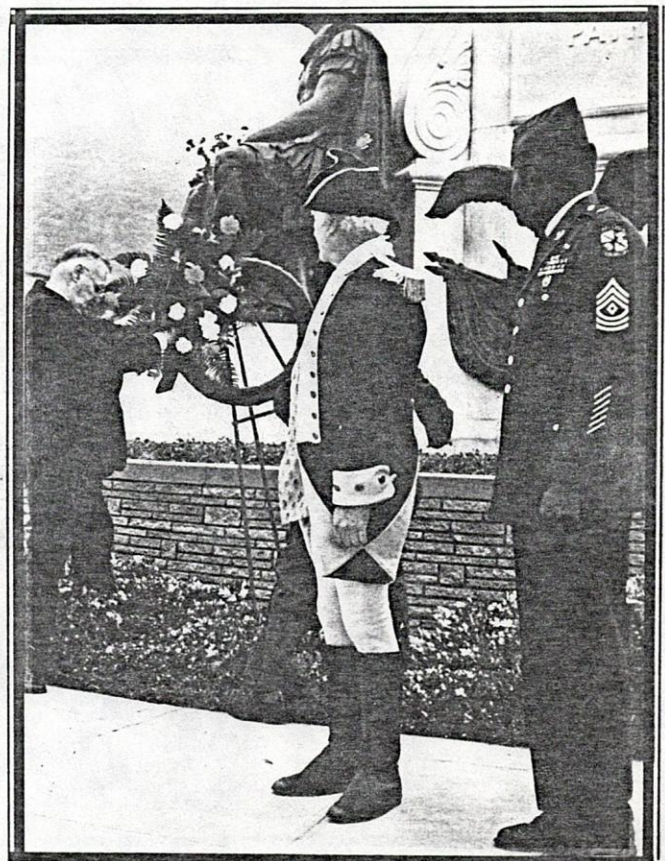


THE DIGNITARIES

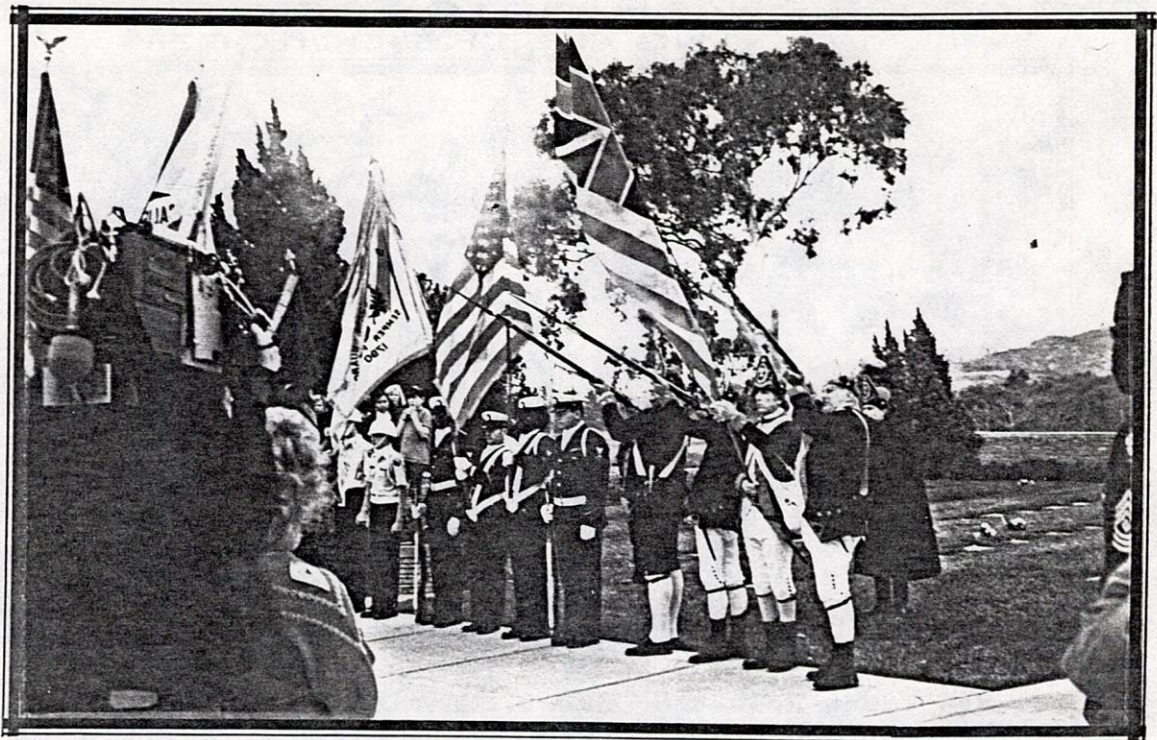
L-R: President Robert C. Emrey, Chaplain James Bellah, II, Jim Aquirre, Col. George A. Eckert, Jr. First Sergeant Graves.



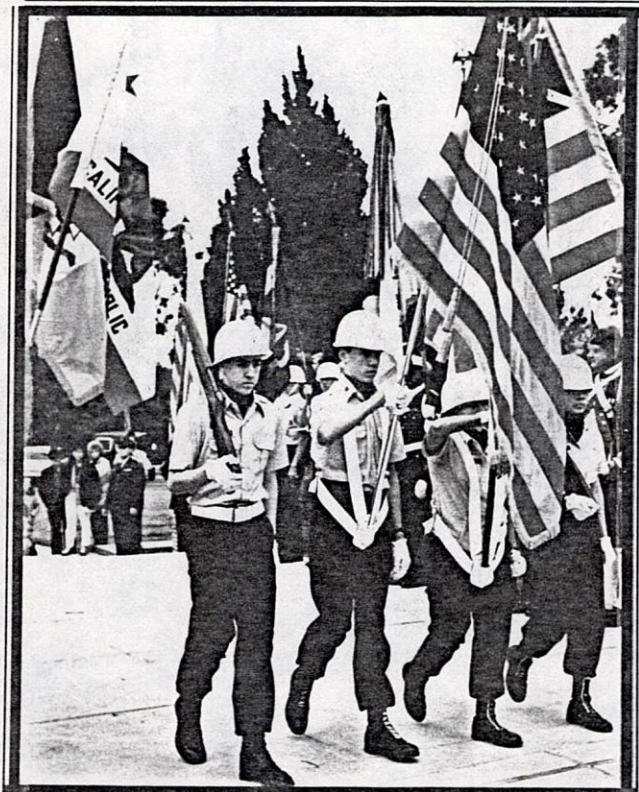
President Emrey delivering his commemorative speech



President Emrey and Colonel Eckert placing the wreath.



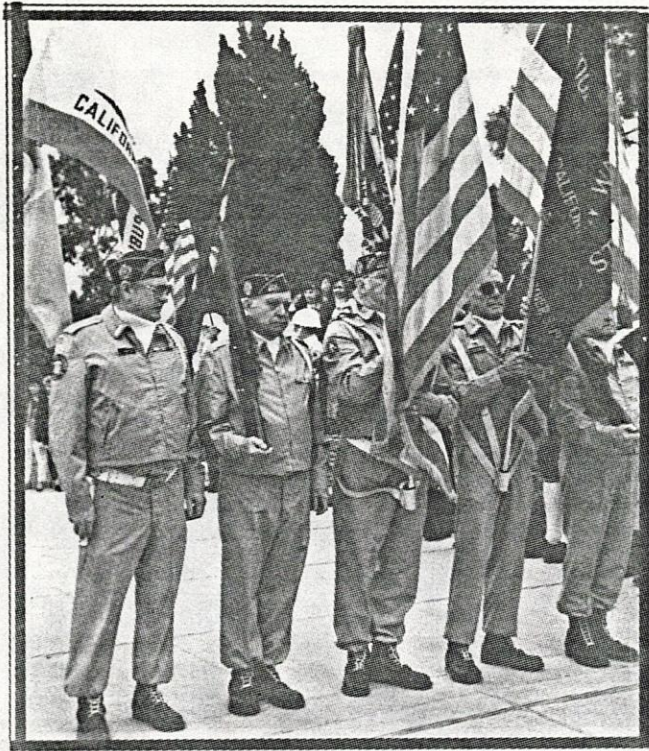
THE DELAWARE REGIMENT OF FOOT, BRIGADE OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION FIRING THE SALUTE TO GEORGE WASHINGTON.



CIVIL AIR PATROL SQUADRON 130



DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



THE VETERAN'S OF FOREIGN WAR



KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL NAVY ROTC



CANYON COUNTRY HIGH SCHOOL  
 AIR FORCE ROTC.



SAN FERNADO VALLEY CHAPTER,  
 SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



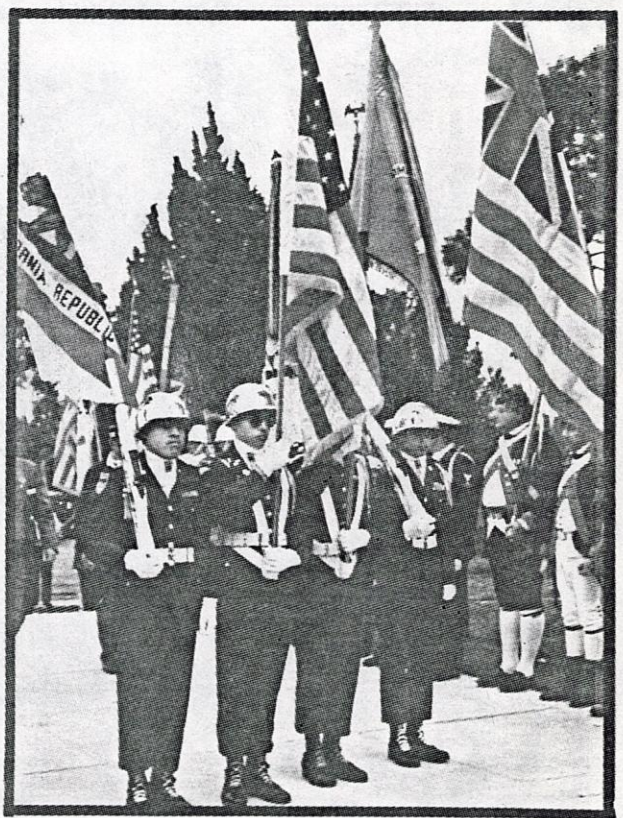
THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD



CANOGA PARK AIR FORCE ROTC



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
ARMY R. O. T. C.



JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL,  
ARMY R. O. T. C.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

THERE ONCE WAS A COUNTRY

By: Robert C. Emrey, Senior.



**I**n my inaugural address I explained that one of my administration's goals will be the establishment of a "Anti-Drug" program. What has the S.A.R. to do with combating drugs? Perhaps this short explanation will help.

A great country existed that was founded by an industrious people who took advantage of a wealth of natural resources and became not only totally self-sufficient, but a world power. This great country exported many products and imported few. as a result, the balance of trade was always in their favor and many other nations were very much in debt to them. This country prospered and it's standard of living was the envie of the entire world. That is, until the people became overly self-serving and materialistic. Illicit narcotics became a major problem. Foreign powers quickly recognized this weakness and exploited the problem. Starting in a southern city, they established a drug net work that quickly spread throughout the nation. In a few years drug abuse became the most serious drug problem in the country. Addicted members of government were easy targets for corruption which was running rampant. Even their national defence was compromised by drugs, their military wholly unreliable thanks to drug use. In spite of a liberal element wanting to "decriminalization" drugs, the Government enacted numerous anti-drug laws. The government set in motion a major anti-drug effort. Capital punishment

became the only penalty handed down by the courts. not only for the "pushers" but for the "users" as well. When it appeared the government was gaining the upper hand, the foreign powers stepped up their efforts. Finally, realizing that the Country was now so weakened having exhausted it's vast wealth and energy on the drug war, they invaded and conquered it without major difficulties.

If you think I was writing about the 1980's in American you are wrong. I am acquainting you with the downfall of the 18th century IMPERIAL CHINESE EMPIRE!

As Harry S. Truman is so often quoted, "The only thing new in the world is the history you don't know." One great civilization after another have collapsed and always after they have been weakened from within.

Is the United States to ignore history and succumb to the plight of previous empires? Are we ever going to learn from history? I think we can, and I think we, the S.A.R. can help by assisting those who are directly fighting the war on drugs. We can assist as private citizens, insisting that our government adequately fund this war. Insisting that Judges who are lenient on drug pushers be removed from the bench. As a Chapter of the S.A.R. we will vastly expand our Law Enforcement Award program with particular focus on Law Enforcement officers who have contributed significantly to winning the war on drugs. This is a do or die effort, and we, the S.A.R. must get deeply involved.

NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

28 November 1988



The San Fernando Valley Chapter, S.A.R. held it's November, 1988 meeting at Leon's Steak House in North Hollywood, California at 6:30 P.M. on October 24th, 1988. The presiding officer: President D.F. "Bill" Semerau.

1. MINUTES OF THE OCT. MEETING

IT WAS MOVED by Compatriot James Bellah, and SECONDED by Compatriot Walter H. Walley that the minutes of the October 24th, 1988 Meeting be accepted as submitted.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

2. NEW MEMBERSHIP PRESENTED

President D.F. "Bill" Semerau and Registrar Berni K. Campbell presented the membership certificate for Robert C. Emrey, Jr. Accepting it was Compatriot Robert C. Emrey, Sr. his father. Robert Jr. resides in Washington D.C.

2. REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer Charles M. Pitchford being ill, President D.F. Semerau gave the Treasurer's report. The Chapter is in excellent financial condition. dues notices will be sent out in December. We will then be reporting on that income and the donations to our various funds.

4. THE VETERAN'S BOOK DRIVE

Compatriot Berni K. Campbell, Chairman of the Veteran's Book Drive Committee reported that 485 paperback books were collected and delivered to the Sepulveda Veterans Hospital.

5. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Compatriot Berni K. Campbell Chairman of the Chapters Membership Committee reported that we were experiencing unnecessary delays in getting applications approved. The delays appear to be at the National Society. We still have several application pending at National.

6. 1989 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Compatriot Roger E. Robertson, Chairman of the Nominations Committee read the list of nominees to the Membership. IT WAS MOVED by Compatriot Berni K. Campbell and SECONDED by Compatriot Eugene Dicks that the Nominations be closed. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED. IT WAS MOVED by Compatriot Berni K. Campbell and SECONDED that the Nominees as presented be elected. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

7. INSTALLATION BANQUET

President D.F. "Bill" Semerau advised that the annual Installation and Awards Banquet will be ehld at the Faculty Club at Cal State Northridge.

8. B.S.A. SCHOLARSHIP DISPLAY

Secretary Donald N. Moran advised that the Display will be completed shortly. We are awaiting the arrival of the medal and other materials.

9. R.O.T.C. AND OTHER MEDALS

President Bill Semerau reported that all the needed medals for 1989 have been ordered.

MINUTES  
CONTINUED

THE CASSAR  
PRESIDENT'S AWARD  
CONTEST  
CHAPTER STATUS  
JANUARY

10. S.A.R. YOUTH MEMBERSHIP

Compatriot Donald N. Moran reported that the efforts to remove the age restrictions on membership in the S.A.R. failed, however, in lieu thereof, a YOUTH REGISTRATION was approved. A special form has been developed and is submitted to the National Society with a check for \$10.00. When the youth becomes of age he is automatically admitted upon payment of the annual dues then required.

11. OUR COLOR GUARD ACTIVITIES

Our Inter-Service Continental Color Guard will be participating in the Glendale-Montrose Xmas Parade on December 3rd.

12. ADVERTIZING FOR MEMBERSHIP

It was recommended that the Chapter take out an advertisement in the Southern California Genealogical Society's THE SEARCHER. It has a monthly circulation of 1,500 and reaches many men that have proven lineages. IT WAS MOVED by Audel H. Hicks and SECONDED by Robert C. Emrey that an ad be placed in the Searcher for three months THE MOTION CARRIED.

13. RESOLUTION ON THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

Compatriot Audel H. Hicks proposed a Resolution condemning the proposed Constitutional Convention be approved and forwarded to the State Society. THE MOTION CARRIED.

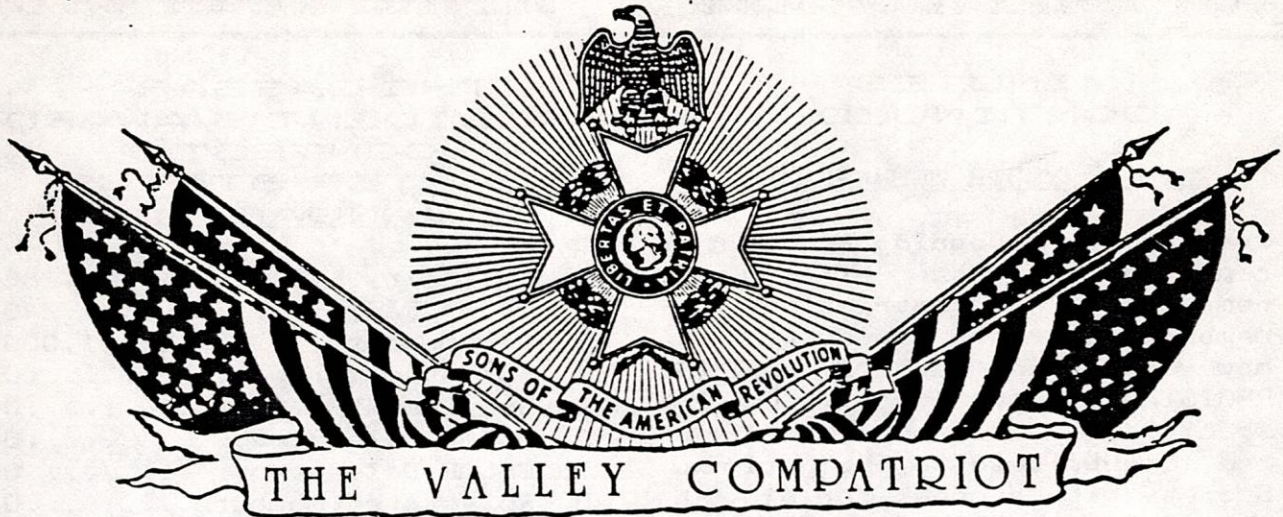
THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS before the Chapter, the meeting was adjourned.

1. Publicity.....	3,285
2. TV or Radio.....	240
3. New Members.....	1,000
4. 50% attendance.....	0
5. Supplements.....	0
6. NSSAR Delegates.....	0
7. CSSAR Delegates.....	0
8. Reinstated members.....	0
9. Ladies attending.....	46
10. Auxiliary members.....	0
11. 2 Chapter functions.....	0
12. Hosting State Meeting.....	0
13. Organizing new Chapter.....	0
14. Program/Talk Given.....	25
15. Gifts to V.A. Hospital.....	0
16. Books Donated.....	0
17. Historical Site marked.....	0
18. Awarding medals.....	0
18a. Personally presented.....	0
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.....	50
24. Speech Contest.....	0
25. Eagle Scout Nominee.....	0
26. SAR Table.....	0
27. Donations to the SAR...1,804	
28. Each New citizen.....	0
29. Report filed on time.....	50
30. Participation in Parade...50	

Monthly total (February)....5221

Year-to-date total:.....24,862

The chapter was advised that under item 16, points for donating books to worthy groups, which includes our Veteran's Book Drive has a "cap" of 1,000 points. We have adjusted our point count to reflect that ruling. We regret that such a valuable program involving our disabled veterans should be minimized in this S.A.R. contest



The San Fernando Valley Chapter  
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
1248 Herzl Avenue, Lancaster, Calif. 93535

To:

FIRST CLASS

*Dated Material*