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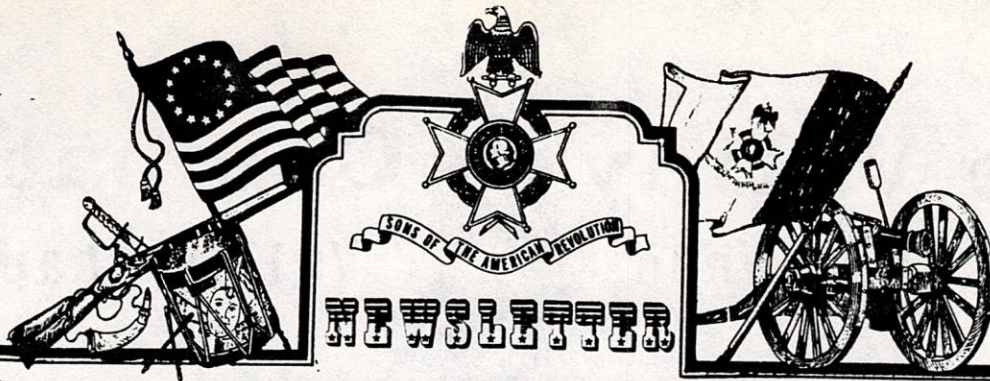
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**THE FRONT COVER**

PASADENA, CALIFORNIA - April 18th, 1987 - Chapter Presidents F. Gage Biren and Roger E. Robertson flank the guest speaker, Capt. Hans von Leden, USN at the April 'joint' meeting of the two Chapters.

**THE VALLEY COMPATRIOT**

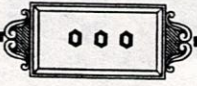
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**MEETING NOTICE**  
**'MEMORIAL DAY**  
 25 May 1987

**T**he San Fernando Valley Chapter, S.A.R. will be holding its monthly dinner meeting on May 25th, 1987 - MEMORIAL DAY 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.

This will be a business meeting with many important subjects to discuss.

Be sure to mark your calendar and attend.

**The 97th NATIONAL CONGRESS**

**P**resident 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.

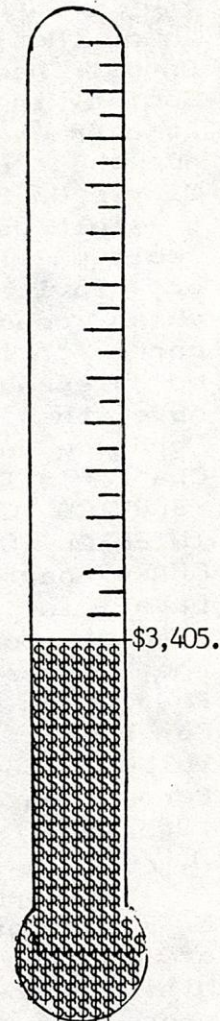
**WELCOME NEW COMPATRIOTS**

Compatriot DAVID FRED McINTIRE  
 Descendant from Frederick Beard of Maryland  
 NSSAR # 127167, CASSAR # 5316  
 (Transferred from the South Coast Chapter)

Compatriot GEORGE BLATCHFORD ROBINSON, JR.  
 Descendant from James Robinson  
 NSSAR # 129175, CASSAR 5437

Compatriot AUGUSTUS di ZEREGA, V  
 Descendants John Peyton Harrison of Va.  
 Former Vice President-General  
 Dual member with the Kansas Society, S.A.R.

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**PERMANENT**  
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SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER  
 SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
 INTER-SERVICE CONTINENTAL  
 COLOR GUARD

The Chapter's INTER-SERVICE CONTINENTAL COLOR GUARD presented our National Colors at the Annual Meeting of the State Society in March of this year. It attracted the attention of the President-General, Clovis H. Brakebill, and as a result we have recieved letter of invitation which read in part: "I would be pleased to have the San Fernando Valley Chapter's INTER-SERVICE CONTINENTAL COLOR GUARD participate in the 97th Sons of the American Revolution's Congress at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, on June 6th thru 10th, 1987.

Our Chapter President, Roger E. Robertson has agreed and we are sending the Color Guard. To Minimize the Expense it will be manned by volunteers who were already planning on attending the Congress.

Additionally, to that noteworthy event, our Color Guard will be in the City of Los Angeles's "Thank You Veteran's Parade" on Saturday, May the 9th, 1987. The parade will start at 10:00 A.M. and will be starting on Seventh Street and will march up Broadway to the City Hall, where the Reviewing Stand will be. Our 5 man unit will be manned by the Navy R.O.T.C. Unit from the University of Southern California by special arrangement with Major M. J. Nolan USMC, the Marine Officer Instructor at USC with all of our new

equipment, including the just arrived Brown Bess Muskets, the Washington Life Guard helmets, and the Marine hat, and being manned by R.O.T.C. Midshipman, the Color Guard will be at its best and very impressive.

Several major events are in the offering and our Color Guard will be participating.



THE VETERAN'S BOOK DRIVE

Compatriot 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. We are now supporting two Veteran Hospitals

Sawtelle in Los Angeles and Sepulveda in the San Fernando Valley. That doubles our responsibility and it doubles the need. Our efforts have been very much appreciated by the patients at these hospitals and the staffs who have expressed their appreciation on several occasions. KEEP THE BOOKS COMING

HISTORICAL SITE TO BE MARKED  
BY THE CALIFORNIA SOCIETY, S.A.R.



ur own Compatriot George Sutherland Van Dorn, past President of our Chapter long time Chairman of the State Society's Resolution Committee, recommend that the S.A.R. participate in placing a marker on the Battleship U.S.S. Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor. George presented the proposal and the costs for the project. The Board of Managers of the C.A.S.S.A.R. immediate collected the monies needed for the bronze plaque (an illustration appears below)

Since that time George has been informed a new memorial is being constructed at the famed Punchbowl Memorial Cemetery at Oahu, also in Hawaii. This memorial will include a replica of the Liberty Bell and a walk bordered by granite mounted bronze memorial plaques. The Park service has recommended

that it would far more appropriate for the "S.A.R." to have a commemorative near the Liberty Bell. The Board of Managers agreed.

An addition \$700.00 was requested to pay for the special granite base for the plaque. At the Burbank meeting of the Board Compatriot Art Barrett, Vice-President, South, recommended that we give all of the members of the California Society an opportunity to contribute to this effort before we vote the funds from the general treasury or allow a few members to pick up the total tab. We are therefore requesting that those Compatriots who would like to participate send in a donation of \$1.00, \$5.00 or \$10.00. You will helping to honor the Nation's War dead at this impressive National Cemetery.



THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

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WHO SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES IN THE SERVICE OF

THIS GLORIOUS COUNTRY

LET OUR COUNTRY NEVER FORGET THOSE BRAVE MEN and WOMEN

Presented by the California Society

August 1987

**OUR  
R.O.T.C.  
PROGRAM**

**D**uring the early part of this year we contacted all of the R.O.T.C. units in the area. The result was a very much expanded Junior R.O.T.C. program. In the April issue of the Valley Compatriot we reported the additional schools now being covered by the San Fernando Valley Chapter's awards program. We are please to announce the addition of three new schools:

- GEORGE WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
- FAIRFAX HIGH SCHOOL
- WOODROW WILSON HIGH SCHOOL

We have also been advised that one of the High schools previously listed that after setting up their awards banquet, the S.A.R.'s R.O.T.C. medal was already being presented by our brother Chapter, Los Angeles That Navy R.O.T.C. unit is at El Camino High School in Woodland Hills.

**REVOLUTIONARY  
WAR HISTORY  
BUFFS**

**L**ate last year a new publication entered the historical scene. It was the first magazine strickly devoted to the American Revolution and was entitled "Revolutionary War Magazine". We have been advised that they now out of business!

**COMPATRIOTS  
in the  
NEWS**

**W**e like to report on the numerous outside activities of our membership. Well known in the Genealogical Community is our own Donald R. McDowell formerly the editor of the S.C.G.S.'s monthly "THE SEARCHER" (Compatriot Berni K Campbell holds that job) Compatriot McDowell can't seem to get out of the newsletter business. I have at hand the Spring issue of the newsletter "DRUM BEATS", the publication of the Drum Barracks Society. Located in Wilmington, this organization is preserving the historic Drum Barracks of the Civil War era.

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

- CLIFF BROOKS - - - - - 05-08
- DICK MARSTON - - - - - 05-08
- GLEN ROBERTSON - - - - - 05-10
- BILL DUNWOODY - - - - - 05-17
- BOB WILEY - - - - - 05-18
- MARV HUTCHINS - - - - - 05-20
- JAMES BELLAH - - - - - 05-22
- BOB WARWICK - - - - - 05-27
- JOHN BARTKE - - - - - 05-28
- LES FLEMING - - - - - 05-31

**MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

- Berni and Mary Campbell - - - 05-09-43
- Marv and Gloria Hutchins - - 05-20-72
- Bob and Kitty Warwick - - - 05-25-41
- Walter and Dorothy Walley - - 05-26-49

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!**

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
Versus  
SONS OF THE REVOLUTION

by: Donald Norman Moran



ow often have you asked yourself "Why are there TWO Revolutionary War Organizations for men?" We will provide you with the very interesting background on the two groups - Our SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION and the other Society, the SONS OF THE REVOLUTION. At the conclusion of this article we will present a comparison of the two groups and hopefully you will be able to answer any questions put to you by people inquiring into the subject.

The "SONS OF REVOLUTIONARY SIRE" was planned and instituted on October 22nd, 1875 in San Francisco, California. It's membership was exclusively lineal descendants of the men who fought or served in the Revolution. Its constitution contained a provision allowing for the establishment of "Auxiliary" branches and a national representative body. The California Society was the pioneer of modern hereditary, patriotic societies, and its influence led to the formation of most of today's hereditary organizations.

By 1883 others were taking an active part in organizing comparable groups, with some in the East believing that such groups of this 'class' should not be the step-child of far-off California. In New York City an independent Society was formed and they called themselves the SONS OF THE REVOLUTION. This new Society was small in membership but it adopted a constitution which

called for the establishment of "Auxiliary" branches in other states. The verbiage "Auxiliary Branches" was taken directly from the California Society's Constitution and it was the word "Auxiliary" which would lead to the creation of two sets of societies. To further confuse the development problem another group of men formed a Society of the Sons of the Revolution in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1888 and refused to be auxiliary to the New York Society.

In New England, where the concept had stirred great interest, the men found the "auxiliary" factor more than they could cope with, and after all Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Connecticut all supplied more men than did New York in the cause of Winning American Independence, how could they possibly organize a group that would be "Auxiliary" to New York? Their pride in their States prevented them from even trying!

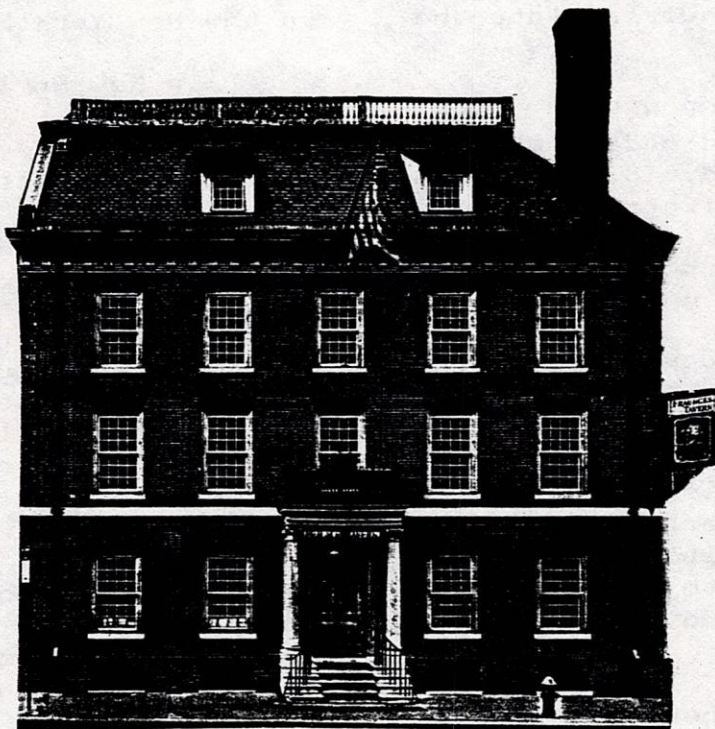
A few members of the New York Society, Sons of the Revolution, resided in New Jersey. They decided to form the New Jersey Society. They were quickly advised that they would be "auxiliary" either to New York or Philadelphia! In the tradition of New Jersey, these men rolled up their sleeves and went to work. They contacted interested men in New Hampshire, Vermont, Delaware, Maryland, Ohio, Indian, Illinois, West Virginia, Arkansas, South Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee and of course their own New

Jersey. Each of these States had formed their own Sons of the Revolution Society with the intent of establishing a National Society. Their purpose was unity and forcing the stubborn New York Society to drop the "Auxiliary" from its constitution and permit each State to have a equal Society and to establish a National Society.

New York failed to see the problem, nor would they consider repealing the provision that was causing so much frustration in building a truly a worthwhile organization. Instead of attempting to resolve the difficulties, the New York Society met and actually revised the "Auxiliary" provisions to be more explicit and more binding. They ignored the sentiment of many patriotic men in other State and were declaring war on any group trying to establish an equal society.

A Nat-Society Convention was soon called, inviting every one of the existing Societies organized or not to come. Thirteen of the twenty known attended, including a delegate from California. The convention assembled in the "Long Room" of Fraunces' Tavern in New York.

(depicted below), In this room General George Washington gave his farewell address to his fellow officers on December 3rd, 1783. The delegate from New Jersey, Mr. McDowell, was elected Chairman. Under his direction a general discussion was brought to the floor. It became perfectly clear that the various State organization had all been formed for the same patriotic ideals, and that a national organization was needed to carry out the objectives. A committee was appointed to draft the National Society's By-laws and Constitution.



The New York Society again took the floor and argued that ALL of the State Society's, including California were "Auxiliary" to New York. When asked if the Philadelphia Society was Auxiliary to New York, The delegates from that Society said NO! The convention refused the acceptance of the New York Society's conditions of "Auxiliary status". New York refused to recognize "Brother" Societies and stormed out of the proceedings. The remaining delegates, now representing eighteen State Societies felt that a great injustice was being done. New York's attempt to subordinate

the rest of the Country was both un-American and unfair. After much discussion of the various alternatives open to them, the delegates decided to disregard New York and form an entirely new organization and took the name which it is still known as; THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

The next year, the Sons of the Revolution repealed their cherished "Auxiliary" provisions but it was too late. The S.A.R.'s membership requirements differed from those of the S/R. The S.A.R. would admit only lineal descendants, where as the S/R would accept collateral descendants. The S/R soon repealed that provision as well.

To many of the founding members of the S.A.R. and to most of us today, the expression "United we stand, divided we Fall" rings very true. To have two Societies is to weaken both. A movement to reconcile the differences between the two organizations was formed immediately. At the first National Congress of the S.A.R. a committee was appointed to find a basis for union. President-General Horace Porter of the S.A.R. reported on December 22nd, 1892 that the S.A.R. had unanimously approved the proposed merger. A meeting with the S/R was scheduled for February 16th, 1893, in New York.

At the meeting the S/R refused the recommendations, electing to remain a separate organization and choose to ignore that an S.A.R. Society was being started in New York

City itself. The failure of the First S.A.R. Congress to affect an amalgamation did not deter the members who favored union. Many members of the S.A.R. were also members of the S/R (Which is still the case) and many were on a very cordial relationship with the men of the S/R, so at the Second Congress held in Richmond, Virginia on April 30th, 1896, a second resolution was passed calling for unification of the S.A.R. and the S/R. Correspondence between the general officers of both Societies failed to reach an accord, hence the second attempt also failed.

At the April 19th, 1897 meeting of the S.A.R. in Philadelphia, another Committee was appointed consisting of five Compatriots. They were to meet with a like Committee from the S/R to discuss merger. The results of that effort were to be announced at the Third Annual Congress of the S.A.R. being held in Cincinnati, Ohio on October 12th, 1897. A resolution was drafted by the two committees to write a new Constitution and unite the two Societies. It was signed by all five members of the S.A.R. Committee and four of the five from the S/R Committee.

Their plan provided that it should be submitted to the various State Societies for approval and should be put into effect when adopted by the majority of the Societies in each organization. Thirty-two S.A.R. State Societies approved the plan, one State Society rejected it and one did not take part in the proceedings and four did not respond at all

The S/R's vote was quite different. Sixteen Society's voted against the merger, six in favor and two did not vote at all. The attempt failed for a third time.

Since 1897, your editor has not found any references to a serious effort toward reconciliation, although there has surely been some effort in that regard. At the same time, it is evident that having two Societies, so similar, is not only confusion, but has hurt both. For there are times when competition is not benifical and this is surely one of them. What can be done today? Your editor feels strongly that another effort should be made on the part of the National Society, S.A.R. It is an unfortunate reality that a merger would be paramount to the S.A.R.

swallowing up the S/R just because of the difference in the size of the two organizations, but safe guards can be built into any agreement. Those safe guards must include protections of elected officers who have worked so hard for their Societies. It can be done.

Today, there are several major differences between the two organizations and probably the biggest is the basic structure of both. The S.A.R. has local chapters - some 400 of them, whereas, the S/R is organized strickly along State Society lines. That accounts for the disproportionate size in the two groups. The S.A.R., in addition has a sizable overseas organizations, with Societies in France, England, Germany, Switzerland, Canada, etc.. ITS TIME TO TRY AGAIN.

THE S.C.G.S. JAMBOREE RECRUITING EFFORT A SUCCESS



ompatriots, Roger E. Robertson, Bill Semerau, Jeff Towery and Donald N. Moran manned the Chapter's recruiting table depicted above at the S.C.G.S.'s Genealogical Jamboree. Without a doubt it was a great success. Over two hundred S.A.R. membership questionnaires were passed out, and within a week we received eight back. Thye display attracted a lot of attention and aided in the membership drive.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER  
CALIFORNIA SOCIETY  
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

The February 23rd, 1987 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 February 23rd, 1987 at Leon's Steak House, North Hollywood, California. President Roger E. Robertson presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Berni K. Campbell  
COL. George A. Eckert, Jr.  
Roger E. Robertson  
Jeffrey L. Towery

Stephen W. Gregory  
Reginald Humphrey  
D. F. "Bill" Semerau  
Robert B. Warwick

GUEST PRESENT

Mary Campbell  
Jackie Semerau  
Kitty Warwick

Mary Lou Robertson  
Kathy Towery

1. THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 24th, 1987 MEETING

....The Minutes of the January 24th, 1987 meeting of the Chapter  
....approved as presented in the Valley Compatriot.

2. THE REPORT OF THE CHAPTER TREASURER

....Treasurer D.F. "Bill" Semerau reported that the newly  
....established permanent fund is growing. He also reported the  
....he sent a check to England for the Brown Bess Muskets

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

....Chairman Berni K. Campbell reported that over 850 books  
....were donated to the Los Angeles Veteran's Hospital. Berni  
....suggested that a S.A.R. Certificate of Appreciation be sent  
....to the lady who donated so many of them.

4. THE REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

....Registrar Berni K. Campbell reported that 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

....Compatriot Jeffrey L. Towery reported that there has been a  
....lot of disappointment in the lack of publicity for events  
....such as the "Massing of the Colors" on George Washington's

.... Birthday. He suggested that Mr. Foster of the Tournament of Roses Committee in Pasadena be contacted using Bill Knight's name. Mr, Foster would be able to suggest the procedure for obtaining a permit and application for possible participation in the Rose Parade. An information background should be submitted giving the purpose, goals, etc. of the San Fernando Valley Chapter, S.A.R. Compatriot Towery is in the process of finding the procedures for obtaining an identification number for the media.

6. REPORT ON THE MASSING OF THE COLORS

.... President Robertson reported on the Massing of the Colors. He reported that we had a good show and the Pipe Band added a lot of interest to the affair. It was a good affair and the weather cooperated. Our goal should be to have a larger and better program next year. We need more publicity. The birthday of the Father of our Country too often goes unnoticed. Compatriot Towery, who is public relations director of the Fort Tejon Association suggested that the Secretary write a letter to the Southern California Broadcasting Co. outlining the objectives and functions of the S.A.R. Submit press releases which become carte blanche for future publicity.

7. REPORT ON THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CALIFORNIA SOCIETY

.... President Robertson reported that the San Fernando Valley Chapter will be hosting the Annual State Meeting at the Burbank Airport Hotel on March 13th and 14th, 1987. He stated it promises to be a memorable meeting with special presentation of the colors.

8. REPORT ON THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE CONSTITUTION

.... This report will be heard at the next regular meeting of the Chapter as Secretary Donald Norman Moran is 'Snowed in' in Lancaster.

9. REPORT ON MEETING FACILITIES

.... President Robertson reported that we might have a larger turnout if we changed our meeting date to noon on Saturday on some occasions. We will have a joint meeting with the Pasadena Chapter, S.A.R. on April 18th, 1987. The Guest speaker will be Count Renaud de LaForade of the French Society, S.A.R. For future meetings Kathy Towery of the Ladies Auxiliary will be searching for a suitable meeting room for a Saturday meeting.

10. THE S.C.G.S. 'S' GENEALOGICAL JAMBOREE

.... The Chapter will again be participating in the annual Genealogical Jamboree at the Glendale Civic Auditorium. President Robertson will be spending an hour at the

....Massachusetts table and the Towery's will be manning the Fort  
 ....Tejon table. We will need help to man the recruiting table

11. PRESIDENTIAL CONGRADULATIONS

....President Robertson formerly congradulated Mary Campbell for  
 ....having been honored with the Martha Washington medal at the  
 ....Annual meeting in January for having been so much help to the  
 ....Chapter. He also extended his thanks to Glenn Turnell who  
 ....was unable to attend. Compatriot Gregory advised that he had  
 ....spoken to her recently and she is at home and doing much  
 ....better, Walter is now also at home.

12. THE RAFFLE


....The Raffle was won by Compatriot Bill Semerau and Mary  
 ....Campbell.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS before the February 23rd, 1987  
 meeting of the San Fernando Valley Chapter, S.A.R., President Roger  
 E. Robertson declared the meeting adjourned.

(signed)

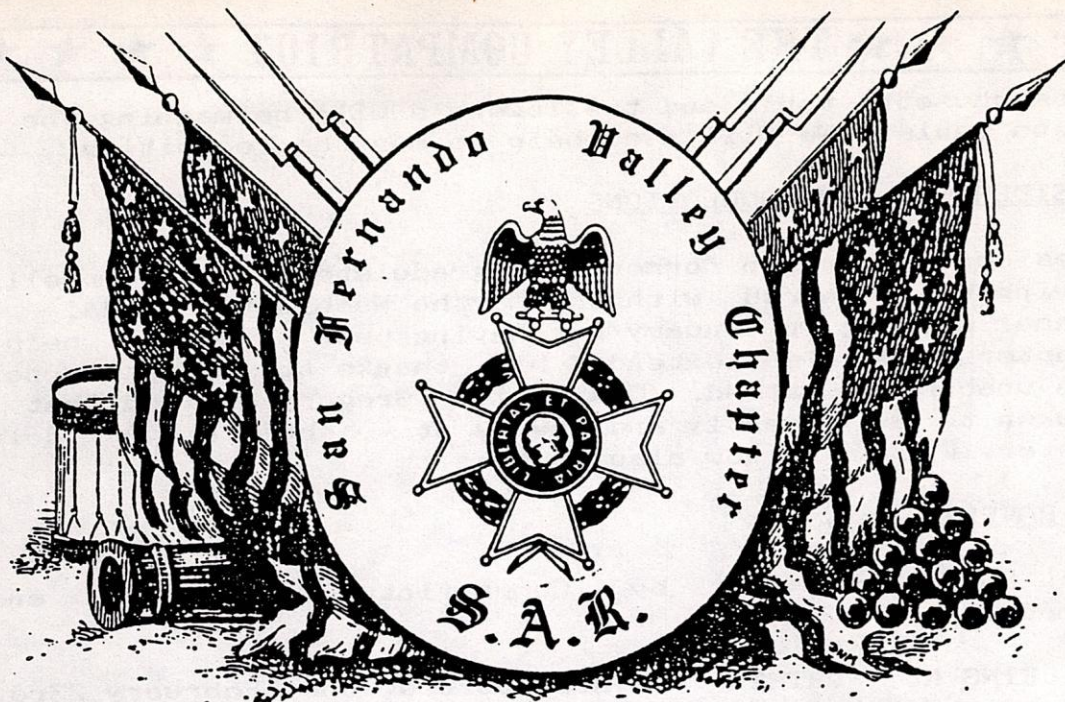
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 ROGER E. ROBERTSON  
 President  
 San Fernando Valley Chapter  
 SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

**ADVERTISING PAYS OFF IN MEMBERS**

oon after taking over as President of the San Fernando  
 Valley Chapter, S.A.R., Roger E. Robertson arranged to  
 have the Chapter's name placed in ALL of the telephone  
 directories covering the San Fernando Valley. The number  
 used is that of his personal office. This had been an objective  
 of the Chapter, however we were unable to obtain a suitable  
 office for the purpose.

Within a week of the publishing of the Chapter's name in  
 the directory, Roger received a telephone call from John Kelley,  
 who it seems IS INTERESTED IN JOINING THE S.A.R.! It pays to  
 advertise.





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