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**THE SECRETARY'S CORNER
 FEES AND DUES**

Life Membership:	\$500.00
New Application fees:	75.00
If under 25 years of age:	24.00
Sons, Grandsons, brother or Nephew:	20.00
Annual Dues:	34.00
Reinstatement:	34.00
Supplemental Applications:	30.00
Dual Membership fees:	10.00
Ladies Auxiliary annual dues:	5.00
Youth Registration fee:	10.00

FUNDS

In addition to our annual dues, many of our important programs are completely funded by tax deductible donation. These funds are:

- National Society's - Washington Fund
- California Society's - Permanent Fund
- California Society's - Education Fund
- San Fernando Valley Chapter's - Permanent Fund
- San Fernando Valley Chapter's - Color Guard Fund
- San Fernando Valley Chapter's - Walter G. Turnell R.O.T.C. Fund

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DECEMBER
 MEETING NOTICE

ANNUAL
 CHRISTMAS
 PRESIDENT'S
 OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY

09 DECEMBER 1990

2:00 P.M. until 5:00 P.M.

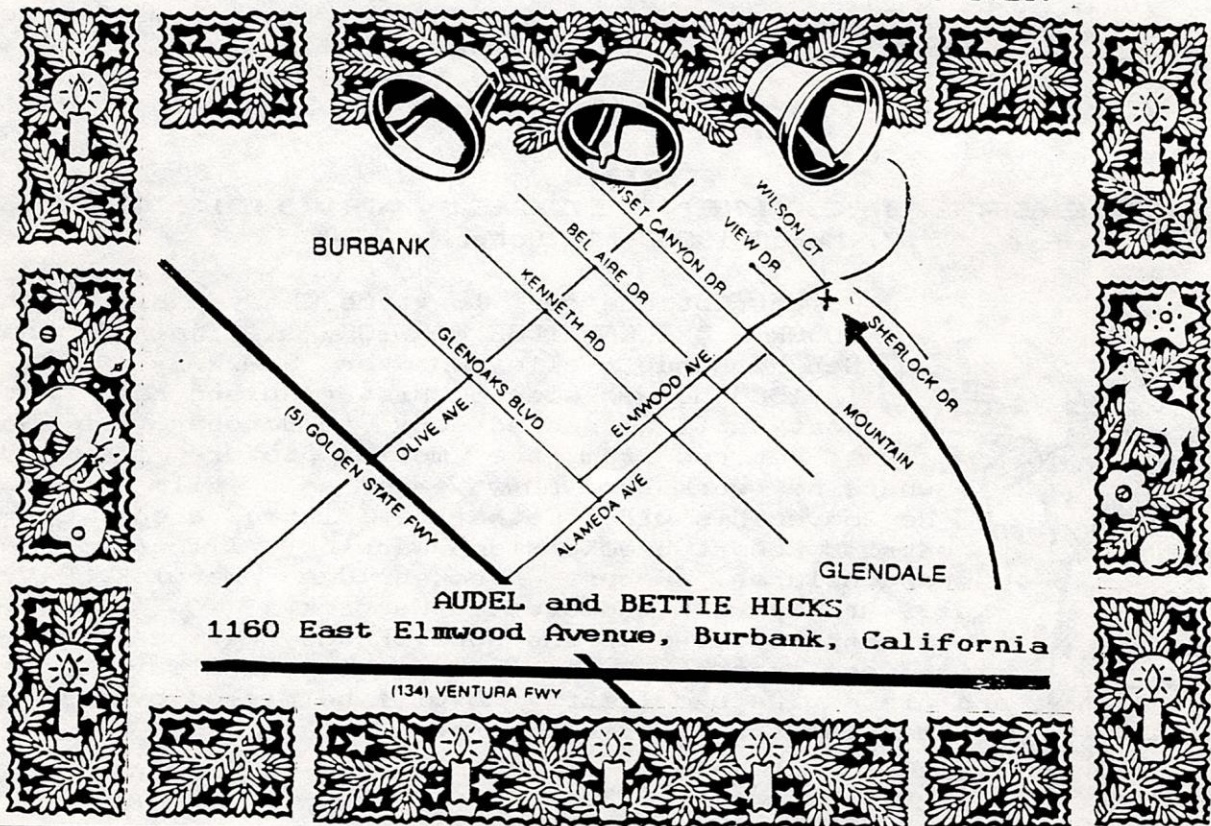


President Audel H. Hicks, and our First Lady Bettie have graciously decided to continue the Chapter's holiday tradition of holding the Annual President's Christmas Open House. This purely social gathering is our customary way to start the Holiday Season. Audel and Bettie will be serving refreshments and all that any Compatriot need bring is themselves.

As is the Chapter's custom applicants to SAR Membership, wives and/or escorts are most welcome. We can think of no better way to open the 1990 Christmas Season than to join with other SAR Compatriots.

Please R.S.V.P. so that Audel and Bettie will know how many guests to expect.

Their address is 1160 East Elmwood Avenue, Burbank, telephone 1-818-843-1723.



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28 feet tall composed of 25 memorable scenes that portray the most dramatic events in our Nation's history from 1619 to 1787. Within the building is a museum containing many interesting exhibits.

The central monument of the Court of Liberty is Thomas Ball's sixty-foot tall bronze statue of George Washington. In the niches of the Statue's marble base are bronze busts of four distinguished generals. Lafayette, Knox, Greene and Benjamin Lincoln. Around the base are four symbolic figures, "Oppression", "Victory", "Revolution", and "Cincinnatus". Every year since 1983 the Chapter has laid a wreath at it's base on Washington's Birthday, during our annual massing of the Colors.

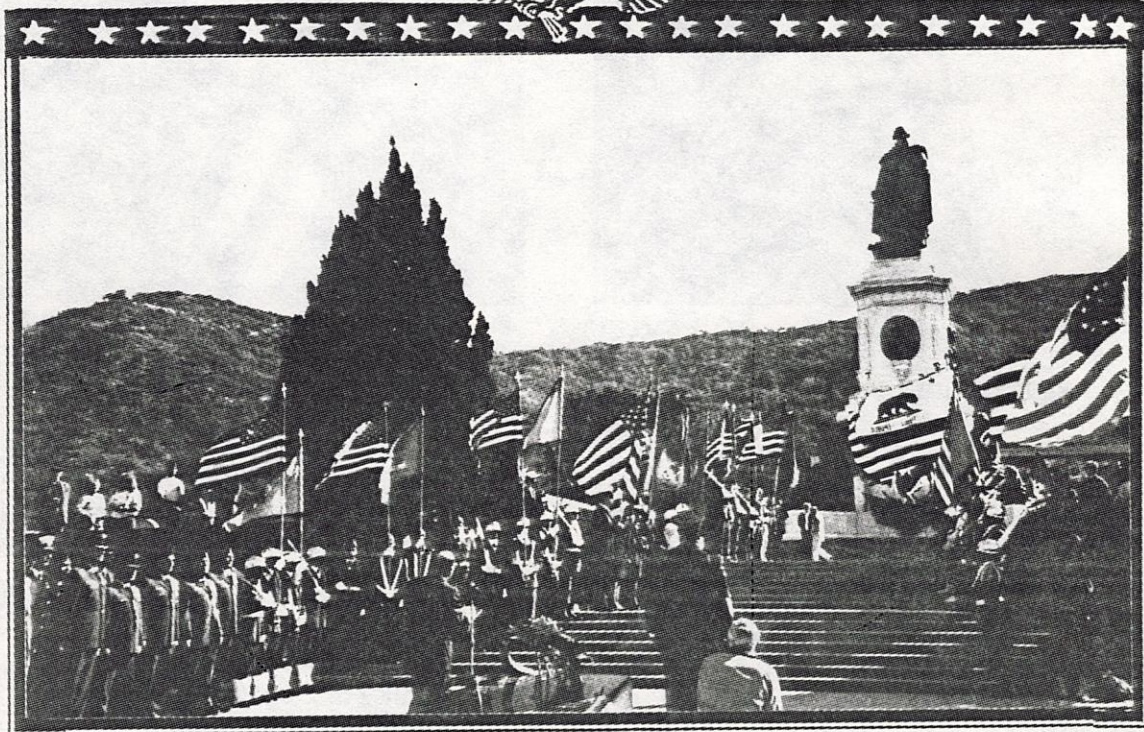
A few feet below the mosaic is the original bronze statue of

Thomas Jefferson by Italian sculptor Enzo Pasquini. This statue shows the third President Jefferson in an attitude of dignity and conviction.

As you approach the Court of Liberty you find an exact replica of Boston's "Old North Church" of Paul Revere fame. The historical rooms house items of interest, including Revere's own account of his famous ride, 18th century furniture, a musket that was actually used in the Revolution, maps drawn by Captain John Smith, engravings by Paul Revere, and original painting of George Washington much more.

In side the Hall of Liberty is another museum filled Revolutionary War artifacts all worth your time to see.

Mr. Owens presented an excellent tour of the historic Court of Liberty



THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MASSING OF THE COLORS AT THE COURT OF LIBERTY, SPONSORED ANNUALLY BY THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

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RESOLUTION FOR THE SUPPORT OF
ROBERT CHARLES EMREY, Sr.
FOR
VICE PRESIDENT - SOUTH
CALIFORNIA SOCIETY, S.A.R

WHEREAS, ROBERT C. EMREY, has distinguished himself in good and wholesome service to the San Fernando Valley Chapter, California Society, Sons of the American Revolution by serving as its Founding Secretary, then as Treasurer, Second Vice President, First Vice President, President and was awarded the California Society's and National Society's President's Award Contest Plaques; and

WHEREAS, ROBERT C. EMREY, has served the C.A.S.S.A.R. with distinction as Special Assistant to the President, Executive Assistant to the President on Chapter affairs and as Chairman of the Drug Enforcement Committee, and by attending the C.A.S.S.A.R. S.A.R. Annual Meetings of the Membership for Several years; and.

WHEREAS, ROBERT C. EMREY, has earned the SAR's War Service Medal, The Bronze Good Citizenship Medal, the Silver Good Citizenship Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, The S.A.R. Centennial Medal with two (2) clusters, A plaque of appreciation as Chapter President and numerous certificates of appreciation and distinguished service certificates; and

Whereas, ROBERT C. EMREY, has served the National Society S.A.R. by attending National Congress as a delegate from California and by serving as Special Advisor to the Vice President General. and

WHEREAS, ROBERT C. EMREY, has served his Community with distinction, as Chairman of the Americanism Committee of Rotary International, Glendale Club, District Governor of Toastmasters International, Member of the Board of Directors of the Verdugo Hills Council, Boy Scouts of America, A 32nd Degree Mason and Shriner, President of the Southern California Genealogical Society; and

WHEREAS, ROBERT C. EMREY, a graduate of Michigan State University, a C.P.A. and a retired Business Executive is a highly respected member of the Southern California Business Community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the San Fernando Valley Chapter, has and does hereby endorse, recommend and unanimously support the candidacy of ROBERT C. EMREY, for the office of Vice President - South, California Society, S.A.R.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands on this the 29th Day of October, in the year of our lord, 1990 and the 214th year of the Independence of the United States of America.

(signed)
Audel H. Hicks, Sr.
President

(signed)
Donald Norman Moran
Secretary

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YOUR S.A.R. MAGAZINES ARE NEEDED

As each and every member is well aware, attaining membership in the S.A.R. isn't all that easy. The documenting of your genealogy can be trying. The Chapter goes to great lengths to assist its applicants. We even prepare the final application forms for him. The problem, after identifying a man eligible for membership is to get him to take that first step and accept our invitation to join.

One of the things that separates the Sons of the American Revolution from other hereditary groups is the quality of our publications.

When we identify an applicant, the Chapter sends him an invitation to join. With the letter we enclosed a "special edition" of our Valley Com-patriot which

provides all anyone would need to know about our Society and its numerous We also include in that packet a copy of the latest issue of the VALLEY COMPATRIOT, a copy of the State Society's newsletter, the CALIFORNIA COMPATRIOT and a copy of the National Society's SAR MAGAZINE.

We strongly feel that the better an applicant is informed the better he will appreciate our Society's efforts and the better the member he will become. When the applicant has had the opportunity to review our award winning publications. he can readily decide whether or not to join us.



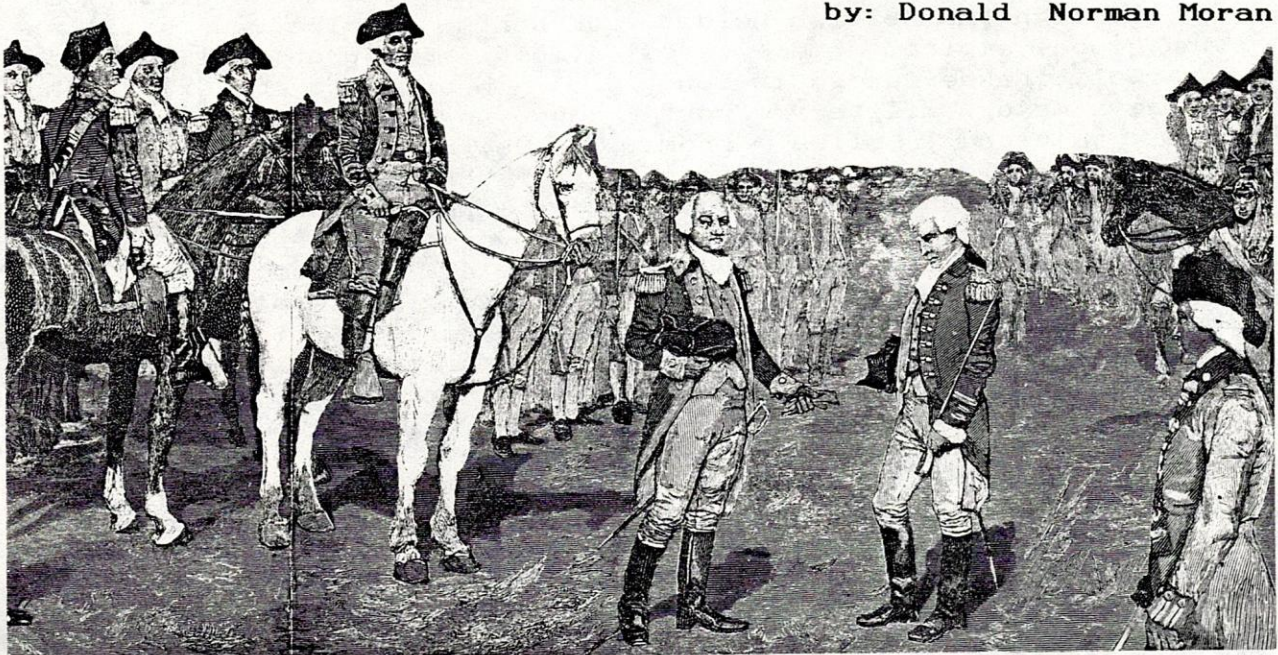
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please do not discard your back issues of the California Com-patriot or your SAR Mag azine. Recycle thru the Chapter's membership drive.

THE THREE S.A.R. MAGAZINES
WE SEND TO OUR CHAPTER'S MEMBERSHIP APPLICANTS

ALL THE KING'S HORSE
AND
ALL THE KING'S MEN

by: Donald Norman Moran



THE SURRENDER OF LORD CORNWALLIS AT YORKTOWN - 19 OCTOBER 1781



As Americans and members of the SAR we are proud, and justly so, of our ancestors that fought and won our freedom from England. One hundred years ago, that National pride was manifested in the establishment of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

We have all been taught that the Revolution was a one sided conflict in which our victory was nothing less than miraculous. Consider the odds. The thirteen colonies, located on the very edge of civilization without any industry (mandated by British Law), no centralized government, in fact very little government of any sort, with scant military resources, no professionally trained officers. (The Commander-in-Chief himself, was only a militia Colonel) and

no National Treasury. And yet we defeated the greatest power of the eighteenth century.

The British aristocracy generally held the colonist in contempt. John Montagu, the 4th Earl of Sandwich and 1st Lord of the Admiralty, expressed that opinion when he said: "Americans were raw, undisciplined and cowardly ¹" At Sir John Pringle's, Benjamin Franklin overheard Major General Alured Clarke comment "that with a thousand British grenadiers he would undertake to go from one end of America to the other and geld all the males, partly by force and partly with a little coaxing ²".

¹ Lord Sandwich's speech during the 1775 Fishery Bill debate
² The writings of Benjamin Franklin, Volume IX, page 261.

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This was their first violation of the doctrine of waging war - "NEVER UNDERESTIMATE YOUR ENEMY".

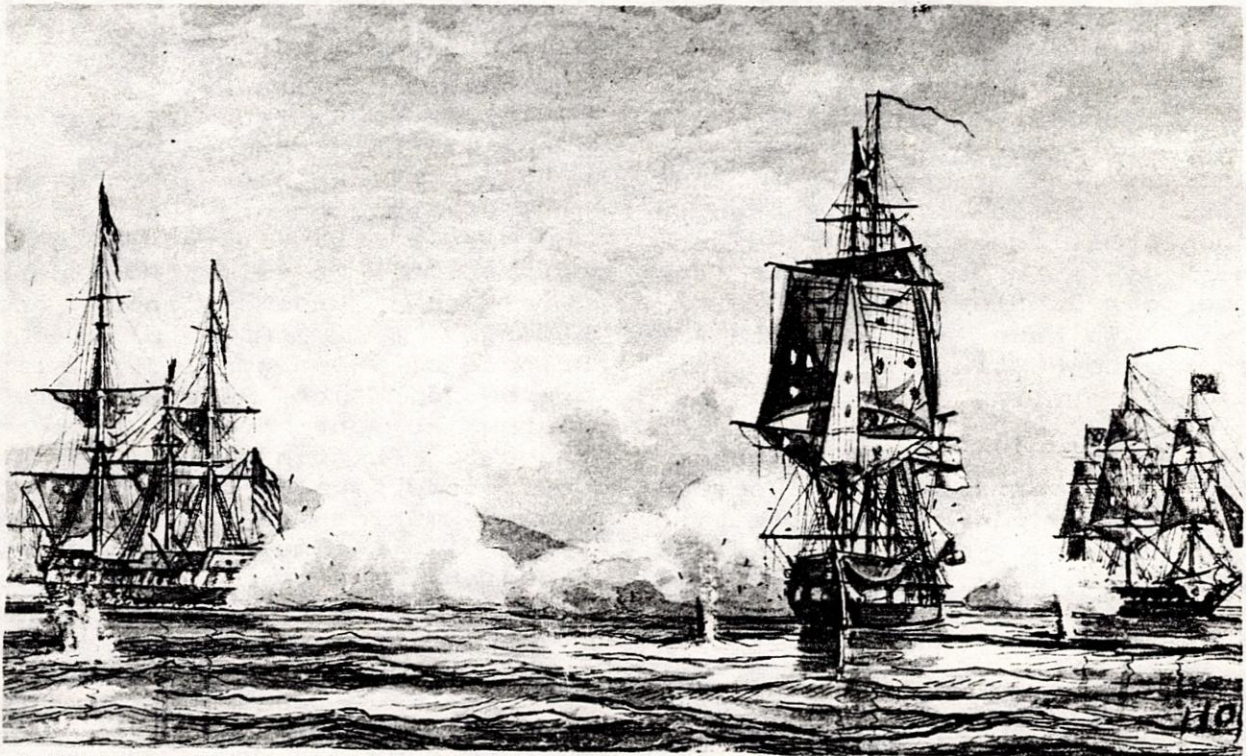
Although the British held a vast global empire, they were relatively inexperienced in conducting a major military effort three thousand miles from England. This inexperience was to greatly influence the outcome of the war. During the siege of Boston, the Admiralty dispatched thirty-five ships to re-supply their besieged army. Only eight ships successfully made the crossing. During 1777 the American squadron and privateers destroyed or captured more than three hundred British merchant ships. In 1780 a combined Spanish and French fleet intercepted and captured sixty-one ships of a single convoy. Three thousand soldiers, reinforcements for their hard pressed North American army were lost ³.

The situation on the land was a nightmare. Roads simply did not exist except between the major coastal cities. Most of North America was still an almost impenetrable wilderness.

When Lt. General John Burgoyne invaded New York from Canada, he was forced to build a road through the Adirondack Mountains. It took him 20 days to cover 22 miles. He had to bridge 40 ravines, build a 2 mile long causeway through a marshy area. This delay gave the Americans time to mass their forces and ultimately defeat him at the Battle of Saratoga ⁴.

³ Histoire de la Marine Française pendant la Guerre de l'Indépendance Américaine, 1877

⁴ A State of the Expedition from Canada, As Laid Before the House of Commons. Lt. General John Burgoyne - 1780.



THE WAR AT SEA PROVED DEVASTATING TO THE BRITISH WAR EFFORT

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This was their second violation of the doctrine of waging war "NEVER OVER EXTEND YOUR LINES OF SUPPLY".

The geography of North America, both political and topographical were very strong allies of the American cause. Thomas Paine stated: "How ridiculous to suppose that a continent should belong to an island!"⁵. But more importantly was the nature of colonial America. It was a totally rural society. The loss of the cities of Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Charleston had literally no impact on the war other than psychological. Had Britian lost at of their cities such as London, Bristol or Liverpool, they would consider themselves defeated. In order to conquer the thirteen colonies, it would be necessary to garrison every major town. In 1777 Lord Howe attempted to do so on a limited basis. George Washington immediately reacted. Washington knew he could not confront the whole British Army, but he could overwhelm the regimental size garrisons Howe was positioning in the central states. The mid-winter victories at the New Jersey towns of Trenton and Princeton confirmed this and put Howe on the defensive. Howe had to withdraw all of his garrisons and retire to fortified New York City. The genius of Washington was that he recognized this all important fact To win the war, all Washington needed to do was to keep the Continental Army intact.

This was England's third violation of the doctrine of war - "ALWAYS HAVE CLEAR OBJECTIVES."

⁵ Thomas Paine's Common Sense

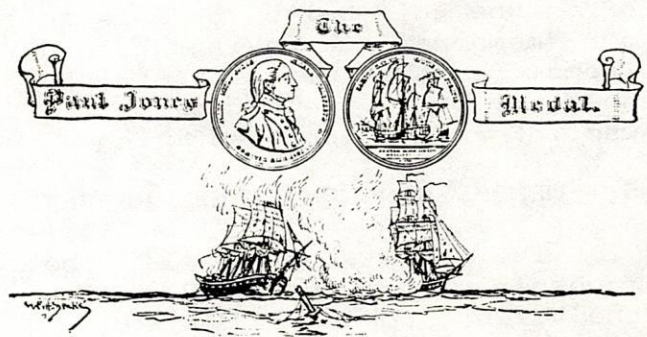
The British leadership could never accept the concept of the citizen soldier. Armies that would mobilize at a moments notice, fight a necessary battle then disperse. To the contrary, up until the final defeat of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown, the British inticipated massive uprisings on the part of an alledged large 'loyal' portion of the population. It never happened. This was England's forth violation of the doctrine of war - "KNOW YOUR ALLIES".

After the victory of the American Army over Burgoyne at Saratoga, France and Spain formally entered the war. The Revolution thusly became a global conflict, with battles being waged as far away as India. This prevented the British from concentrating all their military might against America.

This was their fifth violation of the doctrine of war - "DON'T UNDER ESTIMATE THE RESERVES OR FRIENDS OF YOUR ENEMY."

Lastly, it is often said that the victory attained by our Revolutionary War ancestors was because God favored the American Cause. We still accept that fact and retain "Annuit Coeptis" (i.e. The Eye of Providence) on our National Seal. However and not suprisingly, our British friends have never embraced this explanation.

Donald Norman Moran



**SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

OCTOBER 29TH MEETING MINUTES



The San Fernando Valley Chapter, S.A.R. held its monthly meeting on 29 October 1990 at Genio's Restaurant, Burbank, California.

The presiding officer was President Audel H. Hicks. Sr.

**1. PRESENTATION OF MEMBERSHIP
CERTIFICATE**

President Audel H. Hicks presented a certificate of membership to Dr. David S. Whitley.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

IT WAS MOVED by Compatriot DONALD H. McLAUGHLIN and SECONDED by Compatriot WALTER H. WALLEY that the minutes of the September 24th meeting minutes be accepted as submitted.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

3. VETERAN'S BOOK DRIVE REPORT

Compatriot BERNI K. CAMPBELL reported that he delivered 200 paperback books and 2 gross of golf balls to the Sepulveda Veteran's Hospital in September. He further advised that the response to our appeal for the golf balls was so great that we have already over supplied the hospital. He recommended that we offer the golf balls for sale to our members, purchasing needed items for the patients at the hospital with the proceeds. It was informally approved.

5. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

The monthly report of the membership committee will be in the Valley Compatriot.

6. REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer Robert C. Emrey reported that the Chapter has \$564.22 in the General Treasury, \$1,000 in the Walter G. Turnell R.O.T.C. Fund, plus the \$8,110. in the Permanent Fund.

**7. REQUEST FOR BACK ISSUES OF
THE CASSAR and SAR MAGAZINES**

President Audel H. Hicks made an appeal for back issues of the CALIFORNIA COMPATRIOT and SAR MAGAZINE for distribution to applicants.

8. 1991 REQUIREMENT FOR MEDALS

President Audel H. Hicks read the written report of the Medals and Awards committee which requested the purchase of the following medals: 25 Bronze ROTC, 6 Silver ROTC, 3 Bronze Good Citizenship, 2 Silver Good Citizenship, 2 Law Enforcement, all to be purchased with the appropriate certificates. Plus 75 folders, all for our 1991 programs. Total cost will be \$706. \$260. from the general fund and \$446. from the Walter G. Turnell ROTC fund. IT WAS MOVED by Donald H. McLaughlin and SECONDED by Berni K. Campbell.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

9. RESOLUTION FOR THE CASSAR

President Audal H. Hicks presented a prepared resolution for the CASSAR to consider for Chapter approval. IT WAS SO MOVED by Berni K. Campbell and SECONDED by Donald H. McLaughlin.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

**OCTOBER
MEETING MINUTES
CONTINUED**

**10. NOMINATION OF
ROBERT C. EMREY FOR
CASSAR VICE PRESIDENT**

President Audel H. Hicks read a prepared resolution nominating Robert C. Emrey for CASSAR Vice President - South. IT WAS MOVED by Donald H. McLaughlin and SECONDED by Berni K. Campbell.
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**11. NOMINATION FOR NATIONAL
OFFICERS**

President Audel H. Hicks read a list of nominees for National Officer to be approved by the Chapter. IT WAS MOVED by Robert C. Emrey and SECONDED by LtC Edgar Whitley.
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
The approved list to be published in article form in the Valley Compatriot.

12. "THE S. A. R. WANTS YOU"

President Audel H. Hicks displayed a copy of the special 30 page issue of the Valley Compatriot for applicants. The issue details all SAR activities and describes membership requirements. A special thanks to Compatriot Robert C. Emrey who defrayed the costs of printing.

13. WALTER G. TURNELL

President Audel H. Hicks received two photographs sent to him by Mrs. Glenn Turnell of the headstone of our late Compatriot Walter Turnell. The headstone has the SAR member emblem displayed on it.

14. ROBERT BRECKENRIDGE WARWICK

President Audel H. Hicks advised the Chapter of the passing of Compatriot Robert B. Warwick, II, our Historian. Bob passed away on October 18th. He will be missed by all of us.

**15. ALTERNATES TO THE CASSAR
MEETING APPOINTED.**

President Audel H. Hicks appointed Robert C. Emrey to represent him at the forthcoming CASSAR Board of Manager's Meeting on November 2nd and 3rd. Compatriot George Sutherland Van Dorn is to serve as alternate.

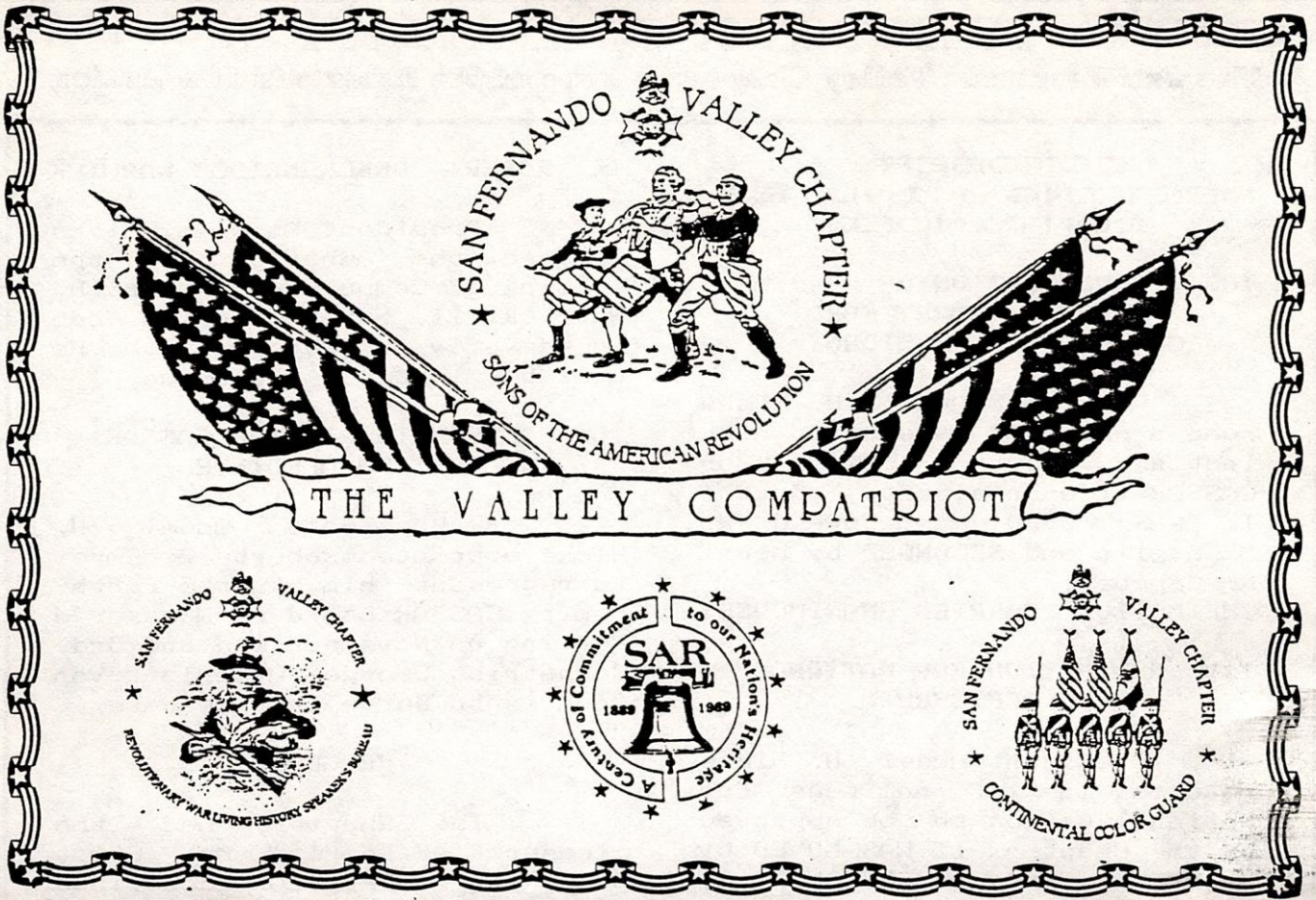
PROGRAM

The Chapter had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Grant Owens of Forest Lawn described the beautiful slides of the patriotic and historical monuments at Forest Lawn. The exact full size replica of Boston's famed North Church, the Patriotic mosaic (the largest in the Country) which depicts scenes of our quest for liberty. The marvelous 60 foot tall monument of George Washington. It was a fascinating program enjoyed by all present.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS before the San Fernando Valley Chapter, S.A.R. President Audel H. Hicks declared the meeting ADJOURNED at 9:00 P.M.

Donald Norman Moran
Secretary





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