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THE FRONT COVER

THE FLAG OF THE THIRD MARYLAND REGIMENT

This flag was carried by the 3rd Maryland Regiment of the Continental Line at the Battle of Cowpens where General Daniel Morgan soundly defeated the British. This flag is now enshrined in the State Capitol Building at Annapolis, Maryland.

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THE SAN FERNANDO
 VALLEY CHAPTER
 MONTHLY
 MEETING NOTICE

30 October 1989



At 6:30 p.m. on Monday the 30th of October 1989, the monthly meeting of the San Fernando Valley Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution will be held at LEON'S STEAK HOUSE 10945 Victory Blvd (on the corner of Vineland and Victory) North Hollywood, All members, applicants, guests and the ladies are cordially invited to attend. Compatriot's Please notify the Chapter's Secretary if you plan on attending.

* * * THE PROGRAM * * *

GUEST SPEAKER
 STATE PRESIDENT
 ARTHUR WM. BARRETT

Our program will be a special will be very special. Our State President, Arthur William Barrett and his wife, Helen, President of the California Society's Ladies' Auxiliary, will be our honored guests. President Barrett, will have just returned from the National Trustee's Meeting, held in at the National Headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky.

He will be updating us on the news of the Society, both at the State and National levels. Let's insure that he is well received with a great Chapter turnout.



ARTHUR WILLIAM BARRETT
 PRESIDENT
 CALIFORNIA SOCIETY, S. A. R.

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WELCOME NEW COMPATRIOTS

COMPATRIOT
 THOMAS GERALD HERWER

NSSAR #133442 - CASSAR # 5653
 Ancestor
 Private JAMES ROBERTSON,
 of the Kentucky Militia

COMPATRIOT
 EDGAR DUER WHITLEY

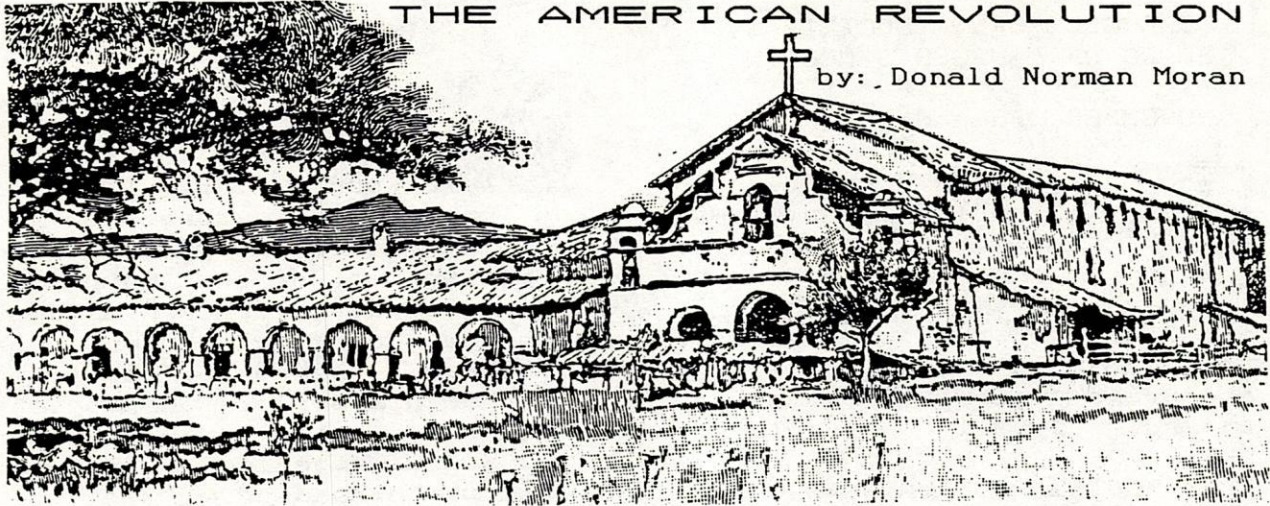
NSSAR #133443 - CASSAR # 5654
 Ancestor
 Private JOHN DUER,
 of the New Jersey Militia

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CALIFORNIA AND
THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

by: Donald Norman Moran



To those of us that live in California and are members of the Sons of the American Revolution can not help but be a little jealous of our fellow Compatriots that reside on the east coast. They live among all of the Revolutionary War historical sites, while we must be content with only an occasional visit. But, did you know that California was involved in the Revolution?

During the 18th century California was sparsely populated. Eight Missions had been built (eventually there would be twenty-one), Presidios or forts had been built at San Diego and San Francisco. One pueblo or town had been settled at San Jose. Life was very difficult, with most goods and supplies being shipped directly from Spain, which took several months by sea and as a result were usually in short supply.

Yet California became involved in the American Revolution. On June 21st, 1779, King Charles III of Spain declared war on Great Britain, supporting the her French ally in an obvious attempt to recover some of their loses to

the British as a result of the treaty ending the Colonial Wars

Overcoming his understandable concern for supporting a colonial rebellion, with Spain then having colonies worldwide, Charles III issued a Royal proclamation asking for prayers from the entire Spanish Empire to aid in the War.

The famed Father Serra distributed the King's degree among his fellow Californians along with a plea for payment of a "voluntary" tax to aid the war effort. The Alta California settlers responded by raising 2,683 pesos. California's Royal Governor, Felipe de Neve, added another 1,522 pesos to the colonies contribution. This amount seems very insignificant when weighed against Spains total war debt, but it was a large amount for the sparsely populated colony to raise.

Of added interest to the S.A.R. in California, is that the payment of this "voluntary" tax would entitle those men who can prove their descent from one of those early tax paying settlers to membership in Sons of the American Revolution.

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MEETING NOTICE

THE CALIFORNIA SOCIETY'S
 BOARD OF MANAGER'S MEETING

NOVEMBER 3rd and 4th, 1989

Bresident Robert C. Emrey will be leading a delegation from the Chapter to the Fall Board of Manager's meeting, being held in San Diego on the week end of November 3rd and 4th. We encourage our member's to attend. Details as follows:

HOTEL RESERVATIONS
 Town & Country Hotel
 500 Hotel Circle North
 San Diego, California
 92108
 1-(619) 291-7131

REGISTRATION

Registration: \$ 7.00
 Luncheon: \$17.50
 Banquet: \$20.50

Send checks to; Carroll E. Moore
 Treasurer, San Diego Chapter
 3420 Fir, San Diego, Ca. 92104

AGENDA

Friday, November 3rd, 1989

Registration: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
 Budget & Planning: - 1:00 p.m.
 By-Laws Committee: - 2:00 p.m.
 Ladies' Auxiliary: - 4:00 p.m.
 Reception: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 4th, 1989

Registration: - 8:00 a.m.
 Board of Managers: - 9:00 a.m.
 Luncheon: -12:00 Noon
 Board of Managers: - 2:00 p.m.
 Reception: - 6:00 p.m.
 Banquet: - 7:00 p.m.

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THE S.A.R.'S
 ONE HUNDREDTH
 ANNIVERSARY



As you have read in the various SAR publications 1989 is the centennial of our Society. This is an important milestone, as the SAR has achieved much in the preservation of our Country's historic past. Former President General Carl F. Bessent has authored a series of articles on the history of the Society which are being serialized in the S.A.R. magazine. They are well worth reading.

As part of the Society's 100th anniversary celebration, the National Society has encouraged the various State Societies and Chapter's to place paid congratulatory ads in the S.A.R. Magazine. The Chapter approved our participation in this effort. Reproduced on the facing page is a copy of our "Salute to the S.A.R.". Compatriot Winston C. Williams, Editor of the S.A.R. Magazine has advised the ad will appear in the next issue of the National magazine.

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CONGRATULATIONS



The San Fernando Valley Chapter, S.A.R. "Salutes" the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY on the occasion of it's Twenty-fifth Anniversary. The S.C.G.S. will be celebrating this anniversary with a special luncheon on November 4th at Taix's Restaurant, 1911 Sunset Blvd, Los Angeles. Reservations must be made with the S.C.G.S. PO Box 4377, Burbank, Ca. 91503

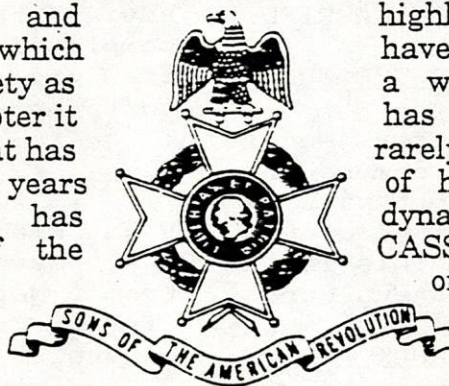
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THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER

Salutes The National Society Sons of the American Revolution on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary

The San Fernando Valley Chapter, S.A.R. was chartered on the 30th of April, 1981 by the California Society, Sons of the American Revolution. Since it was founded, this chapter has created and spear-headed many new and programs many of which throughout the Society as relatively new chapter it accomplishment that has surpassed. In its ten years of existence the Chapter has the programs of the as well as several to be a vital part of the National Society of the American Revolution and is actively enthusiastic in support of and furtherance for its objectives declared to be historic, educational and patriotic.



BEST SMALL NSSAR CHAPTER 1983

THE CARL F. BESSENT AWARD 1988

BEST SMALL CASSAR CHAPTER 1983

BEST MID-SIZED CASSAR CHAPTER 1988

THE CHARLOTTE WOODWARD AWARD 1983

THE BEST CASSAR NEWSLETTER 1988

THE CARL F. BESSENT AWARD 1985

BEST MID-SIZED NSSAR CHAPTER 1989

BEST MID-SIZED CASSAR CHAPTER 1985

BEST CASSAR CHAPTER 1989

BEST MID-SIZED CASSAR CHAPTER 1986

THE CARL F. BESSENT AWARD 1989



The San Fernando Valley Chapter's Color Guard

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AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

28 August 1989



The San Fernando Valley Chapter, S.A.R. held it's August 1989 meeting at Leon's Steak House in North Hollywood, California at 6:30 P.M. on August 28th, 1989. The presiding officer: Vice President Audel H. Hicks, Sr.

1. THE JULY MEETING MINUTES

IT WAS MOVED by Compatriot Roger E. Robertson and SECONDED by Compatriot Walter H. Walley that the minutes of the July 31th, 1988 Meeting be accepted as published in the Valley Compatriot. THE MOTION CARRIED.

2. REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Vice President/Treasurer Audel H. Hicks presented a comprehensive Treasurer's report stating that we have a checking account balance of \$ 817.00. This is in addition to the Permanent Fund.

3. THE VETERAN'S BOOK DRIVE

Compatriot Berni K. Campbell, Chairman of the Veteran's Committee is on vacation. His report was given by Secretary Donald N. Moran in which the Chapter was informed that another 225 paperback books were delivered to the Sepulveda Veteran's Hospital.

4. REPORT ON ADVERTIZING

Vice President Audel H. Hicks reported that the Chapter's meeting date will appear in the S.A.R. Magazine in the "While your Travelling" section. It is hoped that the ad will attract S.A.R. members who have moved into our area and encourage visits from other Chapters.

5. ENDORSEMENT OF CHARLES A. VENCILL FOR NSSAR TREASURER

IT WAS MOVED by Compatriot Roger E. Robertson and SECONDED by Compatriot James A. McKellep that the Chapter endorse Compatriot Charles A. Vencill, former President of the California Society, and Former Registrar General for the National Office of Treasurer General. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

5. B.S.A. SCHOLARSHIP DISPLAY

Secretary Donald Norman Moran advised that the Display will be completed shortly. It has not been given a high priority owing to other S.A.R. Commitments.

6. LETTERS FROM NATIONAL

Vice President Audel H. Hicks read several letters received from National Officers. The First, from former President-General Charles F. Printz. "Thank you for sending me a copy of the prize winning "The Valley Compatriot". Congrats galore. I do appreciate your placing my mug on the front cover." He went on to ad: "As you are aware we had an extremely sucessful Congress much to the hard work of the California Compatriots and I am very gratified."

The second letter was received from George H. Brandau. "The endorsement of my candidacy for the office of Secretary-General, NSSAR by the San Fernando Valley Chapter is great news. To me, this support is very important for it signals approval by one of the most respected chapters in the National Society. I am deeply

MINUTES
CONTINUED

6. NATIONAL LETTERS, CONTINUED

grateful and ask that you convey my appreciation to the members."

Two additional letters were received. One from Col. James R. Calhoun and the second from Compatriot Paul H. Walker, thanking the Chapter for our endorsement for their candidacy for National Office.

7. AD IN THE S.A.R. MAGAZINE

Compatriot Donald Norman Moran reported that the advertisement approved by the Chapter will appear in the National's S.A.R. Magazine in the "WHILE YOUR TRAVELING" section.

8. AD IN LOS ANGELES BLUE BOOK

At the July meeting LtC Bellah was appointed to investigate the possibility of the Chapter being listed in the prestigious "Los Angeles Blue Book," Compatriot Bellah reported that it has been done, and without cost.

9. THE PROGRAM

Compatriot Roger E. Robertson presented a program on the 2nd Amendment - "The right to own and bear arms". The program included a video tape which presented the arguments in favor of this all important right. It also gave numerous statistics contradicting those so often heard on the media. It was most informative and appreciated.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE CHAPTER, the Meeting was adjourned.

Donald Norman Moran, Secretary

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THE CASSAR
PRESIDENT'S AWARD
CONTEST
CHAPTER STATUS
SEPTEMBER

.1. Publicity.....	60
.2. TV or Radio.....	0
.3. New Members.....	1,000
.4. Compatriot reinstated.....	0
.5. Supplemental applicants.....	0
.6. NSSAR Delegates.....	0
.7. CSSAR Delegates.....	0
.8. Social/Business meeting....	15
.9. Each SAR attending.....	50
10. Prospective member.....	0
11. Each Lady attending.....	8
12. Each Aux. attending.....	4
13. Each DAR attending.....	0
14. Two + Chapter function.....	0
15. Hosting State Meeting.....	0
16. Organizing new Chapter.....	0
17. SAR Program or Talk.....	0
18. Gifts to V.A. Hospital.....	0
19. Each book donated.....	2,080
20. Historical site marked.....	0
21. SAR Medals presented.....	0
22. Presented in person.....	0
23. Chapter roster.....	0
24. Each issue of newsletter...	25
25. Granting a scholarship.....	0
26. Meeting with DAR/CAR.....	0
27. Oration Contest.....	0
28. Eagle Scout Nominee.....	0
29. Manning a Community table...	0
30. Donations to SAR/CAR.....	26
31. Each new citizen.....	0
32. Participating in Parade.....	0
33. Report on time.....	50

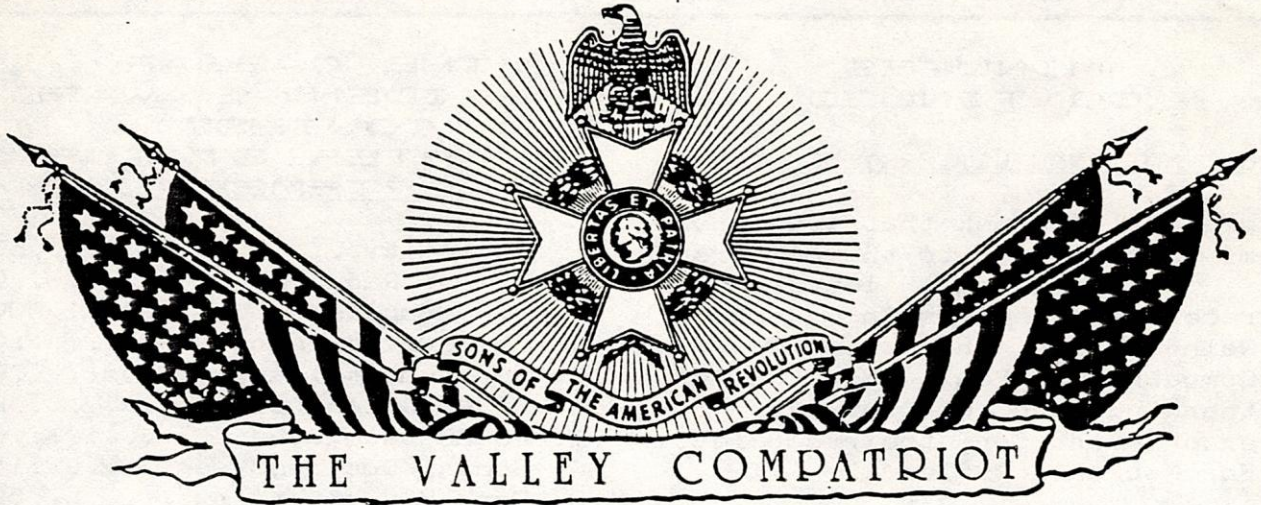
Monthly Totals (September)..3,318

Year to date totals.....22,687



he month of September was a good month for the Chapter. Two new members were admitted, and our Veteran's Book Drive Committee delivered 520 books to the Sepulveda Veteran's Hospital. Two (2) inches of press coverage was also received.

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FIRST CLASS

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