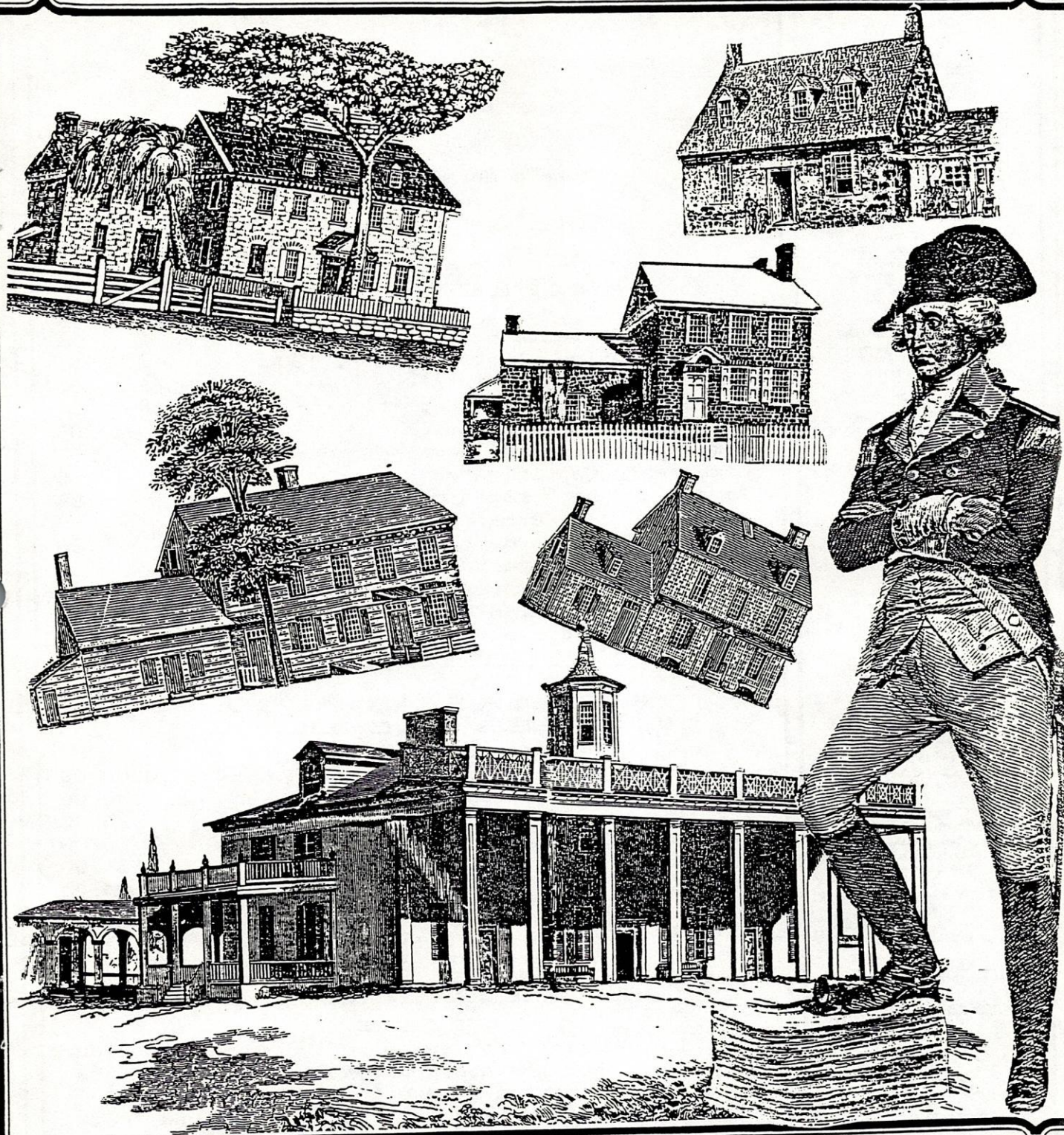


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THE SECRETARY'S CORNER
 FEES AND DUES


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| 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

COMPATRIOTS IN THE NEWS

 ompatriot BERNI CAMPBELL was awarded the S.A.R.'s "Liberty Medal" for his efforts on behalf of our applicants for membership. The medal is awarded by the National Society to those members that successfully recruit ten or more new members.



COMPATRIOT BERNI CAMPBELL RECEIVING THE SAR'S LIBERTY MEDAL FROM NATIONAL TRUSTEE ARTHUR Wm. BARRETT.

Compatriot GLEN ROBERTSON, M.D. has completed his residency and is now practicing medicine in Pasadena. Glen was one of the American students who were studying in Granada. Fortunately he and his wife, Claire, got out of Granada before the invasion. He completed his studies at USC and interned at the Huntington Hospital. Glen has been a Life member since 1985.

President AUDEL H. HICKS has been appointed to the National Patriotic Education and Action Committee. Former President GEORGE SUTHERLAND VAN DORN was appointed to the Americanism

Committee and the Membership Committee. Compatriot DONALD N. MORAN was appointed to the Color Guard Committee, Flag Committee, Magazine Advisory Committee and the Newsletter and Periodical Committee. Three National Committeemen from one Chapter says a great deal about that Chapter.



COMPATRIOT DONALD NORMAN MORAN RECEIVING THE SAR'S CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FROM NATIONAL TRUSTEE ARTHUR Wm. BARRETT

BIRTHDAYS


- ROBERT S. MOORE.....10/07
- NORMAN P. MORAN.....10/11
- ROBERT C. EMREY, Jr.....10/14
- GEORGE ROBINSON.....10/25
- JAMES A. McKELLEP.....10/25

ANNIVERSARIES

- ROGER and MARY LOU ROBERTSON
23 October 1955
- BRUCE and BETTY JAGGER
27 October 1962



MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES PRESENTED

t the September meeting President AUDEL H. HICKS was privileged to have the honor to present SAR membership certificates and the SAR's War Service Medal to two new members, JAMES WILSON BROWNING a descendant of Lieutenant John Chapman, who served in the Virginia Militia and CHARLES KENNETH STAHL, Jr. a descendant of Private John Moore III. who served in the Third Regiment of the New York Continental Line. Also welcomed was transferring member GEORGE EDWARD BLACKMUN, III, a descendant of Sgt. Major Andrew Everett of the Massachusetts Militia from the Lexington Alarm until 1779. George was a member of the Pennsylvania Society, S.A.R., but now resides here in Southern California.



JAMES WILSON BROWNING RECEIVING HIS SAR MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE FROM PRESIDENT AUDEL H. HICKS.



GEORGE EDWARD BLACKMUN, III, BEING WELCOMED BY PRESIDENT AUDEL H. HICKS AT OUR SEPTEMBER CHAPTER MEETING



CHARLES KENNETH STAHL, JR. RECEIVING HIS SAR MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE FROM PRESIDENT AUDEL H. HICKS. SR.

OUR SEPTEMBER GUEST SPEAKER
DR. GARY ALAN DICKEY



Our September meeting guest speaker was Dr. Gary Alan Dickey. He is California born and bred and holds a B.A. degree from U.C.L.A. in ancient history; the Master of Divinity degree from Fuller Seminary and the doctorate earned from Claremont.

Gary is a 7th generation Methodist whose first Wesleyan ancestors trace their conversion to Christianity under the direct preaching of John Wesley. He presently is the senior pastor of Canoga Park First Methodist Church. Gary and his wife Tami are avid travellers. He has preached in many of Wesley's Churches, and has actually stayed in John Wesley's home on three occasions.

Dr. Gary Dickey serves as Chaplain to the Pasadena Chapter S.A.R., the Society of the War of 1812, and the Society of Colonial Wars.



Dr. Gary Alan Dickey receiving the S.A.R.'s Certificate of Appreciation from our President Compatriot Audel H. Hicks, Sr.

"GEORGE WASHINGTON SLEPT HERE"

"For any of you who have travelled to the east coast of our great United States, you will immediately identify with me when I share with you the following story. One of the great thrills in anyone's life is a visit to our country's Capitol in Washington, D.C. The excitement of the politics, the prestigious atmosphere occasioned by the heads of state, ambassadors, and visiting dignitaries, and the stimulation of a great metropolitan city all contribute to a thrilling visit in our nation's Capitol city. But, I suspect for most of us, the greatest thrill is the history of it all! This was

where it all happened. This was where our country came alive - patriot names like George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Marquis de Lafayette, Thomas Jefferson, John Hancock, Betsy Ross, and dozens more which come to mind are memorialized and honored throughout the D.C. area in statues, buildings and parks. And the thrill for my two visits to our Capitol, and I'm sure must be for you as well, was to visit the historic places where these great ancestors of our freedom were born, lived, and died. On my first visit I took the opportunity to visit many places associated with our first President George Washington. The

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Washington Monument, Mount Vernon Alexandria, Fredericksburg, and the Potomic River. And while at the Potomic, I too, as many before me, brought a silver dollar to throw across the river as the story tells us that Washington did. He must have been a very strong man. I wound up as George Washington did and threw my dollar across only to have it land about fifty feet offshore and sink in the middle of the river. Just goes to show you that a dollar doesn't go as far as it used to! (That joke didn't go very far either, did it?)

During my visit I picked up a little booklet entitled "George Washington Slept Here" supposedly factually written on all the places where Washington had visited, and presumedly slept at sometime or the other. I'm not coming out and saying that the book was completely hogwash, but I figured that if Washington HAD really slept overnight in all the places mentioned he would have lived to be 137 years old? Be that as it may, it was facinating visiting the many places where our liberty and freedom were born. Imagining what it would have been like to have been there with Washington at Valley Forge, Yorktown, Brandywine, or crossing the Delaware on Christmas Eve. Dreaming in the mind's eye about the excitement of the times, which I must imagine, was simular in many ways to the movements of liberty we have seen, and continue to see, throughout the countries of communist eastern Europe these last months.

Therefore, it was quite exciting for me, several years ago when I became interested in researching my family history

that I discovered that I too could write a book about "George Washington Slept Here." Well, actually it would have to be called "George Washington Slept Here Just One Night" but it would be true. In 1784 General George Washington and his nephew Bushrod Washington visited my paternal ancestor James Spurgeon at Bruceton Mills, now West Virginia, and lodged with his family overnight at their home on the banks of the Big Sandy where they ran a ferry across the river. Now the story was told in the family as far back as the 1880's that I can find. However, knowing my family, I didn't know if they weren't just lying a little bit. However, in researching George Washington's jounal diaries for 1784, lo and behold, Washington himself in his diary records having stayed the night at my ancestor James Spurheon's home, Washington further wrote an early travel note, " After crossing this hill the road is very good to the ford of Sandy Creek at one James Spurgeons, abt. 15 miles from Ice's Ferry ...from Spurgeon's to one Lemons is reckoned 9 miles and the way is not bad; but from Lemons to the entrance of the Yohiogany Glades... is intolerable....", So I can legitimately put up a "George Washington Slept Here" sign! Further, another of my ancestors Johann Philip Schmell served in the Continental Army under General Washington and helped to defend Valley Forge in 1778. I'm proud of those ancestors who fought on the side of freedom under one of the greatest patriots of our country.

General Henry Lee described Washington at the time

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of his death in 1799 as "First in war, first in peace, first in the hearts of his countrymen." And gathering here tonight are members of the Sons of the American Revolution those ancestors fought for us in the cause of freedom in our land so that today we might be able to gather in peace....To join with so many of you who have served our country faithfully, having fought on the front lines protecting the freedoms of our great country. But today we are called to remember not only the joy of freedom, but its cost. For freedom is bought only by eternal vigilance, often at the cost of blood, and always by dependence upon God. And as we assemble here this evening we do under the watchful eye of our founding President, George Washington, who has left us words which help us to reflect on our heritage. On April 30, 1789, 201 years ago - - - George Washington stepped out onto the outdoor balcony of Federal Hall, and in full view of the assembled multitude requested that a Bible be brought. Placing his [right] hand upon the open book, he took the oath of office, and then said [to Congress] "It would be peculiarly improper to omit, in this first official act, my fervent supplication to that Almighty Being, who rules over the universe, who resides in the councils of nations, and whose providential aids can supply every defect, that His benediction may consecrate to the liberties and happiness of the people of the United States. No people can be bound to acknowledge and adore the invisible hand which conducts the affairs of men more than the people of the United States. Every step by which they have advanced to

the character of an independent nation seems to have been distinguished by some token of providence.....we ought to be less persuaded that the propitious smiles of heaven cannot be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right, which heaven itself has ordained."

With this we remember the words of the Declaration of Independence which proclaim "For the support of this declaration, with firm reliance on the protection of the Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor." And that pledge my friends was kept and many of our patriot forebearers gave not only their fortunes and honor, but paid the price if that commitment with their blood given and spilled in the cause of freedom. But though many gave their lives and their fortunes, yet each carried to their deaths the honor of having known that they strove to realize the power of freedom which burns in the breast of every person who seeks liberty.

And yet, it must be seen that historically and politically, the American Revolution was a much a different one than most of its time or those following it. I had with you, the privilege of observing the great celebration of the Bicentennial of our country in 1976. Last year I had the privilege to be in Paris for the celebration of the bicentennial of the French Revolution. During this time, China was being wracked by the cries of the oppressed peoples for freedom which was brutally and shockingly put down. However, in East Germany, Czechoslovakia

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Romania, Bulgaria, Lithuania, Latvia, Hungary, and Poland followed one after another in surprizing rapidity with the cry for freedom and rights as communist government after communist government fell to the ideals of democracy. From Eastern Europe to Russia the light of democracy seems to be making inroads where ambassador and politician alike have not been able to go before. From Russia to South Africa in the release of Nelson Mandella the hope of democracy, justice, and liberty seems to be overtaking the world. And yet, while I, with you, rejoice and pray for the future of these countries, we need to pray not just for freedom by revolution, but that true democracy takes the place of the disposed state of eastern block communism and supremacy. If ever there is a lesson to be learned by us from our own history, it is the lesson of realizing that revolution not born out of an understanding of the Divine Providence and reliance upon God is doomed. In comparing the 200th anniversary celebrations of America and France I saw similarities but startling differences as well. And let me say, Pre-revolution France was hardly ideal for most people, but revolutionary France had deep seated problems. When the Bastille was stormed in 1789 seven inmates were released. Four years later the new prisons of France contained 400,000 people. By then the old religion government, and law had been totally abolished and replaced with a government of terror. Thousands of people were executed on the flimsiest of reasons facing their death at Madame Guillotine. Within, the Revolution was hostile to anything or anyone which doubted its

absolute power and therefore the Church was the natural rival and enemy in the quest for the human soul. In every revolution from 1789 to today where the sense of God's Providence was not cherished and kept, the revolution became only a mask for one power to overthrow another. China, Russia, the eastern block countries all followed the pattern and first on the proscrip list was the Church because these kinds of revolutions can afford no higher loyalty than to the state. Claims previously only dared made in God's name, and never in the name of a monarch, were transferred to the persona of the state. While passionate in the words of liberty, individual freedom was enslaved as the revolutionaries destroyed all the institutions through which liberty is defined, and by which, compromise was made impossible. Therefore, those who opposed the state were put to death. For these revolutionaries, there are only two positions - either one is entirely with you or entirely against you. Therefore, differences and opposition are not met or understood, but liquidated. And revolutionary forces around us by believing necessarily that such movements are the type of revolution we fought for in our country though they use the name revolution as their banner. So when one hears of another Revolutionary People's Party of such and such nation saying they are waging revolution in the name of the people or God, do not let us be deceived into believing that they are speaking of revolution in the manner which we are. And this is why the war against

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world-wide terrorism is so difficult. For these revolutionaries are fanatics who cannot compromise. They are not fighters for liberty of freedom for they deny both to everyone -- their only signiture is innocent bloodshed and death. Hardly the foundations for true revolutionary freedom. This is why throughout Eastern Europe millions of people flocked to the Churches to celebrate Christmas in freedom after four decades of communist rule. Some churches were so crowded that people had to stand outside in frigid weather, but were undaunted because for the first time in forty years they had faith burning deep within them, and they sought to express their freedom in the churches of God.

This is why to me, the issue before our country concerning our nation's flag is so important. Yes, the flag is not the country, but it is a symbol of the country. To flagrantly desecrate the flag is to so desecrate the land which it symbolizes. It is not an argument of the abrogation of free speech, it is the realization that freedom is not a question just about rights and privileges. Indeed, I, with great Senate Chaplain Peter Marshall, find myself rather sick and tired of hearing people talking only about THEIR rights and privileges - to live in a democracy means as much, and as well, talking about one's duties and responsibilities of citizenship to our country and ideals upon which our great land was given birth. For over two hundred years our flag has stood for freedom and liberty in a system of revolution which respects rights but asks its citizens for responsibility. A

system of government where the cote not the guillotine is the way to express opposition. An attack on our flag is an attack on these ideals, without which, we would not have liberty. Millions of Americans have fought and died for our country and flag and therefore, an attack on our flag is an attack and insult on the service and shed blood of every man and women who gave of their last full measure of devotion to see that our great nation should remain free. An attack on the flag is not an attack on just a piece of cloth; it is an attack on everything our country represents and is committed to. I'm not saying our country is perfect or always right, far from it, but it is, without exception, the best country on the face of this earth even with all its faults and problems. And liberty, justice, and freedom for all as contained in our Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of these United States will endure only as long as there are those with the courage to defend them, the vision to interpret them, and the fidelity to live by them. Now is the time to come together to solve our ills and our flag is the symbol of all that made our country great and will do so into the future as we rally around that symbol of the greatness of our land. That symbol must be upheld and respected and it is the centerpiece around which we must gather to remember the cost and price of liberty.

It is no longer enough to say that "George Washington Slept Here" looking back to the places where the principles of our great land were first

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brought to pass - - it is not enough to remember the great words spoken as we fought to gain our freedom - - it is no longer enough to take for granted the cost of staying a free people and nation. We are called both by human reason and Scripture to understand that our land must return to the basic precepts of "One Nation Under God." Not a country run by the Church - - not that - - but a country which knows and acknowledges the blessings of God upon us. "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." "And if we humble ourselves, and pray, and seek the face of God and turn from our sins, then God will hear from heaven and will forgive us and heal our land" We face major problems in our society today. Crime, drugs, poverty, and if we seek a future for our land, then we must return to the basic principles of our land. We can no longer afford to sleep, but must awake to the choice before us. Christ or chaos, conviction or compromise, commitment or failure, freedom or enslavement. America's future depends on our accepting and realizing our birthright as one nation under God. Without that we have no future!

In Washington, D.C. in the Capitol Building there is a private chapel for the use of members of congress for prayer and meditation. The room's focal point is a stained glass window showing George Washington kneeling in prayer in the snow of the winter of Valley Forge. Above him are the words: "This nation under God" and behind him the words of Psalm 16:1, "Preserve me, O God, for in thee do I put my trust." When we lose that, then George Washington and all

that he stood for shall sleep and our nation and its principles of freedom and liberty shall no longer endure.

And therefore I call all of us today to the understanding of this great nation of ours - to protect it and defend it - to guard it and to preserve it - to stand vigilantly over those ideals bought by the blood of freedom and sustained by the prayers of her people. And therefore, let us remember the words of Scripture engraved on our Liberty Bell at Independence Hall in Philadelphia, "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land and unto all the inhabitants thereof."

This is America - this is our heritage and our history - this is our men and our women - this is our courage and our strength - this is the legacy of George Washington. THIS IS AMERICA!"

Dr. Gary Alan Dickey



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SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

24 September 1990



The San Fernando Valley Chapter, S.A.R. held its monthly meeting on 24 September 1990 at Genio's Restaurant, Burbank, California.

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

1. THE MAY MEETING MINUTES

IT WAS MOVED by Compatriot DONALD McLAUGHLIN and SECONDED by Compatriot BERNI K. CAMPBELL that the minutes of the May 26th meeting be accepted as submitted. THE MOTION CARRIED.

2. REPORT ON VETERANS BOOK DRIVE

Compatriot BERNI K. CAMPBELL reported that he delivered six hundred and twenty-five (625) paperback books to the Sepulveda Veteran's Hospital during the summer months. The Veteran's Administration advised that they have opened a three (3) hole "Pitch-and-Put" golf course on the hospital grounds for those patients able to take advantage of that type of exercise. They requested that we provide golf supplies, ie: golf balls, clubs, tees, etc. Compatriot Campbell was able to have a gross of used golf balls donated. If any Compatriot has any used golf balls, equipment, etc and would like to donate them contact Compatriot Campbell.

3. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

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

4. PRESENTATIONS FROM NATIONAL

National Society Trustee Arthur William Barrett presented Compatriot Berni K. Campbell with the Liberty Medal for having secured over ten (10) new members for the Society in the last two years. He then presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Compatriot Donald N. Moran for having served as National Vice President General.

5. MEMBERSHIP PRESENTATIONS

President Audel H. Hicks presented the S.A.R.'s certificate of membership and the War Service medal to James Wilson Browning and Charles Kenneth Stahl, Jr. Also welcomed aboard was George Edward Blackmun, III, who transferred from the Pennsylvania Society.

6. THE NEW S.A.R. HANDBOOK

President Audel H. Hicks advised the Chapter that the new handbook was available from the National Society for \$6.00. Anyone wanting a copy should contact our Chapter's Secretary.

7. THE CHAPTER'S WAR ON DRUGS

Secretary Donald N. Moran recommended that the Law Enforcement medal be presented to Superior Court Judge Margaret Grignon of Lancaster. It was so MOVED by Compatriot Donald McLaughlin and SECONDED by Col. George A. Eckert, Jr. THE MOTION CARRIED. Secretary Moran is to make the arrangements.

SEPTEMBER
MEETING MINUTES
CONTINUED

8. LETTER FROM MRS. TURNELL

President Audel H. Hicks read the letter from Mrs. Glenn Turnell that she addressed to the Chapter.

01 September 1990

"To all of the members of the San Fernando Valley Chapter:

I would like to express my deep appreciation for what was done in honoring my husband for his efforts on behalf of the R.O.T.C. Programs.

Walter was proud of his heritage, of belonging to this Society as well as others, but I do believe the most gratifying thing to him was to know that the SAR sponsored, among other things, a program such as this. One which could make a youngest from David Starr Jordan or Belmont or Crenshaw or many such schools, bean with pride upon being selected by his or her peers to receive a medal and beautiful certificate from such a wonderful organization. He was told many times it was a thing to never be forgotten.

I truly hope "THE WALTER G. TURNELL R.O.T.C. FUND" will help in making it possible for many dedicated young people to continue to receive these awards. The Chapter has done an outstanding service in the past and I know will continue to do so in the future, not only on this program but on many others

My Kindest regards to everyone,

Mrs. Glenn M. Turnell"
(signed)

9. LETTERS TO OUR SERVICEMEN IN SAUDI ARABIA

Compatriot Donald McLaughlin suggested that the Chapter undertake as a program the writing of letters to our service men and women serving in the Middle East. Compatriot McLaughlin has already written his first letter and reminded those present who had served in the Armed Forces what it was like to not receive those all important letters from home at mail call.

The mailing address is:

"To Any U.S. _____ Person
(Army/Navy/Marine/ Air Force)
(Pick the branch)
Operation Desert Shield
APO New York, N.Y.
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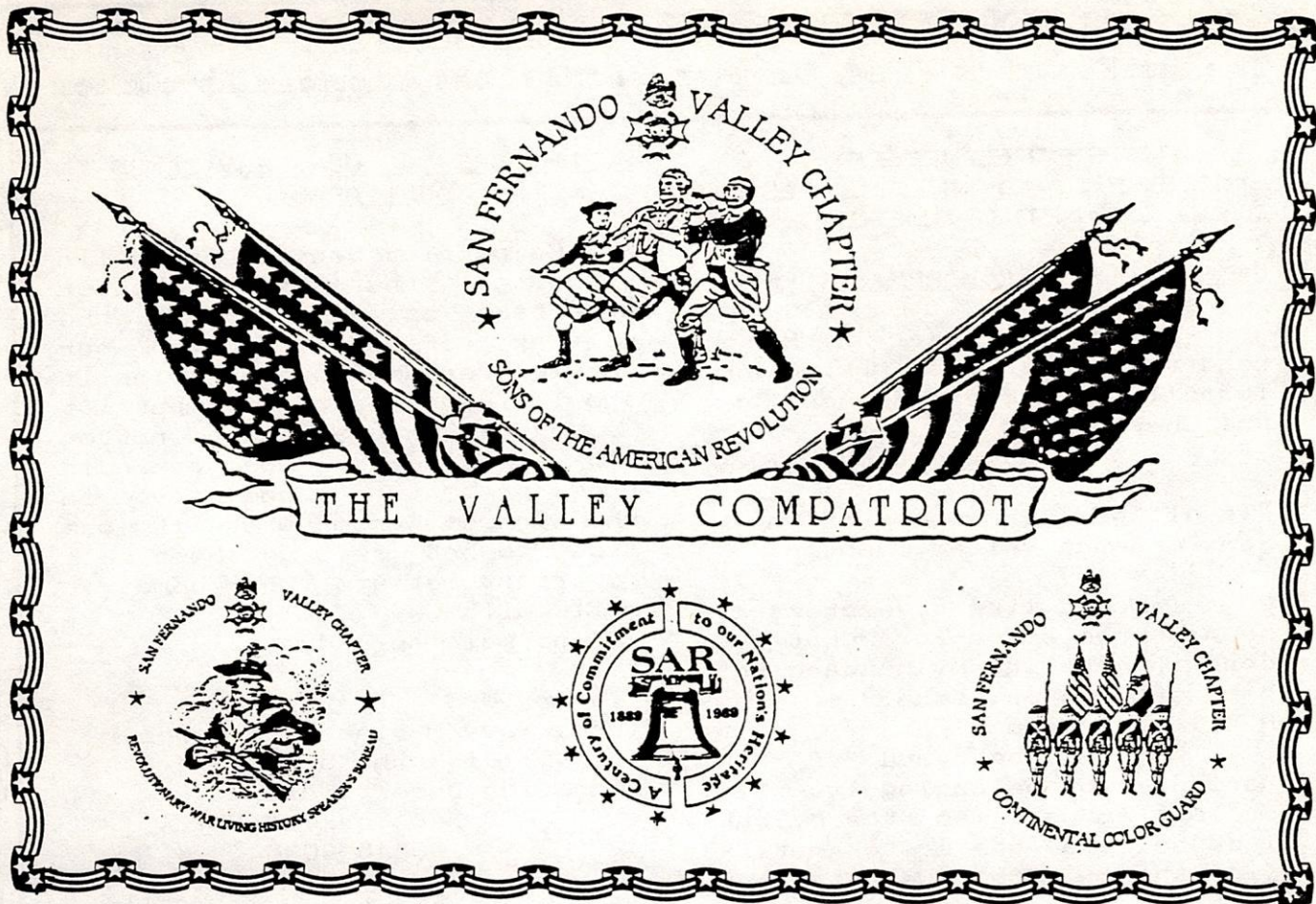
PROGRAM

Dr. Gary A. Dickey addressed the Chapter on the subject of: GEORGE WASHINGTON SLEPT HERE. The speech was so well received that we have included a transcript of it in the October issue of the Valley Compatriot.

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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