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THE FRONT COVER

THE GRAND UNION FLAG  
 The Grand Union flag was the first official  
 flag of the Continental Army. It was raised  
 by General George Washington at Cambridge,  
 Massachusetts on January 2nd, 1776.

NOTICE

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

**COMPATRIOTS  
IN THE NEWS**



verybody is on vacation! During the summer months in lieu of the S.A.R.'s traditional title of "COMPATRIOT", the members of the San Fernando Valley Chapter would be more appropriately called: "TOURIST".

**BIRTHDAYS**

JON VAN WAGONER - - - - - 09-14  
RANDALL POTT - - - - - 09-28

**ANNIVERSARIES**

CHARLES & MARGARET BARNARD  
01 September 1946

REGINALD & PHILDORA HUMPHREY  
02 September 1938

ROBERT & VIRGINIA WILEY  
19 September 1943

RICHARD & HELEN KAMMERER  
23 September 1967

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**REPORT OF THE  
VETERANS AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE**



ommittee Chairman Berni K. Campbell reports that he delivered another 225 paperback books to the Sepulveda Veteran's Hospital and 25 puzzles. Additionally, another 300-plus books have been collected and will be distributed in September.

His committee is still investigating several other possible veteran programs and will be reporting on them as soon as the committee completes a comprehensive report.

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**THE CASSAR  
PRESIDENT'S AWARD  
CONTEST  
CHAPTER STATUS  
AUGUST**

- .1. Publicity.....0
- .2. TV or Radio.....0
- .3. New Members.....0
- .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.....06
- 12. Each Aux. attending.....4
- 13. Each DAR attending.....4
- 14. Two + Chapter function.....0
- 15. Hosting State Meeting.....0
- 16. Organizing new Chapter.....0
- 17. SAR Program or Talk.....25
- 18. Gifts to V.A. Hospital.....0
- 19. Each book donated.....900
- 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.....170
- 31. Each new citizen.....0
- 32. Participating in Parade.....0
- 33. Report on time.....50

Monthly Totals (Augusst)....1,205

Year to date totals.....19,369



he month of August is traditionally the most inactive month of the year. Nevertheless, the Chapter continued some of it's regular projects. Berni Campbell delivered 225 books to the Sepulveda Veteran's Hospital.

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THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER MONTHLY MEETING NOTICE

25 SEPTEMBER 1989



At 6:30 p.m. on Monday the 25th of September 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.

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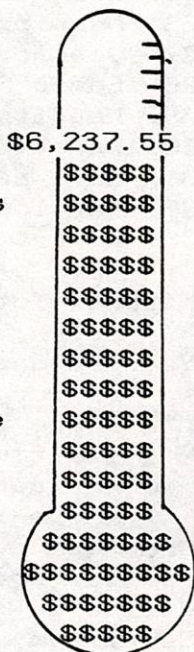
SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER'S PERMANENT FUND

Donations to the Chapter's Permanent Fund are Tax deductible and the interest earned from the fund will greatly assist the Chapter.

THE DONORS

- Charles D. 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 Sterling Moore
- Donald Norman Moran
- Norman Philip Moran
- Roger E. Robertson
- D.F. "Bill" Semerau
- Walter G. Turnell
- Walter H. Walley
- Augustus de Zerega

THE FUND



OUR CHAPTER ENDORSES CHARLES A. VENCILL FOR TREASURER-GENERAL



At the August 28th meeting of the San Fernando Valley Chapter, we unanimously endorsed the candidacy of Cdr. Charles A. Vencill for the National Society office of: Treasurer-General.

Chuck's credentials are indeed impressive. He is a Past President of the Sacramento Chapter and the California Society, Trustee from California in 1985, and from Hawaii in 1987 (he's a dual member of the Hawaiian Society), Member of the Executive Committee 1985, 1986 and 1989. Registrar General for two terms. He has received the War Service Medal, Minutemen Award, Patriot Medal, Treaty of Paris Medal, He is a retired Senior Engineer from Aerojet General, Retired Commander U.S. Navy Reserve, with active duty during WWII and Korea. He is presently serving on the Board of Directors of a Hawaiian Bank.

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SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER  
PRESENTS REVOLUTIONARY SIRES FLAG  
TO THE NATIONAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

**A**s part of the July 4th festivities at the 99th National Congress, held in San Francisco, was the pageant of flags. As a salute to the 100th anniversary of the S.A.R. We included in the pageant a special flag.

We asked Mrs. Muriel Fisher of the D.A.R. to make a flag to represent the "Sons of the Revolutionary Sires". The flag was designed in the standard 19th century style.

Former President-General Carl F. Bessent has researched the surviving records and in his extremely good article on the Revolutionary Sires, which appears on page twenty-six of the Summer, 1989 issue of the SAR Magazine, states that it all started with a letter that was published on June 26th, 1876 from an known writer to "The Daily Alta" in which it suggested that in the forthcoming July 4th parade celebrating the Centennial of the founding of the United States that "our grandparents of the Revolution should be represented by the grandchildren living in San Francisco". In the next issue of "The Alta" an article appeared asking all the descendants of Revolutionary Patriots to contact Dr. Cogswell at his office. On the 28th, an invitation was extended by the Grand Marshall for a meeting on June 29th.

After several more meetings the descendants marched in the July 4th Centennial parade. Eighty-eight men were present and eleven were REAL SONS. Fifty men rode in carriages because of their age. Thirty-eight carried 13 shields representing the original thirteen colonies. There is no historic evidence that they had a banner or flag, however, as in contemporary parades, most marching units were identified in some manner, hence our recreation of the "Sires" flag. At the banquet on July 4th, 1989, the 100th anniversary of the S.A.R., the "Sires" flag was carried in by the San Francisco Chapter. The following day, during the business session, Our Compatriot Audel H. Hicks, Sr. presented the Flag to the NSSAR's Museum. It will be displayed in Louisville.



VICE-PRESIDENT AUDEL H. HICKS  
PRESENTING THE "SIRES" FLAG TO  
NATIONAL SOCIETY, S.A.R.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
MEDALS, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS.



Members of the S.A.R. are often asked to explain what the various medals, decorations and awards they are wearing mean and what they had to do to earn them. This brief article should answer all their questions.

MEDALS

S.A.R. SOCIETY BADGE

The Society's membership badge is styled after the French Legion of Honor and is worn by members on their left breast, by Chapter Presidents, State and National officers on a neck ribbon.

WAR SERVICE MEDAL

This medal is awarded to SAR members who have served or are serving in the Armed forces Of the United States during war or an emergency recognized by Congress. A bar is worn on the ribbon denoting specific service, i.e. WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam.

GOLD GOOD CITIZENSHIP MEDAL

This medal can only be awarded with the approval of the National Society. It is the highest award the SAR can bestow on a citizen.

THE MINUTEMAN MEDAL

This medal is the highest honor that the NSSAR can bestow on one of it's own. Only six can be presented annually. This medal is worn on a blue neck ribbon.

PATRIOT MEDAL

This medal is the highest award that a State Society can present to a member. It can only be awarded by a State Society and is limited to one medal for

for each 500 members in the State Society. The medal has a portrait of General of the Army and Compatriot Douglas MacArthur inscribed on it and is suspended from a dark blue ribbon.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL

This medal is awarded to SAR members who have distinguished themselves with meritorious service to the S.A.R. The medal has the likeness of Thomas Jefferson on it and has a bar stating "Meritorious Service" which is worn on the blue, white and yellow ribbon.

SILVER GOOD CITIZENSHIP MEDAL

This medal is awarded to a member or citizen for a high degree of service to the their community or state.

BRONZE GOOD CITIZENSHIP MEDAL

This medal is awarded to members or citizens who have performed noteworthy achievements in thier community.

THE LIBERTY MEDAL

Presented to members of the SAR who have recruited and sponsored ten new members in a single year

LAW ENFORCEMENT MEDAL

This medal is designed in a police badge motif and is presented to those serving in the law enforcement field that have distinguished themselves.

THE CENTENNIAL MEDAL

This medal is available to all S.A.R. members who were in good standing during the year 1989.

TREATY OF PARIS MEDAL

Presented to those S.A.R. members who participated in the 1983 Treaty of Paris ceremonies.

OTHER MEDALS

**BRONZE R. O. T. C. MEDAL**

Awarded annually to a cadet in each participating High School R. O. T. C. unit. The Cadet is always selected by his Commanding Officer for a high degree of merit with respect to leadership qualities, military bearing and excellence.

**SILVER R. O. T. C. MEDAL**

Awarded annually to a cadet in each participating College ROTC unit. The same prerequisites as the Bronze Medal apply.

**SAR MEDAL OF APPRECIATION**

Presented to D. A. R. 's in recognition and appreciation for outstanding service to the SAR.

**MARTHA WASHINGTON AWARD**

This medal may be given by the SAR to any lady who performed outstanding service to the SAR.

**MEDAL OF HEROISM**

Is presented by the SAR for "Outstanding bravery and self-sacrifice in the face of imminent danger". It is intended for non-military personnel who are not members of the SAR.

**EAGLE SCOUT GOOD CITIZENSHIP MEDAL**

Is awarded to the Eagle Scouts that have participated in the SAR's Eagle Scout Scholarship contest.

SAR DECORATIONS

Numerous additional decoration exist in the SAR to denote various accomplishments. Most commonly seen are the small gold stars worn either on the membership badge's ribbon or neck ribbon. Each star signifies an approved supplemental Revolutionary War ancestor.

Also worn the neck ribbon is the Past President's Pin. A white background signifies Past State President, and the Red back-ground is for Past Chapter Presidents. The pin is worn at the Apex of the "V" of the neck ribbon. Only one should be worn.

The Trustee's Pin may be worn in lieu of the Past President's pin but, here again, one or the other should be worn.

An oak leaf cluster is available for those who have received a medal more than once. It is worn on the medal's ribbon.

When in formal dress, active and past General Officers of the National Society wear a sash of the Society colors.

GENERAL INFORMATION

SAR medals come in full size and miniature size. You must not mix to two sizes.

On ceremonial occasions you may wear federal, state, and various society medals. The following is the official standards that are recommended in wearing medals:

- FEDERAL DECORATIONS
- FEDERAL CAMPAIGN MEDALS
- FOREIGN DECORATIONS
- STATE DECORATIONS
- STATE CAMPAIGN MEDALS
- STATE ORGANIZATION MEDALS
- HEREDITARY, PATRIOTIC & VETERAN SOCIETIES

Insignia of Hereditary, Patriotic and Veteran Societies should be worn in chronological order of precedence according to the year of establishment of such organizations.

To assure proper alignment of your medals they should be mounted on a single bar. This bar should be no longer than the distance between the inner edge of the label of the coat and the left arm seam.

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JULY MEETING MINUTES

31 JULY 1989



The San Fernando Valley Chapter, S.A.R. held it's July, 1989 meeting at Leon's Steak House in North Hollywood, California at 6:30 P.M. on July 31st, 1989. The presiding officer: Vice President Audel H. Hicks, Sr.

1. THE JUNE MEETING MINUTES

IT WAS MOVED by Compatriot James A. McKellep and SECONDED by Compatriot D.F. "Bill" Semerau that the minutes of the June 26th, 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 \$1,164.17. This is in addition to the Permanent Fund.

Compatriot Hicks recommended that space be allocated in the Valley Compatriot for a detailed Treasurer's Report and a report on the Permanent Fund. Said combined report to appear at least quarterly. It was informally approved that the first report will appear in the August issue of the Valley Compatriot.

3. THE VETERAN'S BOOK DRIVE

Compatriot Berni K. Campbell, Chairman of the Veteran's Affairs Committee reported the Veteran's Administration honored the Chapter by presenting a "CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION" for our Chapter's support of the V.A. Hospitals. Another 225 paperback books were delivered to the Sepulveda V.A. Hospital.

4. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Compatriot Berni K. Campbell reported that we have six (6) applicants currently working on their papers and all look extremely good and should have no problem in getting State and National approvals.

5. B.S.A. SCHOLARSHIP DISPLAY

Secretary Donald Norman Moran advised that the Display will be completed shortly. It's construction had to wait because of the 99th National Congress.

5. REPORT ON THE 99th CONGRESS

Vice President Audel H. Hicks reported that the San Fernando Valley Chapter won the California Society's "BEST OVER-ALL CHAPTER PLAQUE", and the National Society's PRESIDENT'S AWARD CONTEST FOR BEST MID-SIZED CHAPTER. Additionally the Valley Compatriot was named best Chapter Newsletter.

Secretary Donald Norman Moran reported that the 99th National Society, S.A.R. Congress was a complete success and that the San Fernando Valley's participation was exceptional. All of the Color Guard functions including the July fourth "Flag Pageant" received excellent reviews from Compatriots from all over the Country.

Vice President Audel H. Hicks advised that Secretary Moran was re-elected as National Vice-President General and appointed by President-General James Westlake as Chairman of the newly established National Color Guard Committee.

MINUTES  
CONTINUED

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

Compatriot LtC James Bellah recommended that an ad be placed in the Los Angeles Blue Book under "Organizations" by the Chapter. Acting President Audel H. Hicks requested that LtC Bellah and Secretary investigate the cost of such an ad and report back to the Chapter.

9. DONATION OF FLAG TO NSSAR

Compatriot Audel H. Hicks presented the special flag we had made for the National Congress's flag pageant to the National Society for permanent display at the National Headquarters museum in Louisville. The flag commemorated the Sons of the Revolutionary Sires and was carried by members of the San Francisco Chapter, S.A.R. honoring our parent organization. This action was approved at the Chapter's June meeting.

10. THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE CHAPTER

Compatriot Donald Norman Moran advised that this forthcoming January will be the tenth anniversary of the founding of the San Fernando Valley Chapter and that we should celebrate that event. It was suggested that the annual Installation of Officers Banquet in January be expanded to a 10th Anniversary

celebration. We should invite all of the original guests and if possible have the then California Society President, Charles Ireland, who swore in our first officers, swear in the 1990 officers supported by then National Vice-President General Robert Formhals. IT WAS MOVED by Berni K. Campbell and SECONDED by Col. George Eckert, Jr. that the recommendation be adopted. THE MOTION CARRIED.

11. ENDORSEMENTS FOR NATIONAL SOCIETY 1990 OFFICE

IT WAS MOVED by Col. George A. Eckert, Jr. and SECONDED Berni K. Campbell and CARRIED BY THE CHAPTER that the Chapter endorse the candidacy of the following Compatriots for National (1990) office:

FOR PRESIDENT-GENERAL  
Col. James R. Calhoun;

FOR SECRETARY-GENERAL  
George H. Brandau, M.D.

FOR REGISTRAR-GENERAL:  
Paul H. Walker

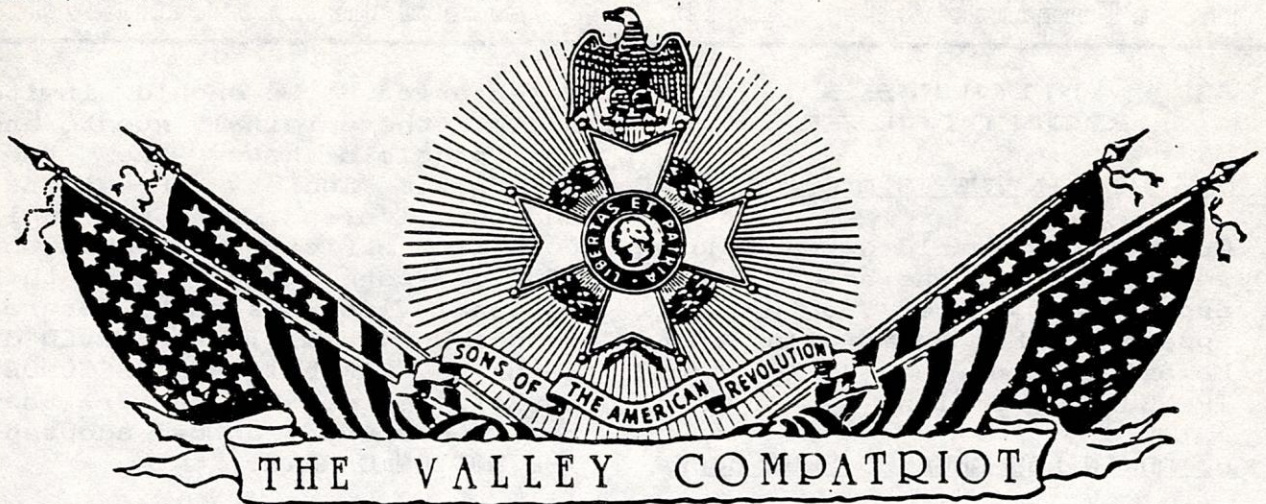
FOR GENEALOGIST-GENERAL  
Col. Richard F. Locke, Jr.

11. SALUTE TO THE N.S.S.A.R.

Compatriot Roger E. Robertson recommended that the San Fernando Valley Chapter place a full page "SALUTE TO THE S.A.R. CENTENNIAL" advertisement in the SAR Magazine. Said "ad" to be funded by donation rather than by the treasury. THE MOTION CARRIED.

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

Donald Norman Moran, Secretary  
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