



the VALLEY COMPATRIOT

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

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Dear Compatriot Readers;

Since the founding of the San Fernando Valley Chapter, California Society, Sons of the American Revolution, we have endeavored to publish a superior newsletter. In this regard we have received recognition from both the state and national societies for this effort. Unfortunately, the best laid plans do go awry! Your editor moved to a new home and in the process discovered that the famed "Murphy's Law" is optimistic. Everything that could go wrong did and several things that couldn't possibly go wrong also did! As a result our newsletter the Valley Compatriot was temporarily suspended. Regrettable but unavoidable.

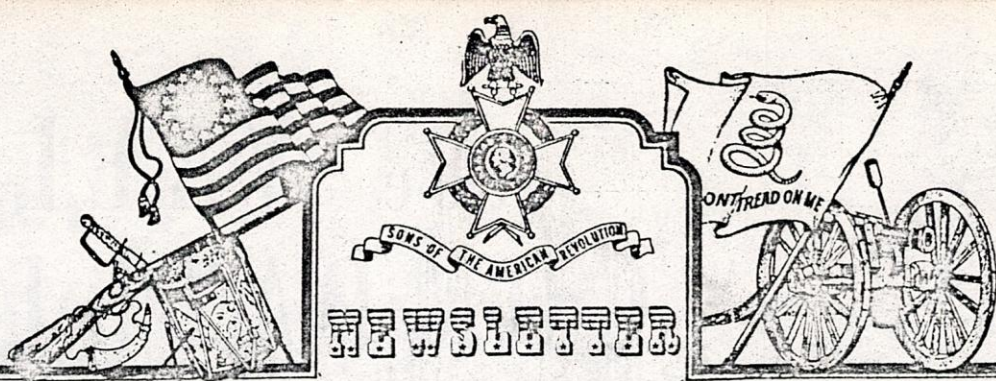
This issue is identified not by month but as the "Spring" issue. It covers the editions for the months of March, April, May and June. Hopefully, the July issue will be both on time and with the traditional format.

Your editor wishes to express his appreciation for the understanding and cooperation of our officers and readers.

Donald Norman Moran
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May Meeting Notice

When: MEMORIAL DAY, May 26th, 1986
 Where: Leon's Steak House
 10945 Victory Blvd, North Hollywood
 Social: 6:30 P.M. until 7:00 P.M.
 Dinner: 7:00 P.M.


June Meeting Notice

When: June 30th, 1986
 Where: Leon's Steak House
 10945 Victory Blvd, North Hollywood
 Social: 6:30 P.M. until 7:00 P.M.
 Dinner: 7:00 P.M.

Reservations are not required, but owing to the large turnouts we have to let the resturant know how many are planning on attending. Please let your secretary know:


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Veteran's Book Drive Report

ompatriot Berni K. Campbell, Chairman of the Veteran's Book Drive Committee reminds all members of the Chapter to bring along their paperback books for the Veteran's Hospital. Since the begining of this year, the Chapter has distributed more than ONE THOUSAND paper backs! Additionally, it has been called to our attention that the Veteran's Hospital at Sawtelle in Los Angeles is without such a program, hence we are expanding the book drive to include that hospital as well.

The need for these books is very great, and our efforts are very much appreciated by the patients at the V.A. Hospitals.

Welcome New Compatriots

he San Fernando Valley Chapter, S.A.R. is very pleased to welcome three gentlemen into the Chapter. In as much as the California Society, S.A.R.'s calendar year runs from April 1st thru April 1st, we are off to a very good start in our membership drive. Our three new members are:

Compatriot Rev. Fr. JOHN KARL BARTKE (National No. 127672, State No. 5341)

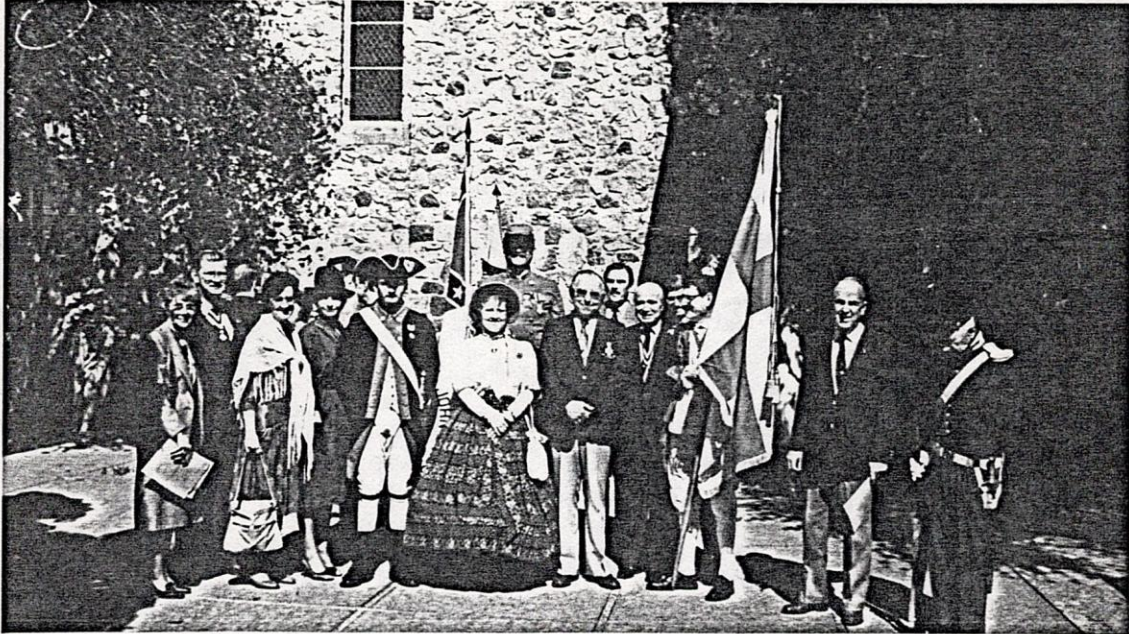
Compatriot Cdr. ARTHUR GRIFFITH BRUNER, USN Ret. (Nat'1 No. 127532 State 5331)

Compatriot RICHARD CRAIG KAMMERER, (National No. 127533, State No. 5332)

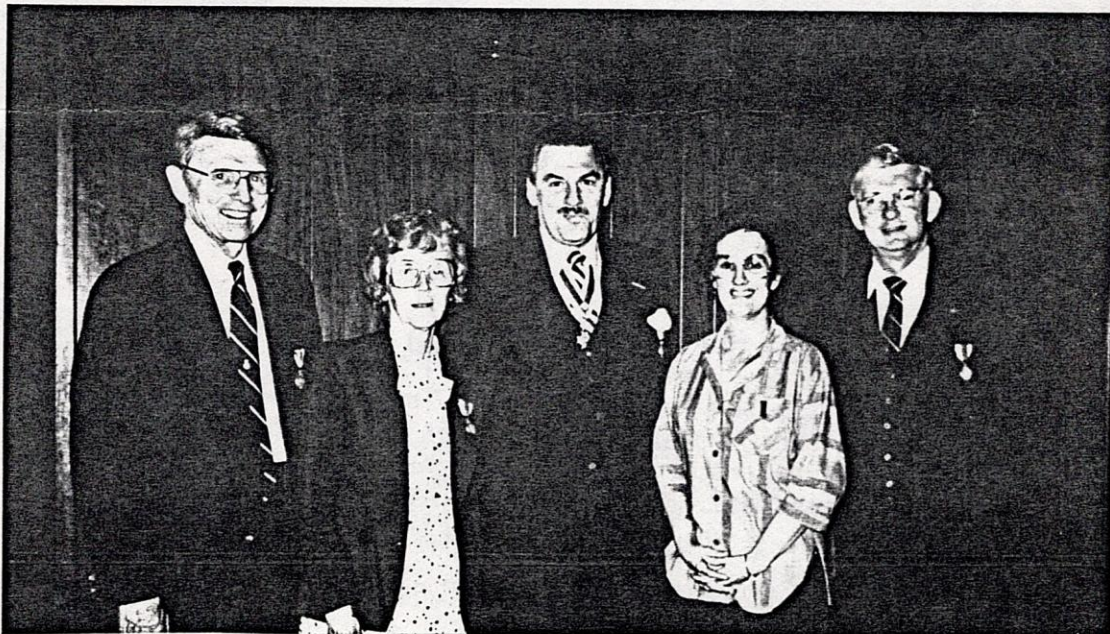
Chapter Events



ince February, the Chapter has been very busy with numerous activities and participating in several patriotic events. One of the largest was the George Washington Memorial Service at St. James' in Pasadena. Co-sponsored by the Pasadena Chapter, S.A.R., this is the largest gathering to honor the Father of our Country held in Southern California. Depicted below is the group photograph taken at the time.



l-r: Mary Lou Robertson; Donald N. Moran; Linda T. Moran; Jacqueline Semerau, Sgt. Waldo Silverya (Color Guard); Kathryn Towery, Jeffery Towery, Bill Semerau, LtC James Bellah, Col. George Eckert, Jim Churchyard (Orange Co. Chapter), George S. Van Dorn and Col. Evan Murdock (Los Angeles Chapter in a 1850 army uniform).



TREATY OF PARIS MEDALS AWARDED

Recipients of the Treaty of Paris medal are (l-r) Roger and Mary Lou Robertson, LtC James Bellah, Donald & Linda Moran.

C.A.S.S.A.R. Meeting

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For the San Fernando Valley Chapter, S.A.R. the highlight of the California Society Annual meeting was the awarding of the "BEST MID-SIZED CHAPTER" Plaque, and named Best OVERALL ! This is the third time in our five years of existence that we have been so honored. Depicted to the right is our George Sutherland Van Dorn accepting the plaque from State President David A. Young.



On Friday evening, April 25th, members of the Chapter met for an informal dinner in the hotel's restaurant. Attending were George and Mary Van Dorn, LtC Bob and Virginia Wiley; Col. Tom Gillis, Roger and Mary Lou Robertson, and Donald and Linda Moran.

Col. Tom Gillis, a dual member of this Chapter was honored with the presentation of the CASSAR's Publication award (often referred to as the "Bud Scott" trophy). This is presented to the editor of the Best newsletter in the State Society.

The proposed slate of officers was elected, which included: Cdr Richard Andriano-Moore, President; our own Donald N. Moran, Vice-President-South; Jess T. Wolfe, Vice President-North; Carl H. Lamb, Secretary, Paul Davis, Treasurer, Arthur Ogilvie, Registrar. Their swearing in is depicted below:



THE 1986 CASSAR OFFICERS BEING SWORN IN.

Compatriots in the News



These past few months are just filled with news about our membership and we shall endeavor to report it all. Col. George A. Eckert, Jr, our President is a delegate to the Society of Cincinnati National meeting. Former President George Sutherland Van Dorn was presented his certificate of membership for the Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims. This was done in San Francisco on April 25th. Compatriot Tom Gillis was awarded the CASSAR publications award. The Rev. Robert G. Bayley has accepted a Church in St. Louis and is transferring his S.A.R. membership to that location.

On April 26th, 1986, members of the Chapter manned a recruiting table at the Southern California Genealogical Society's Genealogical Jamboree. Compatriot Walt Turnell and his wife Glenn manned the table all day assisted by Compatriot Berni Campbell and Compatriot Bob Emrey. Compatriot Jeff Towery and his wife Kathryn manned the SOns of the Confederacy table next to ours. A total of TWENTY-SIX interested men were contacted. Several live in areas with near by chapters, and we are referring them accordingly.

BIRTHDAYS

Richard Moran	- - - - -	4-11
Keith Gouger	- - - - -	4-15
Bob Emrey	- - - - -	4-16
Bill Semerau	- - - - -	4-19
Jeff Towery	- - - - -	4-27
Ned Robertson	- - - - -	4-28
Cliff Brooks	- - - - -	5-08
Dick Marston	- - - - -	5-08
Glen Robertson	- - - - -	5-10
Bill Dunwoody	- - - - -	5-17
Bob Wiley	- - - - -	5-18
Marv Hutchins	- - - - -	5-20
James Bellah	- - - - -	5-22
Harold Hughes	- - - - -	5-27
Bob Warwick	- - - - -	5-27
Les Flemming	- - - - -	5-31
Philo Van Wagoner	- - - - -	6-10
Dave Tullis	- - - - -	6-15
Jud Wiley	- - - - -	6-29

ANNIVERSARYS

Harold and Lorraine Hughes	- - - - -	03-22-52
Rick and Wanda Moran	- - - - -	03-13-71
George and Mary Van Dorn	- - - - -	04-11-56
Troy and Betty Reed	- - - - -	04-23-49
Ned and Royanne Robertson	- - - - -	04-27-75
Berni and Mary Campbell	- - - - -	05-09-43
Marv and Gloria Hutchins	- - - - -	05-20-72
Bob and Kitty Warwick	- - - - -	05-25-41
Walt and Dorothy Walley	- - - - -	05-25-41
Glen and Claire Robertson	- - - - -	06-20-81
Cliff and Agnes Brooks	- - - - -	06-21-47
Judd and Lysle Wiley	- - - - -	06-27-71

HAPPY BIRTHDAY and HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ONE AND ALL!

Eagle Scout



At our February 24th meeting, Eagle Scout BRIAN SCOTT MARSHALL was presented to the Chapter. He is our Chapter's nominee to compete in the State and National Eagle Scout scholarship contest. Compatriot Bill Semerau, Chairman of the Eagle Scout Committee gave a brief biographical sketch on Brian. His accomplishments are many. He has been active in the Boy Scouts for ten years (including three years as a Cub Scout), and has held a dozen different



l-r: Eagle Scout Committee Chairman Bill Semerau; Eagle Scout Brian Marshall and Chapter President Col. George Eckert.

positions, including B.S.A. Camp Staff, a member of the leadership Corp, and many, many more. He is active in school and in his Church and has distinguished himself in citizenship. We can be proud of him.

Following the presentation of the Bronze Good Citizenship medal by Col. George A. Eckert, Eagle Scout Marshall read his essay:

"THE MORE THINGS CHANGE, THE MORE THEY STAY THE SAME."

"Throughout our nations history, brave men have repeatedly fought for our freedom and independence. These Patriots made great sacrifices of wealth, family and even their own lives. Though time has changed many things, the fight for freedom and independence and the right to keep both, still remains.

We are proud of, and respect what our forefathers have handed down. The young Americans of today are not afraid to stand-up and be counted. But, in order to protect and cherish these freedoms and rights we must be strong. As a legal

adult, it is my responsibility to help strengthen the backbone that holds our great nation together. This responsibility starts with my right to vote. When a person waives their right to vote, another American, who has fought bravely to secure this right, has died senselessly. It is very important to vote. We, the people, choose who is best qualified to make the proper decisions for our lives. We must get involved in our government and become more familiar with its strengths and weaknesses. But, in order to benefit our country we must first be heard. We must join clubs of interest to us. Volunteer in our communities and become leaders. By setting high goals for ourselves we can accomplish great things for our country.

That brings me to another point. The young patriots of today are extremely proud of their achievements. They want to better their lives and the lives of others. One important way to accomplish this is through education. We understand that without enough knowledge of the past we cannot hope to reshape the future. I believe it is this country's responsibility to make it possible for all those American youths, who have the aptitude and desire, to pursue a college education. It has become extremely difficult for the average American male from our middle class families to be accepted

into the college of their choice. This is partly due to quotas of certain groups being accepted first, and government cut-backs. We must not let these students slip through the system because these middle class families did not qualify for any financial help. These same moral, enthusiastic, involved families are the backbone of our great nation.

I have always had very strong ideas of right, wrong, and fairness. I, like many young Americans, am ready to stand-up for my country and to do everthing in my power to preserve the freedom and independence that our forefathers so bravely sacrificed for us. Though times have changed, we still have many great Patriots just waiting for a chance to succeed.

Brian Scott Marshall

Our Color Guard



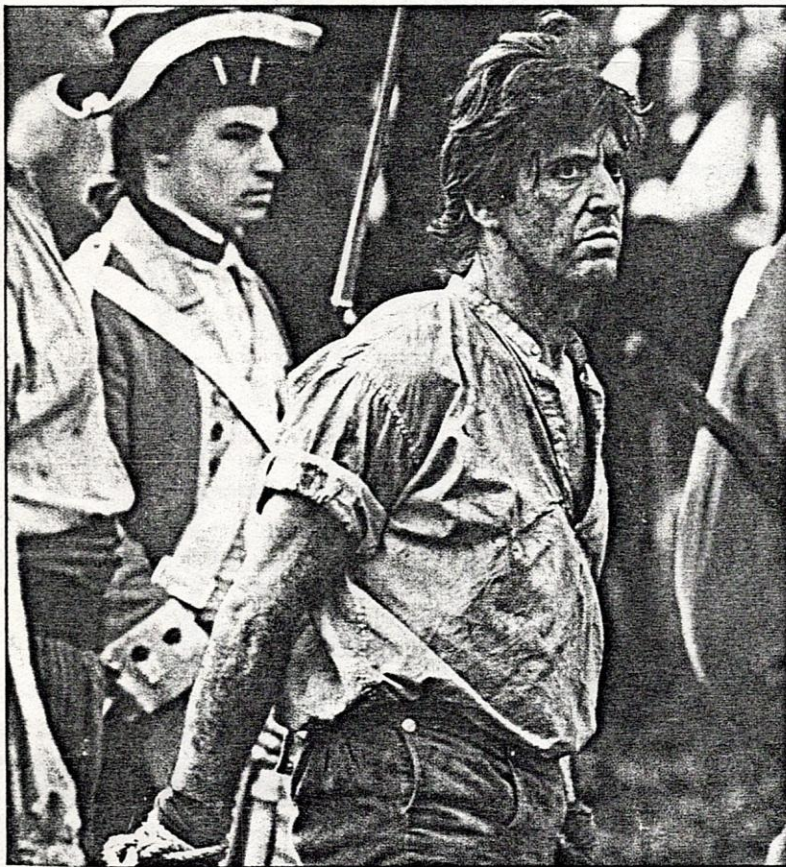
On February 14th, our Color Guard preformed at the annual installation dinner of the Riverside Chapter. Attending the Dinner along with the Chapter's membership was the Vice President General, Bill Dwyer, CASSAR President David A. Young. CASSAR Executive Secretary Carl H. Lamb, Past CASSAR Presidents Carl Helmick, Bob Miller and Leland B. Hawkins and your editor and his wife Linda. Inspite of a terrible downpour, the attendance was excellant. At the conclusion of the evenings activities, Riverside Chapter President Bob Massey presented the Color Guard with a plaque of appreciation, depicted below.



Riverside Chapter President, Col. Marschal W. Massey presenting the Plaque of Appreciation to Lt. Charles Callahan of the 301st Infantry Battalion, SMR, and Donald Norman Moran of our Chapter. The photograph is courtesy of Compatriot Hugh F tzPatrick.

A Movie Review

The American Revolution is the subject of this multi-million dollar British made movie now released all over the Country. Director Hugh Hudson who directed such epic movies such as Chariots of Fire and Greystoke, used British locations to make this film. Starring American actor Al Pacino as a fiery Colonial, who as a Scottish immigrant named Tom Dobbs who is reluctantly dragged into the revolution. He finally takes sides when his young son is kidnapped by the British. Opposite Pacino is Nastassja Kinski playing the part of Daisy, a true Daughter of Liberty, far more patriotic than our hero. Famed actor Donald Sutherland portrays Peasy, A British Officer, and the individual responsible for the kidnapping of young Ned, Tom Dobbs Son. Sutherland is the bad guy.



Al Pacino as a "P.O.W." in the Revolution

never made a secret of that belief.) One scene in which Pacino is to receive payment for his services turns into a screaming match when he finds out he is to receive only a token payment. In his mutterings, a distinctly pro-George III comment is made.

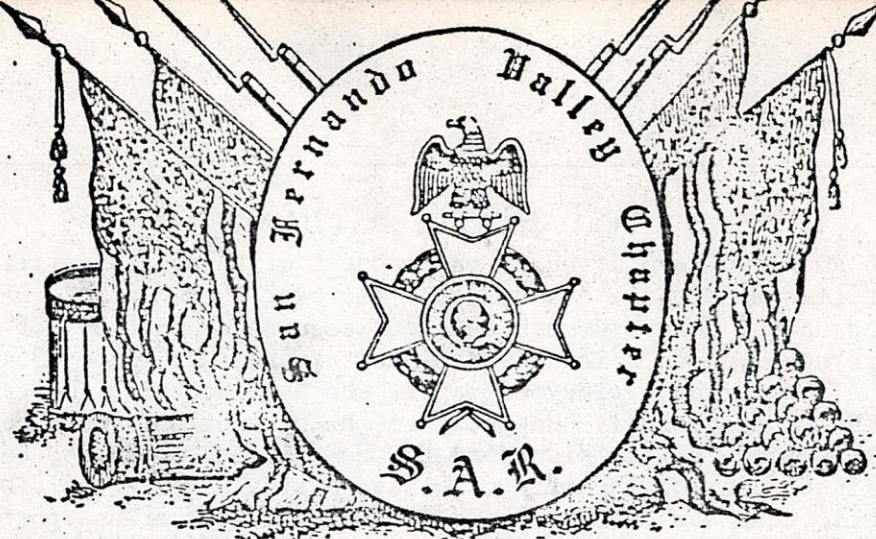
All-in-all it is an excellent custom epic, and the British do know how to put together a good military movie. Some of the battle scenes made the entire movie worth the Five Dollars it cost to see it. We recommend it as good entertainment - not as history.

A new comer to the Silver screen is Annie Lennox, known to some as the lead singer of the group "Eurythmics". She plays Miss Liberty, a feisty revolutionary.

The movie covers all of the Revolution from Boston to Yorktown, including the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the bitter winter at Valley Forge, and of course our final victory at Yorktown.

The movie is well made, and true to Hollywood, takes more than its share of literary licence. There is, however, several scenes in which a very subtle bit of British propaganda appears. More or less the not to well hidden message infers American would have been better off if it had stayed a colony. (But than, the British have

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