

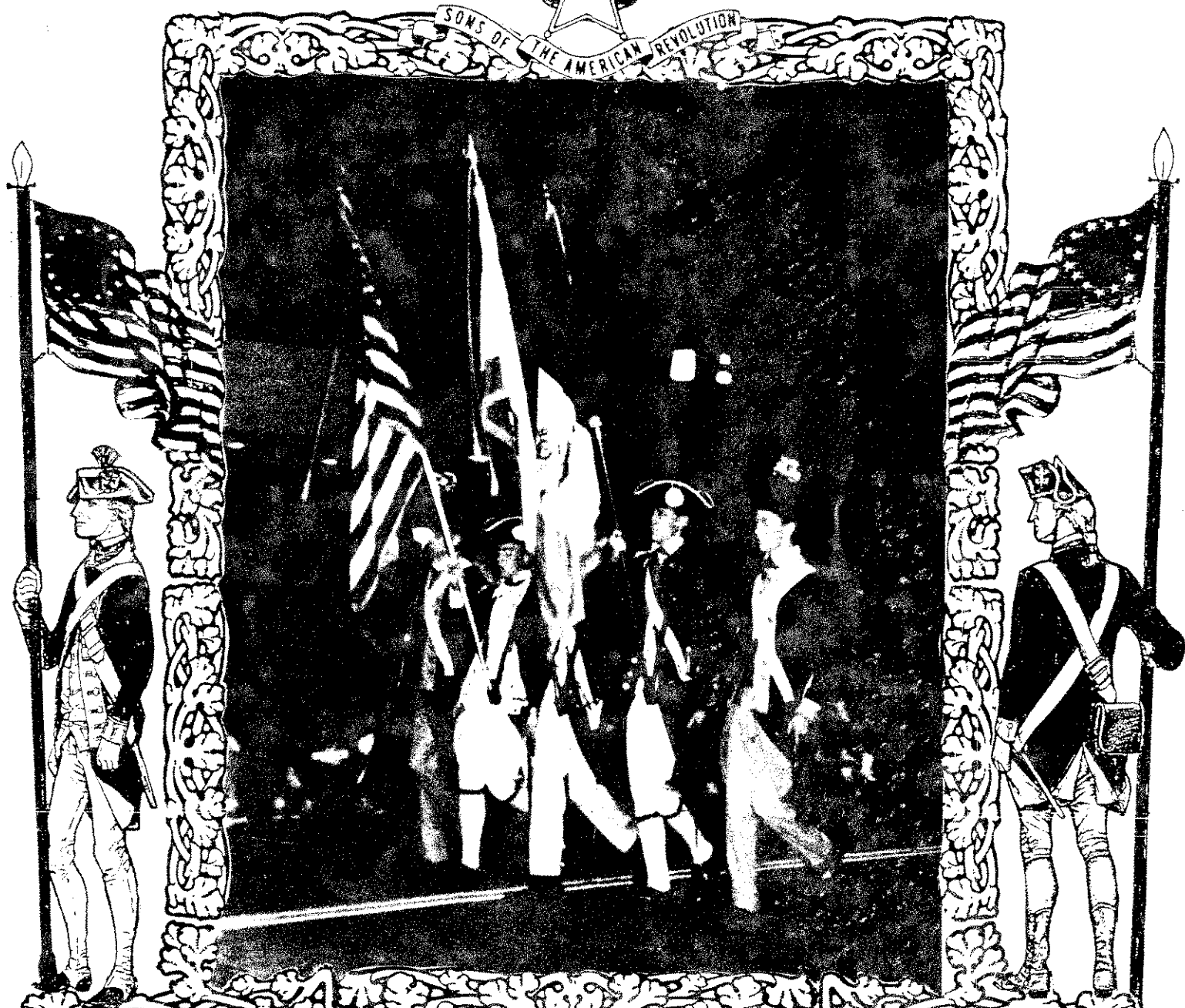
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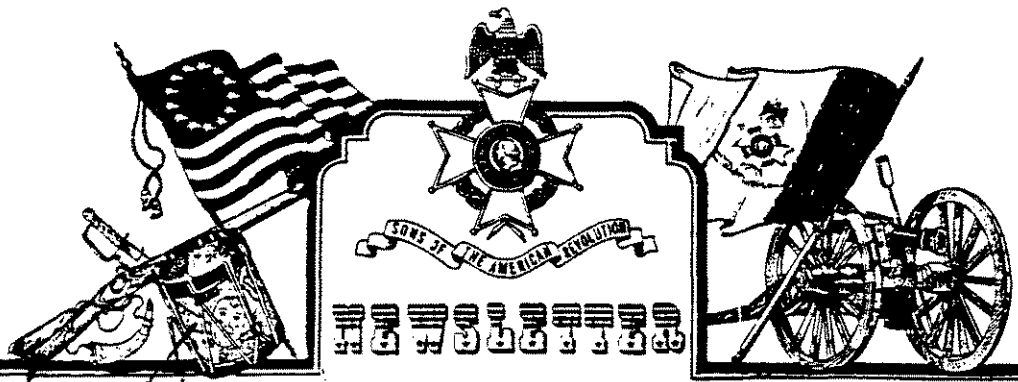
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OUR CHAPTER'S
1988
OFFICERS



At the November 30th meeting of the Chapter former Chapter President, Col. George A. Eckert, Chairman of this years Nominations Committee submitted the Nominations for our 1988 officers. The Chapter unanimously elected the proposed slate of officers.

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The above officers will be installed on January 30th, 1988

COMPATRIOTS
IN THE NEWS



Compatriot Donald McDowell has received word from Winston C. Williams, the Compatriot Editor of the "SAR Magazine", that Don's article, "THOSE TALL MEN AND THEIR LONG GUNS" which appeared in the this publication, will be a feature article this year in the National's publication.

DECEMBER
BIRTHDAYS

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DECEMBER
ANNIVERSARIES

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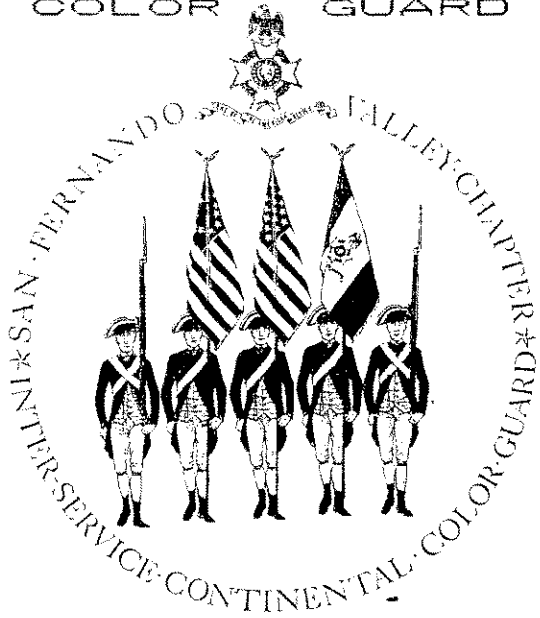
NOTICE



The California Society, S.A.R. has received a notice from the Franchise Tax Board of the State of California which states, in part "There has been some recent confusion about the role of exempt organizations in the political process. As a result, we thought it would be helpful to remind you of the provisions of Section 23701d of the Taxation Code which prohibits participation in any political campaign of any candidate for public office..."

Our legal council has advised us that this does not prohibit the S.A.R. from involvement in political issues, as long as we are not supporting, as a Society, a candidate. We can support or oppose any actions taken by our local, state or federal governments.

OUR
COLOR GUARD



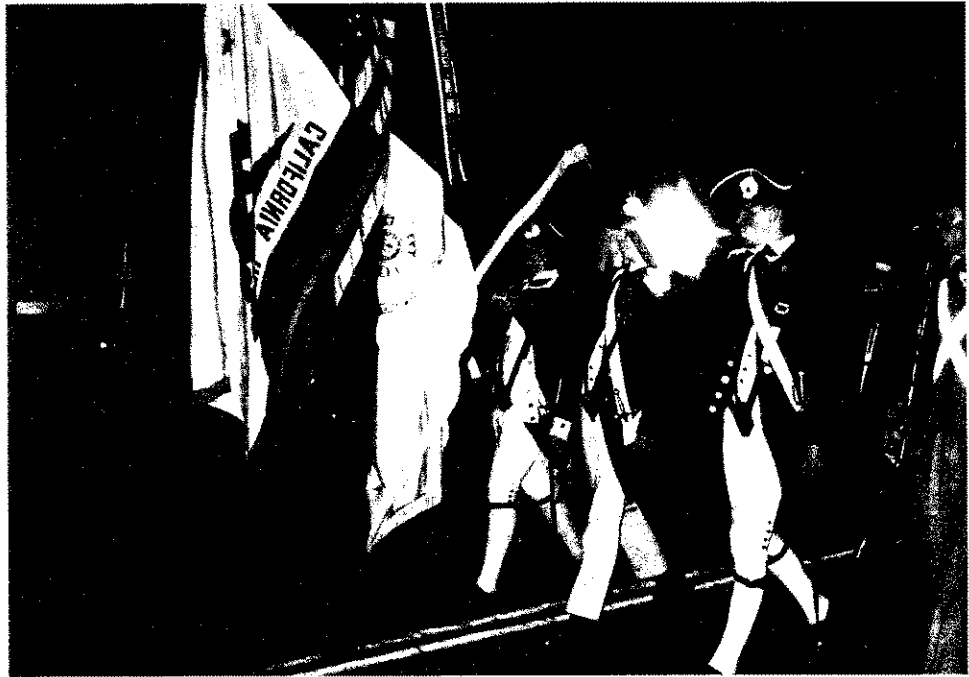
On December 5th, 1987 the Color Guard participated in the Glendale Christmas Parade. This parade is one of the largest in the Los Angeles area. Again the Color Guard was manned by Cadets from the Van Nuys High School Army R.O.T.C. unit. They were: Brad Trask and Joseph Reiff (Washington Life Guards), Kevin Denton (Navy), Jacob Schulyer (Marine) and Scott Limpus (Army). Scott was the Color Guard Commander.

As the Color Guard passed the reviewing stand, a full description of the S.A.R. and the Van Nuys R.O.T.C. was given. The announcer than asked the young cadets "Are you fella's really 200 years old?"




Our "Inter-Service Continental Color Guard" has been very busy this holiday season. On the 24th of November the Color Guard participated in a Constitution Bicentennial ceremony at Van Nuys High School. It was manned by cadets from the Van Nuys High School Army R.O.T.C. detachment under the Command of Col. Thomas Thompson and Sergeant Major Lee.

The parade was televised by two stations, than shown on several occasions. The parade coordinator, Mr. Frank Roberts, who did a very good job of putting this show together, has advised us that the Color Guard was on television seven times! We have already been invited to participate in the 1988 Glendale Christmas parade.



OUR COLOR GUARD IN THE 1987 GLENDALE CHRISTMAS PARADE

THE IMPORTANCE OF LEAVING TRACKS

s members of the Sons of the American Revolution each of you know the importance of preserving our genealogies. The records we leave behind us often are the only family link between the present with the past. But just how accessible are our records?

The S.A.R. and most of the Hereditary Societies do a marvelous job of protecting and preserving lineages we used to document our membership. The genealogical community is also doing a very good job of preservation.

The problem, however, is making your descendants aware of their precious heritage and your efforts to preserve it for them.

The answer most often heard is to furnish members of the family with copies of your research in manuscript or book form. But, how do you give such a marvelous gift to a great-grand child that will but be born until 2050? Will you rely upon a living kinsman to pass on that data?

We suggest a more reliable and meaningful solution. Rely on the S.A.R.!

Let us explain how the S.A.R. can help. Let us say this year, 1987, you are fifty-five year old and are a member of the S.A.R. Your life expectancy is another twenty years. That will extend your membership until 2007. Now lets say you have a twenty-five year old son who is not a member of the S.A.R. If you have him attain membership in the Society you would be extending the first hand knowledge of your Revolutionary War ancestry for

for his anticipated life time - until the year 2035.

Now lets say you have a grandson, aged one year. Without benedit of youth membership in the S.A.R. he can not attain membership until he is eighteen years old (the year 2005). You assist him in joining and will have preserved your heritage until the year 2062! Now, your grandson has a son, your yet to be born your great-grandson, Through your "Will" you provide for a S.A.R. membership for him. You have assured the continuance of first hand knowledge of your precious lineage for a full century - until 2087!

The same process can be accomplished through your daughters and nieces through the D.A.R. or with your nephews through the S.A.R. The S.A.R. has provided special provisions and reduced admission fees to encourage your giving or helping relatives join this Society.

The next step is the filing of "Supplemental memberships", wherein you can document your lineage to other Revolutionary War ancestors. Our State Genealogist, Col. Richard Locke filed 25 'supplementals' on both his paternal and maternal ancestry. He has left "TRACKS" to approximately 300 ancestors.

In the future the National Society, S.A.R. will nodoubt approve a youth membership program, thereby helping to preserve our own heritage and guaranteeing future S.A.R. Membership. But until that time, we highly recommend that you take the steps shown above and encourage your descendants to join the S.A.R.

The FIRST step to preserving your heritage is up to you.

PRESIDENT DONALD NORMAN MORAN
ADDRESS TO THE BOARD OF MANAGERS



As the keynote speaker at the November 7th, 1987 California Society, Sons of the American Revolution Board of Manager's meeting, State President Donald Norman Moran delivered a speech on the negative history being taught to today's youth. Chapter President Roger E. Robertson, who is also serving as State Chairman of History Education Committee requested that these remarks, which covers much important material, be published for the enlightenment of the Compatriots who were not in attendance at this meeting.

"ANTI-AMERICAN HISTORY



Throughout History, great minds have stated over and over again the need for and the benefits of a population which is schooled in their national heritage. The famous Roman writer, Tacitus, wrote: "Most men learn from the wisdom of others", centuries later our own Woodrow Wilson wrote: "A Nation which does not remember what it was yesterday, does not know what it is today, nor what it is trying to do."

We draw from our knowledge of history daily. Let me provide you with a contemporary example. Last year a group of enterprising explorers discovered the sunken wreckage of the R.M.S. Titanic. In it's day the Titanic was rated as unsinkable. Its' builders claimed that four of its' sixteen water tight compartments could be flooded and the ship would still float. Further, the builders had fitted her with a double hull, as an extra safety precaution.

As you all know, on April 15th, 1912, while on her maiden voyage, the R.M.S. Titanic struck an iceberg. She sank, taking 1500 passengers and crew members to an icy, watery grave.

An important part of this tragic story and the historical

comparison I wish to make is the part the S.S. California played that terrible night. The S.S. California had stopped approximately 20 miles from the position of the sinking Titanic, to await daylight to cross the area where the icebergs had been reported. The radio operator was asleep at his watch and never heard the "S.O.S.'s" being broadcast from the sinking luxury liner. Had he been alert and had the S.S. California responded, most, if not all, of those lost that night could have been rescued.

Now for the promised historical comparison from this bit of history. The United States is very much like the R.M.S. Titanic, it is thought by most of its citizens to be unsinkable, and like the builders of the Titanic, it is thought by most of its citizens to be unsinkable, and like the builders of the Titanic, they couldn't be further from the truth, and worse yet, like the radio operator on the S.S. California, most of our citizens are asleep and do not hear our nations cries for help!

Let me explain why we find ourselves in such a sorry state today. For many years one attempt after another has been made to distort our precious history. The most recent open attack came in the early sixties. A movement was started

that sought the complete removal of the teaching of history from our school curriculum. These subversives maintained that history served no useful purpose and was a waste of the taxpayers money. Fortunately they were defeated and we still teach history in our school systems - sort of!

Failing to eliminate the teaching of history the subversives changed tactics. In lieu of eliminating the teaching of history they have re-written our history books, making them "Anti United States History".....teaching a negative image of our country. If they couldn't deny our youth a knowledge of our great heritage, they could make them ashamed of it.

We believe there are three distinct groups of "Anti-United States History" advocates. The first group are well meaning, although totally doped by one of the other factions. These people think of themselves as reformers, but in reality they are merely pawns. They believe they can redress the injustices in history by re-writing it. They realize, and correctly, I should add, that history does discriminate. It sets the conqueror above the vanquished. History sets the accomplishments of one people above the mere existence of another. The achiever receives his rightful place on the pages of the history book, while the never-do-well is ignored. These factors are the basics of true history and the backbone of our national pride.

The Anti-American history forces have, as I have said, re-written our history. They have minimized the achievements of one people, and exaggerated those of another. By doing this

they have done away with the interesting aspects of history and accentuated the trivial. They have created a dull, uninteresting chronology of boredom. This so-called revised history is so monotonous, it is next to impossible to teach, let alone learn. They have successfully reduced our invaluable heritage to a subject of meaningless insignificance.

The second group is truly subversive, and we all know who they are. These people have set about to destroy our American values, which will directly lead to the eventual downfall of this Nation from within. Their methods are well known to us, and lets give the devil his due, their record of success is extraordinarily good.

The third group, the motion picture industry falls into both of the above categories, as well as one of their own. We believe they are damaging our National heritage by bot design and their warped minds. Many of them have serious problems distinguishing between reality and fantasy. They publically have stated that a good movie or television show must have an abundance of violence, sex and a good chase scene.

Two years ago an excellent mini-series. "GEORGE WASHINGTON" was shown on National television. It was certainly an exception to the Hollywood rule. The books upon which it was based were written by the reknown historian, and patriot James Thomas Flexner. He demanded and received screen play approval, hence the mini-series was true to history. Had Hollywood written it we would have endured the maligning of our greatest national hero. I can envision a Hollywood created scene in which William Fairfax is impaled on a

on a tree branch while galloping in pursuit a young George Washington who was riding off with a naked Sally Fairfax draped over his saddle. Violence, sex and a chase scene, Hollywood prerequisites and history be damned.

As a result of their combined efforts, history as we knew it is not being taught.

The consequences of his lack of historical education is evident everywhere in today's society. The vitures that have traditionally separated America from the rest of the world is greatly reduced. The way Americans think and act has been changed. We have lost much of our National "Can-do" attitude. Our National achievements have been buried under reams of trivia.

The present generation is without those great American traditions of hard work, reverence for God, and the value of individual liberty. Those traditional values have been replaced, at least in part, by the welfare state, the removal of God from the public place and general apathy toward our Country's well being.

The benefits of again teaching pride in one's Country would be the resurgence of that Patriotic oneness. That same spirit that encouraged our pioneer forefathers to conquer this continent, and in a mere two hundred years create the most envied Nation on earth. A Nation of truly free men and women, equal in the eyes of the law and guaranteed equal opportunity.

The lack of historical education has produced a generation with diminished sence of self-worth, seeking refuge in

in drugs, alcohol, immorality and is seemingly bent on self-destruction. This is demonstrated by the terrible rise in crime, vandalism and the wanton disrespect for our traditional values and priceless heritage.

We all will agree that there is no truth without proof. We, therefore conducted a limited poll to see just how little todays youth is being taught. I selected my own community, Lancaster, California for this study. For those of you who are not familiar with the area permit me to describe Lancaster. It is in the Antelope Valley in the high desert. The majority of the residence are in the aerospace industry. The politics are decidedly conservative and the high per-capita income puts the majority of the population into the middle and upper middle classes. There are extremely few under priviledged. There is no one we can truly call educationally deprived.

The poll consisted of a thirteen entry crossword puzzle with such mind twisting questions as:

"He wrote the Declaration of Independence"

"He was our first President"

"He wrote our National Anthem, The Star Spangled Banner."

"This seamstress made the first American Flag"

"He stated: Give me liberty or give me death."

The crossword puzzle was distributed with the help of my two daughters to three hundred people, equally divided into three groups. The first 100 were High School students attending

Antelope Valley High School, which, incidently is considered one of the better schools in the Los Angeles School District. The second 100 were given to College students attending Antelope Valley College. The last one hundred were distributed to 100 adults over thirty-five years of age. In the interest of fairness we avoided giving the test to S.A.R.'s or D.A.R.'s. Although not truly scientific the test was given to groups that would be expected to do well.

The test results were as follows:

HIGH SCHOOL:	17% correct
COLLEGE AGE:	35% correct
OVER 35 YEARS:	87% correct

These statistics dramatically demonstrate that something is radically wrong! I can not fault these youngsters for their lack of knowledge, their irreverent behavior, their lack of respect for God, their total lack of Patriotism and negative self-image. They are victims of a newly created historyless society. They are a generation that has been denied their own heritage. They are a generation deprived of the very thing they were to inherit. They have been denied the traditional American sense of direction.

All of this means that they are totally unprepared to take over the responsibility of running this nation. Columnist Jack Anderson in a recent speech on this very subject declared: "For what they do not understand they can not value.....and what they can not value.....they will not defend.....and what they will not defend they will lose!" Compatriots, we are talking about loosing our America!

A review of one of the twelve different versions of the official California High School history book which is entitled: "History of a Free People" by Henry W. Bragdon and Samuel P. McCutchen, will both shock and horrify you. You, like most parents assume that your children or grandchildren are being taught the same history you learned in school. Wrong! Most of what I have stated is the result of these twelve history books. Yes, there are twelve different versions, all with the exact same title and in presentation range from moderate to outrageoue. To the casual glance, the most parents usually give a childs text book, one sees an excellant format, well illustrated, in color too. In appearance it looks good, but it's content is absolutely anti-history and totally anti-American!

Let me provide you with some examples:

Since most of us either served in World War Two, or remember it vividly, let me dwell on it for a minute or two. According to "The History of a Free Peoples", the reason for American involvement in that great conflict was, and I quote: "Hitler's victories aroused fears that the Nazis might take over the American colonies of conquered Countries." Unquote. Does anyone have the slightest idea of what that means? Emphasis is placed entirely on our industrial efforts and profits. And, after reading it, it becomes painfully clear to the reader that corporate profits was our sole motivation. Millions died, and much of the world was left in ashes so American business could make a dollar!

Your thinking, how could

they hide the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor that got us into the war? Easy! They have trivialized those portions of our history that they can not blatantly ignore. Again let me quote: "The Roosevelt administration had secret information of the possibility of new Japanese aggression, but expected it to be in the direction of the East Indies. And on the morning of December 7th, 1941, the average American had no idea of the sudden changes that were to take place in his life. In recalling the mood of that Sunday morning, Jonathan Daniels wrote" 'The Matson line was advertizing vacation cruises to Hawaii - - The upswept hair-do was receiving early attention - - Traffic accidents in the Country were already sixteen percent higher than in 1940. - - John L. Lewis was about to win a decision in his contention that miners in the captive mines of the Steel Companies must join the United Mine Workers of America - - A New York gambling house had been raided - - President Roosevelt, suffering from a slight cold, had just had breakfast in his bedroom at the White House when he received a telephone call from Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy - Air Raid on Pearl Harbor - this is no drill" end quote.

The attack on Pearl Harbor compared to early interest in the "upswept hair-do"!

To illustrate this graphic, if not complete description of the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor is the now famous photo of the U.S.S. Arizona exploding in the background, while U.S. Naval aircraft burn in the foreground on Ford Island, while American sailors scurry for cover. It was captioned and again I quote: "We were

unprepared at Pearl Harbor" unquote. The photo and the caption do not depict Americans at their best. They depict us in defeat.

On the next three pages, "The History of a Free People" gives an indepth description of Russia's war efforts, using such catchy phrases as: And I quote: "The Soviet forces tore the guts out of the German Army" unquote.

Two other photographs of World War Two appear. The sinking of the Aircraft carrier U.S.S. Wasp in clouds of smoke and depicting American sailors jumping into the sea, and the last photograph, a half page photo, shows a Russian soldier raising the sickle and hammer flag of the Soviet Union over the Reichstag in Berlin.

Not mentioned was the trivial activities such as the U.S. Army Air Corps. The invasions of Normandy, Italy, North Africa, Guadalcanal, Iwo Jima, etc. WE MADE MONEY - THE RUSSIANS DID THE FIGHTING, AND THAT'S WHAT IT IMPLIES!

Is it any wonder that today's youth don't understand our pride in accomplishment in our great victory in World War Two?

They have been taught a misrepresented view, depicting by photographs, only our losses, and by comparison, showing the Russians only in victory. After having read this chapter, one actually could understand it if we were ashamed of our war effort.

Another example, the famous battle of the Alamo, in which a handful of Texas patriots broke the back of the invading Mexican Army, at the cost of each and

every one of their lives, is mentioned, but simply as one of Santa Ana's victories!

Throughout the book, each chapter presents and increasingly more negative image of this great Country. As another example, Chapter Nineteen, is entitled "Imperialism" The opening lines is a direct quote and again I'll quote for you: "The Philippines are ours forever - - and just beyond the Philippines is China's unlimited markets - - we will not abandon our opportunity in the Orient - - we will not renounce our part in the mission of our race, trustees under God of the civilization of the world". An interesting and damning statement, but it was not made by our President, nor any other government official - in fact, it's author isn't even listed in Appleton's Dictionary of American Biography. The statement does support the contention that we Americans are world aggressors, with world domination as our objective.

The balance of that chapter is filled with obscure, isolated instances of power abuse, painting yet another very shameful picture of America. In the post World War Two part of "The History of a Free People" we find chapters entitled: "Age of Anxiety", Crusade and Disillusion", "Imperial President", and the final Chapter "Crisis"!

Going back a few years, to that era that holds so much special meaning to us, the S.A.R., we find the American Revolution presented, very briefly, but basically undisturbed as to fact, except for a rather transparent attempt at making it racially and sexually balanced. You have all heard of the famed "Sons of Liberty". They are mentioned

three times. Also mentioned three times is the "Daughters of Liberty", and the seventh reference to this organization is the "Sons and Daughters of Liberty". - sexual balance achieved, but true history?

Interspersed throughout "The History of a Free People" are full one page biographical sketches. I am going to take the time to mention the names of each of these American heroes and heroines that deserve the honor of being singled out:

Anne Hutchinson
 Sam Adams
 Ethan Allen
 Charles Secondat
 John Jay
 Benjamin Benneker
 Tecumseh
 Robert J. Walker
 Clara Burton
 Naricisa Whitman
 Samuel Morse
 Elizabeth Peabody
 John Altegeld
 Sam Rayburn
 Cesar Chauvez
 Ignaticus Donelly
 William Gorgas
 Liliukalani
 John Mitchell
 Jane Addams
 Charles Steinmetz
 Herbert Hoover
 Frances Perkins
 Charles Drew
 Fiorello La Guardia
 Jackie Robinson
 Eleanor Roosevelt
 Annie Oakley
 Rachel Carson

These are the people that have replaced our traditional National heroes! Three of them are not found in the Dictionary of National Biography!

Where are the great explorers that discovered this continent? Where are the founding fathers? Where are the

great minds that have contributed so much to our Nation? Where is Washington? Jeferson? Franklin? Lincoln? McCormick? Fulton? Teddy Roosevelt? F.D.R.? Eisenhower? J.F.K.? etc.?

In this book Cesar Chauvez received six times as much space as George Washington!

Is it any wonder that today's youth are having a problem establishing a link to a historical hero -- a good role model. in stead they are identifying with a rock and roll star or other superficial contemporary character. They do know about them!

At the 97th Congress of the Sons of the American Revolution a resolution was introduced on a related subject. It called our attention to an attempt in some of the eastern states to eliminate "testing" on all history prior to 1860! As State President, I spoke both for and against it. I totally favored any action that would slow down this attempt to destroy our heritage. But, I also spoke against it as not going far enough. Of what value would an "A" on a test that covered only 36 pages out of 875? Our early history has been trivialized to such an extent that a student who has studied the text book still knows virtually nothing regarding our history!

Immediately following that morning session of the Congress, our State Chancellor, Roger E. Robertson called a special meeting with James R. Westlake, Historian-General of the National Society. The subject matter was the establishment of a National effort to protect our precious heritage. I am pleased to tell you that positive action is being taken at both the State and National levels.

Here in California, I, as State President appointed a "Blue Ribbon Commission", under the auspicious of Historian General Westlake, to gather the information we require. As previously stated we know of twelve separate versions of "The History of Free People". There may be more. I have appointed Chancellor Roger E. Robertson, Chairman. I also want each Chapter to assist by appointing a member to serve on this Commission.

The Charter of the Sons of the American Revolution declares our objectives to be Patriotic, Historic and Educational. Therefore, who is better suited for the task of leading the fight to preserve our National heritage.

You will find it interesting to know that this is not the first time this problem as reared it's ugly head, nor is it the first time the Sons of the American Revolution here in California have pick up the gauntlet and did battle - successfully, I might add.

In 1921, Judge Wallace McCamant, President-General of the National Society, S.A.R. investigated the matter of school textbooks and conducted an exhaustive search for subversive books. He published several severe criticisms and was responsible for an extensive revision of several offensive books.

In 1947 the National Society supported the California Society in its aggressive and successful effort to rid the public school system of textbooks that were openly critical of the United States and praising the programs of the Soviet Union. We were successful than, under the

leadership of State President George L. Gary, and we will be successful now. WE MUST SUCCEED!

In 1949 the National Society, S.A.R. filed its famous "Bill of Grievances" with the United States Congress. It was successful. This battle was waged throughout the early 1950's and appears to have beat the subversives back until recent years.

The reason for these successes was that our membership rallied behind the effort and sought and received support from many other organizations. Another reason, which is less obvious, is who we are! We, the Sons of the American Revolution, have a definite advantage over the subversives. These people consider themselves to be revolutionaries. They are bent on the wholesale destruction of our American Values, but they can not attack what we, the S.A.R., stand for. They can not attack the most successful revolution in history. A revolution is a revolution. Therefore the American Revolution is a "Sacred Cow". They can minimize it, and they have, but they can't even counter-attack us without chancing inflicting damage on their own revolutionary concepts.

In addition to the efforts being made by the National Society and the State Society to eliminate these subversive textbooks, we are taking positive steps to set the record straight.

Compatriot Bob Nedry's "Spirit America Award" program is being very much encouraged. It will get the S.A.R. into the schools on a positive footing. Your Chapter should definitely get involved in this program.

Compatriot Art Barrett's "Living History" program is also an excellent way to convey our message of patriotism and a proud heritage.

Each of you can become involved. Remember that today's youth are not receiving a proper education in our history, but common sense lets them understand the great achievements of the American Revolution. A little imagination can make anyone visualize the bravery of those embattled farmers standing their ground at Lexington and Concord in the very face of the British Empire! The image of our gallant forefathers atop Breed's Hill repelling charge after charge of Europe's finest infantry. These events remind us that we Americans are still made of the "right stuff".

Therefore, everytime you get the name of the Sons of the American Revolution in the public eye, you are rekindling those inspirational and patriotic thoughts. Those thoughts foster a pride in America. Every time one of our color guards in their Revolutionary War uniforms appears in public, a spark of patriotism is ignited. Every time the name of our Society or the Daughters of the American Revolution or just "the American Revolution" is heard of seen, you have struck a blow for Americanism.

We can defeat this effort to deprive our youth of their heritage. Let us roll up our shirt sleeves, as our forefathers did so often, and get the job done, in the way we Americans are famous for -- Fast, Furious and Efficiently. Thank you.

Donald Norman Moran, President
CALIFORNIA SOCIETY,
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER
CALIFORNIA SOCIETY
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

OCTOBER 26th, 1987
MEETING MINUTES

The monthly meeting of the San Fernando Valley Chapter, California Society, Sons of the American Revolution was held at 6:30 P.M. on October 26th, 1987 at Leon's Steak House, North Hollywood, California. President Roger E. Robertson presiding.

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GEORGE ROBINSON

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OLD BUSINESS

1. MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 28th MEETING

IT WAS MOVED by Compatriot Berni K. Campbell and SECONDED by Compatriot Walter H. Walley that the Minutes of the September 28th Meeting be approved as amended. THE MOTION CARRIED.

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING ACTIONS

IT WAS MOVED by Compatriot Walter H. Walley and SECONDED by Compatriot Berni K. Campbell that there not having been a quorum at the September 28th meeting that the actions taken at said meeting be approved. THE MOTION CARRIED.

3. TREASURERS REPORT

In the absence of Treasurer Charles M. Pitchford who is still recovering from major surgery, First Vice-President D.F. "Bill" Semerau submitted the Treasurer's report. The Chapter is financially well. All indebtedness has been taken care of and the Permanent fund is earning interest. So far this year, that interest is the equivalent of ten (10) Chapter members dues, without the associated expenses incurred by the Chapter for said members. The continued growth of the Permanent Fund will greatly enhance the Chapter's continued ability to fund so many programs.

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4. REPORT OF THE VETERAN'S BOOK DRIVE COMMITTEE

Compatriot Berni K. Campbell, Chairman of the Veteran's Book Drive Committee reports that over 1,000 books were collected in the month of October and will be delivered to both the Sepulveda and the Sawtelle Veteran's Hospitals. Applicant Audel Hicks advised that the Sawtelle Hospital is actually two hospitals at one locations, hence we should investigate the possibility of including that third hospital to our list. Compatriot Campbell advised he would investiage and take the necessary action.

5. REPORT ON THE STATE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 6TH AND 7TH.

Secretary Donald N. Moran reported that the State's Fall Board of Manager's Meeting is scheduled for November 6th and 7th at San Luis Obispo. He also advised that a Special meeting of the Membership has been called for the purpose of approving the proposed new By-Laws. Upon approval of said By-Laws, He, as State President, and Chapter President, Roger E. Robertson, as State Chancellor would not be able to represent the Chapter at the Board of Managers meeting. Compatriot George Sutherland Van Dorn would act in that capacity.

NEW BUSINESS

6. NOMINATIONS FOR NATIONAL OFFICE

IT WAS MOVED by Compatriot Walter H. Walley and SECONDED by Compatriot D.F. Semerau that the San Fernando Valley Chapter, S.A.R. endorse the following Compatriots for National Office:

- For President-General: Compatriot PAUL H. WALKER
- For Secretary-General: Compatriot JAMES WESTLAKE
- For Registrar-General: Compatriot CHARLES A. VENCILL
- For Historian-General: Compatriot DONALD J. PENNELL
- For Treasurer-General: Compatriot JAMES C. CALHOUN
- For Surgeon-General: Compatriot GEORGE H. BRANDAU, M.D.

The motion was unanimously APPROVED. President Roger E. Robertson will notify the NSSAR Nominations Committee of this action.

7. REPORT ON THE PRESENTATION ON THE LAW ENFORCEMENT MEDAL

Vice-President D.F. "Bill" Semerau reported that the Glendale Chief of Police, David Thompson as accepted the honor and will attend a future meeting to accept the medal and certificate.

8. INVITATION TO ATTEND LIVE STEAMERS HANDICAP MEET

Vice-President D.F. "Bill" Semerau extended an invitation to the members of the Chapter to attend the "Bill Webb Memorial Handicapped Meet" on November 28th. Flyers were distributed.

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9. REPORT ON THE ANTI U.S. HISTORY COMMITTEE

President Roger E. Robertson reported on the actions taken to date on the Chapter and State levels in this all important program. His report included additional newly uncovered information and details of previous successful S.A.R. involvement in this subject.

10. PEARL HARBOR MEMORIAL PLAQUE

IT WAS MOVED by Compatriot Walter H. Walley and SECONDED by Compatriot George Robinson that the Chapter donate the additional sum of \$1.00 per Chapter member to offset the cost of the plaque to be erected at the Punch Bowl National Cemetery in Hawaii. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

11. PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

President Roger E. Robertson advised that in keeping with the Chapter's tradition of the President holding a Christmas open house in December, that he and Mary Lou will be hosting this event at their new home in Camarillo on Sunday, December 13th. A flyer is to be distributed with the November Valley Compatriot which will include a map. Additionally, the home is in the final stages of completion but the Robertsons have been assured it will be ready on schedule.

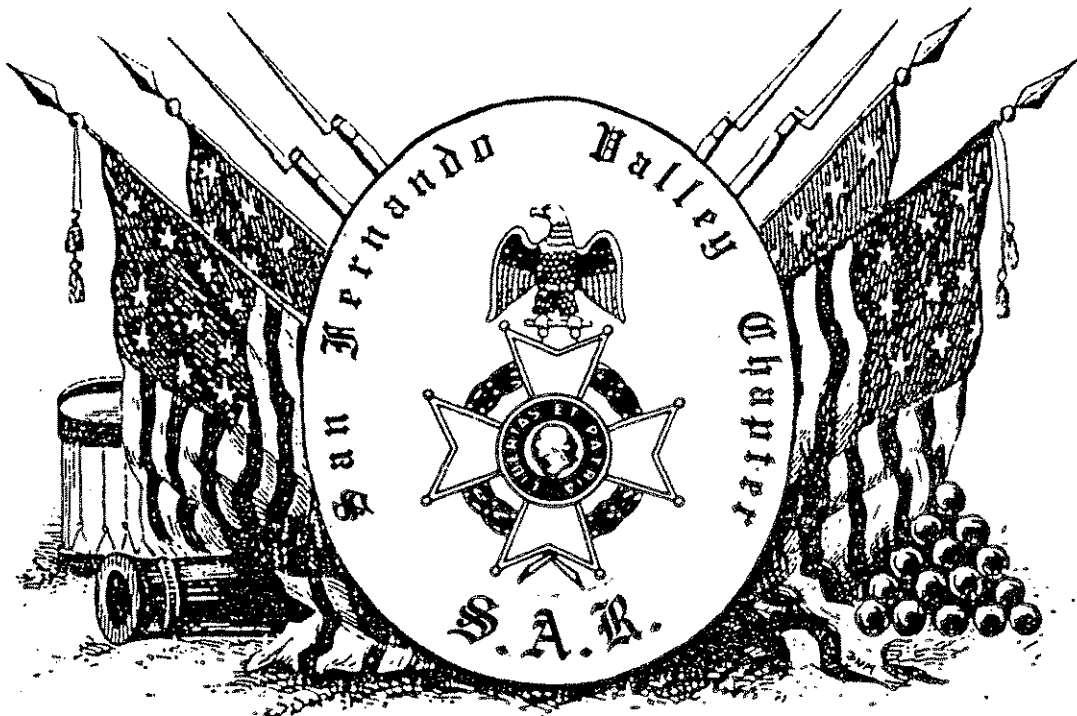
RAFFLE

The following were the raffle winners:

- Compatriot Walter H. Walley - A casset Player
- Guest: C. Holter - Automobile Altimeter
- Mary Lou Robertson - Patriotic Christmas Cards
- Compatriot Roger E. Robertson - Patriotic Christmas Cards
- Applicant Audel Hicks - Mystery Casset tapes
- Compatriot George Robinson - Constitutional Document Set
- Compatriot Walter H. Walley - Book on Historic Personalities

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS before the San Fernando Valley Chapter, S.A.R. President Roger E. Robertson declared the meeting Adjourned

Donald Norman Moran
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