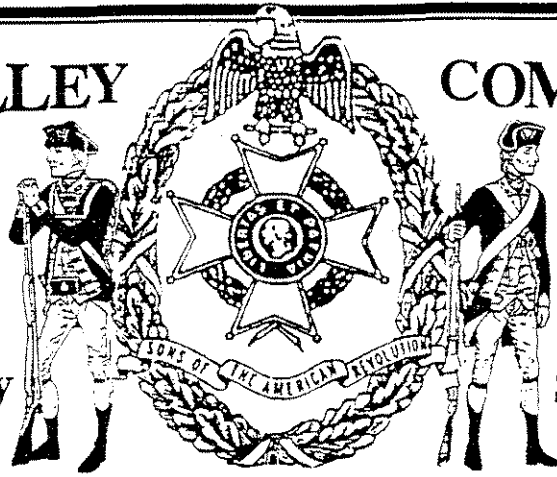


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PRESIDENT DONALD H. McLAUGHLIN AND OUR FIRST  
LADY CLARABELLE McLAUGHLIN,  
HOSTING THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE



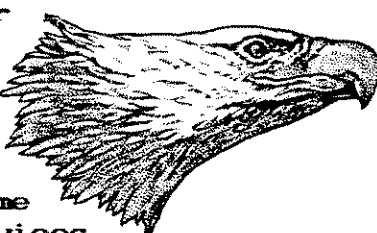
MEETING NOTICE

Saturday, January 30th, 1993


THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL  
INSTALLATION OF  
OFFICERS AND  
AWARDS BANQUET



The Officers and Members of the San Fernando Valley Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, cordially invite you to attend their 11th Annual Installation of Officers and Awards Banquet, being held at The Verdugo Club, 400 W. Glenoaks Boulevard, Glendale, California at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday evening January 30th, 1992. We will be swearing in our 1992 Chapter Officers and the outgoing administration will be presenting various awards of appreciation to some of our own for services rendered during the last year.



Dress will be dress uniform or black tie optional. The cost will be \$24.00 per person. We would appreciate your making your reservations with our Chapter Secretary before January 15th, 1993.





THE GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON  
ELEVENTH ANNUAL COMMEMORATIVE  
MASSING OF THE COLORS

SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 21st, 1993

The officers and men of the San Fernando Valley Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution cordially invite you to attend the 11th annual "General George Washington Commemorative Massing of the colors" on Sunday, February 21st. The Ceremonies will start at 2:00 p.m. at the Hall of Liberty Forest Lawn Memorial Park, 6300 Forest Lawn Drive, Burbank.

The ceremony will include the traditional wreath laying at the monument of George Washington.

The Guest Speakers will be Robert Emrey Executive Vice President, of the State of California Society Sons of the American Revolution, Donald H. McLaughlin, President of the San Fernando Valley Chapter, the sponsor. Audel Hicks of the Descendants of the Washington Family. The Color Guards of numerous military, patriotic and Hereditary groups will be massed for the colorful passing in review as a tribute to the Father of this great Country. This is the largest ceremony of its kind planned on the west coast for the 261st anniversary of the birth of George Washington. At the time of this writing the following organizations are expected to



participate. The United States Army --\*-- The United States Navy --\*-- The United States Marine Corps --\*-- The United States Air Force --\*-- The United States Coast Guard --\*-- The Army, Navy, Air Force R. O. T. C. --\*-- The American Legion --\*-- The Veteran's of Foreign Wars --\*-- the Military Order of the Purple Heart --\*-- the Military Order of the World Wars --\*-- the U.S Navy Fleet Reserve Association--\*-- Several Chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution --\*-- the Daughters of the American Revolution --\*-- the Children of the American Revolution --\*-- the Society of the Cincinnati --\*-- the Son of the Revolution --\*-- --\*-- The Society of the War of 1812 --\*-- The Mayflower Society --\*-- the Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge --\*-- the Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims --\*-- the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston --\*-- the Sons of Union Veterans --\*-- Sons of Confederate Veterans --\*-- the Civil Air Patrol --\*-- The California National Guard --\*-- The Boy Scouts of America --\*-- The Girl Scouts of America and the San Fernando Valley Chapter, SAR's Color Guard in their authentic Revolutionary War Uniforms.



F. GAGE BIREN  
 1913 - 1992

America has lost one of its true patriots and the CASSAR one of its most respected members. Gage passed away suddenly on Tuesday Morning, December 8th, 1992.

Gage was one of those Compatriots who could be counted on. His advise was sage and always worth heeding.

A historian once observed that the world's great captains are always easy to spot, because their Army's carry their name. The same rule applies to Gage, as the Pasadena Chapter, S.A.R. was most often referred to as "Gage's Chapter".

Gage saw action in World War Two serving in the South Pacific with the 5th Air Force. He married Wilma in 1943 and was very much looking forward to his fiftieth wedding anniversary next month.

Gage and Wilma attended the formal inaugural banquet of our Chapter back in July of 1981. Introducing himself as the President of the Pasadena Chapter, he pledged his support in getting our Chapter off to a good start. Never was a pledge taken so seriously. We had numerous joint meetings, and always received helpful advise when needed and of greater importance, friendship.

Gage and Wilma were familiar faces at our meetings, Gage's last S.A.R. meeting was our Chapter's Christmas Open House

December 6th. Memorial services were held on Saturday, December 12th at the Friendly Valley Community Church. The Eulogy was given by Pasadena Chapter's Chaplain, The Reverend Dr. Gary Dickey. It was the most moving tribute to a fellow Compatriot any of us have ever had the privilege of hearing.

Representing the CASSAR was Bob Emrey. Clarabelle McLaughlin and Virginia Emrey represented the State's Ladies Auxiliary, Willard Hope and Dr. Gary Dickey the Pasadena Chapter. Donald H. McLaughlin, Audel H. Hicks and Donald N. Moran represented the San Fernando Valley Chapter. Wilma's D.A.R. Chapter turned out and provided refreshments after the services.

We will all miss Gage, but his legacy to us, Quiet Leadership, loyalty, patriotism and friendship will be a constant reminder of his contributions to the S.A.R.

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 TWO EAGLE SCOUT  
 AWARD WINNERS



Attending the Chapter's Annual Christmas Party were two active duty Marines. Fredrik Whitley and David D. Murray, an applicant for membership in our Chapter. Fredrik won our Chapter's 1992 Eagle Scout Award, and David won the same award from the Houston Chapter, TXSSAR

WELCOME NEW  
COMPATRIOT



he San Fernando Valley Chapter is pleased to welcome into the ranks of the society a new Compatriot:

THOMAS WILLIAM  
EMREY

A descendant of  
Quartermaster GEORGE EMREY  
of  
Colonel Andrew Russell's  
Virginia Regiment.

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THE CHAPTER  
DELIVERS  
MORE BOOKS

VETERAN'S  
BOOK  
DRIVE COMMITTEE  
REPORT

Chairman Berni Campbell reported that he and his wife Mary had the opportunity to play Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus on behalf of the Chapter. They delivered 225 Paperbacks to the Wadsworth V.A. Hospital, 225 Paperbacks to the Brentwood V.A. Hospital, 225 Paperback books to the Sepulveda V.A. Hospital.

Additionally, Jig Saw puzzles, four dozen golf balls, and gift sets of toiletries were also delivered.

A total of 3,975 books were delivered in 1992.

This is one program that we are very proud of. It does a fantastic amount of good and is very much appreciated by our Veterans in hospital. Save your paperbacks and bring them to our meetings, we can never collect to many!

REPORT OF THE  
MEMBERSHIP  
TASKFORCE



egistrar Berni Campbell reports that our Membership Taskforce's success rate continues. The Chapter presently is working on or has already approved and forwarded to State and National the applications of nine men: They are:

- JERRY BAKER
- CURTIS BATES
- JEFFREY E. BURGESS
- JOHN CRAFT
- WILLIAM J. DIENZ
- WALLACE LEEDY
- JOSEPH NORTHRUP
- GEORGE RODEARMEL
- HAROLD H. WARDEN

And, the following twenty-nine men have expressed an interest in the SAR have been contacted.

- JAMES AGUIRRE
- JOHN BOEGEHOLD
- ROBERT BOISVERT
- FRANK BOOK
- JAY MORTON CLIFFORD
- JAMES CLOONEY, Jr.
- THOMAS GAVIGAN
- LEMAN M. HERRIDGE
- GORDON HIATT
- TREVOR HIBBERT
- VERNON W. HODGES
- WILLIAM HUTTEN
- JAMES R. INMAN
- LLOYD JENNINGS
- JOHN N. LANDON
- GENE C. LEMMON
- FRED LICHTI
- CHRISTOPHER T. LOWTHER
- MICHEAL T. MALLORY
- ROBERT MONTGOMERY
- DAVID DOBBYN MURRAY
- R. H. "DICK" NICHELS
- MEADE PHILLIPS
- DENNIS W. SIMPSON
- PAUL TRAVES
- GARY VIEN
- SCOTT VIJSICKY
- TODD WENSICK

THE PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

A picture is worth a thousand words, therefore a photo spread of the Christmas Open House, hosted by Presidents Donald and Clarabelle McLaughlin is the best way to describe this delightful eleventh annual event



THE EMREYS  
Bob and Virginia



THE BIRENS  
Gage and Wilma



THE JENNINGS  
Lloyd and Jan  
Audel Hicks, Berni Campbell and  
Don Moran in the background



THE WHITLEYS  
LtC Ed, Frederik and Bonnie  
Fred is a Marine and our  
1991 Eagle Scout Winner

The photographs are courtesy of Donald and Clarabelle McLaughlin



THE PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

The Chapter very much appreciated our hosts Donald and Clarabelle McLaughlin for opening up their beautiful home for the Chapter's Traditionall Christmas open house.

Don and Clarabelle are shown on the front cover.



Ed Whitley, Bill Doyle, Bonnie Whitley and Jan Jennings



Gage Biren, Berni Campbell and Audel Hicks



Linda Moran, newly wed Kathleen Moran Murray, USAF and appliciant L/Cpl David D. Murray, USMC



Applicant Curtis and Jane Bates, Patricia Doyle and David and Linda Burnett

our apologies to those attending that were not caught by our camera

S.A.R. TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS

**W**hen Compatriot Winston C. Williams, editor of the SAR Magazine, asked us to write an article on George Washington's Life Guards we gladly accepted. Having been reseaching the biography of the commandant of the Guards, Major Caleb Gibbs, and a second book on the Guards themselves, the assignment gave the illusion of being an easy one. The article was quickly completed, submitted and accepted as written.

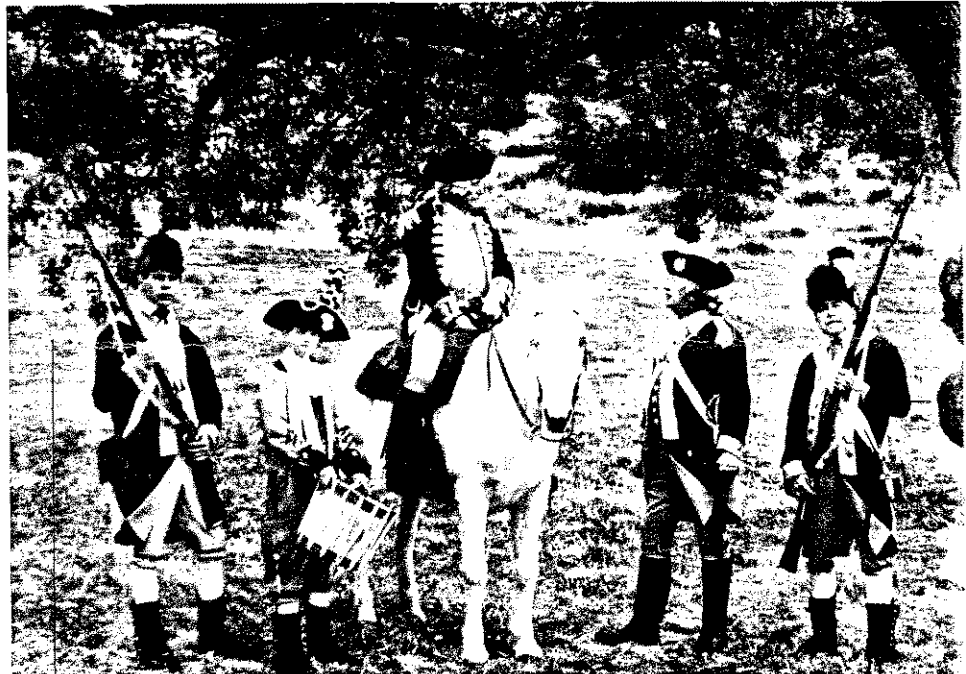
the next assignment was the art illustrating the article. There simply isn't any known contemporary paintings or drawings of the Life Guards.

It was at this point that Compatriot Willaims suggested we use our Color Guard wearing our Life Guard uniforms and photograph them. To add to the challenge we were to do the magazine's cover. Finding a proper

setting to shoot the picture proved to be a bit more difficult then one would think. California does not look like the east coast. Somehow sagebrush, cactus, Joshua or Palm trees do not provided a suitable backdrop. Replacing the local foliage prove to be beyond our budget. Our local Mountains are taller than any on the east coast and again, having them lowered was too expensive and would undoubtedly upset the Sierra Club. Then there was the problem of finding a docile white horse for Jim Aguirre, our General George Washington to ride.

Naturally, living near so many movie studios we approached them for use of a suitable set. The difference in cost between a 'still' photograph and a feature length movie is proved to be minimal. Even our most loyal members threatened to have your editor committed for suggesting the idea.

We found many of white horses available for rent, all being in view the Los Angeles skyline.



After a month of looking for a white horse within easy transport distance from an acceptable setting we found a location. One hundred miles north of Los Angeles, Bear Valley Springs. At an altitude of 5,000 feet. By going that high, the mountains appeared to be the right height.

Getting volunteers together is always a problem, and the winter weather was a major factor. The actual shoot was literally done during a break in a storm. It had snowed the day before, but most of it had melted, leaving

patches that had to be avoided in the photograph.

The local dogs and cats wanted to make their modeling debut and were constantly disrupting the shoot.

Intermittent freezing rain and an icy wind didn't help. Those that were in uniform, now have a first hand idea of what our ancestors had to endure.

The horse was thirty-three years old, and constantly had to be nudged to wake it up.

We failed to find any place that would rent us a Revolutionary War drum, so at the last minute we had to make one.

Our drummer, a delightful and cooperative young man named Brent Sforzini had to promise not to smile and reveal a mouth full of metal braces.

And, would you believe two of our volunteers weren't clean shaven! Nor would they agree to shaving off their mustaches. So we had to lighten them to maintain for historic correctness.

The actual shoot appeared to be a hollywood production, with photographers, horse handlers, and various support personnel. Naturally this attracted numerous spectators, creating a problem of crowd control.

The next day, the owners of the ranch on which the photos were taken advised that the live oak tree under which we were photographed fell over.

The photographs have arrived safely at the SAR magazine, and will appear in the next issue.

Our special thanks to the participants, Jim Aguirre, Audel H. Hicks, Micheal D. Johnson, Brent Sforzini who joined your editor in uniform and to Jim and Pat Collins who donated the use of their mountain top ranch. To Shawna Fisher provided the horse and to all of the support folks whose help was indispensible.

SPECIAL FUNDS REPORT



Trustee Roger Robertson advised both funds are doing well considering the market conditions.

THE PERMANENT FUND

Charles D. Barnard	-
Arthur Wm. Barrett	-
Berni K. Campbell	\$12,267.31
Col. George A. Eckert	\$ \$ \$
Robert C. Emrey, Sr.	\$ \$
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