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MEETING NOTICE

As the host Chapter for the forthcoming CASSAR meeting we will be participating in it in lieu of our regular monthly meeting

THE 1993 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CALIFORNIA SOCIETY S.A.R.

April 15th, 16th and 17th RED LION HOTEL - 100 West Glenoaks Blvd., Glendale, California

The San Fernando Valley Chapter, S.A.R. is hosting this, the most important meeting of the State Society to he held in 1993. Highlighting the meeting will be the presence of Paul H. Walker, President General and the swearing in of our own Robert C. Emrey as State President.

We need your assistance. We need men to help staff the Registration and Information desk, which will be open on Thursday afternoon, all day Friday and Saturday morning.

and

We need volunteers to help man our color guard Saturday evening for the posting of the colors and retiring the colors at the end of the banquet.

or

Just attend either the Luncheon or the Banquet or both. Reservations are required.

FINAL PLANNING MEETING

April 10th

The final planning meeting of the Chapter for the State Annual meeting will be held on April 10th at the Red Lion Hotel. The meeting will include and orientation tour. We will meet in the main lobby on Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

THE VALLEY COMPATRIOT

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\star THE VALLEY COMPATRIOT \star

WELCOME NEW COMPATRIOT

The San Fernando Valley Chapter. welcomes another new member to its ranks:

Compatriot JERRY A. BAKER

Descendent from: Private Alexander McDonald Virginia Militia

COMPATRIOTS IN THE NEWS

Compatriot **Clifford Craft**, and his son, **John**, an applicant to S.A.R. membership, are the proud grandfather and father of a brand new baby boy born 15 March 1993:

JUSTIN CAMERON CRAFT

He will be registered in the S.A.R.'s youth program.

Compatriot Audel H. Hicks attended the Iwo Jima Commemorative Banquet on its 48th anniversary at Camp Pendleton. Iwo Jima has special meaning to Audel. The Island was critical to our war effort as an airstrip to recover damaged aircraft returning from raids on Japan. On March 25th, his B-29 made an emergency landing on Iwo, one day after a Japanese "Bonzai" attack had been made on the B-29 crew area. His second emergency landings on. Iwo, the second time his B-29 had been crippled by the Japanese. The bomber crashed landed, with two of its four engines out, no brakes and live Japanese explosive ammunition rattling around in the wing's gas tanks. Del had been wounded by a 20mm shell over Tokyo and was treated at the 38th Marine Field Hospital before being evacuated to Guam.

New Compatriot Jerry A. Baker has also been admitted into membership of the Society of the War of 1812 in the State of California.

BIRTHDAYS

D. F. "Bill" Semerau	04/19
Charles K. Stahl, Jr	04/19
Robert C. Emrey, Sr	04/16
Donald H. McLaughlin	04/20
Ned W. Robertson	

ANNIVERSARIES

Ned and Royanna Robertson 27 April, 1975



President General Paul Walker will attend the State Meeting and will be our honored guest.

ORATION CONTEST RUN OFFS

Our Chapter was asked to host a southern area Oration Contest and did so at the Verdugo Club on March 13th. The winner was a young lady, Miss Kiah R. Calmese, who's interesting subject was " Continuing the American Independence fight" Our



judges were Compatriots: Donald H. McLaughlin, LtC Edgar D. Whitley and George Sutherland Van Dorn. The timer was George B. Robinson.

THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY'S 24th Annual Jamboree

The S.C.G.S.'s 24th annual Jamboree will be held at the Exhibitation Building, Pasadena Center, 300 East Green Center, Pasadena on:

May 1st and 2nd

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m Both Saturday and Sunday.

If you are the least bit interested in genealogy this is event is a must. The San Fernando Valley Chapter will be manning an information and recruiting table for the S.A.R. both days. Why not combine the two functions - spend some time "Tree Climbing" and enjoy the fellowship of your Chapter.

THE MEMBERSHIP TASK FORCE

As you will read elsewhere in this issue of the Valley Compatriot the Membership Task force is hard at work, identifying and contacting eligible men. With the Genealogical Jamboree rapidly approaching (See the column to the right) we'll need your help.

In addition to personal and telephone contact, we mail each prospective member a rather extensive packet of information regarding the Society. That includes copies of a special edition of our newsletter entitled "The S.A.R. Wants You" as well as a regular issue, a copy of the California Compatriot and a copy of the SAR Magazine. Please don't toss these out, save them for the Task force.



HOMOSEXUALS IN THE ARMED FORCES

A Position Paper

By: Former President Audel H. Hicks, Sr.

President Bill Clinton's recent decision to allow declared homosexuals into the Armed Forces of the United States flies in the face of Congress and the majority of the American people, including millions of veterans.

The President's plan ignores Congress' Constitutional rights over the Armed Forces. Article II, Section 2, of the Constitution provides only that the President shall be the Commander-in-Chief of the (Armed Forces) - in effect, an Officer in such Forces; However, the power to make the rules and regulations governing the Armed Forces lies with Congress (Article I, Section 8). As it is well known with foreign relation affairs, the President may "propose", but Congress shall "Dispose" so it should and shall remain with the Armed Forces of this Country.

Three days before Bill Clinton was inaugurated he met with his aides to approve a strategy to allow declared homosexuals into the Armed Forces as he had promised a small group of them during the presidential campaign. The public uproar and protest were immediate and loud and continue. National organizations composed of war veterans protested in unison as did the Chiefs of Staff of the various services. Even democratic leaders in Congress warned Mr. Clinton that legislative support for his plan would be "thin"! The loudest, dissenting, Congressional voice was heard from Senator Sam Nunn (Democrat - Georgia and S.A.R. Member), Chairman of the Armed Services Committee, who recited an extensive list of yet unanswered questions about the effect on Military readiness, morale, discipline, recruiting and retention. begin hearings in March from "The

People who will be most affected the men and women of the ranks of the Armed Forces - to give them a chance to air their views." Accordingly President Clinton modified his tactics. He gave Secretary Aspin until July 15th to submit a draft of an executive order that would lift the ban, but he was dem-onstrably grieved by the softening compromise and declared: "I haven't given up on my real goals!"

Non-veterans such as President Clinton are not sympathetic with military life. They do not understand it. In the military, the government determines where troops go, where they can reside, and , in many instances, with whom they share close quarters - be they working, shower, toilet or sleeping accommodations! Military life necessarily is based on uniformity and conformity. Those who serve must follow the same orders and wear the same uniform. The Code of Military Justice requires the service person to give up some individual freedoms for the best interest of a cohesive and effective military.

To achieve that end for which we maintain the Armed Forces, differences or opinion are not permitted, alternate life-styles and divisiveness are not acceptable. A vote is not taken when the platoon leader says "Take that hill"! Whatever the ultimate purpose of the Armed Forces is, to maintain peace, to protect or to win a war, it is <u>not</u> to serve as a laboratory for social-political experimentation.

President Clinton insists that homosexual rights are fundamental and undeniable. That being his belief, when and what criteria could or would be applied to curb those



"fundamental and undeniable" rights in the military? If the rights are funamental, then what would preclude gay pride parades on military bases perhaps at times when the military mission may be hazarded? How could homosexual service personnel be prohibited from public displays of affection allowed and acceptable from for heterosexuals? Would it follow that homosexual partners would be allowed dependant status, family housing and medical care on American military bases?

No, the real reason that homosexuals want to publicize their homosexuality by gaining access to the Armed Forces of the United States is to broaden the acceptance of their life style. It's <u>NOT</u> that they are so eager to serve their country in an often dangerous profession. These people want support for what they deem to be their "Rights" - a greater and greater acceptance of homosexuality.

In President Clinton's view, homosexual discrimination is on a par with racial discrimination. That is a political assumption, that has neither been established in fact or accepted by the public.

To still the protest and avoid a defeat in Congress, President Clinton will now "study" the kinds of questions posed by Compatriot Nunn, but he does not seem verv interested in the answers. The new President has yet to demonstrate convincingly that defense and the Armed Forces count for much in his estimation, but, fortunately for America, his determination to lift the ban is converting a lot of people from a passive acceptance to active opposition. Some individuals aren't sure where his stand on gave is continued - . B



is leading the American people and they don't believe that he is sure either.

Senator Nunn put it well: "When the interest of some individuals bear upon their cohesion and effectiveness of an institution on which our National security depends, we must move very cautiously."

If President Clinton refuses to heed the warning, he is going to knock the Armed Forces for a very big loop for a very long time. Once the damage is done and apparent, the opportunity to avoid it will have passed.

The Sons of the American Revolution should do everything within its power to oppose openly avowed homosexuals access into our Armed Forces. America must remain strong and "One Nation under God".

OUR ANNUAL REPORT

Twice each year the Chapter must submit a detailed membership report, and a report on it's activities and finances to the State Society. The following report was submitted to the State Society:

SEMI ANNUAL REPORT November 1992 thru April 1993

GENERAL

The Chapter has met every month during the last six months, and in addition held several well attended planning meetings for the Annual Meeting of the California Society, which we are hosting.

ON GOING PROGRAMS

Our Veteran's Book Drive Program continues at a fever pitch. Over 1,500 books were delivered during the reporting period. Our R.O.T.C. program is inactive during this period, however, advanced arrangements indicate that the 1993 presentation period thru will have over 25 Detachments participating.

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING TASK FORCE

As of this writing, 1992-1993 has proven to be a good year for recruiting, but a bad year for retention. We have had two resignations. one transfer to the Georgia Society, and four drops for non-payment of dues. The Task Force has recruited 12 men who's papers are in and another 25 who have expressed a desire to join. The Task Force will be making a major recruiting effort at the forthcoming Genealogical Jamboree, being held on May 1st and 2nd. As information, this, the largest such meeting of genealogists on the West Coast, attracts people from all over. As a matter of policy, we refer numerous men to other S.A.R. Chapter's closer to their homes.

MAJOR FUNCTIONS

Our major social activity for the year is our "President's Christmas Open House" which was a marvelous success. Our major patriotic event is the "George Washington Commemorative Massing of the Colors." This year's event was a success although it did not have the level of participation enjoyed a few years ago, it was still massive. We did receive media coverage, including prime time television.

BRANCH ACTIVITIES

Our "Branch Concept" continues to attach applicants. Work continues on Branches in the Santa Clarita Valley, the Antelope Valley and the Ridgecrest area. Each month our roster of interested men grows,



unfortunately, the CASSAR Annual meeting has proven to be a necessary distraction, and the branch work has been temporarily put on a back burner. A maximum effort will be resumed in mid-May and formation meetings are being planned for the summer months.

CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

1992-1993 has seen tremendous growth in our Permanent fund, raising over \$3,000.00 this year, bring the total to over \$15,000.00 Thanks to Glenn Turnell, widow of our late Compatriot, Walter G. Turnell, a \$10.000.00 Permanent fund was established to cover the Annual costs of our R.O.T.C. program. Lastly, but not least, the Chapter has joined the 20th century with a state of the art computer system. This system will enable us to do much of our work in house, and will, in the long term reduce some of our operating costs.

Donald H. McLaughlin, President

This report was submitted to the State Society this month, along with our annual financial report.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

In our continuing efforts to appeal to all of our readership, we, from time-to-time insert errors into this publication. This helps their ego, as it makes them feel superior to our writers and editorial staff.

S.A.R. HUMOR

Two of our Auxiliary Ladies were talking. One said she had lost her first husband at sea. The 2nd lady inquired: "Was he sunk during the war?" No replied the 1st lady, "He met a red-head on a cruise ship."



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* The applicants listed above are those men who have submitted their applications for membership. Those men who have been contacted, but have yet to submit their papers are shown in the report of the membership Task Force.

THOMAS JEFFERSON'S 250th BIRTHDAY

On April 13th, President Thomas Jefferson would have been two hundred and fify years old. It is fitting that our Chapter pay tribute to him and his many contributions to America and our way

of life. We have presented several of Jefferson's quotations which will demonstrate his concepts and political thinking that helped shape this Country.But, first, we will quote President John F. Kennedy, who was addressing the 1962 Nobel Prize winners. "I think this is the most extraordnary collection of talent, of human knowledge, that has ever gathered together at the White House, with the exception of when Thomas Jefferson dined alone."

"I am for a Government rigorously frugal and simple."

"Were we directed from Washington when to sow, and when to reap, we should soon want for bread."

"If we can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people, under the pretense of taking care of them, they must become happy",

"Never suffer a thought to be harbored in your mind which you would not avow openly. When tempted to do anything in secret, ask yourself if you would do it in public. If you would not, be sure it is wrong,"

"That government is the strongest of which every man feels himself a part." "Love your neighbor as yourself, and your country more than yourself".

"Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without a government

> I should not hestiate to prefer the latter." However, when Jefferson was serving as President, he was attacked by the newspapers and in 1807 he proposed "Perhaps an editor might begin a reformation such way as this, Divide his paper in some into four chap ters, heading the First Truths. Second, probablities. The fourth Lies. The first chapter would be short."

> > And of particular interest today: "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty"

"Freedom of religion, freedom of the press, and freedom of person under the protection of habeas corpus, these are principles that guided our steps through an age of revolution and reformation"

> "There is a natural aristocracy among men which are vitue and talent."

All men are endowed by their creator with inalienable rights; among them are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Thus, we have several of Thomas Jefferson's quotes which graphically portray his thinking that helped shape this Country.

President THOMAS JEFFERSON April 13th, 1743 - July 4th, 1826



\star THE VALLEY COMPATRIOT \star

CHAPTER MONTHLY REPORTS

CHAPTER FINANCIAL REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT

01 January 1993 to 31 March 1993

REVENUES

			Year
Item		March	 To Date
Chapter Dues:	\$	540.00	\$ 1,973.00
Ladies Auxiliary:		25.00	25.00
Permanent Fund:		252.63	302.63
Color Guard:		125.00	140.00
Dinner Revenues:		422.50	1.022.50
Contributions:		250.00	250.00
Computer System:		0.00	5,714.31
Other income:		53.60	805.21
CASSAR Keeting*:]	,640.00	 1.640.00
Total:	\$3	3,308.73	\$ 11,872.65

EXPENSES

		Year
<u> </u>	March	<u>To Date</u>
Printing:		
Miscellaneous: 💲	141.21	\$ 264.21
Valley Comp.:	89.24	267.72
Postage:	75.95	306.11
NSSAR (Marker)	62.50	62.50
Awards: .	226.50	504.50
SAR Dues:	1,680.00	1.680.00
Dinner Expenses:	0.00	1,003.48
Computer Systems:	0.00	5,714.31
Bank Pees:	9.00	79.00
Other Expenses:	0.00	162.89
CASSAR Meeting Exp.	0.00	0.00
Total: \$ 2	1,284.40	10.044.72
Total Chapter Rev:	\$	11,872.65
Total Expenses YtD:		10,044.72
*Committed Funds:		1,640.00
Funds Available:		187.93

Dr. Clifford J. Craft, III Treasurer

SPECIAL FUNDS

Trustee Roger E. Robertson advised that \$252.63 was transferred from the Permanent Fund's earned interest to the ROTC fund for the 1993 medals purchase. The Permanent Fund now has a total of \$ 15,150. The contributors to the fund are:

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All donations to the S.A.R. are tax deductible under the provisions of I.R.S. 501C. Our tax exemption number is 95-3685784



REPORT ON THE MEMBERSHIP TASK FORCE

President Donald H. McLaughlin reported on behalf of Registrar Berni K. Campbell, on the efforts of the Membership Task Force. The Chapter presently is working on or has already submitted the papers on twelve men:

> Curtis Bates Jeffery E. Burgess John C. Craft William J. Dienz Matthew B. Grindal Wallace Leedy Christopher T. Lowther L/Cpl. David D. Murray Joseph Northup Thomas J. Ponton George Rodearmel Dennis Simpson

The following 23 men have expressed an interest in joining the S.A.R. and have been contacted: Gerry Alger James Aquirre John Boegehold Robert Boisvert Frank Book Gifford Cast Jav Morton Clifford Merl Cunnington Charles E. Fairman Patrick Flanagan Thomas Gavigan Leman M. Herridge Trevor Hibbert Vernon W. Hodges Lloyd Jennings John N. Landon Gene C. Lemmon R. H. "Dick" Nichels Frederick Olsen Meade Phillips Jerry Reynolds Robin Schmit **Gary** Traves Ray Wyman Welker



CHAPTER MONTHLY REPORTS continued MINUTES OF THE MARCH 29th, 1993 MEETING

The March 29th monthly meeting of the Chapter was held at Genio's Restaurant in Burbank, President Donald H. McLaughlin presiding and a quorum present.

1. The 22 FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by Compatriot Robert C. Emrey and Seconded by Compatriot Edgar D. Whitley that the Minutes of the February 22nd Meeting be accepted as published. the Motion carried.

2. **REPORT** of the TREASURER

Treasurer Dr. Clifford J. Craft distributed a detailed accounting of the Chapter's finances.

At the written suggestion of Compatriot Walter Walley a policy was established wherein a condensed version of the Treasurer's Report will be published monthly in the Valley Compatriot This report appears on the preceding page.

3. REPORT on the MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING TASK FORCE

President Donald McLaughlin reporting on behalf of Compatriot Berni Campbell that at the present time we have the papers of twelve men and another twenty-three have been contacted.

4. REPORT on the VETERAN'S BOOK DRIVE

President Donald McLaughlin reporting on behalf of Compatriot Berni Campbell, reported that 85 books were delivered to Sawtelle, V.A. Hospital, 75 to the Brentwood V.A. Hospital and another 75 to Wadsworth V.A. Hospital during the month of March. The Year to date deliveries exceed 1,500 books.

5. CASSAR MEETING REPORT

President Donald H. McLaughlin reported on the March 13th meeting of the CASSAR Meeting Planning Committee and the status of our plans.

6. REPORT on the ROTC PROGRAM

Compatriot/LtC Edgar Whitley, Chairman of our ROTC Program reported that 5 Senior and 15 Junior ROTC units have responded in the positive and will be participating in our Awards program this year.

7. DUES COLLECTION REPORT

Secretary Donald Norman Moran reported that we have had 1 member transfer to the Georgia Society, 2 more resigned and four dropped for non-payment of dues. We start this SAR year with 51 members.

8. PERMANENT FUND REPORT

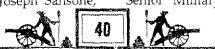
Trustee Audel H. Hicks reported that \$252.63 was transferred from the earnings of the Permanent Fund to the ROTC fund to purchase the needed 1993 ROTC medals, certificates and presentation folders.

9. ORATION CONTEST REPORT

Compatriot Robert C. Emrey reported that the Oration Contest run offs were held on March 13th and were a success. The winner was Miss Kiah R. Calmese, who's topic was "Continuing the American Independence fight." Our judges were Compatriots Donald H. McLaughlin, LtC Edgar D. Whitley, and George Sutherland Van Dorn. The timer was George B. Robinson.

PROGRAM

Our guest speaker was Colonel Joseph Sansone, Senior Military





Col. Joseph Sansone, USAF receiving the SAR's certificate of Appreciation from President Donald H. McLaughlin

Instructor at Crescenta Valley High School Air Force R.O.T.C. (882nd Squadron) He explained the goals and objectives of the R.O.T.C. program and the accomplishments of his unit. The presentation included slides which gave an excellant overall view of their operations and achievements.

This is the R.O.T.C. unit that has contantly supplied young men to man our colonial Color Guard on so many occasions. Slides of the cadets in our uniforms were included in the Colonel's presentation.

Of particular interest was the growth in the detachment which now numbers 134 members. This year the 882nd had cadets that were awarded an appointment to the Air Force Academy, Two to Annapolis, and two full Air Force R.O.T.C. scholarships! The entire unit is rated in the top 10% of all ROTC units!

The presentation was excellant and and informative.

There being no further business before the Chapter, the Meeting was adjourned.

Donald Norman Moran Secretary

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THE CHAPTER'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 10th

C.A.S.S.A.R. ANNUAL MEETING FINAL PLANNING SESSION

This will be the final meeting of the planning committee and will include an orientation tour of the Hotel. All volunteers are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be held at the Red Lion Hotel in Glendale.

April 15, 16 & 17th

C.A.S.S.A.R. MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP Our Chapter is hosting this annual event. It is single most important meeting of the State Society. We still need volunteers to assist in the numerous activities

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May 1st & 2nd, 1993

THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 24th ANNUAL GENEALOGICAL JAMBOREE Our Chapter will be manning a recruiting and information table on both days

May 24th, 1993

MONTHLY DINNER MEETING At Genio's Restaurant, 1420 Olive and Verdugo, Burbank - Guest speaker: CHRISTOPHER T. LOWTHER Topic:: Adventures in Genealogy

June 12th - 16th

THE 103rd ANNUAL NATIONAL CONGRESS

This years National Congress is being held at the Arizona Biltmore Hotel in Phoenix. President Donald H. McLaughlin is planning of leading a delegation from our Chapter. Details can be found on page 6 of the Winter issue of the SAR Magazine.

July 4th, 1993

JULY 4th PICNIC.

We are planning on a joint picnic with the Society of the War of 1812. Details to be announced.

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