

THE VALLEY COMPATRIOT

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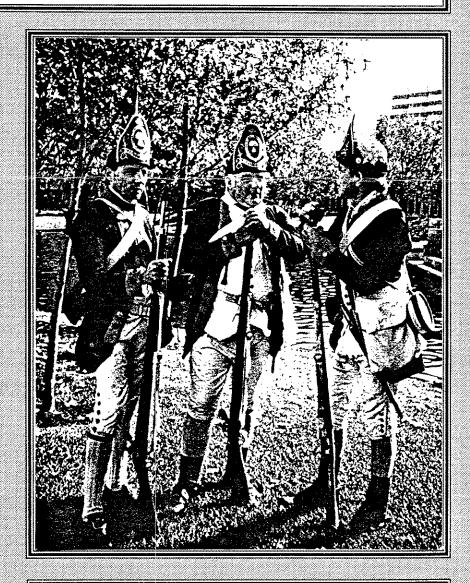
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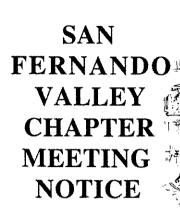
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29 November 1993

The San Fernando Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution will hold it s monthly dinner meeting. All Members, applicants and guests are invited.



PROGRAM

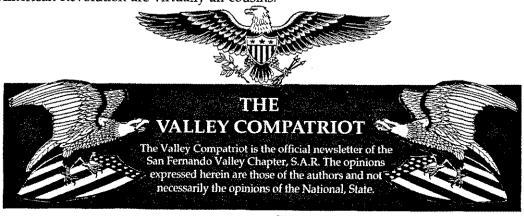
"WE'RE ALL COUSINS"

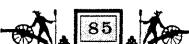
speaker

James L. Emerson

Jim Emerson is the President of the South Coast Chapter, SAR, is an active member of the Mayflower Society, Order of Founders and Patriots, Society of Colonial Wars and the Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge. He also served as Vice President of the Orange County Genealogical Society for six years.

His talk, "We're All Cousins," has been presented to numerous groups in Southern California. He makes a convincing argument to prove his thesis using as examples the ancestors he shares with thirteen U. S. Presidents. Franklin D. Roosevelt was a four times cousins. Another cousin was George Washington. His contention is that those of us whose ancestors were of European origin and who populated the colonies before the American Revolution are virtually all cousins.





Non-member subscriptions \$10 per year

COMPATRIOTS IN THE NEWS

THE FIRES TAKE A TOLL

The Chapter wishes to extend its sympathy to our Treasurer, Cliff and Carolyn Craft who lost their beautiful Malibu home on November 2nd to the fires. Their son, Com-patriot John Craft, reports that they managed to load both cars with some of their irreplaceables. All else was a total loss. Cliff says he's looking forward to rebuilding. That's our Cliff - showing the optimistic enthusiasm he is noted for. The Craft's intend to rebuild on the same ocean view site.

More fortunate are the following Compatiots whose homes were threatened by the numerous fire storms that swept through the southland but survived undamaged: Pat Flanagan (Sierra Madre); Bitner Winkler (Agoura Hills) Wally Leedy (Agoura) and Glen Robertson (Pasadena).

CONGRATULATIONS

The Chapter congratulates **Glen** and **Claire Robertson** on the birth of their new baby.

KELLY NICOLE ROBERTSON

She was born on October 29th, weighing in at 8 lbs. 13 oz. Mother and baby doing just fine. Grandparents are Compatriot Roger and Marylou Robertson.

Compatriot Kenneth M. Burdick was awarded the War Service Medal and certificate at the October meeting of the Chapter. Ken served in the United States Army during World War II.

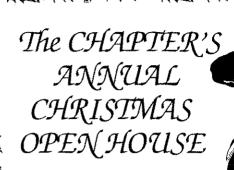
BIRTHDAYS

Roger E. Robertson	11/02
Wallace C. Leedy	11/15
Stephen W. Gregory	11/23

ANNIVERSARIES

Mark and Paula Rudd 11 November 1993

George and Patricia Robinson 24 November 1993



Saturday December 11th, 1993 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

> Our Chapter's Secretary Donald Moran nd his lady. Linda, will host our Annual Christmas Open House.

This is a social gathering to start off the holiday season.

Don and Linda will be serving refreshments and all that any Compatriot need bring is his Lady and himself.

As is our Chapter's custom, our Ladies, Applicants to SAR membership and their wives are cordially welcome.

We can not think of a better way to open the 1993 Christmas Season then to join with your fellow SAR Compatriots and their families for a little Christmas Cheer.

Please RSVP
Their address: 12248 Herzel Avenue
Lancaster, California 93535-4379
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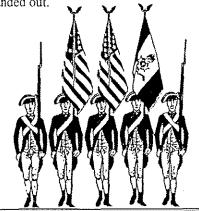


OUR REVOLUTIONARY WAR SPEAKER'S BUREAU

Our Revolutionary War Speaker's Bureau has been busy. Compatriot Donald Norman Moran, doing his impersonation of Major Caleb Gibbs of the Commander-in-Chief's Guard (George Washington's Life Guards) addressed the Antelope Valley Genealogical Society on October 12th and a Colonial American History class at Antelope Valley Junior College on October 27th.

In the best tradition of living history presentations the entire appearances is limited to questions and answers. In both cases it would appear that the programs were well received. Two additional invitations to appear resulted from the above, and the Antelope Valley Genealogical Society has obtained permission to list our Speaker's Bureau on their published listing of available speakers.

At the end of each program, a pitch for SAR membership is given and brochures handed out.



CHRISTMAS PARADE

On December 4th, our full Color Guard will be joining the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Children of the American Revolution in the Lancaster Annual Christmas Parade.

The Color Guard will march in front of a well decorated semi-truck which will be carrying a replicia of a Valley Forge soldiers hut and a recreation of what Christmas Day during that teriible winter must have been like.

Members of the Color Guard will portray the soldiers and the DAR Ladies and CAR Children their families.



Compatriot Kenneth M. Burdick receiving his War Service Medal from Edgar D. Whitley



The SAR's War Service Medal

CHAPTER RECEIVES AWARD

At the Board of Manager's Meeting, State President Robert C. Emrey named our Chapter 'first' runner up in the large Chapter category. Each year the State conducts a contest between the Chapters based on various Chapter activities which are reported

every month. Last year our Chapter won in the large Chapter Category. The winner this year is the San Diego Chapter. Their President, Travis Spears has promised to take good care of the plaque as we intued to win in back this forthcoming April.

CALIFORNIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

IN RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

DURING THE CHAPTER ACTIVITIES CONTEST HELD DURING THE SUMMER OF 1993 AWARDS THIS CERTIFICATE

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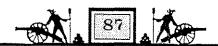
SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER

WINNER OF THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES
IN THE LARGE CHAPTER GROUP

MOST JOINT MEETINGS
MOST PUBLICITY
MOST SUPPLEMENTS
MOST OTHER ACTIVITIES
BEST CHAPTER RUNNER-UP

Awarded November 6, 1992

Robert C. Emrey, President



LAW ENFORCEMENT MEDAL **PRESENTED**



Past President George Sutherland Van Dorn presenting the SAR's Law Enforcement medal and certificate to Captain Michael S. Post

At the October 25th meeting of the Chapter, the SAR's Law Enforcement medal was presented to Captain Michael S. Post of the Glendale Police Department. The pres-

entation was made by former President George Van Dorn.

Michael Post presently serves as Captain of the Support Services Division of the Glendale Police Department.

In 1973 he started out as a patrolman, transferring to burglary investigation.

In 1978 he was promoted to Sergeant supervising the uniformed patrol. Later he served in Personnel and was responsible selection and background checks on all new new personnel. His next post was Internal Affairs and was responsible for policing the police.

In 1981, Michael was again promoted, this time to Lieutenant. In this capacity he served as Administrative Aide to the Chief of Police (Also a recipient of our Law Enforcement Medal), and numerous other command positions, From 1987 to 1991 he was Commander of the Vice/Narcotics Bureau.

On June 30th, 1991 he was again promoted, this time to Captain. He now is responsible for the Support Services Division, which includes the Traffic Bureau, Communications Bureau, Police Garage, Air Support Unit, Records Bureau, Professional Standards Bureau, Training,

and Internal Affairs.

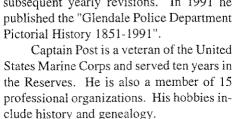
He also serves as a Col-Instructor, teaching Criminal Justice courses in the Los Angeles City College Glendale Community College.

Michael has received numerous awards over the years. In 1985 the first ever commendation" for his Traffic. Also that year the "Protector of the Public" Award. In 1986 he was nominated for "Police Office of the Year".

He has published over a dozen articles on Traffic Safety and Narcotics Enforcement including book "Columbian Organized

Crime and Cocaine Trafficking, and four subsequent yearly revisions. In 1991 he

Captain Post is a veteran of the United





OUR **EXTENSIONS**

Our efforts to establish new Chapters in three locations north of the San Fernando Valley is meeting with some success. In each location we now have an Extension Chairman and the number of interested men continues to grow.

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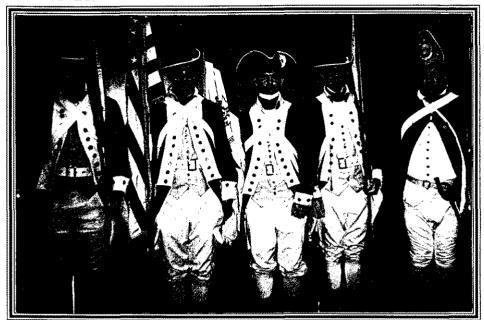


SAR HUMOR

At Valley Forge a Sergeant of one of the North Carolina Regiments would relay news from home t his men at morning formation. One morning he announced, "Private Smith your mother died." On another occasion he announced, "Private Brown, your brother was killed." The Sergeant's Captain told him he was being insensitive and to break bad news with a little more care.

The following week the Sergeant received more bad news from home so he announced: "All men who's grandfathers are still alive, take one pace forward except you Private Johnson."

WE'RE NOT ALONE - - ANYMORE



THE SOUTH COAST CHAPTER'S CONTINENTAL MARINE COLOR GUARD Compatriots CPO Fred Howard, USN; Kurt Camp; Paul R. Crouch; CPO James Spurgeon, USN and David N. Hawleywho served as the Sergeant Major.

For a number of years the South Coast Chapter, SAR has wanted to follow our lead and establish its own Color Guard. In discussions with them several years ago they decided that they wanted to do something a little different and elected to duplicate the uniforms worn by the Continental Marine Corps.

At the Board of Manager's Meeting of the California Society which was beautifully hosted by the South Coast Chapter, the Continental Marine Color Guard made its debut. They were great. Two of the Color Guardsman are active duty U. S. Navy Chief Petty Officers. The other two members are also veterans. Led by David Hawley, a re-enactor from the Brigade of the American Revolution, Delaware Regiment of Foot, they rapidly learned revolutionary war drill. In their smart forest green and white uniforms, round hats, trimmed in white, they made an extremely impressive sight.

The Duke of Wellington once said, "Defeat is an orphan, but victory has many fathers." Such is the case when attempting to name the key player in a project as involved as recreating a Revolutionary War unit. Most will agree that Compatriot Jim Emerson deserves much of the credit. He has done well and the addition of a Continental Marine

Color Guard, the only one of its kind in the SAR, and probably the Country, will definitely enhance the SAR's stated objectives declared to be Historic, Educational and Patriotic.

Compatriot Ronald Risley, State Vice President - South, and members of the George S. Patton Chapter, SAR (Located in Ventura), had advised us that they are establishing their own Color Guard - uniformed in Continental Army uniforms (blue and buff). Compatriot Emerson and Risley agree that there are several major functions during each year that joint participation would greatly enhance the image of the SAR. We also agreed to jointly investigating the establishment of a Drum and Fife Corps.

There is no better way to gain positive publicity for the SAR then to field a Revolutionary War Color Guard. We have proved that often with our own Inter-Service Continental Color Guard. The sight of the massed SAR Color Guards, correctly uniformed, will be irresistible to the media. Events like Independence Day, our George Washington Commemorative Massing the Colors, Flag day, Memorial Day, etc., will be all the more colorful thanks to the Sons of the American Revolution.

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A CIVIL WAR CHRISTMAS



The Drum Barracks Civil War Museum, 1052 Banning Blvd., Wilming-ton, California is sponsoring a very special Christmas event. They are re-creating a Christmas celebration at Camp Drum during the Civil War.

The event will be held from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Our Compatriots can attend in the morning and still be able to attend our Chapter's Christmas open house at 2:00 p.m.

Camp Drum was the U. S. Army headquarters for Southern California and Arizona Territory 1861 - 1871.

SAR HUMOR

During the Revolutionary War uniforms were very hard to come by. Some of the Colonies were able to properly uniform their Regiments when they were first organized. Surprisingly, of those States little Rhode Island managed to supply complete uniforms to their Continental Regiments. Unfortunately, those uniforms came in only two sizes, very large or very small.

While the Second Rhode Island Regiment of Foot was being uniformed at Providence, the Sergeant Major commented to the Commanding Officer, "We must quickly find some tailors - that last private took two steps before his uniform moved!"



OUR CHAPTER'S VETERAN'S BOOK DRIVE PROGRAM

Compatriot Edgar D. Whitley reported that he have delivered FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY (450) books evenly divided between the Sepulveda, Brentwood and Sawtelle Veterans Hospitals during September.

The Chapter will make a special effort for the Christmas season to collect and distribute more paperback books then normal. Please check your libraries for possible donations.



REPORT ON THE MEMBERSHIP TASK FORCE

Registrar Berni K. Campbell advised the Chapter that President McLaughlin's Task force on membership is paying big dividends. In addition to seven new members since the April State meeting, we have added a score of new names to those contacted. He further explained that he is working on the papers of the following ten (10) men. or has already forwarded their papers to State and National.

Curtis Bates (N)
Jeffery E. Burgess
William J. Dienz
Floyd H. Lawrence (L)
Christopher T. Lowther
L/Cpl. David D. Murray (L)
Joseph Northup
Dennis Simpson (N)
Stephen B. Smith
James Stubblefield

(L) = Lancaster Extension(N) = Newhall Extension(R) = Ridgecrest Extension.

The following forty-two men expressed an have been contacted: We have listed these men in

alphabetical order by either the Chapter or the "Extension" nearest their home.

THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER

James Aguirre John Boegehold Frank Book Gifford Cast Jay Morton Clifford Dr. Leonard O. Condit Merl Cunningham Charles E. Fairman Timothy Pat Frederick Thomas Gavigan Leman M. Herridge John E. Janeway Lloyd Jennings Rodney Lighthipe Frederick Olsen Jerry Reynolds Chris Rumbaugh Eric Schmidt Victor Springer Bill Stewart Ray Wyman Welker Kenneth Woods Merrill K. Zimmer

Capt. JOSEPH LANCASTER EXTENSION

Roland B. Clark, Jr. Trevor Hibbert Vernon W. Hodges John N. Landon Gene C. Lemon Robert Montgomery Meade Phillips

Lt. Col. EZRA NEWHALL EXTENSION

Judge George Crawford Col. David A. Hilliard William Hutten Andy Lamprey Jeff Marlke Paul Traves Todd Weneick

RIDGECREST EXTENSION

Gerry E. Alger Scott Muhn R. H. "Dick" Nichels Michael Pierce Michael Richards

THE NEW SAR'S ANCESTOR ESSAY PROGRAM

President-General Robert Vance announced at the Board of Trustees Meeting in Louisville that he wanted to start a program in which our



Compatriots would write essays on the veterans of the American Revolution with the idea of publishing.

As we all know much of the information on the soldiers of the American Revolution lies buried in musty archives. Occasionally a genealogist digs one out, uses it to achieve membership in the SAR or other hereditary society. Rarely is the information made public. In most instances it is again relegated to the those musty archives.

We have long recognized the value of these unpublished records. In the early '80's we published a series of articles on our member's Revolutionary War ancestors, with an eye on the same objective - publishing. We published twenty of these and then because of increased Chapter activities we had to devote that space to other subjects.

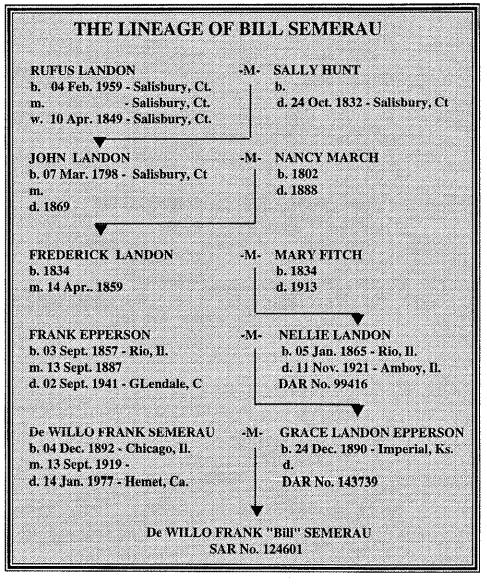
The primary source of information is from the 80,000 applications for pension and land bounty on file at the National Archives. Microfilm Publication M804 lists 2,670 reels. In reviewing some of these applications, one finds some so scant of information to be all but useless, while others make fascinating reading. In the October issue of the Valley Compatriot we published part of one such application. In most instances these applications contain bare bones data, but can be augmented with historical information without much effort. We have reprinted one such pension record taken from the October 1985 Valley Compatriot. It is the story of Bill Semerau's ancestor Rufus Landon.

OUR REVOLUTIONARY WAR ANCESTRY

Compatriot D. F. "Bill"
Semerau joined the SAR
on September 5th, 1984,
became very active and
in 1988 served as
the Chapters President. He was
awarded the
SAR's War
Service Medal
for his service in the
Korean War. On May
27th, 1985 he was presented the SAR's Law
Enforcement Medal for

his outstanding service as a Glendale policeman for twenty-seven years. He is also the recipient of the Silver Good Citizenship Medal. His patrioit ancestor is Rufus Landon who served the cause of AMerican independence as a drummer in the Connecticut militia.

The following biographical sketch is based on a hand written two page applications for pension filed by fus on May 8th, 1818. We have embellished the story by giving some general information regarding service in the American Revolutionary He is an excellant example of what can be done to enhance a patriots biography.



RUFUS LANDON, REVOLUTIONARY WAR DRUMMER

Rufus Landon was born in Salisbury, Litchfield County, Connecticut on February 4th, 1759. Excited by the events taking place in Massachusetts, and like so many young men, he was anxious to get into the fight. He enlisted in February 1776, shortly after his 17th birthday. He was old enough to have served as a regular soldier, however, he was made the Company drummer. We can only assume that he was small in stature as most drummers were younger than him.

Often dismissed as a minor function, the Regimental or Company drummer was a key and critical member of his unit. During the American Revolution, the drum

served the same purpose as does the bugle today. It was the regimental drummer that transmitted the orders by means of his drum. Numerous drum calls existed. An officer could summon his officers, sergeants, or the entire Regiment just by having his drummer sound the appropriate drum beat.

During battle, the sound of the drums actually communicated bet- ween different units engaged. A drum beat could order a withdrawal or an attack, it could speed the men up, or slow them down. It was most important.

Owing to the need to have a



drummer at hand, they generally stayed in "Officer's Country" and in the British Army, and probably in ours as well, a drummer could receive ten lashes with a 'cat-o-nine-tails' for not having his drum with him at all times. Another assignment of the Regimental drummer was to carry the dreaded 'cat-o-nine-tails. Generally, it was carried in a small knapsack, and usually the butt of the older soldier's teasing. In fact it is believed that the express "don't let the cat out of the bag" originated as a taunt to keep the young drummers from disclosing to the officers something they had seen, such as the men gambling, or other minor offenses. When minor punishments were to be

administered, the Officers would have the young drummers yield the 'cat'. Being small, the punishment would be painful, but would not be disabling, as it would have been if the blows were delivered by a full grown man. Additionally, the men took care the of the drummers, so it was unlikely that a soldier so punished would seek revenge.

Drummers and fifers were considered non-combatants, hence carried no weapons. Because of this special status they were able to stand in the open and signal the enemy for a parley or a cease fire.

Rufus Landon first served as Captain John Biglow's drummer, in a Company of Artillery. He was assigned to Fort Ticonderoga, New York. It was there that he met the retreating American army returning for its ill-fated attempt to capture Canada.

The terms of enlistment for the Connecticut troops expired in November of 1776. Many returned home, however, Major General Anthony Wayne offered a bounty of a great coat, coat, jacket and breeches, stockings shoes, caps, mittens and one English Crown if they stayed. Rufus Landon, in his May 1818 application for pension stated that the was stationed at Fort Independence until he reenlisted in April of 1777, therefore he was one of the 100 Connecticut men that volunteered to stay.

Immediately after his reenlistment, Rufus joined Captain Pellitop's Company and marched to the relief of General Alexander McDougall, Commander of the small garrison stationed at Peekskill, New York. Births General, Sir William Howe had dispatched a force of five hundred troops, some light artillery and raided the American military supply depot at Peekskill. General McDougall's forces were to small in number to resist. They burned as much as they could then retreated. When word of the raid reached the American forces, troops were dispatched from all near by posts, including Rufus's unit.

Before Rufus reached Peekskill,

his unit received word that "Billy" Howe was up to his usual tricks, and on April 23rd, 1777 his troops landed near Fairfield, Connecticut. This force included Montefort Browne's Provincial Regiment and 250 men from the following infantry regiments: 4th (The King's Own); 5th, 23rd (Royal Welsh Fusiliers); 27th (Inniskilling Regiment); the 44th and elements of the Queen's Light Dragoons (16th). Rufus and his unit rushed to defend their native state. Enroute word had reached them that the British had burned



A TYPICAL AMERICAN DRUMMER

burned the town of Danbury. The effect of that news encouraged them to speed up their march. Regulars of the Continental Line and militia alike rushed headlong to repel the invading army. Only quick action by the British officers saved their forces. Connecticut troops were closing in from all sides. Surely, had the British not reacted as they did another bloody "Battle Road" retreat would have taken place. Arriving to late to participate in the

numerous skirmishes in Connect-icut, Rufus's unit reversed their route of march and returned to Peekskill. Upon his arrival there he was assigned to the smallpox hospital. According to his pension application, Rufus had had smallpox, hence was immune.

Smallpox could ravage an army faster than any enemy. General Washington had ordered that a special hospital be established for inoculating his troops. Unlike today, when a person was vaccinated in 1777, the doctors introduced the disease, but had no way to control the dosage, hence you could receive enough to make you immune (after a slight case) or you received tom large a dose and died. Most of our men survived, hence were immune, giving them an advantage over the British. Rufus then mentioned that he substituted for his brother. James Landon and that he served on guard duty in the Hudson highlands. It is unclear as to whether this assignment was on behalf of his brother, or merely mentioned in the same sentence. In any case, guard duty along the eastern bank of the Hudson was no picnic. The control of the Hudson, the north-south water route, meant the difference between victory and defeat. The British could, with their massive Navy, launch another raid, or even invade in force. Furthermore, there was operating in the area bands of outlaws known as 'cowboys'. They claimed to be either "loyalists" or "Patriots" depending upon who they were talking too. In reality, they were only out for personal gain. Many a soldier, both British and American, were ambushed and murdered at their posts by these murders.

Rufus concluded his pension application stating that after 1779 he was called up several times in response to various alarms, each for a few days duration.

Following the war, Rufus married Sally Hunt, raised a large family, and died in the town of his birth, Salisbury, on April 10th, 1849, on of the last veterans.



REPORT OF THE TREASURER

January 1st to October 20, 1993

CHAPTER'S REVENUES

	Year-to-	Sept.1-	Year-to-
Description	Aug. 31	Oct. 20	Oct. 20
1992 Balance	\$383.08	\$0.00	\$383.08
Chapter Dues:	2,485.00	65.50	2,550.50
Contributions:			
Color Guard:	140.00	0.00	140.00
General:	1,227.00	0.00	1,227.00
Permanent Fund:	302.63	0.00	302.63
Computer Systems:	5,714.31	0.00	5,714.31
Publications:	77.56	0.00	77.56
Dinner Revenues:	1,713.92	325.50	2,039.42
Interest:	11.94	0.59	12.53
Other Revenue:	<u>515.66</u>	0.00	<u>515.66</u>
Totals:	\$12,571.10	\$391.59	\$12,962.69

CHAPTER'S EXPENSES

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Bank Fees:	\$132.47	\$18.00	\$150.47
Computer Systems:	5,714.31	0.00	5,714.31
Dinner Expenses:	1,769.72	366.50	2,136.22
Medals and Awards:	226.50	0.00	226.50
NSSAR/CSSAR Dues:	2,190.00	24.00	2,214.00
Office Supplies:	110.41	0.00	110.41
Postage:	262.59	34.07	296.66
Printing:			
Miscellaneous:	73.10	0.00	73.10
Valley Compatriot:	901.96	278.56	1,180.52
To the Permanent Fund:	302.63	0.00	302.63
Other Expenses:	432.10	<u>50.00</u>	482.10
Totals:	\$12,115.79	\$771.13	\$12,886.92
Total Chapter Revenues:	\$12,571.10	•	\$12,962.69
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Total Chapter Expenses:	<u>12,115.79</u>		12.886.92

Respectfully submitted:

Funds Available:

Dr. Clifford J. Craft, III Treasurer

\$455.31

20 October 1993

SPECIAL FUNDS

Trustees Roger E. Robertson and Audel H Hicks advised the Chapter that the Permanent Fund now has a total of \$15.537.80.

The contributors to the fund are:

Charles D. Barnard Arthur Wm. Barrett Berni K. Campbell Dr. Clifford J. Craft, III Col. George A. Eckert, Jr. Robert C. Emrey, Sr. Col. Thomas D. Gillis Philip Reid Giltmier Leland B. Hawkins, III Audel H. Hicks, Sr. Audel H. Hicks, Jr. Craig A. Hicks Bruce A. Jagger Richard W. Marston Donald Ross McDowell James A. McKenzie James A. McKellep Donald H. McLaughlin Robert Sterling Moore Donald Norman Moran Norman Philip Moran James R. Reynolds Dr. Glen S. Robertson Ned W. Robertson Roger E. Robertson D. F. "Bill" Semerau Charles K. Stahl, Ir. Mrs. Walter G. Turnell George Sutherland Van Dorn Philo Van Wagoner Walter High Walley Thomas H. Warden Robert J. Wiley, Sr. Augustus di Zerega

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This fund presently has \$10,270.24

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



\$75.77

THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 25TH MEETING

The 27 September 1993 meeting of the Chapter was held at GENIO'S RESTAURANT. 1st Vice President, LtC Edgar D. Whitley presiding.

1. MEETING MINUTES APPROVED

It was moved by Compatriot Audel H. Hicks and Seconded by Compatriot Robert C. Emrey that the minutes of the September 27th, 1993 meeting be approved as submitted.

2. REPORT of the TREASURER

Treasurer, Dr. Clifford J. Craft, III, reported that all bills have been paid and that the balance in our Checking account is \$75.77.A full report will appear in the Valley Compatriot.

3. MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Compatriot Berni K. Campbell reported that we have submitted the applications of three applicants: Floyd Lawrence; Jeffery E. Burgess and William Smith. A dozen others are in various stages of completion.

4. VETERAN'S BOOK DRIVE

LtC Edgar D. Whitley delivered 150 paperback books to each of the following Veteran's hospitals. Brentwood, Sawtelle and Sepulveda.

5. PERMANENT FUND REPORT

Compatriot Audel H. Hicks reported that the Permanent Fund has \$15,537.80 and the Walter G. Turnell ROTC Fund has \$10,270.24. The total value of both funds is \$25,808.04.

6. CHRISTMAS PARADE

Our Chapter's full color guard will be leading the December 4th (a



Saturday) Christmas Parade in Lancaster. We will be joined by a forty foot float being provided by the D.A.R. and C.A.R. The theme will be Christmas at Valley Forge. This joint effort will greatly assist our efforts to gain publicity in the Antelope Valley for our new extension.

6. THE LADIES AUXILIARY

Our Virginia Emrey, President of the State's Ladies Auxiliary reported on the many activities of the Ladies Auxiliary and their plans at the forthcoming State Meeting in Costa Mesa. She also encouraged everyone to enroll their wives in the Auxiliary - \$.500 per year.

7. NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

LtC Edgar D. Whitley advised the members that our By-laws did not address the problem of what to do when the immediate past president can not serve as Chairman of the Nominations Committee.

It was moved by Compatriot Robert C. Emrey and Seconded by Compatriot Berni K. Campbell that by a "standing rule" the chairmanship of the Nominations Committee would be offered to each former president, until one volunteers to serve. The motion carried.

Past President Audel H. Hicks, volunteered to serve as Chairman and will have a slate of officers for the November meeting.

8. STATE BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING

State President Robert C. Emrey advised the members of the forthcoming Board of Manager's meeting being hosted by the South Coast Chapter in Costa Mesa.

He reviewed the importance of the meeting and the need for Chapter involvement. He then told the membership about some of the programs.

9. "THE SAR WANT'S YOU"

Secretary Donald Norman Moran requested permission to re-do the Chapter's special issue of The Valley Compatriot for applicants entitled "The SAR Wants You". The new version would contain up-dated materials and owing to our computerization be approximately one third smaller.

It was moved by Compatriot Paul L. Kirk and Seconded by Compatriot George Sutherland Van Dorn that a new edition of the "SAR Wants You" be prepared and published.

10. ANNUAL CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE - DECEMBER 11th

The Christmas Open House, a Chapter tradition, will be hosted by Don and Linda Moran on Saturday, December 11th, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Details will be sent under separate cover and be published in the next issue of *The Valley Compatriot*.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER business before the San Fernando Valley Chapter, 1st Vice President LtC Edgar D. Whitley declared the meeting adjourned.

Donald Norman Moran, Secretary



THE CHAPTER'S CALENDAR

HAPPY THANKS GIVING

November 29th, 1993
Monthly Dinner Meeting
At Genio's Restaurant
1420 Olive at Verdugo
Speaker
JAMES EMERSON

December 4th, 1993 Annual Lancaster Christmas Parade 10:00 A.M. Our Color Guard will be participating

December 11th, 1993
Annual Christmas
Open House
Saturday
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.





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