

# THE VALLEY COMPATRIOT

The SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER of the SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
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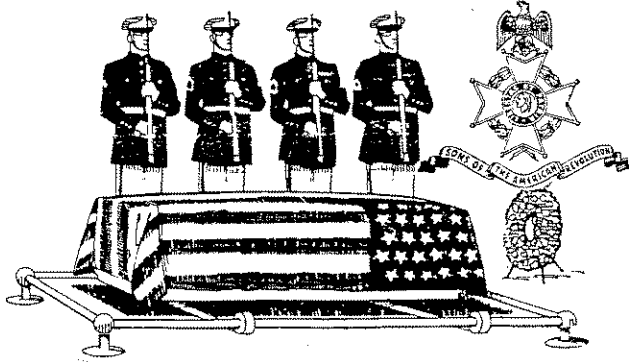
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## The Swearing in of Our 1995 Officers

1 to r: Dr. CLifford J. Craft, Vice President General  
Robert C. Emrey and Berni K. Campbell



## IN MEMORIAM COMPATRIOT STEPHEN W. GREGORY

November 23rd, 1941 - January 1st, 1995

for assisting several applicants with lineage problems. Steve also served in our Revolutionary War

He was an employee at General Telephone for 27 years and retired last year for health reasons.

Steve was born at Evansville, Indiana, November 23' 1941. He came to California for his education and stayed.

A loyal supporter of the Chapter and frequent meeting attendee, Steve attended our November meeting. We will all miss him.

Compatriot Steve Gregory Transferred to our Chapter from Los Angeles just two years after we were Chartered. He served as our Chapter Genealogist for 3 years and was responsible

Color Guard on several memorable occasions. He was a strong supporter of our R.O.T.C. program, and particularly enjoyed making the presentation at the University of California Los Angeles, his Alma Mater.

## WELCOME NEW COMPATRIOT

The San Fernando Valley Chapter is please to welcome into Sons of the American Revolution membership:

Compatriot  
**VICTOR MAXWELL  
SPRINGER**

Natational Number 143770  
CASSAR Number 6400

Ancestor  
Colonel  
**HENRY LUDLAM**

Who served as a Regimental Commander of the New Jersey State Militia.



Compatriot Victor Maxwell Springer receiving his membership certificate from Vice President General Robert C. Emrey

## BIRTHDAYS

- Thomas Jefferson Ponton . . . . . 02-06
- Paul H. Walker . . . . . 02-10
- Richard H. Breithaupt . . . . . 02-15
- Victor M. Springer . . . . . 02-15
- Edward Keasbey . . . . . 02-20
- Col. George A. Eckert, Jr. . . . . 02-23

## ANNIVERSARIES

Audel and Betty Hicks  
09 February 1944

Dr. David and Tamara Whitley  
13 February 1987

## DUES ARE DUE

At the end of December included in the January issue of this newsletter, each member of the Chapter received his annual dues notice. It would be greatly appreciated if you would respond as soon as possible. Please do not forget the various funds on your dues notice - the Chapter needs your support.



## COMPATRIOTS IN THE NEWS

Compatriot Richard H. Breithaupt, Jr. was sworn in as the State President of the Sons of the Revolution.

Compatriot Robert C. Emrey and wife Virginia were featured in the Glendale newspapers regarding their

activities in the SAR as Vice President General and Virginia being a Regent of a Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.





## San Fernando Valley Chapter Financial Reports

January 1st, 1994 to January 17th, 1995

### CHAPTER REVENUES

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	01/01/94 to 12/31/94	1995 Budget	01/01/95 to 01/17/95
Beginning Balance:	\$197.16	\$583.68	\$583.68
Dues Collection:	2,725.00	2,595.00	
End-of-Year Revenue:	410.00		165.00
Index Revenue:	0.00	0.00	0.00
Medals Revenue:	280.00	0.00	0.00
Contributions:			
General Fund:	1,107.90	300.00	0.00
Permanent Fund:	125.00	125.00	0.00
Color Guard:	15.00	15.00	0.00
Other:	110.00	95.00	0.00
Meeting Revenue:	2,298.50	1,800.00	0.00
Earned Interest:	7.47	14.00	0.00
Other Revenue:	00.0	425.00	0.00
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$7,276.03</b>	<b>\$ 5,952.68</b>	<b>\$748.68</b>

### CHAPTER EXPENSES

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	01/01/94 to 12/31/94	1995 Budget	01/01/95 to 01/17/95
Meeting Expenses:	\$2,056.24	\$1,800.00	\$ 0.00
Medals and Awards:	115.23	300.00	0.00
NSSAR/CASSAR Dues:	1,949.00	1,994.00	0.00
Office Supplies:	110.42	100.00	0.00
Postage:	731.95	350.00	131.19
Printing			
Valley Compatriot:	1,025.85	650.00	71.45
Miscellaneous:	52.60	0.00	0.00
Bank Fees:	90.00	90.00	0.00
To the Permanent Fund:	125.00	0.00	0.00
Color Guard Expenses:	197.50	0.00	0.00
Other Expenses:	238.56	100.00	2.20
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$6,692.35</b>	<b>\$5,384.00</b>	<b>\$204.84</b>

### FUNDS AVAILABLE

Total Chapter Revenues:	\$7,276.03	5,967.68	\$748.68
Total Chapter Expenses:	\$6,692.35	\$5,384.00	\$204.84
Funds Available:	\$ 583.68	\$ 583.68	\$ 543.84

### SPECIAL FUNDS

Trustees of the Permanent Fund:  
Roger E. Robertson, Donald H.  
McLaughlin and Donald N. Moran

#### PERMANENT FUND

The Permanent Fund is  
\$16,336.10.

The contributors to the fund are:

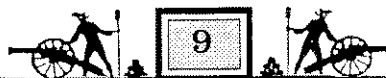
Charles D. Barnard  
Richard H. Briethaupt, Jr.  
Berni K. Campbell  
Dr. Clifford J. Craft, III  
William T. Doyle  
Col. George A. Eckert, Jr.  
Robert C. Emrey, Sr.  
Col. Thomas D. Gillis  
Leland B. Hawkins, III  
Audel H. Hicks, Sr.  
Bruce A. Jagger  
Donald Ross McDowell  
James A. McKenzie 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

#### WALTER G. TURNELL R.O.T.C. FUND

This fund presently has  
\$10,076.93

All donations to the SAR are tax  
deductible under the provisions  
of I.R.S. 501C. Our tax exemption  
number is: 95-368578

Respectfully submitted:  
Dr. Clifford I. Craft, III - Treasurer





## The Minutes of January 21<sup>st</sup>, 1994 Meeting

The January meeting of the San Fernando Valley Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution was held at the Tam O'Shanter Restaurant. Secretary Donald Norman Moran presiding. Fourteen members and ten guests attended.

### MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE PRESENTED

Vice President General Robert C. Emrey and Registrar Berni K. Campbell presented new member Compatriot VICTOR SPRINGER his SAR Certificate of Membership.

### NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

The November Minutes were inadvertently left at home, hence could not be reviewed and approved.

### REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer Dr. Clifford J. Craft, presented a written report on our financial situation. A written detailed report was distributed.

### S. C. G. S. JAMBOREE

It was moved by Berni K. Campbell and Robert C. Emrey that

the \$25.00 fee be immediately paid to the SCGS for a table at the Jamboree. The Jamboree is excellent recruiting grounds.

### REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP TASKFORCE

Registrar Berni K. Campbell reported that he was working on several applicants and supplementals and has submitted some to State and National.

He also advised that James Emrey has submitted his application for membership and so has David Rodearmel, son of our late Compatriot George C. Rodearmel. David is serving as military attache to the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv, Israel.

### REPORT ON THE VETERANS BOOK DRIVE

Committee Chairman LtC Ed Whitley advised the Chapter that he delivered a total of 250 paperback books to the Brentwood, Wadsworth and Sawtelle Veteran's Hospitals. Letters of appreciation have been received.

### SWEARING IN OF OUR 1995 OFFICERS

Vice President General, Robert C. Emrey swore in the 1995 Chapter officers. They are:

Richard H. Breithaupt, President;  
William Turner Doyle, 1<sup>st</sup> VP  
Patrick M. Flanagan, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP  
Donald Norman Moran, Secretary;  
Dr. Clifford J. Craft, III, Treasurer;  
Berni K. Campbell, Register;  
Rev. Dr. Gary A. Dickey, Chapter  
Kenneth M. Burdick, Historian  
Donald H. McLaughlin, Trustee of the Permanent Fund

### PROGRAM

Compatriot Donald N. Moran spoke on the "Goals 2000 Education Act".

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS** before the San Fernando Valley Chapter Chapter, SAR, the meeting was declared adjourned.

*Donald Norman Moran,*

Donald Norman Moran, Secretary

## THE SAGA OF OL' SCALPED NICK

There was no love lost between the New York Dutch and the British. One hundred-plus years of cultural clashes had seen to that.

As soon as news of Lexington and Concord reached them, they began to enlist. Every New Yorker knew that their State was the key to the continent. They realized they were threatened not only by sea, but by an invasion from Canada.

With the fall of Fort Ticonderoga to Ethan Allen the route from Canada was blocked, at least temporarily. Congress decided that a preemptive strike into Canada was the best defense. General Richard Montgomery was selected to lead a large New York expedition up the Hudson and Lake Champlain. Another force, from New England, was coming from the east. Their combined goal was the Fortress City of Quebec.



In Hoosick, Rensselaer County, New York, a 21 year old Nicholas Phillip Bovee left the home of his parents and enlisted in Captain Garrit S. Veeder's 2nd Company of the Albany County's First Regiment of Foot under Colonel Jacob Lansing. He served for 9 months, but the records do not provide dates or activities. This Regiment was formed on October 20th, 1775, which is probably when he enlisted. Whether or not he was with the ill-fated Canadian expedition is not known, however, when Nicholas re-enlisted in the newly formed 2nd New York Regiment of the Continental Line its core was made up of veterans of the Canadian invasion.

Serving under Colonel Peter Gansevoort and Lt. Colonel Marinus Willett, Nicholas was assigned to the detachments that were to defend the vulnerable Mohawk Valley from the



Indians and Torys. This densely forested wilderness, with a few scattered communities and farms, was to become far more important militarily than they thought. The British were about to launch a major offensive, striking from Canada. Their objective - to split New England from the rest of the colonies!. The plan, drawn up by General "Johnny" Burgoyne, consisted of three prongs. His thrust, from Canada, would retake Fort Ticonderoga, proceed down Lake Champlain to the Hudson River, with the objective of Albany. The main thrust was to come from New York City, with General Sir William Howe leading a large force up the Hudson. A third thrust, was to come down the Mohawk River. This was led by hand picked Lt. Colonel Barry St. Ledger, and was a diversion. The intent was to draw off the American Forces around Albany, thereby weakening our ability to defend the Hudson River Valley.

Opposing St. Ledger was Fort Stanwix controlling the Mohawk River. To reenforce the garrisons at Fort Stanwix, General Schuyler sent the Third New York Regiment. Private Nicholas Bovee along them.

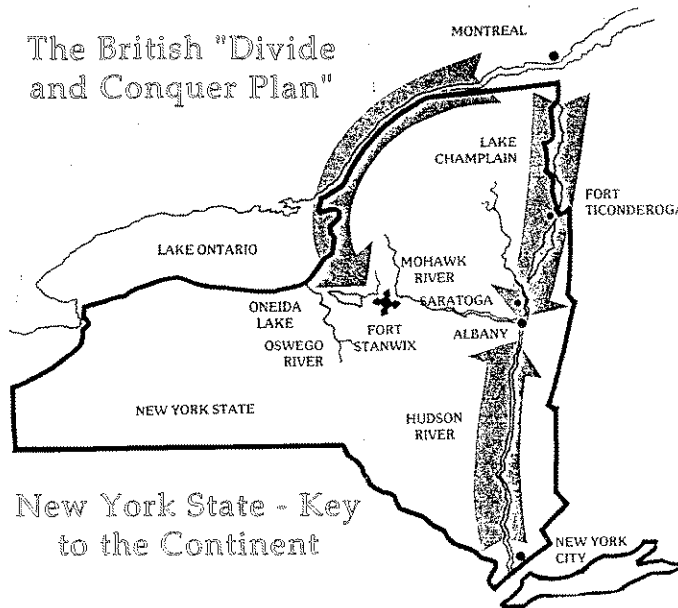
They arrived on May 3rd. The Fort, which was built during the French and Indian War was in pitiful condition. A maximum effort was made to rebuild and improve it.

On July 3rd, 1777, Ensign John Spoor with a detail of seven enlisted men were sent on a fatigue party to gather sod. The sod was used to cover the roofs of the structures within the fort. It provided good insulation and was flame proof. Ensign Spoor's men, all privates, were Nicholas Bovee, James Rogers, John Jones, James Turner, Aaron King, James Empson and Adam Shades.

A crash of musket fire accompanied by Iroquois war whoops erupted from the woods around Spoor's party. In an instant, Rogers fell dead, Bovee was hit twice, both in his right arm. The seven

surviving Continentals started a fighting withdrawal - Fort Stanwix was only two-thirds of a mile away. Unable to load and fire his musket with one arm and the war painted savages almost on them, Bovee and his companions started to dash for the Fort. A tomahawk was thrown, striking Bovee in the right thigh.

The British "Divide and Conquer Plan"



New York State - Key to the Continent

He went down, and was promptly scalped by the savages and left for dead. The remaining men were cut off and captured. It is obvious that the Mission of the Indians was to capture American Soldiers so the British could question them. Otherwise, the six of them would have been put to death. All were sent to Canada as Prisoners of War.

Hearing the gun fire, a rescue party was sent from the Fort. Nicholas Bovee was found, more dead than alive. He was carried back to the Fort. Normally the two musket ball wounds to his arm would have been cause for immediate amputation, however The Regimental Surgeon Hunloke Woodruff, probably thought Nicholas would never survive his wounds and declined that radical surgery. The tomahawk wound to his thigh was worse, and there are few cases where anyone survived scalping. The Chaplain, John Mason was summoned to help him in his last hours.

Surgeon's Mate, Jonathan Elliot, stayed with him and made him as comfortable as 18th Century medicine could.

Nicholas Bovee was a tough young Dutchman. He clung desperately to life. The weeks later, On July 28th, Colonel Gansevoort sent the wounded Bovee, a young girl, shot by the indians the day before (her two female companions were shot and scalped and didn't survive) to the Hospital at Schenectady and then on to Albany.

Nicholas spent the better part of the next two years in the Military hospital in Albany. He never mentioned his arm injury, which would leads us to believe it had completely healed. The injury to his thigh was another matter. He suffered the rest of his life from it.

On April 1st, 1779 he was discharged, as an invalid and provided a pension of \$80.00 per annum.

The effect of having been Scalped left him badly scarred and it certainly would have had an emotional impact. We have found references to his Dutch associates calling him "Scalpie Nie", "Scalped Nick" or "Scalpemnick".

While in the Hospital he met a young volunteer named Polly Cotrel and on April 15th, 1779 they were married. They had ten children: Philip (1780); Elizabeth (1784); Daniel (1784); Catherine (1788); Sally (1789); John (1791); Harper (1793); Esther (1795); and Isabel (1797), born after he died.

At his home in Mapleon, Montgomery Country, New York, on March 11th, 1796, Private Nicholas Philip Bovee, Late of the Third Regiment of the New York Continental Line, passed away, Age 52.

His wife, Polly, stated in her application for a widow's pension on February 9th, 1839 that he never recovered from his wounds and could not perform heavy work.

Through his Children and the SAR his sacrifices are remembered.



# SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER'S CALENDAR

February 18th, 1995

**MONTHLY  
LUNCHEON**

The Tam O'Shanter  
Restaurant  
2980 Los Felix Blvd. Glendale

## YEAR AT A GLANCE

- 18 Feb. - Monthly Luncheon
- 26 Feb. - George Washington  
Memorial Service and  
Massing of the Colors
- 26 Feb. - CASSAR District  
Meeting
- 18 Mar. - Monthly Luncheon
- 14 & 15 Apr. - CASSAR Annual  
Meeting
- 22 Apr. - Monthly Luncheon
- 20 May - Monthly Meeting
- 17 - 21 Jun - National Congress
- 17 June - Monthly Meeting
- 15 July - Monthly Meeting
- 19 Aug. - Monthly Meeting
- 16 Sept. - Monthly Meeting
- 21 Oct. - Monthly Meeting
- 5 Nov. - CASSAR Meeting
- 18 Nov. - Monthly Meeting
- 9 Dec. - Xmas Open House

February 26th, 1995

**GEORGE  
WASHINGTON  
MASSING  
OF THE COLORS**  
Forest Lawn Memorial  
Park - Hollywood Hills  
3:00 P.M.

February 26th, 1995

**GEORGE  
WASHINGTON  
MEMORIAL SERVICE**  
10:00 A.M.  
First United Methodist  
Church  
Canoga Park

February 26th, 1995

**CALIFORNIA SOCIETY**  
Southern District  
Meeting 6:00 P.M.  
  
The Tam O'Shanter  
Restaurant  
2980 Los Felix Blvd. Glendale



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