

# THE VALLEY COMPATRIOT

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Linda Moran Receiving the Daughter's of Liberty Medal from President General William C. Gist and State President Ronald D. Risley

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D. F. "Bill" Semeran	1988
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The Annual Installation of Officers and Recognition Luncheon

The 15th Annual Installation of Officers and President's Recognition Luncheon will be held at the Tam O'Shanter Restaurant

2980 Los Felix boulevard, Glendale

Come and enjoy the fellowship and show your support for the Chapter and the work it is doing to preserve our precious heritage

#### NOTICE

There will be no meeting in December

# Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



### The **Big** "511"

No sooner had the Japanese surrendered in Tokyo Bay, Compatriot Charles Sholes Berger, then a Lieutenant in the United States Navy, received his S.A.R. membership! The date was September 24th, 1945 (National number 66004, State number 2284) That was FIFTY YEARS AGO. Congratulations on fifty years of service to the S.A.R.

The Chapter will be presenting Charles with a "50 year" pin.

### Computriots in the Aelus

Linda Moran, wife of our Secretary was honored by the State at the Board of Manager's meeting in Riverside with the Daughters of Liberty Medal, the highest award the S.A.R. can bestow upon a lady.

President General William C. Gist joined State President Ronald D. Risley in making the presentation. A photograph of the presentation is on the front cover.

### Jappy Birthday

 Roger E. Robertson
 11/02

 Wallace C. Leedy
 11/15

 John G. Craft
 12/01

### Happy Annibersary

David and Cynthia Rodearmel 14 November 1978

> Jack and Nancy Tice 17 December 1955

David and Linda Burnett 27 December 1969

### Meet Pour 1996 Officers

At the November 18th meeting of the Chapter your 1996 officers were elected. They are:

President James C. McHargue

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT Kenneth J. Woods

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT Patrick M. Flanagan

SECRETARY
Donald Norman Moran

Treasurer
Dr. Clifford J. Craft, III

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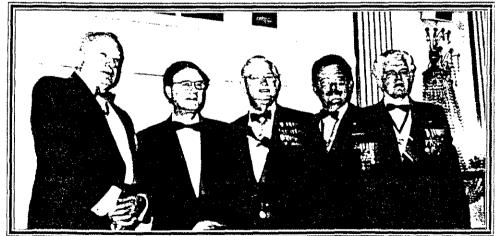
TRUSTEE OF THE PERMANENT FUND Richard H. Breithaupt, Jr.

### The Report of the Insk

### Force for Anciual History

At the Trustee's meeting in Louisville, Members of the Taskforce met with John Fonte and learned that the National Committee to Review the National Standards, headed by Mrs. Lynn Cheney, has endorsed an alternative to Goals 2000. At the National SAR level we continue to keep all concerned advised of developments and at the same time keep pressure on the government and the education community to reject the Standards.

Here in California a newsletter, "Truth in History" is about to go to press. This positive step will keep everyone closely advised on the issue. Additionally a 48 page booklet on George Washington and the Constitution is being prepared for mass distribution. See story on page 4.



#### THE TASK FORCE FOR FACTURAL HISTORY

L-TO-R: WINSTON C. WILLIAMS, SAR MAGAZINE EDITOR; JOHN FONTE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE NATIONAL STANDARDS; DONALD MORAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE CALIFORNIA SOCIETY TASKFORCE; ARTHUR CHAPMAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL SAR



TASKFORCE AND OUR PRESIDENT GENERAL WILLIAM C. GISTAT THE TRUSTEE'S MEETING IN LOUISVILLE.

### Taskforce for Inctual History George Mashington and the United States Constitution

he California Society, SAR Taskforce for Factual History has been working to do something positive in the face of Goals 2000 and the destruction of our precious heritage.

To accomplish something positive the Taskforce has decided to go into the education business. We are preparing a booklet entitled "George Washington and the United States Constitution."

The Board of Managers unanimously blessed this effort at the November meeting.

The story has already been drafted by Judge Jack R. Levitt and Colonel Russell N. Cassel, two eminently qualified scholars and experienced writers.

Our present schedule requires that the booklet be prepared and published by the Spring of 1996.

A generous American Patriot, and member of our Society has volunteered to fund the first ten thousand copies. These will be made available to schools, both public and private and all interested parties.

The selecting of this particular subject to launch our education campaign was carefully arrived at. Our Taskforce's Vice Chairman, James F. Morgan, Esq. suggested that the single common denominator in our Country is our Constitution.

A brief review of our History tells us that within a few decades of the colonization of North America it became clear that the life style of the colonist would be quite different from that of their

native homeland. Each colony found that they were attracting immigrants of various economic, religious and ethnic backgrounds. The common tread that bound them together, that demanded cooperation, was survival. Carving a new life from an often hostile wilderness required they put aside their petty differences.

In time, the necessities of survival led to a mixing of cultures. From these humble beginnings a new people were born. Americans! They had taken the best things of each culture mixed them together and created something very special. A people that were totally self reliant, in fact, so self reliant that they came to resent outside inference of any This fierce sense of self determination ultimately led to the American Revolution and national independence. By the time the American independence was successfully achieved, survivability was a foregone conclusion. The tread that bound American's together was beginning to unraveled.

The Founding Fathers, recognized this problem and the need to establish a new form of government that the people would be willing to accept.

To achieve this goal they wrote the Constitution of the United States, thereby establishing a government of the people, by the people and for the people.

The new Constitution became

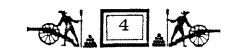
the tread that binds and still is today! But, how long will a philosophy of life, or our form of government, survive if it's people don't know how or why it originated or understand the greatness of the men who wrote it, or the story of those American citizens that have given their very lives to defend it?

In keeping with the stated objectives of the SAR, to preserve the memory of those heroes that gave us this great Independent Republic, we thought that detailing the little known contributions of George Washington to the writing of the Constitution would accomplish both objectives.

If, in your minds eye, you picture the Constitutional Convention in session, with the intimidating intellect, the monumental egos and strength of personality of the delegates, you can not help but wonder how anyone could control let alone direct it. Washington could and did. When gentlemanly discussion gave way to heated debate, he would simply stand, extend his arms, hands palm down, and the delegates would sit like school boys. He never had to uttered a single word!

Few men possessed such a forceful personality that by his mere presence commanded the respect of everyone there. Without Washington there would not have been a Constitution.

And we are going to tell this incredible story!



# King Ceorge the Virst - - Aeber says Washington!

After the great victory at Yorktown, the

Continental Army again returned to the Hudson highlands to watch the remaining British Army which occupied New York City. The Army manned fortifications along the river with the main Army based at the New Windsor Encampment. Washington's headquarterwas at Newburgh.

The Country was in pitiful condition, bankrupt, little or no international credit, inflation so rampant that continental money was worthless. Congress, as it appeared to the majority of the people, was powerless to correct this situation, hence they began looking for alternatives.

Colonel Lewis Nicoola, of the Pennsylvania Line, commander of the regiment of invalids,

wrote to General Washington on behalf of a group of disgruntled officers. In his letter he proposed the establishment of an American Monarchy and Washington King! Washington was very upset by this proposal and his response, quoted below attests to his anger. It is the only letter written by Washington, during the whole course of the war, that he required his aids to notarize to his having answered it and sent off the reply by courier!

Here is General George Washington's rather strong answer:

Head Quarters, Newburgh May 22, 1782

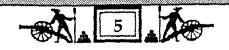
Sir;

With a mixture of great surprise and astonishment, I have read with attention the sentiments you have submitted to my perusal. Be assured, Sir, no occurrence in the course of the war has given me a more painful sensation, than information of their being such ideas existing in the army, as you have expressed, and [as] I must view with adhorrence and reprehend with severity . . .

I am much at a loss to conceive what part of my conduct could have given encouragement to [this] address, which to me seems big with the greatest mischiefs, that can befall my country. If I am not deceive in the knowledge of my self, you could not have found a person to whom your schemes are more disagreeable . . . "

George Washington Commander-in-Chief

To : Col. Lewis Nicola Pennsylvania Line



# San Jernando Halley Chapter Jinancial Reports

January 1st, 1995 to July 15th, 1995.

#### CHAPTER REVENUES

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	01/01/94 to 12/31/94	01/01/95 to 07/15/95	1995 Budget
Beginning Balance:	\$ 197.16	\$ 583.68	\$ 583.68
1994 Chapter Dues: 1995 Chapter Dues:	2,725.00 315.00	2,166.00	2,595.00
Index Revenue:	40.00	62.00	0.00
Contributions			
General Fund:	325.00	398.00	300.00
Permanent Fund:	125.00	5.00	125.00
Color Guard:	15.00	105.00	15.00
Ladies Auxiliary:	15.00	10.00	15.00
Other:	95.00	0.00	95.00
Meeting Revenues:	2,298.00	1,744.00	1.800.00
Medals Revenue:	280.00	100.00	0.00
Donations:	782.90	139.00	0.00
Earned Interest:	7.47	7.81	14.00
Other Revenue:	55.00	0.00	425.00
Total:	\$ 7,276.03	\$ 6,088.54	\$ 5,967.68

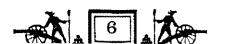
#### CHAPTER EXPENSES

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	01/01/94 to 12/31/94	01/01/95 to 07/15/95	Budget 1995
Meeting Expenses:	\$ 2,056.24	\$ 1,419.30	\$ 1,800.00
Medals and Awards:	115.23	341.91	300.00
NSSAR/CASSAR Dues:	1,949.00	2,248.00	1,994.00
Office Supplies:	110.42	0.00	100.00
Postage:	731.95	735.17	350.00
Printing:		İ	
Valley Compatriot:	1,025.85	508.85	650.00
Miscellaneous:	52.60	13.15	0.00
Bank Fees:	90,00	30.00	90.00
To the Permanent Fund:	125.00	0.00	0.00
Uniforms:	197.50	0.00	0.00
Other Expenses:	238.56	261.97	100.00
Totals:	\$ 6,692.35	\$ 5,558.38	\$ 5,384.00

#### \$ 6,692.35 **FUNDS AVAILABLE**

Total Chapter Revenues:	\$ 7,276.03	\$ 6,088.54	\$ 5,967.68
Total Chapter Expenses:	6,692.35	5,558.38	5,384.00
Totals:	\$ 583.68	\$ 530.16	\$ 583.68

Respectifully submitted: Dr. Clifford J. Craft, III Treasurer



#### 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 M'Dowell James A. M'Kenzie James A. M'Kellep Donald H. M'Laughlin 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.

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### \*\*\* THE VALUEY COMPATRIOT \*\*

# Minutes of the Robember 18th, 1995 Meeting

The November, 1995 meeting of the San Fernando Valley Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution was held at the Tam O'Shanter Restaurant at Noon, November 18th, 1995, Richard Breithaupt, Jr., presiding.

#### SEPTEMBER MINUTES APPROVED

The minutes of the September meeting were distributed and approved as written.

#### OCTOBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

A brief discussion of the Chapter's October meeting was held. Seventy persons were in attendance at Bullock's Department Store Restaurant where the luncheon was held in conjunction with the Sons of the Revolution. Lt. Gen. Lloyd R. Leavitt, USAF (Ret.) spoke about the proposed changes

in the American History Standards. By all accounts, everyone had a good time and expressed the desire to dine again in this fashion in the future.

#### REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Dr. Clifford J. Craft, III, Treasurer, reported that as of September 24, 1995 the Chapter had funds available in the General Account of \$623.57, an increase of roughly \$40 over the same period in 1994. The Chapter is ahead of budget as it provided for \$583.68

in funds as of this date. No expenditures have been received since his last report so the effective balance is current to the date of this meeting.

Dr. Craft expressed concern that the Chapter continues to survive on the small profit from luncheon revenues and that a more permanent solution needs to be found addressing this problem. President Breithaupt explained that in a measure to to discuss how the Chapter might remedy this situation. Messrs. Craft, McHargue, Moran and Robertson will serve on a Finance Committee to discuss alternatives, said Committee also to include others who attend.

A motion by Rev. Springer. seconded by Lt. Gen. Terhune. that the Treasurer's Report be approved passed by unanimous consent.

#### REPORT OF THE REGISTER

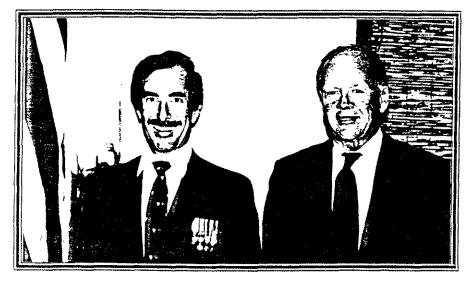
Registrar Berni K. Campbell reported that a supplemental application has been approved for Compatriot Gene Smith. A new member application is in the final stages of completion and a second is in preparation by a prospective member.

A continuing dialogue on the eligi-

bility of prospects based on descend from soldiers serving form Spain has resulted in the recent transmission to Mr. Joseph Northrup material form his translation into English. He has had these materials for several weeks and we are awaiting his reply.

### REPORT OF THE NOMINATION COMMITTEE

President Breithaupt reported on behalf of the Nominating Committee that the following



PRESIDENT RCHARD H. BREITHAUPT, JR AND OCTOBER MEETING GUEST SPEAKER LT. GEN. LLOYD R. LEAVITT USAF (RET.)

control expenses in the interim the Chapter has modified its publication schedule of the Valley Compatriot and limited other expenses in order that the Chapter "live within its means". While this approach has succeeded, the President indicated that a more permanent solution must be found. He announced a meeting for 11:00 a.m., January 20, 1996, immediately preceding the scheduled Chapter luncheon



have consented to serve as Chapter Officers for 1996 and thereby comprise the slate recommended by the Committee:

President
James C. McHargue

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT Kenneth J. Woods

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT Patrick M. Flanagan

Secretary
Donald Norman Moran

Treasurer Dr. Clifford J. Craft, III

REGISTRAR Berni K. Campbell

HISTORIAN Kenneth Burdick

CHAPLAIN Rev. Victor M. Springer

Trustee of the Permanent Fund Richard H. Breithaupt, Jr.

There being no nominations from the floor, the proposed slate of officers was duly moved and seconded, and unanimous approved.

Compatriot Dr. Craft pointed out that the future of the Chapter rested in its ability to attract and retain new members and that giving them a chance to succeed, thereby expanding and growing the Chapter still further, was a primary factor in his willingness to continue on as Treasurer.

He complimented the current leadership team and expressed his belief that those positive steps taken over the past few years would be furthered with the team assembled for 1996.

#### **Membership**

A brief discussion was held regarding the need to recruit new members. Mrs. Emrey, as a D.A.R. Chapter Regent, pointed to the success of the D.A.R.'s program of conducting workshops and invited the Chapter to participate in the next one.

Future workshop dates will be published in the Valley Compatriot to notify members who can, in turn, encourage participation of prospective members. President Breithaupt pointed out that the recruitment of new members is a way each Chapter member can make a personal contribution toward the success of the Chapter. Compatriot Flanagan commented on the program of the Southern California Genealogical Society whereby, for a nominal fee, they will endeavor to identify a Revolutionary War ancestor of anyone so interested.

#### STATE ESSAY CONTEST

The George S. and Styella M. Knight Essay Contest was reviewed. The Chapter will support the Statewide effort by making available information on the contest and forwarding essays received.

#### GENEALOGICAL JAMBOREE

The 27th Annual Genealogical Jamboree is scheduled for April 13th & 14th, 1996. A motion by Compatriot James McHargue, seconded by Rev. Victor Springer, authorizing the Chapter's participation in the Jamboree at a cost of \$30.00 was approved.



Compatriot James McHargue graciously agreed to contribute this sum so that the Chapter would incur no expense.

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON
COMMEMORATIVE
MASSING OF THE COLORS.

President Breithaupt announced that plans were proceeding for the Massing of the Colors and related Commemorative George Washington Church Service.

He also disclosed that a misunderstanding has arisen with Mr. Huell Howser regarding the date of the event thereby making it possible that Mr. Howser will be unable to attend.

As an alternative, Mrs. Campbell suggested we consider Mr. Jack Smith, columnist for the Los Angeles Times. Though wheelchair bound, Mr. Smith is a noted personage whose message might be well received by the audience.

#### LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARD

President Breithaupt announced that an opportunity has presented itself whereby the S.A.R. Law Enforcement Award could be presented to Los Angeles County District Attorney Gil Garcetti. At the recent State meeting held in Riverside, Mr. Garcetti, attending another function, was approached on the subject and stated he would be pleased to accept it if offered by the Chapter.

On a motion made by Compatriot Dr. Craft, seconded by the Compatriot Rev. Springer, it was decided to present the Award to Mr. Garcetti at such suitable future time as could be arranged.

Meeting Minutes continued

#### VISITING MINISTRY

Compatriot Dr. Craft shared with the Chapter a moving experience he recently had, when, over a period of time, he provided companionship to a terminally ill friend. This began with visits to his friend's home and eventually led to visits in the hospital prior to his friend's passing. Dr. Craft suggested this was something others might be interested in doing, particularly when members of the Chapter are seriously ill. He offered his services to the Chapter if needed.

#### STANDING OVATION

Compatriot Rev. Victor Springer suggested that the outgoing Chapter President be accorded a standing ovation for his leadership over the past two years and the Chapter assembled rose to express their appreciation to Compatriot Breithaupt.

#### No December Meeting

Due to conflicting events, including the D.A.R. Christmas Luncheon and personal schedules during the time the Chapter would normally meet in December, it was announced that no meeting would be held.

The next meeting will been January 20, 1996 at the Tam O'Shanter Restaurant.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by President Richard Breithaupt with best wishes to all for the upcoming holidays.

Richard H. Breithaupt, President

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One of the primary purposes of the SAR is the preservation of the memory of those heroes that gained us our precious freedom.

To this end our membership's genealogical requirements, supported by our "Supplemental Ancestor" program are excellent.

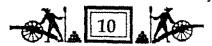
We and other hereditary societies have published numerous books listing the veterans of the Revolutionary war. But, one class of veteran is conspicuously absent - - the men who paid the ultimate price for our liberty. Those who died in the cause of independence.

When you go through the above referenced books you do not find them. Their premature death preclude their being listed in the pension records. Since they were killed or died before they had children, they do not have descendants to join Societies like the SAR, DAR, etc. and are not listed in the "Patriot Indexes". To put it simply, they are the forgotten soldiers of the American Revolution. Your Editor finds this wholly unacceptable.

There is a partial solution, which can be affected with a minimal effort, is available to the Society.

We establish a new class of Supplemental Ancestor. One possible title could be "Memorial Supplementals". We suggest the following rules:

 The Memorial Supplemental Ancestor had to have died in the service of his country



between April 19th, 1775 and September 3rd, 1783.

- 2. He had to have been childless.
- 3. He must have a brother who is either an SAR approved Ancestor or an approved supplemental Ancestor.
- 4. Acceptable evidence that he died while in the service of his country be supplied by the applicant.

The effect of this proposed change will be many fold.

Firstly, it will establish a system that will permit us to commemorate the memory of these forgotten heroes of the Revolutionary War in our official records.

Secondly, it will encourage our members to research those service records that are neglected (limited genealogical interest) in the various archives. There is a wealth of undisclosed historical information in those files.

Thirdly, The cost of the "Memorial Supplemental" would be the same as a regular supplemental application. Without the genealogical review expense, which had to have been done on the approved ancestors application, therefore there is also a profit motive for the Society.

This subject was presented by our Chapter to several National SAR Officers at the last Trustee's meeting. It was well received and your editor believes we should pursue the idea to a successful conclusion.

This is a win-win situation, and one whose time has come!

#### SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER'S CALENDAR

Nervy Christmas and Happy New Year

No Meeting in December

January 27, 1996

INSTALLATION
OF OFFICERS
LUNCHEON The Tam
O'Shanter
Restaurant
2980 Los Felix Blvd. Glendale

#### YEAR AT A GLANCE

Jan. 27 ..... Annual Installation of Officers Luncheon Feb. 17 . . . . . Monthly Luncheon Feb. 18 . . . . Massing of the Colors Mar. 1-2.. NSSAR Trautee Meeting Mar. 23 . . . . . Monthly Luncheon tba April .......CASSAR Meeting Apr. 20 . . . . . Monthly Luncheon May 18 . . . . . Monthly Luncheon June 8-12 . . . . Natational Congress June 15 . . . . . Monthly Luncheon July 4..... Independence Day July 20 . . . . Monthly Luncheon Aug. 17 ..... Monthly Luncheon tba Sep. . . NSSAR Trustee Meeting Sep. 21 . . . . . . Monthly Luncheon Oct. 19 . . . . . Yorktown Luncheon tha Nov..... CASSAR Meeting 16 Nov...... Monthly Luncheon

February 17, 1995

MONTHLY LUNCHEON

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

February 18, 1995

George Washington Commorative Massing of the Colors

Forest Lawn, Burbank



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