

# The Liberty Tree

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### MARCHING THROUGH HISTORY EXPOSITION

by: Kenneth R. Walker

Have you ever noticed the confusion on a child's face regarding the historical sequence of America's wars. I have observed children and even some adults confused between the Revolution, Civil War and the World Wars. Some people have even forgotten the Korean War. The Vietnam War is being consigned to the dusty memory of history and veterans' groups. The blood that our soldiers have shed for our country is in danger of being forgotten. The theme of this year's Marching Through History is "Commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Korean War."

The United Veteran Organizations of Orange County and the county Veterans' Advisory Council, with the support of several living history, reenacting, lineage groups, and the Indian Veterans' Tribal Council, are changing this trend with their annual "Marching Through History Exposition".

Traditionally South Coast and

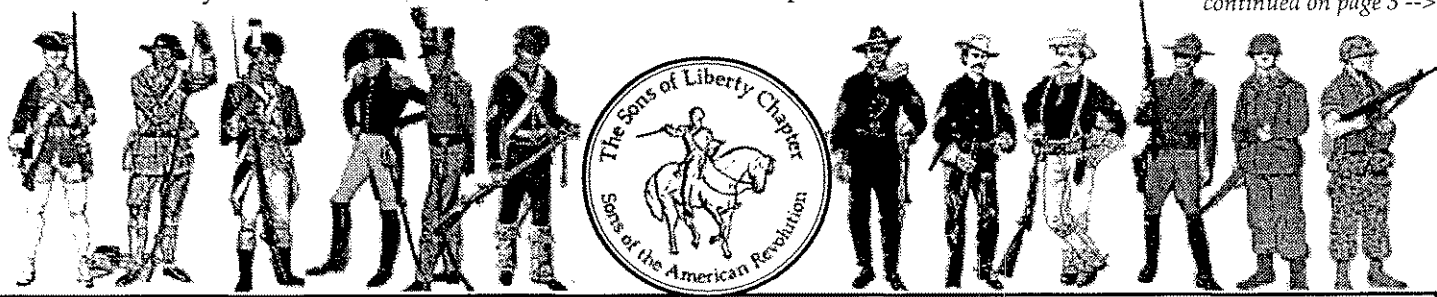
Riverside Chapters, SAR, have had their color guard units actively involved in this fantastic patriotic event. The Marching Through History Exposition is at the Orange County Operations Center, 1300 S. Grand Avenue, Santa Ana (Grand and McFadden Avenues) on Friday thru- Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>, 2000. Re-enactors will begin arriving and setting up their encampments before noon on Friday.

Here you will see living history military encampments, parades and mini-battles from our country's earliest wars to the present. You will meet George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry, Betsy Ross, Abraham Lincoln, Teddy Roosevelt, Harry Truman, George Patton Douglas MacArthur and the common American citizen throughout our history. There will period music and entertainment, historic memorabilia, vintage military vehicles, JROTC drill team competition and

active duty federal and State military units. At the last exposition I saw soldiers from Spanish California, French & Indian War Rangers, Revolutionary War, Mexican American War, Civil War, The World Wars, the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Of course, there were adversaries and allies of America's soldiers. All of the American reenacting units will participate in a pass-in-review parade before Congressional Medal of Honor recipients and other special guests. Saturday evening there will be a World War II USO show with dancing.

My wife P. J. and I will be in period dress and camped in the Revolutionary War encampment. Of course, the rest of our extended family will be coming down for the day in normal cloths to be treated to the sights, sounds and smell the smoke of our nation's past challenges. I will bring a 10' x 12' canvas tent as the SAR bachelor quarters if

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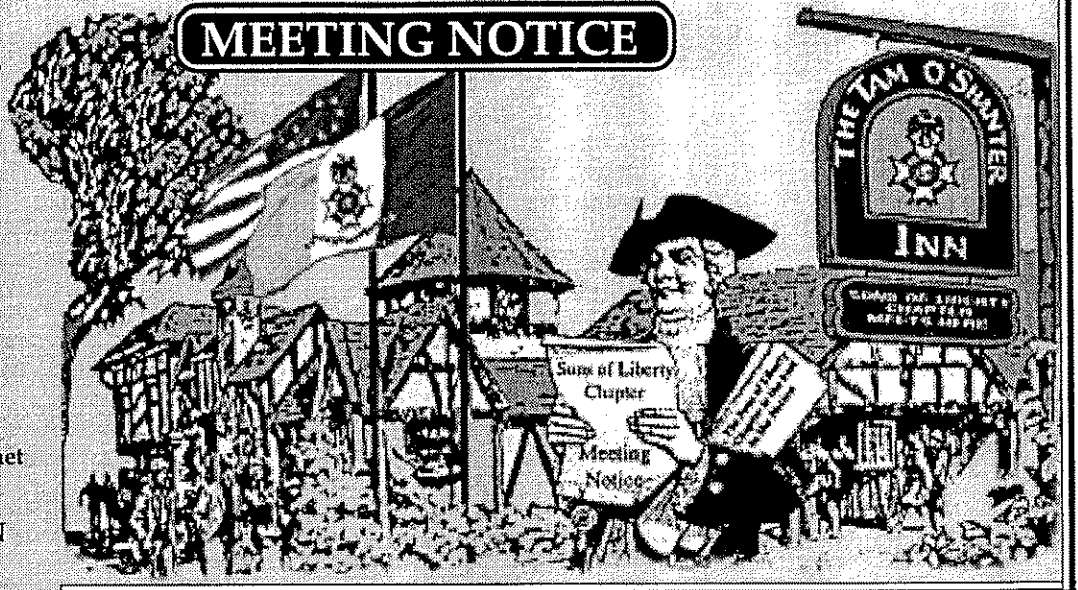
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## MEETING NOTICE



October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2000

Speaker

**Compatriot Elliott S. Graham**  
Historian of the Sons of Liberty Chapter, SAR

Topic:

**"The 2nd American Revolution, Guns, Taxes, and the Freedom of Religion, Speech and the Press."**

The American People will be voting on the same issues that our founding fathers and their soldiers fought and died for in the 1st American Revolution beginning with the Boston Tea Party and the Battle of Lexington and Concord.

Elliott Graham is the Southern California Chairman of Cal-APRA (The California Branch of the American Pistol & Rifle Association). He was the Founder and the first President of the American Pistol & Rifle Association, a former Director on the National Board of the National Association to Keep and Bear Arms, former President of the California Firearms Coalition and currently a Director in the United Organizations of Taxpayers and also a Director in the National Justice Foundation. He is an Endowment Life Member of the National Rifle Association of America, Inc., a Life Member of the California Rifle and Pistol Association, the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms and he was the Founder and former Chairman of the "CCW Sheriff PAC" (Carry Concealed Weapons Sheriff Political Action Committee).

Elliott will talk about the vital importance and role of armed private citizens that may be necessary to provide assistance to our national defense if our nation should have to defend itself against a larger, more powerful or superior enemy while having insufficient armed forces.

## THE LIBERTY TREE and VALLEY COMPATRIOT

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*The Sons of Liberty Chapter  
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**2001 ANNUAL DUES NOTICE**

Dear Compatriot;

Last year received notification from the National Society that our Chapter's dues and Annual Reports are now due on January 1<sup>st</sup> (instead of March 31<sup>st</sup>) Therefore it is important that you send in your check as soon as possible The total amount due is \$53.00. The following shows where your dues go: All donations are deductible from your 1999 Income Taxes. Life Members do not pay dues, but are encouraged to donate to our various special funds; Dual members pay \$15.00; Honorary dual members do not pay dues.

The Sons of Liberty Chapter:	\$ 15.00
The California Society:	18.00
The National Society:	20.00
Total:	<u>\$ 53.00</u>

As you know, the Chapter and the Society do not function on dues alone. We rely on voluntary contributions to make up the short fall. We find this voluntary method precludes substantially increasing the annual dues thereby forcing some of our less fortunate Compatriots to drop their membership. For those who are able it is not a burden. Donations can be ear marked for specific purposes and the donations applied to one of the categories explained below.

The Category	Description	Amount of Donation
<b>CHAPTER</b>		
General Fund	This is our day-to-day operating fund	_____
Permanent Fund	This is a special purpose fund with only 50 % of the interest being used:	_____
Color Guard fund:	This is used to maintain our Color Guard's seven uniforms	_____
R.O.T.C. Fund	This is a fund with 50% of the interest used for the R.O.T.C. Program:	_____
<b>STATE SOCIETY:</b>		
Permanent Fund:	This a special purpose fund with only 50% of the interest being used.	_____
Education Fund:	This fund provides for the giving of an annual scholarship	_____
	Total donations:	_____

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**IF YOU ARE HAVING A PROBLEM PAYING YOUR DUES, PLEASE LET US KNOW!**

Make your check payable to the "Sons of Liberty Chapter, S.A.R." and send with this form to:  
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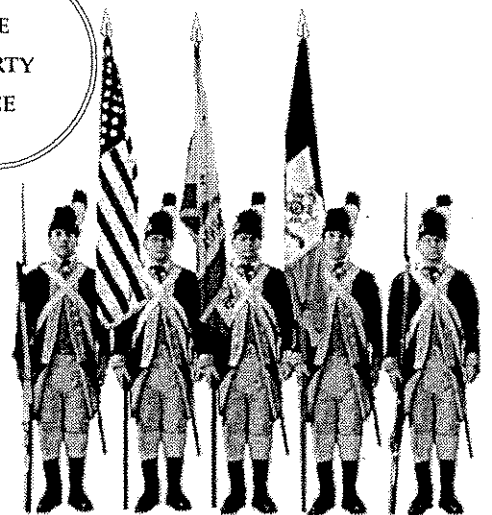
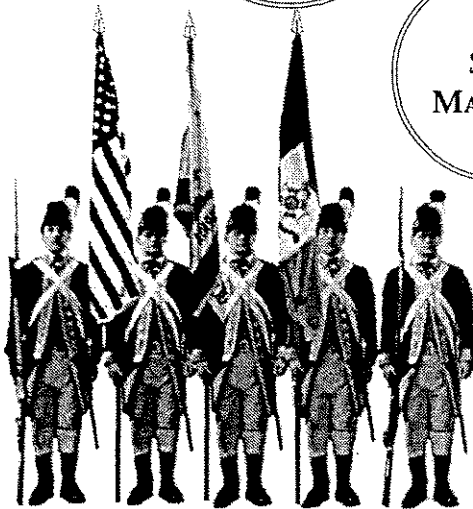
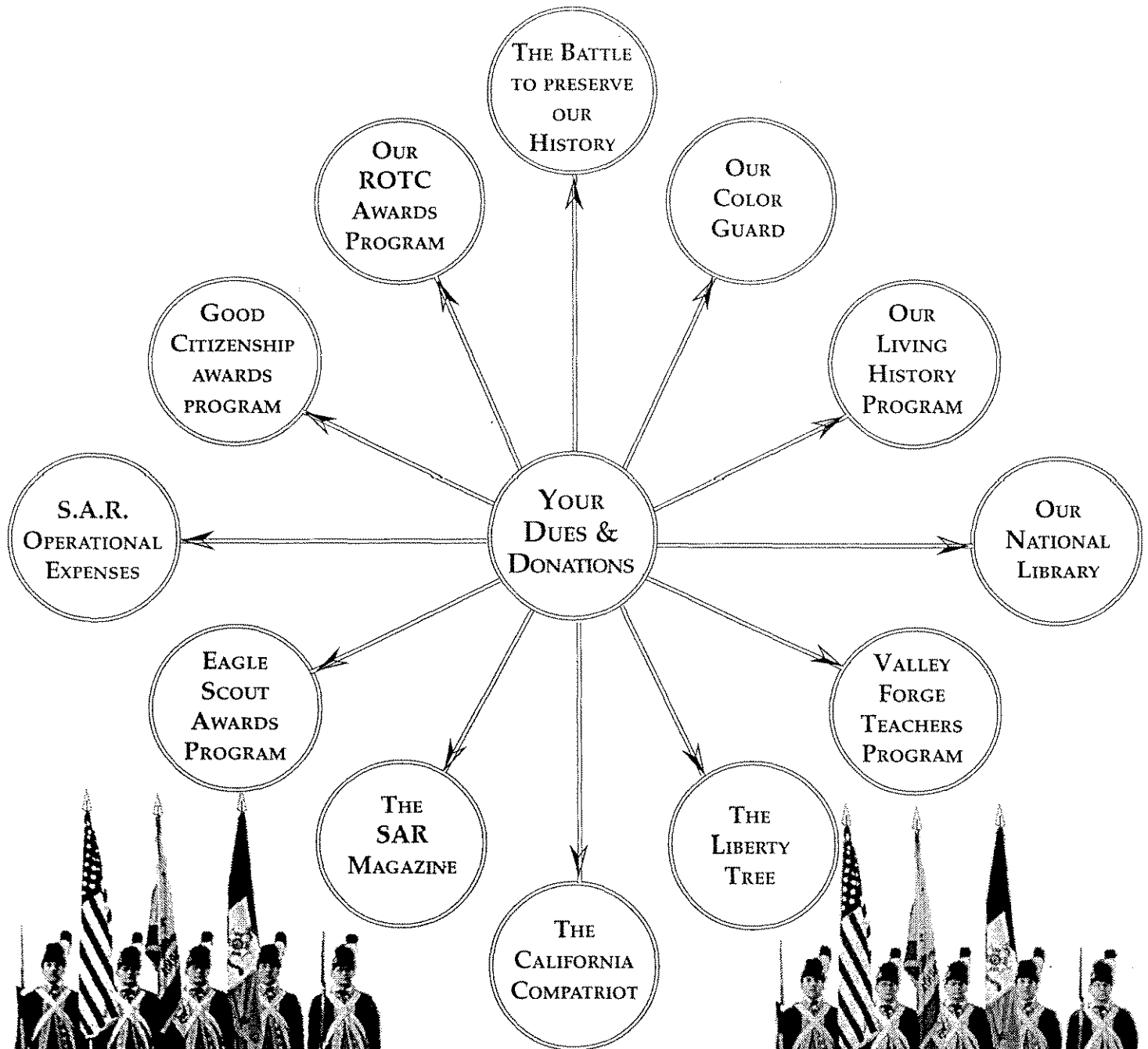


# *Sons of Liberty Chapter Sons of the American Revolution*



## *Your Dues*

Your dues support an number of functions and important programs. Some of these are vital to our efforts to preserve our precious heritage and patriotism. Below is a short explanation of how your dues and donations are spent.



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the sights, sounds and smell the smoke of our nation's past challenges. P.J. and I will bring a 10' x 12' canvas tent as an SAR bachelor quarters' if there is interest. We need SAR families to come out, celebrate and honor the American veteran with us. We need a few SAR men to wear our Chapter's Commander-in-Chief's Guards uniforms at this needed patriotic and historical event. Yes, you may come for just the day.

Admission is free. Parking is \$5.00 but if you bring a \$10 unwrapped toy for the USMCR's Toys-for-Tots Foundation, the parking fee is waived. If you are not going to the SAR State Board Managers' Meeting in Fremont, come to Marching Through History and bring your family.

For additional information or request for clothes, contact: Ken & P.J. Walker, 1-661-947-4409 E-mail: kaslan@earthlink.net

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Effective at our October meeting, the luncheon charge will increase to \$15.00 See the minutes of the September Meeting (page 9) for the reasons.

## COMPATRIOTS IN THE NEWS

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Howard E. Horne (Dual) . . . . 10/01  
Kenneth R. Walker . . . . . 10/02  
Jerry A. Baker . . . . . 10/05  
James T. Dawson . . . . . 10/08  
Robert C. Emrey, Jr. . . . . 10/14  
James A. McKellep . . . . . 10/25  
Kenneth C. Johnson, Jr. . . . . 10/26

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Howard & Nancy Horne  
10/01/1948 - Married 52 years

Roger & Marylou Robertson  
10/23/1955 - Married 45 years

Daniel & Janice Potter  
10/25/1981 - Married 19 years

Bruce & Betty Jagger  
10/27/1962 - Married 38 years

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## THE REPORT OF THE NOMINATION COMMITTEE

In accordance with the Sons of Liberty Chapter, SAR's Bylaw No. 5, Section 1, the Nominating Committee shall comprise the Former Presidents of the Chapter, who are in good standing, with the most recent Former President serving as Chairman.

At least 30 days prior to the November meeting it shall prove the Secretary with a list of proposed nominations for each elected office. The following are the 2001 nominees

President: . . . . . Glenn J. Gujda  
1st Vice President: . . . . . Lee E. Bishop  
2nd Vice President: . . . . . Mark L. Gujda  
Secretary: . . . . . Donald N. Moran  
Treasurer: . . . . . Redfield "Tad" Finlay  
Registrar: . . . . . Berni K. Campbell  
Historian: . . . . . Elliott S. Graham  
Chaplain: . . . . . Rev. Victor M. Springer  
Genealogist: . . . . . Kenneth R. Walker  
Chancellor: . . . . . Gregory M. Gujda

The Sons of Chapter elections for the year 2001 will be held at our November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2000 Meeting.

Any Compatriot who is a member of the Sons of Liberty Chapter, and is in good standing (*dues paid*) may run for any office from the floor.

The ceremony swearing in our new officers will take place at our Annual Installation of Officers and Recognition luncheon, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2001.

Berni K. Campbell,  
Chairman



## ATTENTION

## COMPATRIOTS



Your 2001 Annual Dues Notice is enclosed in this issue of The Liberty Tree.

Please review the enclosed dues notice and remit your check and any donations you care to make as soon as possible. Your support of the Sons of the American Revolution is essential to the preservation of our National Heritage. We are one of the leading organizations in this all important effort.





## APPLICANTS TO S.A.R. MEMBERSHIP

In the past year we have been contacted by numerous men seeking information regarding membership in our Chapter.

Each 'applicant' is sent a letter of invitation and a packet which consists of a special eighteen page issue of "The Liberty Tree" entitled "The SAR Wants You", a current issue of our monthly newsletter, a copy of the State newsletter, "The California Compatriot" and a copy of "The SAR Magazine" (If you don't save these publications, please donate them to the chapter for the above purpose).

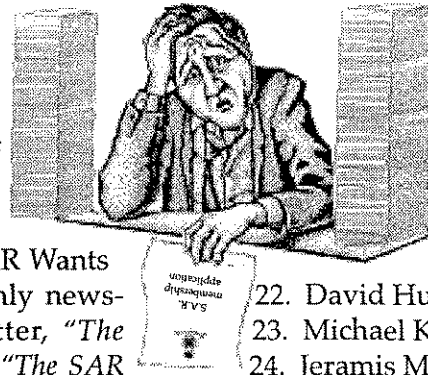
Some of the 'applicants' begin working on their membership application, others acknowledge receipt of the packet, and we hear nothing more from them.

One of the follow-up problems we have discovered is that your secretary is a long distant telephone call from most of the 'applicants'. We need a few Compatriots who are local to these 'applicants' to work with them and help them secure their membership. We all know that the application work sheet is intimidating and a mentor is always helpful.

The National Society rewards the mentors (first line signers of the application) with a special medal (The Liberty Medal) depicted to the right, for helping ten men attain membership.

Below and to the right we have listed the thirty-five men who have contacted regarding membership in the S.A.R. during the 1999 - 2000 period and their city of their residence.

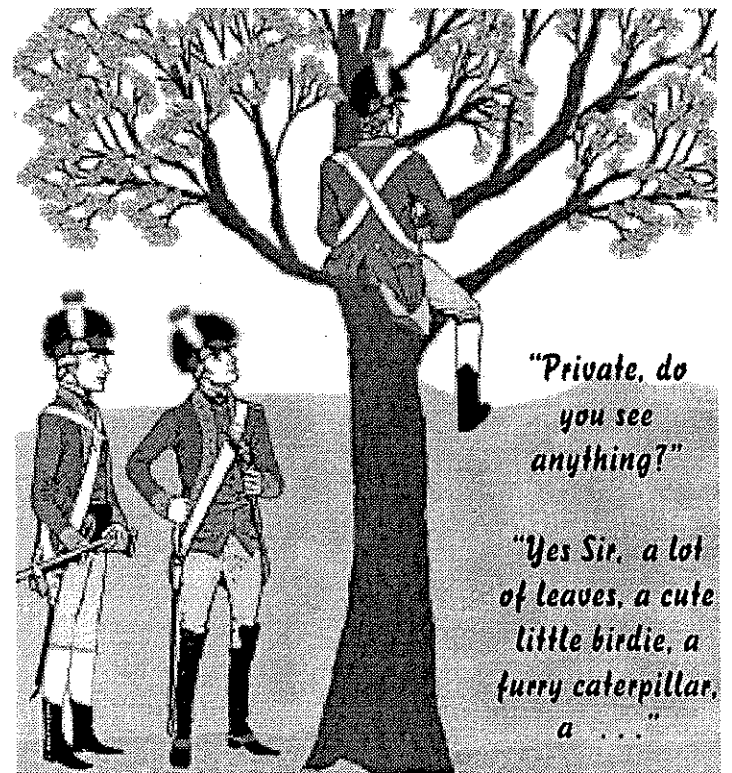
1. J. Christian Andrews ..... Palmdale
2. Joseph Bancheek ..... Chattsworth
3. Col. Reese Barr ..... Valley Village
4. Vince Bell ..... La Crescenta
5. Anthony Bertolino ..... Van Nuys
6. James Bierman ..... Mission Hills
7. Joseph Bingham ..... Green Valley
8. John Borncamp\* ..... Encino
9. Craig Bradley ..... Chattsworth
10. Justin Behn ..... Northridge
11. Robert Brown, Jr. .... Santa Monica
12. Robert F. Carter ..... Valencia
13. Ken Cherryhomes\* ..... Winnetka



14. Charles Cresap\* ..... Saugus
15. Luther Collins ..... Pasadena
16. Phillip Detchmendy .. Studio City
17. Richard D. Eckart .... Lancaster
18. Richard Feitzinger ... Northridge
19. Dan Ford ..... Northridge
20. Kenneth Gorton ... Beverly Hills
21. James Harvey ..... Los Angeles
22. David Humphrey ..... Valencia
23. Michael Kamosa ..... Edwards
24. Jeramis McFadden ..... Edwards
25. Tom Mossman ..... Winnetka
26. Thomas Murphy ..... Sun Valley
27. Jason Peterson ..... Northridge
28. David A. Post ..... Palmdale
29. Richard Robert ..... Sylmar
30. John Robertson ..... Cudahy
31. Dale K. Runge ..... Los Angeles
32. Michael Shaughnessy ..... Burbank
33. James Smith ..... Los Angeles
34. Dean Tiewater ..... Tehachapi

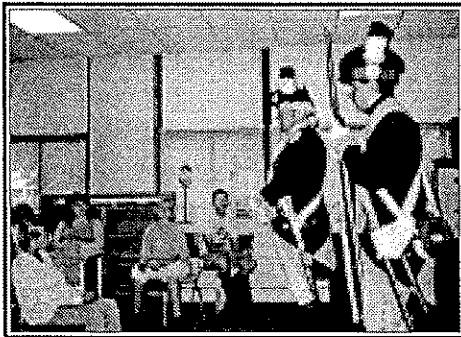
\* This applicant's papers have been submitted and are in various stages of being prepared by our Chapter's Registrar.

## S.A.R. HUMOR



## OUR CHAPTER'S LIVING HISTORY PROGRAM

In our efforts to preserve our precious heritage, our "Living History Program" is one of our best tools.



MAJOR CALEB GIBBS AND SERGEANT THOMAS SUMMERSETT VISITING CENTRAL SCHOOL, BAXTER SPRINGS, KANSAS

Performing in front of students, in the first person (i.e. we are Revolutionary War Soldiers) with extensive question and answers, we overcome the "Political Correct" factor of most of today's text books. The students learn about the formation of our Country, and the debt we owe to those to established it, a real lesson in patriotism and Americanism!

Today's youth are able and willing to accept the fact that they are talking to a "Revolutionary War soldier" and in a very few minutes really get into it. In every presentation, we are unable to conclude the program on schedule, always exceeding it, and often invited back.

We are reaching the children and making a difference.

At a recent presentation, in of all places, Baxter Springs, Kansas (yes, have uniform - - will travel), not only was our living history presentation given to

the entire summer school student body, but the local press covered the event. This included a 6 1/2" x 6" photograph and a delightful headline "Major Caleb Gibbs visits Central School", and on a follow-up article in the newspaper, "History comes alive at Central School" and another photograph.

When presentation the program before an Elementary School, we always leave a souvenir, usually in the form of inexpensive replica Continental paper money. At Central School, after the program, one of the students asked "Major Gibbs" to autograph the currency.



THE CONTINENTAL CURRENCY PRESENTED AS SOUVENIRS.



MAJOR GIBBS AND SERGEANT SUMMERSETT POSING WITH THE ENTIRE SUMMER SCHOOL FACULTY OF CENTRAL SCHOOL

He did, then the entire student body lined up for autographs. That incident, alone, demonstrates that



MAJOR GIBBS AUTOGRAPHING THE CONTINENTAL CURRENCY GIVEN TO THE STUDENTS.

we are reaching the children! We are giving them an appreciation of their heritage!

Major Gibbs was portrayed by our editor, Don Moran and Sergeant Summersett by Mitch Hempfield of Baxter Springs.

These programs can be put on in the first person (i.e. you are a Revolutionary War soldier, which takes practice to stay in character). Or simply as yourself, in uniform. In either case, the student's natural curiosity will take hold and the questions will be amazingly thoughtful.

Preparation necessary to put on such a program requires the reading of several books, but if you avoid portraying notable historical figures, it can be kept to a minimum. We suggest that the average Com Patriot could be very successful portraying his own ancestor!

We are often asked if we do other periods, so the program can be expanded.

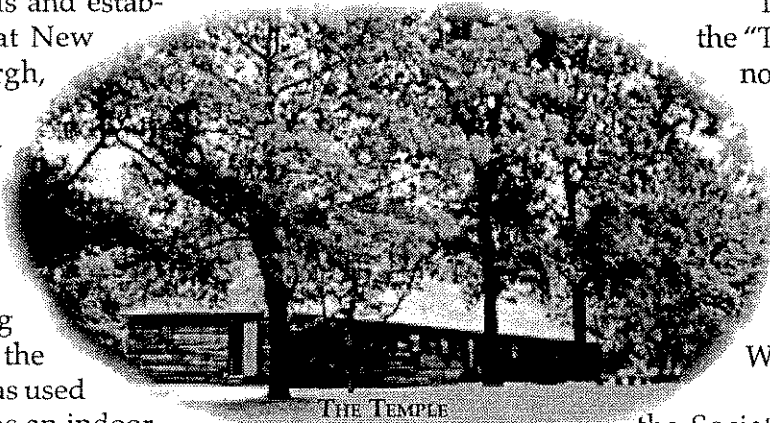


THE LAST CRISIS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

by: Donald Norman Moran

This past June, your editor visited the New Windsor Encampment. After our decisive victory over the British at Yorktown, Virginia, in 1781, the Army returned to the Hudson Highlands and established winter quarters at New Windsor, near Newburgh, New York

7,000 soldiers accompanied by 500 women and children populated the encampment. The troops erected 600 huts. A large building was also erected, called the "Temple of Virtue". It was used as a chapel, and served as an indoor place to hold celebrations and special meetings. The structure depicted in the picture above, is an exact replica of the "Temple", built in 1964, by the National Park Service, from the original plans, which survived.



Like any Compatriot visiting these historical sites, you can not help but wonder if you're standing on ground that your own Revolutionary War ancestor tread.

The historic significance of the "Temple" is often just a footnote in a reference book. But, in 1783, a meeting held in the "Temple" could have cost America her recently gained independence and provided an occasion to prove the greatness that was George Washington's.

It is also the site where the Society of the Cincinnati was organized, and a large obelisk stands a few feet from the "Temple" commemorating that event, with an appropriate dedication plaque affixed to it, placed by the Cincinnati.

THE NEWBURGH CONSPIRACY

In 1783 word was received from Minister Benjamin Franklin that he and the other negotiators in Paris had achieved a favorable treaty of peace with England. This treaty granted full independence to the United States, from the Atlantic to the Mississippi River. The treaty would be submitted to Congress for ratification when France and England finalized their portion of it. This news caused understandable rejoicing but the celebration was short lived.

Realizing the war was all but over, the officers of the Continental Army became even more intolerant of Congress then they had been in the past. Congress had not paid the officers in years! The promise of "half-pay for life" was being reneged on, and now that they, the officers, were no longer needed, there seemed little prospect of recovering what they were owed.

A delegation of officers led by Major General Alexander McDougall was sent to Philadelphia. They met on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 1783, with Congressmen James Madison (future President of the United States) and Alexander Hamilton (who left the Army after the Battle of Yorktown) and others. Both Madison and Hamilton were alarmed at the threats being made against Congress. Hamilton decided he had better notify General Washington that the situation was about to explode.

George Washington was not an alarmist, but it appears that he did not realize the depth of the anger of the Officers or what was taking place at New Windsor. As the seriousness of the situation unraveled, Washington wrote Hamilton:

*"Headquarters, Newburgh,  
March 12, 1783.*

Dear Sir:

*When I wrote to you last we were in a state of tranquility, but after the arrival of a certain Gentleman, who shall be nameless at present, from Philadelphia, a Storm very suddenly arose with unfavorable prognostic; which tho' diverted for a moment, is not yet blown over, nor is it in my power to point to the issue.*

*The papers which I sent officially to Congress, will supercede the necessity of my remarking on the tendency of them. The notification and Address, both appeared at the same instant on the day proceeding the intended meeting. The first of these, I got hold of the same afternoon; the other, not till next morning.*

*There is something very mysterious, in this business. It appears, reports have been propagated in Philadelphia, that dangerous combinations were forming in the Army. From this, and a variety of*





*considerations, it is firmly believed by some, the scheme was not only planned, but also digested and matured in Philadelphia; but my opinion shall be suspended till I have better ground to found one on. The matter was managed with great Art; . . . . . Let me beseech you therefore, my good Sir, to urge this matter earnestly and without further delay. The Situation of these Gentleman I do verily believe is distressing beyond description. It is affirmed to me, that a large part of them have no other prospect before them than a Gaol<sup>1</sup>, if they are turned loose without a liquidation of Accts. and an assurance of that justice to which they are so worthily entitled. . . . .*

*. . . . . George Washington*  
 Hamilton's sent an urgent letter to General Washington which arrived just in time. It advised him of the growing situation in Philadelphia with the officer's delegation

The plan to redress their grievances had become a conspiracy. The delegation in Philadelphia and some of the Officers in New Windsor were organizing it.

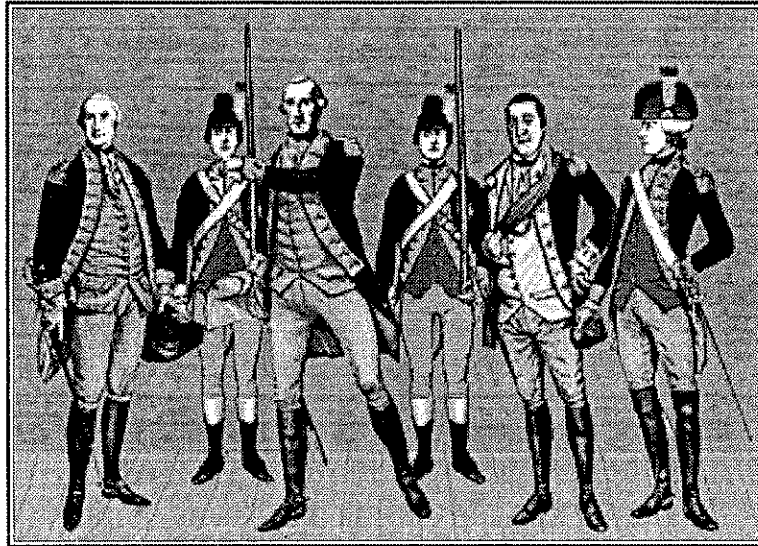
Major John Armstrong, Aide-de-Camp to Major General Horatio Gates, General Washington's long time enemy, wrote Gates: "If the Army had someone like Mad Anthony Wayne at their head, instead of Washington, I know not where they would stop . . . especially if they could be taught to think like politicians". Gates and his followers distributed "addresses" in the encampment, urging the Army not to disband until they received "justice".

Having been forewarned, General Washington was able to react with decisiveness. On March 13<sup>th</sup>, 1783, General Washington ordered a formal meeting of all Officers at the "Temple". Washington solemnly addressed the Officers of the Line.

As any prudent man would do on such an important occasion, Washington set his thoughts to paper then asked his fellow officers if they would allow him to read his message<sup>2</sup>. We have not been able to locate a copy of the original speech, however, a Captain Samuel Shaw (1754-1794) of the Massachusetts Continental Line, wrote a letter in April, 1783 (no day shown) in which he detailed the General's

speech. Obviously, parts of it would have been paraphrased, but it is the best account of the speech available.

*"The anonymous address, he said, was finely written but was calculated to impress the mind with an idea of premeditated injustice in the sovereign power of the United States, and rouse all those resentments which must inevitably flow from such belief. For venturing to put this unsparing interpretation on the paper, Washington gave as his warrant his long army service, which he sketched proudly; and he went on to assert that the alternatives proposed the anonymous agitator were to leave the country defenseless and to go into the wilderness, perhaps to perish, or else to turn the arms of the aggrieved officers against their own government.*



GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON ADDRESSING THE OFFICERS OF THE CONTINENTAL ARMY AT THE "TEMPLE".

*He denounced the courses and their advocate and then voiced the assurance he had resolved to give: ". . . in the attainment of complete justice for all your toils and dangers, and in the gratification of every wish, so far as may be done consistently with the great duty I owe my country, and those powers we are bound to respect you may freely command my services to the utmost of my abilities."*

*He then proceeded: ". . . . . let me entreat you gentlemen on your part not to take any measures which, viewed in the calm light of reason will lessen the dignity and sully the glory you have hitherto maintained; let me request you to rely on the plighted faith of your country, and place a full confidence in the purity of the intentions of Congress. . . . ."*

*There followed two or three minutes more of explanation in the same spirit that led to a fine climax.*

*". . . . . you will, by the dignity of your conduct, afford occasion for posterity<sup>3</sup> to say, when speaking of the glorious example you have exhibited to mankind, had this day been wanting, the world had never seen the last stage of perfection to which human nature is capable of attaining."*

Washington was not certain that he had convinced his fellow Officers of the dangers of pursuing the course of action they wanted to take. To finalize his efforts, he had brought with



him a letter written by Congressman Joseph Jones. He pulled the letter from his pocket, but found that the print was too small for him to read. He then reached back into his pocket and withdrew his new spectacles. As he fumbled to put them on he said *"you must pardon me. I have grown gray in your service, and now find myself growing blind."*

That emotional statement drew tears in the eyes of the men who had followed him in eight years of war. When Washington left the "Temple" the Officers not only voted to leave the matter of their grievances up to General Washington, but voted him their thanks.

Washington had faced many crises in his career as Commander-in-Chief, but he was never alone. He always had the support of the Army and his many friends. But, on this occasion, he stood alone, very much alone, against his own army. His brief speech and certainly the very presence of the great man himself carried the day.

The General then wrote a long report to the Continental Congress. In his cover letter, it is obvious that he was very proud that his Officers had completely rejected the conspiracy. He wrote:

*"Headquarters, Newburgh, 16 March 1783*

Sir:

*The result of the proceedings of the grand Convention of the Officers, which I have the honor of enclosing to your Excellency for the inspection of Congress will, I flatter myself, be considered as the last glorious proof of Patriotism which could have been given by men who aspired to the distinction of a Patriot Army; and will not only confirm their claim to justice, but will increase their title to the gratitude of their Country . . . .*

*With great respect, etc.  
George Washington"*

Washington's report reached the Continental Congress just in time. The Congress was about ready to declare war on the Officers! James Madison wrote in his personal journal, *" . . . the dispatch dispelled the cloud which seemed to have been gathering"*.



What would have happened if Washington had failed to dissuade the Officers from their march on the Continental Congress? First and foremost, Congress was bankrupt and totally without any financial credit. They were simply powerless to pay off the Army or make good any of their promises.

The larger States, such as Massachusetts and Virginia, would certainly reject any threats from the Continental Army, relying on their large Militias to protect their sovereignty - - leading to a civil war?

The smaller States would have found themselves at the mercy of the marauding Continentals. In particular, New York and New Jersey, with sizable populations of 'loyalists', and still in New York City and it's harbor was a large force of the British Army and the ships of the Royal Navy. Out of desperation, would they have agreed to an alliance with the British for self-protection?

How would England react to such a turn of events? In all probability, they would have taken advantage of the developments, ignored the already signed treaty of peace, and started a new campaign of reconquering their former colonies. The many possibilities of

what would have happened are pure historical conjecture. The Officers of the Continental Army had serious grievances, and many faced financial ruin and uncertain futures. However it is clear that General George Washington, and George Washington alone, prevented what would have been catastrophic to the fledging United States of America.

Foot Notes

1. Goal - an 18<sup>th</sup> century word meaning "Jail" - - Washington is implying that many of the Officers would end up in Debtors Prison without their back pay.
2. On March 16<sup>th</sup>, 1783, J.A. Wright wrote to John Webb and advised of Washington reading his message.
3. Washington's remark: *" . . . afford occasion for posterity to say, when speaking of the glorious example you have exhibited to mankind . . ."* is most interesting - - - how much of what he did was with an eye on history's opinion of him.



**GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON**  
*WHERE WOULD WE BE WITHOUT HIM?*



*The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution*  
*California Society*  
*The Sons of Liberty Chapter*



## THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 16<sup>th</sup>, 2000 MEETING

The Monthly meeting of the Sons of Liberty Chapter was held at the Tam O'Shanter Restaurant, in Los Angeles, on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> 2000. President Berni K. Campbell presiding:

In attendance were members: Bradley Adams - - Richard Breithaupt - Kenneth Burdick - Berni Campbell - Patrick Flanagan - Glenn Gujda - Greg Gujda - Mark Gujda - Karl Jacobs - Donald Moran and Kenneth Walker. Our Guests were: Betty Breithaupt - Mary Campbell - Roxanne Gujda - Linda Moran - P. J. Walker

The invocation was given by the President Berni K. Campbell; the Pledge of Allegiance by Richard Breithaupt and the SAR Pledge by Donald Moran.

### MINUTES OF THE JULY AND AUGUST MEETINGS

It was moved by Compatriot Patrick Flanagan and Seconded by Compatriot Richard Breithaupt that the meeting minutes of the July and August meeting be approved as published. The motion carried.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report for August and September was presented by Secretary Donald Moran. The balance in our Checking account is \$640.47.

### PERMANENT FUND REPORT

The Permanent Fund is at \$16,122.25, with \$755.98 available to the Chapter (50% of the earned interest). The Walter G. Turnell ROTC Fund is at \$10,971.53, with \$577.01 available for the ROTC program.

The National Society, SAR has notified the membership that if the ROTC medals are ordered and paid for prior to December 1st, a 10% discount will be applied. The Trustee's of the ROTC fund will issue a check to purchase the medals, certificates and presentation folders to take advantage of this savings.

### LUNCHEON COSTS

The Tam O'Shanter Restaurant has protected the cost of our luncheon for seven (7) years. However, their increased costs have required they raise said prices. After presenting the new prices, and adding in the guest(s) speakers lunch (we buy the speakers and a

guest their lunch). It was decided that it was necessary to increase the cost per lunch from the \$11.50 to \$15.00.

It was moved by Compatriot Richard Breithaupt and Seconded by Compatriot Glenn Gujda that the luncheon cost be increased to \$15.00 per person. The motion unanimously carried.

It should be noted that the Chapter makes a small profit when one of our own members is the speaker, or when the guest speaker does not have a guest. The luncheon is not a fund raiser.

### COLOR GUARD UNIFORMS

Secretary Donald Moran displayed a Commander-in-Chief's Guards helmet that is far superior to the ones we are using. He explained that there is a possibility that we can purchase six (6) at a very reasonable price.

It was moved by Compatriot Kenneth Walker and seconded by Compatriot Richard Breithaupt that an amount not to exceed \$60.00 per helmet to place a bid on said helmets. The motion carried.

### MARATHON IN IRELAND

Compatriot Brad Adams informed the meeting of his involvement with fund raising for diabetic research and that he will soon participate in a marathon in Ireland. He will be participating in it on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

### PROGRAM

#### Compatriot Lark Wm. Jacobs

Member of the Harbor Chapter, SAR

Karl spoke on the Civil War battle of Petersburg, Virginia, known as the Battle of Old Men and Boys. He concluded his informative talk with a vivid description of the Blandford Church, which is now a memorial to the 30,000 Confederate Soldiers that gave their lives in that nine month battle.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2000, meeting of the Chapter, the meeting was adjourned.

Donald N. Moran,  
Secretary



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## Coming Events

October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2000

Speaker

Elliott S. Graham

Historian of the  
Sons of Liberty Chapter, SAR

Topic:

"The Second American  
Revolution, Guns, Taxes,  
and the Freedom of  
Religion, Speech  
and the Press.

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Tam O'Shanter Restaurant  
2980 Los Feliz Boulevard,  
Los Angeles, California  
12:00 noon

## A Thought to Ponder



"If you don't know history,  
you don't know anything.  
You're a leaf that doesn't  
know it's part of a tree"

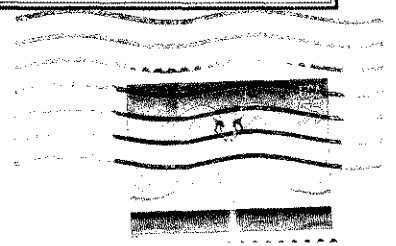
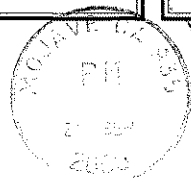
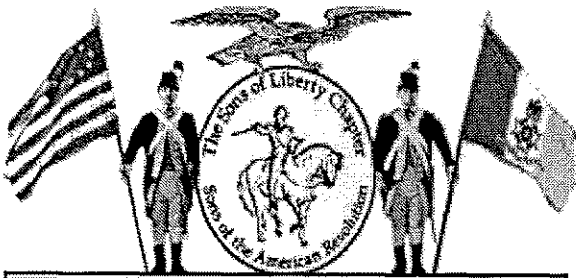
Michael Crichton

## The Year at a Glance

- Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> . . . . . Monthly Meeting
- Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> . . . . . State Board of  
Manager's Meeting  
Fremont, California
- Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> . . . . . Monthly Meeting
- Dec. TBA . . . . . Annual President's  
Christmas Open  
House

## 2001

- Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> . . . . . Annual Installation  
of Officers
- Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> . . . . . George Washington  
Massing of the Colors
- Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> . . . . . George Washington  
Birthday Ball
- Mar. 17<sup>th</sup> . . . . . Monthly Meeting
- Apr. 21<sup>st</sup> . . . . . Monthly Meeting
- May 19<sup>th</sup> . . . . . Monthly Meeting



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