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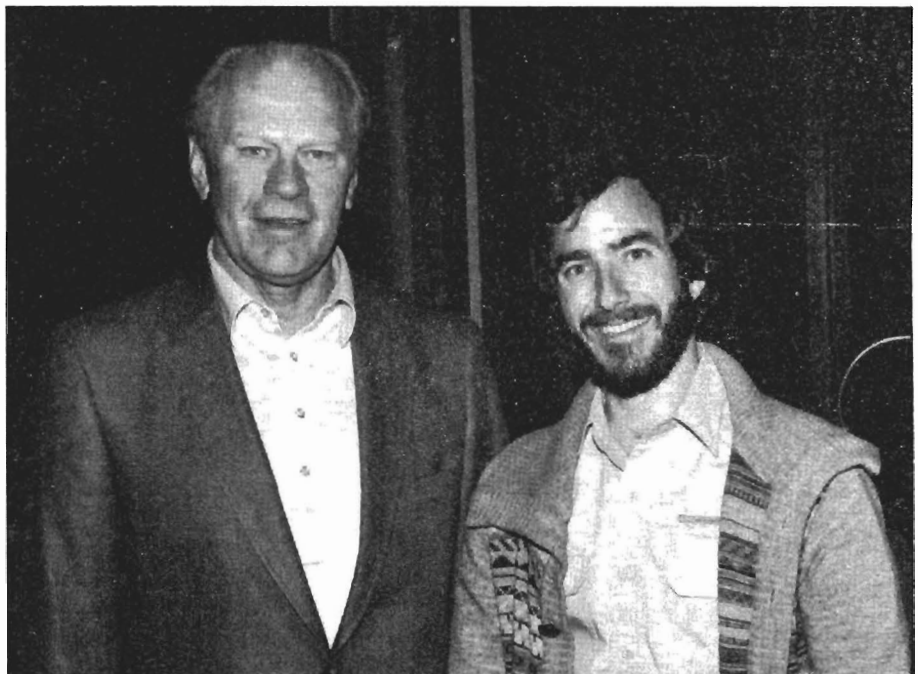
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Gerald R. Ford Elected to Membership

Gerald Rudolph Ford, 38th President of the United States, was admitted to membership in the California Society this past year. The former President's papers were received and acted upon by the Board of Directors.



Former President Gerald R. Ford with Society President Richard Breithaupt, Jr.
(File photo)



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Volunteer Assistance Welcomed.

Mr. Ford's Revolutionary War ancestor was Pvt. Ezra Chase who served as a Minuteman on the Alarm of April 19, 1775 to Cambridge, Massachusetts. Pvt. Chase was a member of Capt. Ebenezer Colby's Company, Col. Johnson's Regiment, MA Militia.

The former President received an A.B. from the University of Michigan in 1935 and was conferred a LL.B. at Yale University in 1941. He served in the U. S. Navy from 1942-1945, achieving the rank of Lieutenant Commander. Mr. Ford was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1949 and went on to serve as Minority Leader of the House from 1965-1973 when he was appointed Vice President. He became President of the United States upon the resignation of Richard M. Nixon in 1974.

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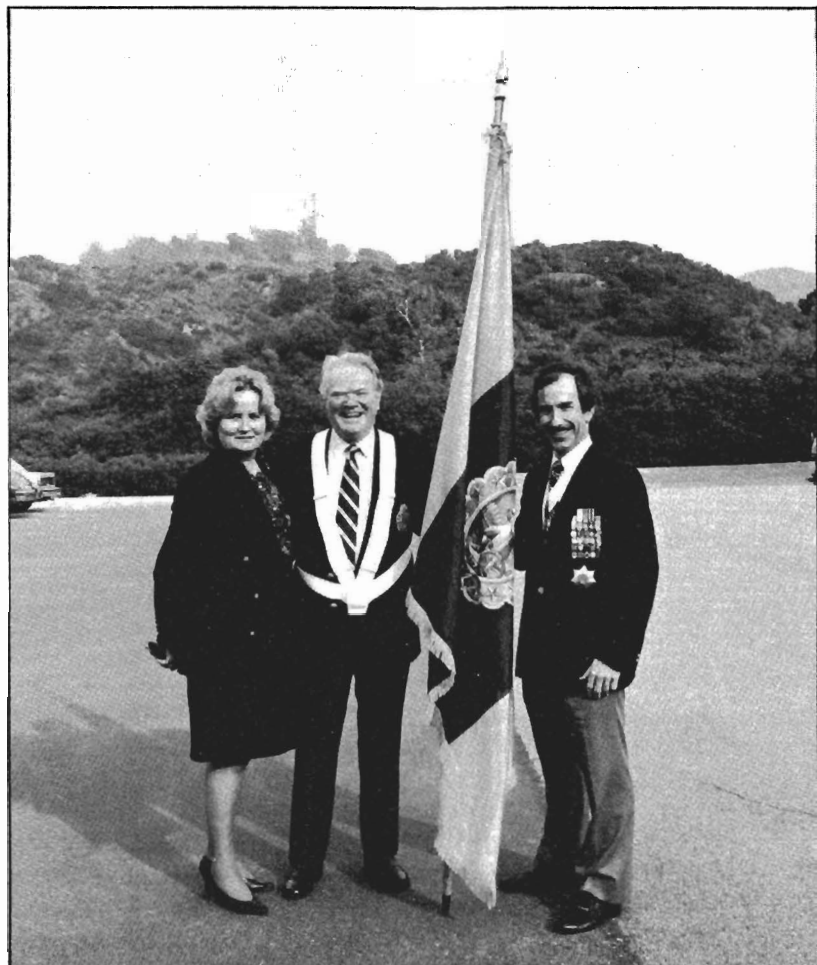
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**GEORGE WASHINGTON
COMMEMORATION**

As it has done annually since the early 1920's, the California Society sponsored its annual George Washington Commemorative Church Service. This year, the service was again held at the First United Methodist Church of Canoga Park, the Rev. Dr. Gary Alan Dickey, Pastor, officiating. The service included a parade of flags, a moving sermon by Rev. Dickey and a eulogy on George Washington by President Emeritus Ronald D. Risley. Representatives of numerous hereditary and patriotic societies were in attendant. The Commemorative Service was founded by the Rt. Rev. William Bertrand Stevens, Episcopal Bishop of Los Angeles, longtime Chaplain of the California Society.

Following the Church Service, the Society participated in the annual George Washington Massing of the Colors, sponsored by the San Fernando Valley Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution. Now in its fourteenth year, the Massing of the Colors was staged at Forest Lawn, Hollywood Hills, at the site of the Washington Monument. The Society's Color Guard was led by First Vice President William W. Huss, Jr. In addition to our Color Guard, a record thirty-eight additional color guards were present. The Inter-Service Color Guard manned by the Crescent Valley Air Force ROTC. Over 300 persons were in attendance, including representatives from sixty-seven patriotic and hereditary societies, ROTC, Civil Air Patrol, Scouting, and the military services.



*The Hon. William W. Huss, Jr. led the Society's Color Guard.
Pictured with his wife, Marlene, and Society President Richard Breithaupt*

NEW MEMBERS ADMITTED

January 1, 1994 - March 7, 1995

Date Admitted	State No.	Name
08 Jan 1994	3182-A	MANER L. THORPE, Ph.D.
02 Apr 1994	3183-A	EDWARD P. ASH
11 Jun 1994	3184-L	HON. GERALD R. FORD
11 Oct 1994	3185-A	TIMOTHY W. RODMAN
11 Oct 1994	3186-A	GLENN L. TODD
07 Jan 1995	3187-L	JAMES C. McHARGUE
07 Jan 1995	3188-A	WARNER. LeMENAGER
07 Jan 1995	3189-A	JOHN T. OURY
07 Jan 1995	3190-A	GERREN C. WOOD
07 Jan 1995	3191-A	MAURICE C. BARNEY, III
07 Jan 1995	3192-L	WILLIAM H. EAVENSON
07 Jan 1995	3193-L	JAMES D. EAVENSON
29 Jan 1995	3194-A	DAYTON M. LUMMIS, JR.
01 Feb 1995	3195-A	EDWIN W. MEDLEY
14 Feb 1995	3196-A	H. NEWELL WILLIAMS
07 Mar 1995	3197-L	FREDERICK R. RUPERT

CENTENNIAL REGISTER

Entering its second century, the Sons of the Revolution in the State of California recently published its *Centennial Register* containing a listing of all members admitted during its first 100 years. This 1,300-page, hardbound work also includes the detailed Revolutionary War service records for each of the 4,000+ qualifying ancestors and supplementals submitted to the Society. Because California is an "immigrant state", this reference work contains an unusually broad cross section of Revolutionary War service records for patriots of each of the original colonies.

Additionally, the *Centennial Register* contains a collection of interesting information culled from rare and out of print sources. The Appendix contains a statistical analysis of Revolutionary War military casualties, alphabetical list of battles, listing of information pertaining to the State Conventions Ratifying the Constitution. There is also an interesting account of the California Society's five "Real Sons", men whose fathers actually fought in the Revolution, along with biographies of some fifty early members of the California Society, including many of the prominent early families of California.

Remaining stock is limited. To order, send your check in the amount of \$53.01 (includes sales tax and shipping) to: Centennial Register, P. O. Box 8454, Universal City, CA 91618-8454.

1995 Meeting Schedule

January 21, 1995

Annual Meeting
12:00 NOON

February 26, 1995

Washington's Birthday Celebration
10:00 A.M.
First United Methodist Church
22700 Sherman Way, Canoga Park

April 22, 1995

Patriot's Day Luncheon
12:00 NOON

July 8, 1995

Independence Day Luncheon
12:00 NOON

October 14, 1995

Saratoga/Yorktown/Constitution Luncheon
12:00 NOON

January 13, 1996

Annual Meeting
12:00 NOON

Unless noted, luncheons and meetings are held at Bullock's Department Store Restaurant, 401 South Lake Street, Pasadena, California. Friends and family welcome.

Board Meetings

January 7, 1995
April 1, 1995
June 10, 1995
September 30, 1995
January 6, 1996
10:00 A.M.

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Glendale, California

SOCIETY OF THE CINCINNATI ELECTS WHEELER ITS PRESIDENT

Fellow Society member Peter S. Wheeler, of Santa Rosa, CA was elected President of the California Association of the Society of the Cincinnati at its Winter Business Meeting in November, 1994. Congratulations, Peter!

SOCIETY PURCHASES COMPUTER SYSTEM

The Society has completed the acquisition of a state-of-the art computer system, the first product of which is this edition of the *Golden State Patriot*. The Pentium 60 MHZ system is complete with CD-ROM and sound capability and is equipped with a 600 DPI laser printer.

As reported in a previous edition, the Society had received the generous pledge of a new computer network system that was intended to link the Library with three separate workstations, valued at \$10,000. Unfortunately, this gift never materialized and, inasmuch as the Society badly needed to move forward in the information age, it purchased a stand-alone system. This acquisition was made keeping in mind the ultimate goal of a network system and when such a gift of that nature materializes this newly acquired system will fit nicely into that architecture.

RONALD D. RISLEY ELECTED

At the Society's Annual meeting in January, outgoing President Ronald D. Risley was conferred the title of *President Emeritus* by acclamation. The month was a good one for Ron, as he was also elected Governor, Society of Colonial Wars in the State of California.

DUES WERE DUE

Annual Dues to the Society in the amount of \$30.00 were due to the Treasurer in January. Members who have not paid their dues by March 31 will be dropped from the membership rolls.

Once a member has been dropped, reinstatement requires the submission of dues and a request for reinstatement which must be acted upon by the Board of Directors.

NEW MEMBERS SOUGHT

The Society is always interested in learning of qualified gentlemen interested in being considered for membership. Members are encouraged to submit the names of their sons, nephews, uncles, fathers, grandsons, and friends to the Society. Membership queries should be directed to: John R. Justice, President Emeritus, P. O. Box 1749, Beverly Hills, CA 90213.



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