



# COLORADO RIVER RED, WHITE & BLUE

## NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to this issue of your Colorado River Chapter, AZSSAR newsletter. The Colorado River, Red, White & Blue is an official publication of the Colorado River Chapter, AZSSAR.

We hope you enjoy this Newsletter and the updates and information it provides.

### DAR/SAR Annual Joint Meeting

Members of our Chapter attended the annual DAR/SAR joint meeting in Kingman at the Hualapai Mountain Medical Center with one of the largest attendance in recent years with members from Lewis Kingman Chapter DAR (host chapter), Lake Havasu Chapter DAR, and Colorado River Chapter.



Chapter members present in photo L to R: Ray Lackey Vice-President, Don Reighard President, Tim Keith Secretary/Treasurer, Ron Smith Chaplain, and Jimmie Bodenhamer Registrar/Genealogist



Chapter/State Officers present L to R: Sharon Eaton, Regent-Lake Havasu DAR, Judy Bodenhamer, Regent-Lewis Kingman DAR, Don Reighard, President-Colorado River SAR, and Sally Smith, Registrar ASDAR



Photo: Combined crowd with members and spouses listening to speaker.



Photo: Lucia Steuven teacher from Parker, AZ

Lucia Steuven a Teacher in Parker and native of Romania made a very interesting presentation on “Life in Communist Romania” answered questions and provided many interesting examples of how hard it was to live under communist rule and how it changed Romania forever.

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## Chapter Monthly Meetings

At our January meeting officers and members present discussed the possibility of going back to rotating meeting locations between Kingman and Lake Havasu City.

In the past the Chapter had rotated meeting locations monthly, but due to reduced attendance from Kingman members we have for the past several months held meetings only in Lake Havasu City.

The Chapter is therefore considering a rotating meeting schedule which would start in the spring and looking at using the Mohave Library in Kingman as a location.

Would this rotation of meeting location interest you? Would you attend if some meetings were in Kingman? Please let your officers know if this interests you. We will advise if we begin meetings in Kingman.

## Member Birthdays

**April**

None

**May**

Tim Keith – 9th

Congratulations and hope you have a Great Birthday!

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## Our Patriot Ancestors

This section provides a look at one of our member’s SAR Patriot ancestor’s service to this country during the Revolutionary War. It will help us remember our Revolutionary War heroes and Patriots we honored when we joined the SAR.

The order chosen is based on member birthdays starting in January. This month’s Patriot will be the ancestor of Ronald Smith. I hope you enjoy this brief look at an American hero!

### Patriot Ancestor of Ronald Smith

Richard Aycock (probably the son of Willam Aycock and his wife Rebecca Pace) was born February 9, 1739 in Virginia. Richard married Rebecca Thurman (born 1745 in North Carolina, died 1780 Wilkes County, GA), his second wife, in 1768 in North Carolina and they had 6 children (Burwell, Henry, Joel, Rebecca, Richard, and Winefred) of which their son Henry is Ronald’s ancestor.

Per documents from the state of Georgia it appears that Richard was one of the early settlers of Wilkes County, Georgia (located in northeastern Georgia between Augusta and Athens).

Richard served as a Revolutionary Soldier from Wilkes County, GA; however his exact dates of enlistment are unknown but would cover the period

of February 14, 1779. Richard is shown on a roster of soldiers who fought at the Battle of Kettle Creek, through which Georgia was freed of Tory domination. A monument has been erected to these soldiers' memory on the Battle Ground in Wilkes County, GA.

The Battle of Kettle Creek was Sunday, February 14, 1779 at Kettle Creek, GA (Kettle Creek flows into the Little River near Tyrone, GA). This was the most important event of the Revolutionary War to occur at Kettle Creek. More than 600 American supporters of the British know as Loyalists or Tories, encamped on top of a hill under the command of Colonel James Boyd of South Carolina were attacked by 340 South Carolina and Georgia militiamen. These South Carolina and Georgia militia were under the command of Colonel Andrew Pickens of South Carolina, and Colonel John Dooly and Lieutenant Colonel Elijah Clarke of Georgia.

Pickens led his militia men in a direct assault of Boyd's forces on the rocky hill on Kettle Creek, while Dooly and Clarke attacked camps across the creek on the left and right. During this battle the Tories lost 330 soldiers along with their commander, Colonel Boyd, finally fleeing to South Carolina where they joined up with other British forces.

The Battle of Kettle Creek provided the rebel (American) cause with a victory, however small, in the midst of a string of much larger defeats, while the British had expected thousands of loyal southerners to rally to their flag, which did not occur.

Richard (per Georgia records) for his service with Georgia Troops received a Land Grant on March 15, 1784 of 250 acres in Washington County, GA.

A DAR application also shows Richard being credited with Civil Service as a Grand Juror in Wilkes County, and Patriotic Service.

Richard died in 1791 in Wilkes County, Ga.

Sources – Original SAR approved application, Footnote.com, Ancestry.com (Georgia records), and DAR application.

## Current Officers

Donald Reighard – President – (928) 680-4087

Ray Lackey – Vice President – (928) 754-1941

Tim Keith – Secretary/Treasurer – (928) 302-1279

Ron Smith – Chaplain – (928) 680-7924

Jimmie Bodenhamer – Registrar/Genealogist – (928) 692-6636

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## Membership

If you need assistance with a membership issue, or know someone interesting in joining the NSSAR, please provide me the contact information and I will work the issue for you.

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## Meeting Location

Colorado River Chapter, AZSSAR monthly meetings are held the second Saturday of each month at the Mohave County Library, 1770 McCulloch Boulevard North(K-Mart Plaza), Lake Havasu City, AZ at 11:00. Check our upcoming events section below for dates.

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## **Upcoming Events**

Chapter meeting – April 9<sup>th</sup> – LHC

ROTC Award Presentation – Mohave High School,  
Bullhead City – April 29<sup>th</sup>

Chapter meeting – May 14<sup>th</sup> – LNC

No meeting during summer – Regular meetings start  
again – September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Hope to see you at a future Chapter meeting/event.

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## **Newsletter Editor**

Hope you enjoyed this newsletter and I look forward  
to any comments or suggestion for future newsletters.

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