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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.



11 September 2011

It is hard to believe that 11 September 2011 will be the tenth anniversary of the terrorist's attacks on the World Trade Center, Pentagon and in Pennsylvania.

When I was working for the Army, I can still remember trips to the Pentagon after 9/11 and the smell of smoke that lingered throughout the Pentagon halls, and when I visited the relocated Army Plans offices which were destroyed during the attack, boxes of photos they removed from office walls of their destroyed offices still smelled of smoke for months. I also remember the bulletin boards positioned in the halls with photos of all the Military and DOD workers who lost their lives that day. While I have seen photos of the memorial to 9/11 outside the Pentagon, I never had the opportunity to visit in person and guess I need to keep that on my list of things to do.

A 10th Anniversary observance is planned for the World Trade Center site where "The National September 11 Memorial" is scheduled to open September 11, 2011 for visitors and dignitaries to observe the historic day in a special ceremony. This memorial will consist of two huge, sunken pools covering the former footprints of the Twin Towers, into which the country's man-made waterfalls will cascade. Their edges will be inscribed with the names of 2,980 victims of the attacks. The pools will be set in an eight-acre Memorial Plaza with more than 300 trees.



So I ask that we each take a few moments on 11 September 2011 to remember those who lost their lives that day and remember our troops who continue to defend our freedom in Iraq and Afghanistan that these are our heroes and protectors and we need to always remember that **Freedom Is Not Free**.

Chapter Monthly Meetings

Just a reminder - this fall when Chapter meetings resume in September we will move to our new format of rotating meetings between Lake Havasu and Kingman.

We hope this format will allow more members to join us at future meetings in their area.

Member Birthdays

August

Roy Atwater – 23d

September

Chance Vallon – 25th

Congratulations and hope you have a Great Birthday!

Goals of the SAR

From National SAR Website

Historical Goals:

We **commemorate and provide memorials** for the people and events of the American Revolution.

We help **preserve records** relating to the events leading up to and during the American Revolution. (The National SAR was a major force behind the construction of the National Archives in Washington DC and the collection of historic documents there).

We **support research and presentations** (books, articles, and talks) related to the history and people of the period 1750-1800. (The national SAR magazine publishes authoritative descriptions of historical events in a quality magazine of archival value. The SAR Revolutionary War Grave Committee published information on some 54,000 grave sites of patriots in the NSSAR Revolutionary War Graves Register, published in 1993. More names have been collected and the entire 140,000 names and locations have now been published on CDROM. The Patriot Index Committee is publishing a CDROM with information on 732,000 patriots and their descendants).

Patriotic Goals:

We **inspire the community** with the principles on which our nation was founded. (Many chapters and states have color guards that wear Revolutionary War uniforms and participate in civic and patriotic events and observances such as Fourth of July, Veterans Day, Armed Forces Day, Flag Day, Patriots Day (April 19), Bill of Rights Day, Yorktown Day, Constitution Day, and important battles of the Revolutionary War. Each year the SAR National Congress passes resolutions to stimulate personal and national action based on these principles).

We **maintain and extend the institutions of American Freedom**. (In 1994, the NSSAR formed a Task Force to Preserve U.S. History and to help focus public attention on profound problems in some proposed national standards for teaching pre-college U.S. History).

We help **carry out the promises** expressed in the Preamble to the Constitution.

We **provide recognition for public service**. (The state societies and chapters of the NSSAR present thousands of awards each year to law enforcement officers, public safety officers, and other citizens who

exemplify the best civic traditions of our nation. This includes young men and women who are leaders in our communities: high-ranking high school students of history, Eagle Scouts, JROTC and ROTC cadets and midshipman).

We **honor, respect, and support veterans**, especially those confined to residential and hospital facilities provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Educational Goals:

We **sponsor contests** – essay and oration – for high school students, based on historical and patriotic themes.

We **distribute history curriculum** at no cost to the recipient. (This curriculum was developed by the Houston Independent School System in cooperation with the Robert and Janice McNair Foundation and the American Heritage Education Foundation, Inc.).

We **inform the community** about the events and philosophical bases of the American Revolution and the Constitution. (Color Guards in Revolutionary War uniforms participate in civic events and patriotic celebrations throughout the United States, providing pageantry, drama and a sense of the nation's history. Important events and persons of the Revolutionary period are portrayed for students and the public at large. The SAR Magazine provides a public record of the activities of the society and has numerous articles detailing the history of the initial and continuing struggle for independence).

We help people **locate and evaluate genealogical records**. (Our state and chapter registrars have excellent resources, and the NSSAR library is a major national repository of genealogical information).

Our Patriot Ancestors

This section provides a look at one of our chapter 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.

This month's Patriot will be the ancestor of Ray Lackey. I hope you enjoy this brief look at an American hero!

Patriot Ancestor of Ray Lackey

Charles Tracy (possibly the son of James Tracy and his wife Spaal (unknown first name) per Ancestry.com postings) was born March 19, 1759 in Montgomery, Montgomery County, MD which is located between Baltimore and Washington DC. Charles married Sarah Polly Noe (born 1760 in Montgomery County, MD, died 27 October, 1834, Clark County, KY). It appears that Charles and Sarah had ten children: Cohaba, Roxanna, Talitha Matilda, Jerusha, Winifred, Asa, Noland, Obediah, Catherine, and Lodema Naomi. Obediah is the ancestor of our Ray Lackey.

According to documents from the office of the Bureau of Pensions in Washington, DC, Revolutionary War Pension claim records, Charles Tracy was born in November 1759 in Montgomery County, MD near Captain John Creek. While living in Montgomery County near Brook Beall's Mill on Watts Branch, Charles enlisted in the fall of 1777 and served two months as a Private in Captain Nathaniel Pigman's, Maryland Company and during this time was in the battle of Germantown, MD (northwest of Washington and southwest of Baltimore).

Charles also enlisted in August 1778 or 1779 and served one year as a Private in Captains Thomas Beall's and Tannehill's Companies in Colonel Rawlings' Regiment. Again in the spring of 1781 he enlisted for nine months as a Private in Captain John Nickols' Maryland Company. He was allowed a pension on his application executed 11 July 1832 at which time he was a resident of Clarke County, KY where he had moved from Fayette County, KY.

Maryland Revolutionary War records indicate that Charles Tracy was a soldier in the Maryland Militia participating in the Indian war period.

Facts on the Battle of Germantown: there were formidable obstructions in the Delaware River below Philadelphia, placed there by the Americans and also two Forts and a Redoubt that command the river. The British fleet was in Delaware Bay, on 25 September 1777, but because of these obstructions could not reach Philadelphia unless these obstructions were removed. British General Howe prepared to assist his brother with this task and sent several detachments from his army to occupy the shores of the Delaware River at this location which was held by American forces. Based on this weakening of British forces the Americans resolved to attack the British army at Germantown. George Washington, having been reinforced by Maryland and New Jersey troops, moved in four columns during the night of 3 October the division of Sullivan and Wayne flanked by General Conway's brigade on the right moved by way of Chestnut Hill, while Armstrong, with Pennsylvania Militia, made a circuit to gain the left and right of the enemy. The Americans came out of the woods to confront the British in a thick fog which surprised them but were pushed back by the British forces. The struggle lasted for about three hours with American loses at about 600 killed and wounded and missing and British loses of about 500. Washington was forced to fall back to his encampment on Skippack Creek, with General Nash's forces covering the retreat with his brigade and Nash was mortally wounded during the retreat. The battle was marred by confusion on all sides in the dense fog along the Delaware and end as less than a victory for the Americans.

Pension records also indicate that Charles participated in the Battle of Paoli (also known as the Battle of Paoli Tavern or the Paoli Massacre) was a battle in the Philadelphia campaign fought on September 21, 1777, in the area surrounding present-day Malvern, Pennsylvania. Following the American retreats at the Battle of Brandywine and the Battle of the Clouds, George Washington left a force under the command of Brigadier General Anthony Wayne behind in order to monitor and harass the British as they prepared to move on the revolutionary capital of

Philadelphia. On the evening of September 20, British forces under the command of Major General Charles Grey led a surprise attack on Wayne's encampment near the Paoli Tavern. Although there were relatively few American casualties, claims were made that the British took no prisoners and granted no quarter, and the engagement became known (from an American perspective) as the "Paoli Massacre

After the Revolutionary War according to Clark County, KY History on Early Settlement in Clark County: , in the early spring of 1783 a band of hardy, resolute Revolutionary soldiers who had been comrades and messmates throughout the war was moved to Clark County, KY. Charles Tracy was among these settlers and settled in the eastern portion of Clark County on Big Stoner Creek, near Goshen Church in an area to be known as Tracy Settlement. The settlement consisted of about fifteen families who with cows, horse and other farming and livestock were engaged in farming.

It was in Clark County, KY that Charles Tracy filed for his pension at age 73. His pension ledger indicates he served in Maryland Line for 23 months from 1777 and was paid \$153.32

Charles died 19 April 1834, at age 75 in Winchester, Clark County, KY.

Sources – Original SAR approved application, Footnote.com, and Ancestry.com.

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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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Pending Membership Applications (As of August 1, 2011)

Michael Patrick Boop
Pending SAR June 6, 2011
Patriot: George Boop

Russell Boop Allen
Pending SAR June 6, 2011
Patriot: George Boop

Calendar of Upcoming Events

August 12th – Chapter Newsletter mailed

September 10th - Chapter Meeting LHC

October 1st – Chapter Newsletter mailed

October 8th – Chapter Meeting Kingman (TBD)

October 20th -24th – Vietnam Traveling wall in Kingman

November 11th – Veterans Day

November 12th – Chapter participation in Veterans Day Parade, Kingman – (instead of regular meeting).

December 1st – Chapter Newsletter mailed

December 10th – Chapter Meeting LHC

Hope to see you at a future Chapter event.

Newsletter Editor

Hope you enjoyed this newsletter and I look forward to any comments or suggestion for future newsletters. Colorado River Chapter, AZSSAR: Jimmie Bodenhamer, Editor, jimmieb@frontiernet.net.

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