



# ARIZONA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

## BARRY M. GOLDWATER CHAPTER



### NEWSLETTER

March 2010

#### Minutes of the February 18, 2010 Chapter meeting:

Location:  
Coco's Restaurant  
4514 E. Cactus, Phx, AZ

Our February meeting was opened by President John Conrad with 17 Compatriots and guests in attendance.

#### *Officer's installation ceremony:*

Comrade Bob Young presented the President's gavel to our newly installed president, John Conrad along with his neck ribbon. (You will recall that John was absent on business during our last meeting and was installed via telephone.)

Comrade Young also installed our new Public Affairs Officer, Byron D. Limbers. Byron was absent last month due to illness.

#### *Speaker:*

Chapter President John Conrad did his usual performance magic with his talk on the events leading up to and including 1775.

His presentation contained known and little known facts of these events. Speaking of this, do you know what General George Washington's salary was during the Revolutionary War?



#### Compatriot's ancestor information— send it in for publication

If you would like to see your patriot ancestor's information published in a newsletter with a readership of 1.5 million readers, well, you are out of luck. But if you would like to see it in a newsletter with 40 readers send it to me. We would all really like to get to know him. Please limit your material to one double sided page or less.

Oh, before I forget, George Washington did not receive a salary. At his request all he wanted was payment for his personal expenses, which at the end of the war, totaled \$125,000 in today's money. Did we get a bargain or what?

#### New Compatriot

**Compatriot Brice Rose** transferred from the Palo Verde Chapter to ours effective March 1, 2010.

**Welcome!!**

#### Chapter meeting dates for 2010

OK, get your calendars out and start marking them with our 2010 meeting schedule.

In a nutshell we meet on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Coco's restaurant.

March: 18

April 15

May 20

June 17

July 15

August 19

September 16

October 21

November 18

December: TBA

#### Did you know?

On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1776 the American flag, for the first time in our country's short history, flew over a foreign country.

This was all thanks to our Marines who executed their very first military operation in, of all places, the Bahamas. (Even back then these guys would go anywhere for a little R & R—just kidding!)

## Flag Certificate presentation by BMG Compatriot Mike Jones



Pictured above Back Row L-R:  
Paul Benavides, Eric Caldwell, AZSSAR Color  
Guardsmen Lou Newton & Steve Miller, and Clint Hill  
Front Row, Accepting the Flag Certificate is David  
Magish with Cindy Kelly and presenting the certificate  
is Mike Jones

It was my honor on Feb. 16, 2010 to present a Flag  
Certificate to the Sherwin-Williams Paint Company at  
11840 N. 28<sup>th</sup> Dr., Phoenix, Arizona. This location is  
their Phoenix District Headquarters and a retail store. I  
have watched them proudly and properly fly their flag  
at this location for many years (as my credit union is  
just across the street).  
Many thanks go to Cindy Kelly, Phoenix District  
Coordinator, for arranging the event.

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### The Story Tellers

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*Originally written by Della M. Cummings Wright. Re-  
written by her Grand Daughter, Della JoAnn McGinnis  
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We are the chosen. My feelings are in each family  
there is one who seems called to find the  
ancestors. To put flesh on their bones and make  
them live again, to tell the family story and to feel

that somehow they know and approve. To me,  
doing genealogy is not a cold gathering of facts  
but, instead, breathing life into all who have gone  
before. We are the story tellers of the tribe. All  
tribes have one. We have been called, as it were,  
by our genes.

Those who have gone before cry out to us: Tell  
our story. So, we do.

In finding them, we somehow find ourselves. How  
many graves have I stood before now and cried? I  
have lost count. How many times have I told the  
ancestors you have a wonderful family you would  
be proud of us?

How many times have I walked up to a grave and  
felt somehow there was love there for me? I  
cannot say.

It goes beyond just documenting facts. It goes to  
who am I and why do I do the things I do. It goes  
to seeing a cemetery about to be lost forever to  
weeds and indifference and saying I can't let this  
happen. The bones here are bones of my bone and  
flesh of my flesh. It goes to doing something about  
it. It goes to pride in what our ancestors were able  
to accomplish. How they contributed to what we  
are today. It goes to respecting their hardships and  
losses, their never giving in or giving up, their  
resoluteness to go on and build a life for their  
family.

It goes to deep pride that they fought to make and  
keep us a Nation. It goes to a deep and immense  
understanding that they were doing it for us. That  
we might be born who we are. That we might  
remember them. So we do. With love and caring  
and scribing each fact of their existence, because  
we are them and they are us. So, as a scribe called,  
I tell the story of my family.

It is up to that one called in the next generation to  
answer the call and take their place in the long line  
of family storytellers.

That, is why I do my family genealogy, and that is  
what calls those young and old to step up and put  
flesh on the bones.

<sup>1</sup> Comal County Genealogy Society:  
[http://www.ccgstexas.org/module-Pagesetter-viewpub-tid-3-  
pid-1.html](http://www.ccgstexas.org/module-Pagesetter-viewpub-tid-3-pid-1.html) [URL accessed Sep 2009].

*Editor's note: This outstanding article was sent to  
me by AZSSAR Saguario Chapter President Jan Huber.  
Thanks Jan!*

## Was your patriot ancestor at the Valley Forge Winter Encampment of the Continental Army during the winter of 1777-78?

Well, if you were like me, I had an inkling that he might have been—and he was.

The Valley Forge Muster Roll website is the only page dedicated—well, let's let the page speak for itself:

“Welcome to the Valley Forge Muster Roll Home page. This page is dedicated to the 30,000 plus men who served at the Valley Forge Encampment under General George Washington during the period of Dec 1777 to Jun 1778.

“This site provides the only known, free to the public, automated database of all of the soldiers who served at the Valley Forge Encampment. (See Disclaimer)

“The information found in the Valley Forge Muster Roll was collected and analyzed from official documents located at the Valley Forge National Historical Park and the National Archives and Records Administration.

“In addition to the [Muster Roll](#), this site contains an extensive breakdown of the [Continental Army](#), including an organizational chart of the army as it was at Valley Forge. (Due to the size of the chart, it does take a long time to load.) This site The information on this site has lovingly been gathered and authenticated by dedicated personnel (staff and volunteers) working with the Valley Forge National Historic Park and volunteers from the Lockheed Martin Network of Volunteer Associates (NOVA), who designed the database and entered data from Park records and documentation. (See [Credits](#)).

“The Muster Roll project began more than 50 years ago with the ultimate goal of making this historic information freely available to the public, where it rightfully belongs. We are confident the data is as accurate and complete as possible.”

So here is the website—have fun and at the same time learn something about Valley Forge!

<http://www.valleyforgemusterroll.org/index.htm>

### Past Chapter Presidents

Robert H. Bohannon 2002-2004  
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**The Chapter meeting notice and agenda are contained on the following pages**



# Barry M. Goldwater Chapter Arizona Society Sons of the American Revolution

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## Chapter Meeting Notice

The next regular meeting of the BMG Chapter will be held on **Thursday, March 18, 2010, at 6:30 p.m.**

Location: Coco's Restaurant  
4514 E Cactus Road  
Phoenix, AZ (602) 953-9155

Compatriots, wives, prospective members, and guests are cordially invited to attend this and all meetings.

Dinner will be ordered from a menu specially prepared for us. There will be a choice of several different entrees, so there will be something for everyone. The cost is \$15.25 per person, which includes: dinner, soft drinks, tea, coffee, tax and gratuity.  
*(Please bring your check made out to BMG Chapter AZSSAR.)*

The meeting agenda is contained on the following page. (Please copy and bring it).

If you plan on attending, please notify me at [Swanson1854@Yahoo.com](mailto:Swanson1854@Yahoo.com) or telephone (480) 515-2798 on or before March 15, 2010.

***Just a reminder, we have chapter meetings on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars.***

Thanks. See you at the meeting!

David A. Swanson, Secretary/Treasurer  
Barry M. Goldwater Chapter AZSSAR



# Barry M. Goldwater Chapter Arizona Society, SAR

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## Agenda March 18, 2010

**Call to Order**            6:30 p.m.

**Invocation**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**SAR Pledge**

We the descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution, who by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.

**Business Session**

Treasurer's Report  
Other officer reports or remarks

**Dinner**

**Program**

The speaker will be David Joe from Raymond James and the topic: "The Current Financial Crisis; the beginning of the end or the end of the beginning."

**Benediction**

*God Bless America*

**SAR Recessional**

Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court and a Nation of Free Men.

**Adjournment**