



ARIZONA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

BARRY M. GOLDWATER CHAPTER



NEWSLETTER

May 2010

Summer meeting schedule revised—no formal Chapter meetings during the months of June, July, and August.

Minutes of the April 15, 2010, Chapter meeting:

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

Our April 15th meeting was opened by President John Conrad with 26 Compatriots and guests in attendance.

Business session: The subject of summer Chapter meetings was discussed during the Barry M. Goldwater Board of Officers meeting on April 3, 2010. Since turnout at the summer meetings is light and our Chapter bylaws allow the Board to omit them, a unanimous vote of the officers present was to do so.

This discussion was continued at our April Chapter meeting and absent any informal summer meetings there will be no Chapter meetings during the months of June, July, and August.

John Conrad may have an informal July potluck get together at his house and Compatriots will receive more information as the time nears.

Speaker: Our speaker was John Valenzuela, Assistant Chief of Emergency Services for the Tempe Fire Department. Topic: "Surviving the fiscal heart attack." Chief Valenzuela discussed the need for the Tempe Fire Department and other governmental agencies to change the way business is conducted in these financially challenging times.

Chapter meeting dates for 2010

OK, get your calendars out and start marking them with our 2010 meeting schedule. All meetings take place at Coco's Restaurant at 6:30 p.m.

May 20
September 16
October 21
November 18
December: Christmas meeting TBA

ROTC/JROTC Recognition Program

Each year our Chapter presents medals and awards to deserving cadets. But just what is this program all about?

Well, first of all what is the ROTC or JROTC?

ROTC stands for Reserve Officers Training Corps. This college based officer commissioning program, designed to augment our service academies, (Annapolis, etc.) covers all branches of our armed forces except the Coast Guard which offers a JROTC program.

JROTC, the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps is a federally sponsored program by the US Armed Forces for high school students.

Our SAR national website contains information about the recognition program and here it is in part:

"The SAR awards the ROTC Medal to foster the principle of the "citizen-soldier", exemplified by the Minutemen of Revolutionary War days. This award is presented by a Chapter, a State Society, or the National Society to ROTC or



JROTC cadets who are selected for having a high degree of merit with respect to leadership qualities, military bearing and general excellence. The recipients are selected by the Commanding Officer of the ROTC or JROTC unit, who should be given full latitude in making the selection.

The SAR ROTC Medal is approved by the United States Army, the United States Navy, the United States Marine Corps, and the United States Air Force. Each service has notified its ROTC and JROTC units of this approval and has authorized presentation to its cadets or midshipmen.

The Silver ROTC Medal is presented only to students in a college or university ROTC unit. The Bronze JROTC Medal was authorized in 1965, and is presented only to students in secondary school JROTC.

The Enhanced JROTC Program: In 1997, President General Carl K. Hoffmann, authorized the enhancement of the JROTC program. Each SAR chapter will now select an Outstanding JROTC Cadet and enter that cadet into their State Society's Outstanding JROTC Cadet program. The winner of the State competition will be entered into the National Outstanding JROTC Recognition program. The winner of the national program will receive a special award at the SAR's National Congress

U.S. Navy Sea Cadet Corps: The SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal recognizes persons whose achievements are noteworthy in their school, community or state. This medal is awarded to both adults and minors.

This medal is authorized for presentation to the US Navy Sea Cadet Corps, to an Outstanding Cadet nominated by his/her Commanding Officer. The award is in recognition of the Cadet's Leadership, Military Bearing, and Excellence of Character, Scholarship, and Citizenship.”

What is the Naval Sea Cadet Corps? The following is taken from its website
<http://www.seacadets.org/public/mission/>

“Naval Sea Cadet Corps for Americans ages 11-17.

Sea Cadet organizations exist in most of the maritime nations of the world. Recognizing the value of these organizations in educating youth in maritime matters, the Department of the Navy requested the Navy League of the United States to establish a similar program for American youth. The Navy League agreed to do so and formally established the Naval Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC) and Navy League Cadet Corps (NLCC) in 1958.”

So, now that we know a little more, how do we fit into the picture?

This year our Chapter, thanks to the efforts of Bob Young (who is the state chairman of the ROTC/JROTC Awards Program), Earl Atwood, Rob Bohannon, and Bob Moore will ensure that awards are presented to the following: one Army ROTC award and one Air Force ROTC to cadets at Northern Arizona State University.

Additionally, JROTC awards will be presented to cadets at the following high schools: Chinle, Sunnyslope, Greenway, Cortez, Apollo, Shadow Mountain, Singua, Thunderbird, Moon Valley, Hopi, Sandra Day O'Connor, and Pinion.

And, Good Citizenship awards will be presented to Sea Cadets from the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Phoenix Division at Hensley and Company and the Navy League T.S. Battleship Unit at the Naval Reserve Training Center.

Thanks for a continuing job well done, Comrades!

BMG Chapter JROTC Award winner, Cadet Ensign Kramer Sampson By Bob Young

It takes great pleasure to announce the winner of the JROTC Barry M. Goldwater Chapter Award who is also the runner up for the AZSSAR Award. He is Cadet Ensign Kramer Sampson. For the state award he will receive a check for \$100.00 and from BMG Chapter, a bronze medallion with certificate. I will present both items (check and medallion) at our May 20th meeting. Also invited are parents and his Senior Military Instructor, Paula Sawdy-Bowes, LCDR, USN (Ret).

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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW)—meeting

What does this have to do with us? As you may or may not know, the SUVCW is a national organization and is much like the SAR, both in structure, membership requirements and sentiment—with the obvious war difference. We have a SUVCW Camp here in the state that has quarterly meetings in Scottsdale. Each of the four meetings includes a speaker and the topic is always about the Civil War. Anyway, since I am a member of both organizations and write newsletters for both, I plan on notifying each about the interesting programs of the other.

So on Saturday May 15, get ready to meet and listen to the famous Civil War general Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain as he talks about his experiences at Gettysburg (who knows, you might even get his autograph)!

Location: Hometown Buffet 1312 N. Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, AZ (just south of McDowell on the west side of Scottsdale Rd.)

When? Saturday May 15, at noon.

Cost? \$8.50 for the all you can eat buffet. Be sure to tell the cashier that you are with the Civil War group Picacho Peak Camp to get this price and ask which meeting room we are in.

BMG Chapter meeting notice

We are pleased to have Compatriot Rudy Byrd, AZSSAR Historian and member of the Tucson Chapter, give his presentation regarding medicine in the Revolutionary War at our May 20th Chapter meeting.

We will also present the AZSSAR and BMG Chapter JROTC awards. And more! See the “program” section on our meeting agenda.

Principal events of the War for Independence during May 1775

- 4th Rhode Island renounces allegiance to the king
- 10th Capture of Ticonderoga by Ethan Allen and Benedict Arnold
- 10th The Second Continental Congress
- 11th “Lexington Alarm” posted in Charleston S.C.
- 12th Seth Warner takes Crown Point
- 14th Engagement at Fort St. John, Canada
- 20th Mecklenburg (North Carolina) Declaration of Independence
- 21st Engagement at Grape Island, Mass.
- 27th Engagement at Hogg Island, Mass.
- 27th Engagement at Noddle’s Island, Mass.

What was the “Lexington Alarm”?

Our Compatriots in the state of Connecticut have a very nice article on their website regarding the Lexington Alarm. If you get a chance, check it out! http://www.connecticutsar.org/articles/lexington_alarm.htm

Arizona State Society SAR History

What did the last *territorial* governor or Arizona, Richard E. Sloan, have in common with the first elected *state* governor, George W. P. Hunt? Not only were they SAR members, they were members of the Arizona Society. The devil you say!

Starting with our late summer newsletters, I will print a series of articles relating to the early history the SAR, the AZSSAR and some of its early founders.

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- Robert H. Bohannon 2002-2004
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Chapter Meeting Notice

The next regular meeting of the BMG Chapter will be held on **Thursday, May 20, 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.

If you plan on attending, please notify me at Swanson1854@Yahoo.com or telephone (480) 515-2798 on or before May 17, 2010.

Just a reminder, we have chapter meetings on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. except the following: June, July, August, and December (Christmas meeting TBA).

Thanks. See you at the meeting!

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



Barry M. Goldwater Chapter Arizona Society, SAR

Agenda May 20, 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

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Julie Knapp will talk about the "Heart to Heart" program at Scottsdale Community College which gives money to SCC students who are living out of their cars.

Induction of new Chapter member/s.

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