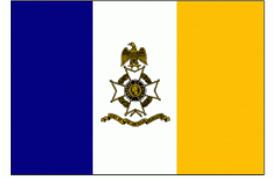




ARIZONA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

BARRY M. GOLDWATER CHAPTER



NEWSLETTER

October 2010

Minutes of the September 16, 2010, Chapter meeting

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

Our September 16th Chapter meeting was opened by Vice-President Dennis Weiland M.D. at 6:30 p.m. with twenty one Compatriots and guests in attendance.

After the summer break it was nice to get back into the swing of things. Unfortunately, our guest speaker failed to attend, due to a scheduling problem, but a pleasant time was had by all.

Price increase for meals at Coco's

One thing changed over the summer that influenced the price we pay for our meals: a 1% sales tax increase. This caught your treasurer a little off guard; however, after mortgaging his condo in beautiful downtown Nothing, AZ the bill was paid.

So, as approved by the BMG Board of Officers, and effective with the October meeting, the cost per meal is \$15.50.

New BMG Compatriots

Effective September 15, 2010, the following men have been approved for membership in the AZSSAR and our Chapter: **James T. Peterson Jr.** and **Rex T. Peterson.**

Congratulations to both and welcome!

Boy Scouts celebrate their first 100 years

Lieutenant General Robert S.S. Lord Baden-Powell established the World Scouting Movement

at Brownsea Island in the United Kingdom on 1 August 1907 and William D. Boyce, Ernest Thompson Seaton, and Daniel Carter Beard, recognizing the potential value of Scouting ideals, values, methods, and practices to American young men, established the Boy Scouts of America on 8 February 1910.

The BSA has taught the values of Americanism and patriotism to over 110 million boys, who have contributed hundreds of millions of hours of selfless service to their communities, states, and nation on their way to adulthood. (Information taken in part from the SUVCW: *A Resolution Honoring the 100th Anniversary of the Founding of the Boy Scouts of America*)

Congratulations!

Establishment of the WW II Corps

The following letter sent by Joe Harris at SAR headquarters was received by AZSSAR State President Walt Seaton:

Walt Seaton
AZ State President
Dear State President

President General J. David Sympson stated in his inaugural address at the 120th SAR Annual Congress, "we will honor all who have served our nation and the cause of freedom – from our forebears who bestowed the blessings of liberty upon us to our sons and daughters who defend the cause of freedom today on distant shores. The core of our great organization over the past 60 years has been the World War II Veterans. Tom Brokaw accurately called them 'The Greatest Generation.' " He has dedicated his presidency to them and asks that all World War II veterans stand and be recognized.

President General Sympson established a WW II Corps with President General Howard Horne as Commander and the undersigned as Adjutant.

Now we need each state society to stand with him and recognize their WW II Veterans, because we are losing so many of them each day. How can each society help? They can encourage or help their veteran members to join the Corps and submit the requested forms.

An article will be published in the SAR Magazine to familiarize all with the Corps.

Also, located on the SAR website is a short online form for the veteran to complete. The form is listed on the home page under SAR News, and Honoring the Greatest Generation. In addition, it is requested that all societies appoint a contact person for the Corps and forward his contact information to the National Adjutant listed below.

The National Corps will provide society listings to recognize their deserving warriors.

Thank you for your help in this most worthy endeavor.

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Compatriot J Michael Jones has listed the following Arizona WW II Corps members:

Bohannon, Jr., Robert C.	79143	AAF
Bugbee, James M.	141023	AAF
Connelley, Donald G.	157097	USN
Hudnall, Richard C.	142981	USN
Jackson , Ralph	17111	AAF
Peterson, Jr., James E.	177936	USN
Platt, II, Clifford K.	142504	USN

Record Copies halted of Older SAR applications

The following letter was also sent by Joe Harris at SAR headquarters to AZSSAR State President Walt Seaton:

“1. As of August 23, 2010, this headquarters will stop providing Record Copy service for older applications.

2. According to the agreement with Ancestry.com, all microfilm rolls of membership applications will be scanned, indexed, and made available to individuals who purchase a membership to Ancestry.com.

3. The dates of the applications on microfilm start from the beginning (1889) of the organization and extend through 1996 (national numbers 1 through 146101). This will affect Record Copy requests for applications prior to the issuance of national number 48800. Applications in this range are very brittle; therefore, they will not be manually scanned or photocopied.

4. Ancestry.com has agreed to post only those applications older than December 31, 1970. Ancestry.com will adjust that date as members are reported deceased. National numbers issued after 146101 will be scanned, indexed, and made available at a later date on the Internet.

5. The microfilm rolls will be returned to the headquarters when the project is completed.”

Ancestor biographies

Compatriot **Bill Orr** submitted the following biography of his ancestor **Samuel Breese**:

Samuel Breese was born on April 17, 1758 in Basking Ridge, New Jersey. He was the youngest of nine children. His birthplace was close to New York and Long Island and not far from Philadelphia, which was the center of the founding of the new Republic. He was 12 years old when the Boston Massacre occurred and 15 years old when the Boston Tea party happened. Samuel was 17 when the Battle of Bunker Hill was taking place.

At age 18 he began serving the first of several tours in the New Jersey Militia (a tour in the NJ Militia was a minimum of one month) in the War of the American Revolution.

He was called out in 1776 and served one tour previous to the Battle of Long Island.

He served one tour at the Battle of Long Island. The Battle of Long Island, also known as the Battle of Brooklyn or the Battle of Brooklyn Heights, fought on August 27, 1776, was the first major battle in the American Revolutionary War following the United States Declaration of Independence, the largest battle of the entire conflict, and the first battle in which an army of the new United States engaged, having declared itself a nation only the month before.

He served one tour in New Jersey when the British overran New Jersey in December 1776,

He served another tour when General Lee was captured. General Lee was taken at Mrs. White's inn at Basking Ridge, NJ. On the night of December 12, 1776 Lee and a dozen of his guard inexplicably stopped for the night at White's Tavern in Basking Ridge, New Jersey, some three miles from his main army. The next morning, a British patrol of two dozen mounted soldiers found Lee writing letters in his dressing gown, and captured him. Among the members of the British patrol was Banastre Tarleton. Lee returned to service after he was exchanged for General Richard Prescott.

In January 1777, he served another tour at the Battle of Spanktown in New Jersey. The rebels were victorious against the British in the Battle of Spanktown, which resulted in the death of some 100 British troops. The battle was named this after Rahway's original name given to it by the first settlers, Spanktown.

He served another tour at the Battle of Bound Brook just prior to his 19th birthday. The Battle of Bound Brook occurred on April 13, 1777, and resulted in a defeat for the Continental Army. A force of about 500 men under the command of Benjamin Lincoln was surprised and routed by about 4,000 troops British and Hessian under the command of Charles Cornwallis.

He served a tour when General Burgoyne was taken. Burgoyne had gained possession of the vital outposts of Fort Ticonderoga (for which he was made a lieutenant-general) and Fort Edward, but, pushing on, was detached from his communications with Quebec, and eventually hemmed in by a superior force, led by Horatio Gates. Several attempts to break through the enemy lines were repulsed at Saratoga in September and October 1777. On 17 October 1777, Burgoyne surrendered his entire army, numbering 5,800. This was the greatest victory the colonists had yet gained, and it proved to be a turning point in the war.

On June 28th 1778 at the age of 20 he served a tour at the Battle of Monmouth in Monmouth County, New Jersey. The Continental Army under General George Washington attacked the rear of the British Army column commanded by Lieutenant General Sir Henry

Clinton as they left Monmouth Court House. This was the battle that General Henry Lee of the Continental Army was chastised for retreating by George Washington. The battle was essentially a draw.

He served another tour at Pluckemin, New Jersey. In 1778, following the battle of Monmouth, Washington took the American Army north to the New York Highlands to guard the Hudson River against the British Army, which had moved back into New York City. When winter approached, he had to decide where to place his troops for the winter. In the 18th Century, troops did not often campaign during the winter, due to the difficulties of travel and supply. The main portion of the army he decided to place in New Jersey, near the village of Middlebrook in Somerset County, where they could move to protect New Jersey, threaten New York and Staten Island, and quickly re-enforce the Highlands. The New Jersey Brigade would be stationed separately near Elizabethtown, guarding the coast. Another brigade would be stationed at Danbury, Connecticut, where they could quickly defend the Highlands, or move south towards the north end of Manhattan Island. Several miles northwest along the ridge, at Pluckemin, the Artillery Corps was stationed, with an extensive academy/barracks construction. Bound Brook held the slaughter pens. Washington had his Headquarters in what is now Somerville (then the area was just called Raritan, including both the present towns of Somerville and Raritan, which were not quite villages yet. The HQ is now a state owned museum.) The post office for the camp was on the property of what is now the Somerset Court House, the artificers camp (which made and repaired equipment for the army, was along Old York Road in Finderne, and the horse corral was in Bridgewater, a mile or so south of Pluckemin. The Quartermaster General, Nathaniel Greene had his headquarters at the Van Veghten home near the bridge over the Raritan south of the camp. Today it is the home of the Somerset County Historical Society. The higher-ranking officers stayed in every available house in the area.

Now age 22, he also served another tour at Elizabeth Town Point, New Jersey. The battle was fought on June 7, 1780 between American forces under Gen. Maxwell and Col. Dayton and the British Army on its advance to Springfield. The British later burned the church and village during their retreat June 23, 1780, making in all ten tours of service in New Jersey troops.

He served under Colonels Winds and Frelinghuysen, Captains Andrew Kilpatrick, Gaman McCoy and others.

In the year 1780-81 he was under Pomeroy, Forage master at Morristown, NJ, for four months. Jan. 9, 1834 the name of Samuel Breese was placed on the Pension Roll of Soldiers of the Revolutionary Army, and he was granted an allowance of \$80 annually from March 4, 1831, based on service in the New Jersey Continental Line.

Samuel, shortly after the war married Hannah Pierson daughter of Wyllys Pierson of the Pierson family of Basking Ridge, New Jersey. The Piersons were a very pious family and one of its earliest progenitors was Abraham Pierson who helped found Yale University in Connecticut. Ten years after he was married they moved out to the Wyoming Valley in Pennsylvania in the year 1790, just after the last of the troubles between Pennsylvania and Connecticut out there had ended. He went into the clothing business and owned a fulling mill, carrying on real estate transactions on the side. He and his wife Hannah had nine children. He and his family lived in Wyoming, Pennsylvania and he passed away on July 21, 1837 at the age of 79.

Thanks for a *great* article Bill. OK, now it is your turn to send in your Revolutionary War ancestor biographies. Please send your one double sided page or less to the newsletter editor—act now, operators are standing by!

The speaker for our October 21st Chapter meeting is BMG President John Conrad. Topic: 1776 Don't miss this meeting!

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Chapter Meeting Notice

The next regular meeting of the BMG Chapter will be held on **Thursday, October 21, 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 \$15.50 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 or telephone (480) 515-2798 on or before October 18, 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

Agenda October 21, 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
New member induction
Officers slate for November elections
Other officer reports or remarks

Dinner

Program

The speaker will be BMG Chapter President John Conrad and the topic: 1776

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