



ARIZONA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

BARRY M. GOLDWATER CHAPTER



NEWSLETTER

November 2010

Minutes of the October 21, 2010, Chapter meeting

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

Our October 21st Chapter meeting was opened by President John R. Conrad at 6:30 p.m. with twenty one Compatriots and guests in attendance.

Business meeting discussions:

Preparation of a slate for 2011 chapter officers to be presented at our November meeting was discussed and by the end of the meeting most, if not all of the offices, had been filled.

Paradise Valley DAR expressed an interest in a joint fundraiser in the form of a wine tasting sometime in April of 2011—this ~~tastes~~ sounds better each time I think about it.

New member induction: **Pete Peterson** was inducted into our Chapter and the Sons of the American Revolution by President John R. Conrad. Compatriot Peterson's first line signer, Mike Jones, was also present at the ceremony.

Compatriot transfer from Oklahoma: Compatriot **Todd Turner** just recently transferred to our Chapter from Oklahoma and was present at the meeting.

We now have 46 compatriots in the Barry M. Goldwater Chapter.

Congratulations and welcome to Compatriots Pete Peterson and Todd Turner!

Chapter dinner speaker: Chapter President John R. Conrad gave an outstanding presentation on the highlights of the American Revolution during the year 1776. Now I know where David McCullough got his information for his book entitled: "1776"! John's knowledge of the activities and his presentation style ensured that we all came away from the meeting more informed.

Thanks for a great job John!

50/50 raffle: In an effort to increase our financial coffers, the 50/50 raffle was resurrected and the first recipient of this resurrection (besides our Chapter) was Compatriot Bob Moore who walked away (actually, he had to drag the cash bag behind him) with the staggering sum of \$25. Congratulations Bob!



Chapter President John Conrad (L) presenting certificate to Compatriot Pete Peterson

Flag certificate presentation

On October 12th at 10:00AM Compatriot Mike Jones, on behalf of the Barry M. Goldwater Chapter Son's of the American Revolution, presented Flag Certificates to two Phoenix Moon Valley households:

Randy & Nancy Berry of 301 E. Country Gables Dr. and Dean & Glennis Zeeb of 221 E. Country Gables Dr.

These two residences are located at the intersection of E. Country Gables Dr. and N. Moon Valley Dr.



Mike Jones (R) presenting certificate to Randy Berry

The Berry's and Zeeb's were presented these Flag Certificates as a result of their continuing efforts to fly the American Flag properly at all times according to the United States Flag Code and *Public Law 94-334* approved by Congress and signed by the President in 1976.



Mike Jones (L) presenting flag certificate to Glennis & Dean Zeeb

Histories first submarine attack

During John Conrad's presentation of "1776" he briefly mentioned the attack of the *Turtle*.

Well, here is a little more information on that historic attack:

"The Connecticut inventor David Bushnell called his submarine the *Turtle* because it resembled two large tortoise shells of equal size joined together. The watertight hull was made of 6-inch-thick oak timbers coated with tar. On

September 6, 1776, the *Turtle* targeted the *HMS Eagle*, flagship of the British fleet. The submarine was supposed to secure a cask of gunpowder to the hull of the *Eagle* and sneak away before it exploded. Unfortunately, the *Turtle* got entangled with the *Eagle's* rudder bar, lost ballast and surfaced before the gunpowder could be planted."

(Information taken from the US State Department website.)

Compatriot Bob Young submitted the following ancestor information regarding Henry Tufts Jr.

This is one of my Revolutionary War ancestors that I am hoping to obtain another supplemental.

In his book, *Tufts Kinsmen* Herb Adams list Henry Tufts, Jr. as a vagabond, deserting soldier (American Revolution) and Indian doctor. He was born 24 June 1748 in Newmarket , N.H. and died 31 January 1831 in Limerick , Maine . He married Lydia Bickford of Bloody Point, Kittery , Maine . Herb relates the following about Henry Tufts, Jr.

"Henry and Lydia lived in a home beyond Newmarket Plains toward Lee Hook. During the Revolutionary War he signed the Association Test of Loyalty along with his father, and in 1775 enlisted in the Company of Captain Clark for two months detailed to repair for the vicinity of Portsmouth , N.H. He enlisted again for two months with Captain Dembo and was stationed on Winter Hill, Charlestown { Somerville } during the siege of Boston . His third enlistment with Captain True was at Salisbury , Mass. Mar. 26, 17 81 when they marched to Andover, Mass. And then to Casteel and thence to West Point, N.Y. It is said he served as far from home as Virginia . In his correspondence he speaks of his brothers Thomas and Eliphalet and son Simeon subsequently at Limington, Me. Some say that when a lull in the fighting occurred he got bored and simply walked off becoming a deserter. Evidence of it has not been found.

"Knowing how naïve his countrymen were he was infamous for the foolish tricks he played on them. He once stole his father's horse and rode it off with the law in pursuit. When he got where he was going, he whitewashed the horse and stabled it in the village livery, inviting lawmen to find it if they could! His shenanigans were so well-known he was labeled a hardened criminal by those he

exploited although he actually never did a serious criminal act in his life but was accused of many he did not commit. In his reprobate life he used many disguises and had skillful escapes, bearing assumed names, appearing as a rake, tramp, bully wrestler, burglar, horse thief, freebooter, bounty jumper, fortune teller, Indian doctor, religious enthusiast and New Light preacher. Nearly a dozen times in a fifteen year period he was sentenced to prisons and dungeons and put in chains in Falmouth and York , Me. , Dover and Exeter, N.H. and Newburyport, Ipswich and Salem Mass. Once he was accused of stealing some silverware in Essex County, Mass. For the thievery he was tried, convicted, sentenced and condemned in June 1793, unjustly he said, to be hung from the gallows constructed outside his cell on August 14, 17 93. His wife, Lydia , a juryman, ladies of Ipswich and Harvard College students solicited his reprieve of Governor Samuel Adams but time passed with no answer, and the suspense became terrible. He was asked to publish his memoirs and sell his body. His coffin was made, his grave dug, and the sheriff appeared ready to execute him, but the following September 18th his punishment was commuted to imprisonment for life and he was jailed at Castle Island in Boston Harbor for five wretched years. In 1798, however the fortress was ceded to the Federal Government so he was removed to Salem jail again, from whence he soon escaped. No better educated than his peers, he seemed to fascinate his countrymen with his pranks which embarrassed their fealty. During his confinement in prison he realized money was to be made by selling his story. He had plenty of time on Castle Island to write a rather whimsical fictitious and imaginary account of his ego that read like the reputation he had made for himself, showing how smart he had been in fooling his countrymen who swallowed its every word as being things he would have done. Few have ever taken the time to prove it with authoritative records to substantiate any truth in it. In 1806 he had it published in Dover, N.H. as his memoirs, entitled, ***The Life Adventures, Travels and Sufferings of Henry Tufts***. The few who read his novel autobiography' took it with a skeptical attitude but several authors of articles using his story as a base have never tried to prove any of it, yet made his escapades seem bigger than life. The townspeople of Dover were so outraged by it they

burned the printery down, Very few copies of the book were recovered but several reprints of it have been published, accepting all his feats as facts. In his book he talks about all the women he married by official marriages to any of them have never been found. In 1771, having deserted his wife and children, he claims he married Sally, a daughter of Enoch Judd of Claremont , N.H. He abandoned her in a year and returned to his wife in Lee in 1786, under the fictitious name of Gideon Garland he said he married Mrs. Abigail Kennison, a young widow of Stratham , N.H. She followed his fortune for nearly ten years. He says they had four children. She afterward married a respectable man from Vermont . They all seem to be Common Law cohabitations. At one time he was wanted for so many misdemeanors he took refuge with the Saint Francis Indians of Quebec, in what was accepted to be the northern extreme of Maine before the Treaty of Gent, probably near Sunbury, N.B. (claimed spelled Sudbury . After the Treaty the American village became Bethel, Me. During his three-year sojourn with the Saint Francis Indians the well-known aborigine squaw Molly Ockit (still a luminary spirit in the area) introduced him to their doctoring methods. By 1796 people wanting to prosecute him for his misdemeanors and scandalous behavior had diminished and he came back to civilization looking for his wife and family who had come earlier to their son Simeon's home in Limington, Me. with Richard Edgerly. In these later years, after he rejoined Lydia, he lived in a small shed by the side of the road used as a garage. The town of Limerick compensated him for doctoring their poor. He and his wife, who had lived separately in 1790, being listed at different abodes, by 1820 through 1830 are found living together in Limington. Lydia some years his senior was a very notable and discreet woman who contributed more to the support of the family than did Henry."

**Thanks for a great article Bob.
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!**

Here are the questions of the day.

1. Who built and commanded America's first naval fleet? (As naval historian Alfred Thayer Mahan wrote: "Save for [his] flotilla, the British would have settled the business.")

2. What was the name of the first vessel to sail under the authority of the Continental Congress? When was she commissioned and by whom?

Answers will appear in the next newsletter (unless I forget).

Phoenix in 1874

This has nothing to do with the SAR but here is an account of Phoenix taken from "The Territory of Arizona; A Brief History and Summary. . . By Authority of the Legislature 1874":

"PHOENIX is located in the Salt River valley, twenty-five miles above the confluence of the Gila and Salt rivers. It is the county seat of Maricopa county, and has been selected as the site for the Territorial Penitentiary, though no buildings have yet been erected. It contains a number of stores, saloons, hotels and livery stables; also carpenter, blacksmith and wagon shops. The largest flouring mill in the Territory is located at Mill City, four miles distant, and is owned by W. B. Hellings & Co. A good school house has been erected here, and a most excellent free school is now being taught, and is attended by about forty pupils. Six miles below another school district has been organized and a school house erected. A free school has been open in this district four months during the year. Religious services are held, usually on Sundays, by a Methodist clergyman. There are two physicians and four lawyers in this place."

Pretty interesting: Read the next newsletter and get the scoop on Tucson!

The speaker for our November 18th meeting is Rev Tom Rough. Topic: "Courage to Care." 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, November 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 \$15.50 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 Bob Young at Bob.Young1@Cox.net or telephone (602) 841-7037 on or before November 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

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Agenda November 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

Our guest speaker, Rev. Tom Rough, will give a patriotic talk entitled: "Courage to Care."

BMG Chapter Officers election and installation

50/50 Drawing

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