



ARIZONA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

BARRY M. GOLDWATER CHAPTER



NEWSLETTER

December 2010

Special notice: There will not be a December BMG Chapter meeting. Our next meeting will be on January 20, 2011.

Have a very merry Christmas!

Minutes of the November 18, 2010, Chapter meeting

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

Our November 18th Chapter meeting was opened by President John R. Conrad at 6:30 p.m. with nineteen Compatriots and guests in attendance.

Chapter officers elected for 2011 The following Compatriots of the Barry M. Goldwater Chapter were elected as Chapter officers for 2011:

President: Earl E. Atwood
Vice President: Dennis E. Weiland
Secretary/Treasurer: David A. Swanson
Registrar/Genealogist: William C. Orr
Public Affairs Officer: J. Michael Jones
Chaplain: Robert Bohannon
Sergeant-at-Arms: Earl E. Atwood
Chancellor: Gerald M. Richards
State Board of Managers: H. Robert Young

Cadet Chief Petty Officer Jim Trebilcock, a JROTC member from Greenway High School, gave a short talk about his unit and encouraged us to use the tax credit program to support the JROTC and also handed out Fry's bar codes that could be used to designate a portion of our purchases to the JROTC program.

Mike Jones gave a report on his recent trip to Kentucky, and gave an update on the move of National HQ to its new location.

Bill Orr gave an update of membership and applications; applications have been delayed significantly because of the HQ move. (8 open applications, the oldest 2 from July.)

And the Chapter voted to issue memorial certificates itself, rather than have the State Chaplain send them out.

Speaker

Rev. Tom Rough gave an excellent, uplifting presentation with the topic being: "Courage to Care." His speech was about how the U.S. is a great place regardless of the issues that face us and was well received by all in attendance.

New BMG Compatriots

Effective November 23, 2010, the following men have been approved for membership in the AZSSAR and our Chapter: **David S. Van Denburgh and Daniel D. Van Denburgh**

Congratulations to both and welcome!
Our Chapter now counts 48 members

Answers to the questions of the day in the November newsletter

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.")

Answer: Patriot and Traitor Benedict Arnold. Arnold's Lake Champlain fleet was composed of sixteen ships (most of which he had built on the lake). This caused the British to build an even bigger fleet and although Arnold lost the Battle of Valcour Bay (two-thirds of his fleet was lost) his actions delayed by a year, the British invasion of the colonies from the north. This drove a stake in the heart of the British plan to divide and conquer

them. (The battle occurred in October 1776 and because winter was just around the corner, the British under Carleton were forced back to Canada.)

To quote Mahan again: “The little American navy was wiped out, but never had any force big or small lived to better purpose.”

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?
 Answer: The *Hanna*, commanded by Nicholas Broughton, was commissioned by General George Washington on September 2, 1775. This was America’s first vessel to sail under the authority of the Continental Congress.

Tucson in 1874

Once again this has nothing to do with the SAR, but a little state history is good for the soul, so here is an account of Tucson taken from “The Territory of Arizona; A Brief History and Summary. . . “By Authority of the Legislature 1874” (Phoenix was presented in the November newsletter).

“TUCSON is located in the Santa Cruz Valley, three hundred miles east of Arizona City, on the overland road from San Diego, California, to Santa Fe, New Mexico; is the capital o the Territory, and the county seat of Pima county, and has a population of about thirty-five hundred. It has been a town of some importance for about a century. The Mexican Government had a military post here before the country was ceded to the United States, and it is now the principal place for the exchange of commodities between Arizona and Sonora. The people of that country bring here wheat, barley, corn, fruits, salt, coarse sugar, tobacco, cigars, and other products of their country, and exchange them for goods and money. Tucson contains a number of heavy mercantile houses, a drug store, news depot, one saw mill, various hotels and restaurants, several shoemaker and tailor shops, two breweries, a number of meat markets, and several bakeries. The Arizona Citizen owned and edited by John Wasson, is published here. It is issued weekly, and is an able exponent of the sentiment of the people and the true interests of the country. The professions are represented by three practicing physicians, and

three lawyers. The Supreme Court holds annual sessions here. There are two public free schools in successful operation, in charge of able and experienced teachers. The daily average attendance is about seventy-five, and the number is constantly increasing. The Sisters of St. Joseph have a Seminary for young ladies, which is quite well attended. The Catholics have a church, (the only one here), that is well attended and supported. The town is built almost entirely of adobes, and its plan gives it the appearance of a Mexican town. Seven-eighths of the population are Mexican, and the Spanish language is more spoken than the English.”

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