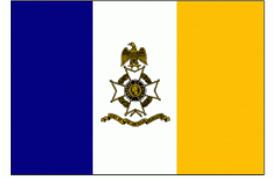




ARIZONA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

BARRY M. GOLDWATER CHAPTER



NEWSLETTER

January 2011

Have a great 2011!

BMG Christmas party

Once again Rob Bohannon organized an excellent Christmas party at his house for the Chapter. Everybody had a great time with the music, food, and camaraderie at a party that has become a Chapter hallmark event!



Can't go hungry here!



Thanks Rob!

New BMG Compatriot

Effective December 2, 2010, Compatriot Robert Ernst Davis, was approved for membership in the AZSSAR and our Chapter

Congratulations and welcome!

Price increase for meals at Coco's

Just a reminder, effective with the October meeting, the cost per meal is \$15.50.

Meeting January 20, 2011

We will have our Chapter officer installation and Mike Jones will give a talk regarding the 2012 National Congress which will be held in Phoenix.

Don't miss this meeting. (See the attached announcement for more information.)

A little bit of AZSSAR, SAR and Arizona history

By David A. Swanson

Let's see, on February 14, 2012, Arizona will celebrate its (our) 100th anniversary as a state. Did you know that on February 14, 1862, Confederate President Jefferson Davis signed the official proclamation making part of the present day Arizona a Confederate territory (short lived as it was)? Anyway, one wonders if the 1912 statehood date was simply a coincidence—or maybe it was a Valentine's Day present to the nation.

Throughout various 2011 BMG newsletters I plan on printing *tidbits* of historical information, so let's start with this announcement in the March 31, 1891, edition of the *Phoenix Daily Herald*:

“Arizona’s Sons of the Revolution

“There are a number of descendants of Revolutionary heroes in this Territory. Col. C. D. Poston, of the capital city, would like to get into communication with them, in order to organize a branch of the National Society of Sons of the American Revolution.

“In twenty-seven States such organizations have been effected, extending from California, which led the movement by a society formed in the Centennial year, to Massachusetts; from Vermont to Louisiana.

“The object of these unions is to gather and perpetuate records of every man who aided during the revolution in achieving Independence; to foster true patriotism and love of country and secure for mankind all the blessings of liberty. As the Rev. Dr. Leavitt, in an address upon the subject said:

“On our continent we have fifty republics. Let us form with them leagues of fellowship. Our hearts should embrace self government throughout the world.”

“The peculiar feature of such bodies is that they admit men of all sections, political, religious and social beliefs, up on a common platform where all can meet in fellowship, without cause for jealousy, envy, or any of the feeling of rivalry that beset organized effort in so many other directions.

“The badge of the order is very handsome, and was designed by Major G. B. West, of Alabama. It was modeled after the cross of the ancient chivalric order of St. Louis of France that numbers among its Grand Masters Louis XVI, whose aid enabled the Colonies to prevail at length against England’s immensely superior armies

“Ordinarily a rosette of blue and white silk ribbon is worn in the upper left button hole of the coat, after the manner of various other modern societies.

“Arizona should fall into the ranks of this rapidly extending Revolutionary Army. If those who are eligible will send their names to Col. Poston, at Phoenix, our Territory may take its place with America’s most illustrious sons.”

Now, this announcement was in 1891 and Arizona did not have an actual Arizona State

Society of the SAR until June 13, 1896, but who was Col. C. D. Poston? Stay tuned for a bit of state history.

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Chapter Meeting Notice

The next regular meeting of the BMG Chapter will be held on **Thursday, January 20, 2011, 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 January 18, 2011.

Just a reminder, we have chapter meetings on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars. (No meetings during June—August and December)

Thanks. See you at the meeting!

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



Barry M. Goldwater Chapter Arizona Society, SAR

Agenda January 20, 2011

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
Other officer reports or remarks

Dinner

50/50 Raffle

Program

The speaker will be Compatriot Mike Jones who will give an overview of the 2012 National Congress to be held in Phoenix.

Installation of Chapter officers for 2011

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