



ARIZONA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

BARRY M. GOLDWATER CHAPTER



NEWSLETTER

February 2011

Minutes of the January 20, 2011, Chapter meeting

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

Our January 20th Chapter meeting was opened by President John R. Conrad at 6:30 p.m. with thirty-five Compatriots and guests in attendance.

Chapter officers installed for 2011: The following Compatriots of the Barry M. Goldwater Chapter were installed 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: Vacant
Chancellor: Gerald M. Richards
State Board of Managers: H. Robert Young



Left to right—H Robert Young, Robert Bohannon, David Swanson, Earl Atwood, Bill Orr, Gerald Richards and Mike Jones who officiated at the installation.



Mike Jones congratulating Barry M. Goldwater Chapter President Earl Atwood

Induction ceremony



One of our newest Compatriots, Rob Davis, being sworn in by then President John Conrad

Congratulations to all!

Speakers:

Mike and Martha Jones gave a presentation regarding the 2012 NSSAR Congress to be held in Phoenix. Following is the 2012 NSSAR Congress News about the event:

2012 NSSAR Congress News
January 28, 2011

The NSSAR National Congress will take place in Phoenix from July 7-12, 2011 at the Arizona Biltmore Hotel.

Visit the Congress web site and get the latest information: www.sar2012congress.com

We are going to show and tell attendees about the Spanish connection to the American Revolution by bringing the Tucson and Santa Fe Presidio's to the Congress.

On July 6, 2012 we will be having multiple Info Sessions followed by an ice cream social. On July 7, 2012 there will be a Tour around sites in Phoenix followed by the Host Reception, so plan to come a day or two early for these events.

As New Mexico and Arizona are both celebrating our 100 years of statehood we need all the members in both states to be registered attendees and welcome the National Society to our State. Registration fees are what pay for the use of the hotel facilities.

We need ladies to help as hostesses in the Ladies Hospitality suite and for the Ladies Luncheon. We also could use help setting up the rooms for the lunches and the banquets. Please contact Nancy Alter or Martha Jones if you are not a member of the Ladies Auxiliary and sign up today.

We'll need all AZ & NM Compatriots to help welcome the National Society to their 122nd Congress in Arizona. Take ownership of our congress and plan to participate as a Registered Attendee plus volunteer and help make it a GREAT Congress for those attendees from other state societies. You'll never be able to attend a congress closer than one right here in Arizona.

The Arizona & New Mexico Societies are responsible to pay for the Host Reception. That is why you have been paying an additional \$5 on your annual dues. You already have a financial investment in the 2012 Congress so help make it a great one.

Those donations are not enough to cover the costs so we have three raffles to raise additional funds.

They are:

The Arizona Biltmore in Phoenix, Arizona

Spend 5 nights / 6 days at the Arizona Biltmore during the 2012 Congress "On the House"!!

Tickets sell for \$20 each. Retail value is \$750

The drawing will be during the 2011 Congress.

Twenty three inch limited edition maquette of the 8 1/2 foot original now at NSSAR HQ.

Tickets sell for \$50 each. Retail value is \$3500

Handmade Powder Horn & Hunting Bag

Tickets sell for \$10 each. Retail value is \$225

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HOLD THIS DATE

Hold the date of April 23, 2011 from 2:00 – 4:00pm for a special SAR and DAR event (see attached flyer). The Paradise Valley Chapter (DAR) and Barry M. Goldwater Chapter (SAR) are hosting a wine tasting event at Wine Styles, 10625 N. Tatum, suite D142 (winestylesstore.com).

The cost will be \$15 per person and will need to be **prepaid**. We are limited to 40 guests.

At our February meeting I will be selling raffle tickets (voices) on 6-8 items at \$5 each or 6 for \$25. Bring lots of *cash*. BMG will get 50% of the proceeds from this event.

Raffle items are still needed! If you have a raffle item to donate please contact me.

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AZSSAR Auxiliary member

Janice Swanson is our Chapter's newest AZSSAR Auxiliary Life member.

Congratulations Jan!

A little bit of AZSSAR, SAR and Arizona history--continued

By David A. Swanson

In the January issue I printed a SAR announcement by Col C. D. Poston that was contained in the 1891 edition of the *Phoenix Daily Herald*.

Compatriot Charles Debrille Poston, as far as I can tell, was never a member of the AZSSAR (Arizona State Society Sons of the American Revolution) but was a member of the District of Columbia Society.

Poston was called "The Father of Arizona" due to his lobbying efforts in creating the Territory of Arizona. He was also an explorer, writer, prospector, Indian Agent, Arizona's first delegate to the House of Representatives, world traveler—I could go on and on. Interestingly, Poston, in the later stages of his life, lived poverty in Phoenix and died in 1902. In 1925, on the 100th (continued on page 3)

anniversary of his death, he was reburied in Florence on Primrose Hill. AZSSAR Compatriot Governor George W.P. Hunt led the official ceremony and the hill was renamed "Poston Butte."

There are many books published about Poston and he really was quite an individual. Thomas E. Farish (Arizona State Historian from 1912 to his death in 1919) published eight volumes of his *History of Arizona*. In volume II chapter XVI, pages 321-323 he writes about Poston (and the:

"Undoubtedly the Confederate invasion of Arizona and New Mexico, and the organization of Arizona into a separate Territory by the Confederates, which was acknowledged by the Confederate Government, with the discovery of gold in large quantities in Arizona, of which the Government at that time stood in great need, were the real causes of the passage of the bill through Congress in the session of 1862-63 for the creation of the Territory of Arizona.

"Charles D. Poston, who was in Washington at that time, aided by General Heintzelman, was active in promoting the measure, which had the support of Ben Wade of Ohio, in the Senate and Ashley, of Ohio in the House. . . .

"Charles D. Poston, in giving his connection with the final passage of this bill says: "'At the meeting of Congress in Dec. 1862 I returned to Washington, made friends with Lincoln, and proposed the organization of the terr. of Arizona. Oury (who I suppose had been elected delegate in '62 to succeed McGowan) was in Richmond, cooling his heels in the ante-chambers of the confederate congress without gaining admission as a delegate from Arizona. Mowry was a prisoner in Yuma, cooling his head from the political fever which had afflicted it, and meditating on the decline and fall of a West Point graduate. There was no other person in Washington, save Gen. Heintzelman, who took any interest in Arizona affairs. They had something else to occupy their attention, and did not even know where Ariz. was. Old Ben Wade, chairman of the senate com. on territories, took a lively and bold interest in the organization of the territory, and Ashley, chairman of the com. In the house, told me how to accomplish the object. He said there were a number of members of the expiring congress, who had been defeated in their own districts for the next term, who wanted to go west and offer their services to the 'galoots' and if they could be grouped and a satisfactory slate made, they would have influence enough to carry the bill through congress. Consequentially, an 'oyster supper' was organized, to which the 'lame ducks' were invited, and then and there the slate was made, and the territory was virtually organized. So the slate was made and the bargain

concluded, but toward the last it occurred to my obfuscated brain that my name did not appear on the slate, and in the language of Daniel Webster I exclaimed: "Gentlemen, what is to become of me?" Gurley politely replied, "O, we will make you Indian Agent." So the bill passed, and Lincoln signed all the commissions, and the oyster supper was paid for, and we were all happy, and Arizona was launched upon the political sea."

February speaker

Our speaker for the February 17th meeting will be Randy Deff from the military-hospital partnership at Scottsdale Healthcare.

Robert H. Bohannon 2002-2004
2007-2008
H. Robert Young 2005-2006
Carlton V. Phillips 2009
John R. Conrad 2010



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Chapter Meeting Notice

The next regular meeting of the BMG Chapter will be held on **Thursday, February 17, 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 February 14, 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 February 17, 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 Mr. Randy Deff from the military-hospital partnership at Scottsdale Healthcare.

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



**The Barry M. Goldwater SAR
and
The Paradise Valley DAR**

Invite you to attend a wine tasting open house

WineStyles Store
Taste. Learn and Enjoy.™

10625 N Tatum, Suite D142

**April 23, 2011
2-4 pm**

Cost \$15 per person (prepaid)

Please make checks payable to Paradise Valley NSDAR and mail to
Carolyn Rearley
6301 E Kings Ave.
Scottsdale, AZ 85254
480-998-4226

Voices (raffle tickets) are available at \$5 each or 6 for \$25
They may be purchased from the SAR or along with your reservation.
You need not be present to win.

Bolo tie
Cheesecake Factory gift card
Amaryllis Hostess Set
3' Photo Ledge
and more

We are limited to 40 guests so please register by April 15th

Proceeds to benefit Veterans Projects