



ARIZONA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION BARRY M. GOLDWATER CHAPTER



NEWSLETTER

February 2012

Arizona Centennial Celebrating 100 Years of Statehood February 14, 2012

Arizona statehood—February 14, 1912—2012

By David A. Swanson

On February 24, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln approved “An Act to provide a temporary government for the Territory of Arizona and for other purposes” and the Arizona Territory was born.

On February 12, 1912, President Taft was to officially declare that the territory of Arizona was now a state—a dual celebration in recognition of Lincoln’s birthday and statehood day, but the day before, Taft notified Arizona Territorial Governor Richard Sloan that the official statehood announcement would be delayed by two days (Taft had a scheduled trip to New York). And so on Valentine’s Day our state was born. Was it coincidental that fifty years earlier on February 14, 1862, Confederate President Jefferson Davis issued his proclamation declaring “Arizona” to be a Confederate Territory? More than likely but fun to ponder.

Was there an “Arizona” prior to 1863? There was the New Mexico Territory which basically encompassed what are now the states of Arizona and New Mexico and thus it would remain until February 24, 1863 (at least so far as the U.S. was concerned). There were, however, numerous attempts by the people living in the Gadsden Purchase area (a lightly populated southern portion of the New Mexico Territory commonly called “Arizona”) to create a territory of Arizona. In 1860 they convened a Constitutional Convention at Tucson to set up a provisional constitution and government, but nothing came of it and in March 1861 an “Ordinance of Secession” was approved. The 1860 Convention and the Confederate Territory of Arizona are but footnotes

in Arizona history, since they both shared the same problems—both were short lived and no external political or governmental body recognized their legitimacy.

It is amazing to contemplate the changes that took place from 1860 statehood! Arizona grew from a population of 6,500 to over 205,000.

Well into the 1880s the fear of hostile Indians was still a major concern. (But quickly back to the Confederate occupation; only three Confederate soldiers are known to have died in Arizona from wounds obtained from fighting here and they were not the result of combat with Union forces; they occurred during a fight with Apache Indians at Dragoon Springs in southeastern Arizona.) Anyway, after being notified that the Interior Department was going to move the “hostile” Chiricahua Apaches from Florida to the San Carlos Reservation, “Memorial No. 2” was written “To The President of the United States” by the 1889 Fifteenth Legislative Assembly, “That years prior to the removal of Geronimo and his tribe of hostile Apache fiends, the people of said Territory suffered untold trials and hardships caused by a continued warfare against them by said tribe. . . . That for years [the Indians] were not captured until hundreds of lives were lost and thousands of dollars had been expended resisting their inhuman onslaught. . . . That the location of said Indians . . . in the Territory of Arizona would be a standing menace to the peace and well being of its people and will endanger the lives and property of its citizens, retard immigration and destroy our prosperity. . . .”

And yet, twenty-three years after this “Memorial” was written, the state of Arizona was born as indicated by Will H. Robinson in his book *The Story of Arizona*:

IT was on Valentine’s Day, February 14, 1912, at 10 o’clock A.M., that President Taft, with a bright, new, gold pen, affixed his signature to the proclamation making Arizona a state. Immediately afterwards, the President advised Governor Sloan of his action by telegraph and extended his congratulations to the people of the state thus created.

As soon as Governor Sloan received the message he at once proclaimed the day a holiday, under the title of “Admission Day,” and the state gave itself over to rejoicing.

The inauguration of Gov.-elect G. W. P. Hunt was performed with democratic simplicity. Declining the use of an automobile as being out of the spirit of the new administration, Governor Hunt, followed by a long train of his friends, and personal adherents, walked the mile or more that lay between his hotel [Ford hotel] and the capital.

As the governor-elect appeared on the front portico of the building, he was enthusiastically cheered by the throng of people who had gathered to do him honor.

In his address he referred to the constitution in terms of warmest commendation and pledged himself and his administration to its progressive principles. Thus statehood had its genesis. . . .”



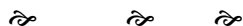
Arizona State Society SAR History

What did the last territorial governor of Arizona, Richard E. Sloan (1909-1912), have in common with our first state governor, George W. P. Hunt (1912-1917, 1917-1919, 1923-1929, and 1931-1933)? Not only were they SAR members, they were members of our Arizona Society!

One further note, ex-Governor Sloan didn’t just disappear after February 14th; he was the first United States judge to be appointed in the new state of Arizona.

Early Pictures of Phoenix

Want to see what Phoenix looked like in the 1870s, 1880s and 1890s? Turn to pages 4 and 5.



Minutes of the January 18, 2012, Chapter meeting:

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

The January 18, 2012, Chapter meeting was opened by Chapter President Earl Atwood Sr. with 29 Compatriots, wives and guests in attendance.

Chapter officers installed for 2012

The following compatriots of the Barry M. Goldwater Chapter were installed by Vice President General of the Rocky Mountain District (and Barry M. Goldwater Compatriot) Ed Karr—assisted by Compatriot Pete Peterson as escort, as chapter officers for 2012:

- President: Earl E. Atwood, Sr.
- Vice President: Dennis E. Weiland MD
- Secretary/Treasurer: David A. Swanson
- Registrar/Genealogist: William C. Orr
- Public Affairs Officer: J. Michael Jones
- Chaplain: Robert Bohannon
- Sergeant-at-Arms: Michael D. Riggs
- Chancellor: Gerald M. Richards

Congratulations all!

Compatriot Bob Young was also elected as our representative to the State Board of Managers.



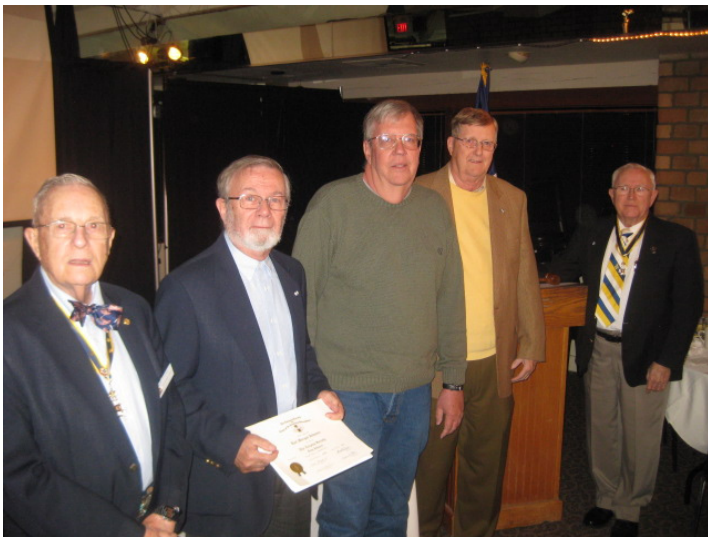
Far left to right: Ed Karr, Dennis E. Weiland, William C. Orr, Michael Riggs, David A. Swanson, Earl E. Atwood Sr., Gerald Richards, Bob Young, and escort for the ceremony Pete Peterson (not pictured are Robert H. Bohannon and Mike Jones)

New Compatriots inducted

The following new compatriots were inducted by Barry M. Goldwater Chapter President Earl Atwood Sr.:

Charles M. Smith. Compatriot Smith’s patriot ancestor is Charles McLouth Smith, private in Captain Jacob Haskins’ Company, Rhode Island.

Karl M. Johnson. Compatriot Johnson’s patriot ancestor is Fenn Johnson, private in Captain Simon Walcott’s Company, Connecticut.



From left to right: Compatriots Bob Young, Karl M. Johnson, Charles M. Smith, Bill Orr and Chapter President Earl Atwood Sr. Compatriot Young was the “first line signer” for Compatriot Johnson and Compatriot Orr the same for Compatriot Smith.

Congratulations to both and welcome!

50/50 raffle

The lucky winner of \$50.00 was Compatriot Bob Rearley. Compatriot Rearley was just approved for membership this month and returned his winnings to his new Chapter. Thanks Bob!

Guest Speaker:

Our guest speaker was Stephanie Brown of the Musical Instrument Museum (MIM) in Phoenix. Ms. Brown talked about the history and exhibitions contained in this impressive museum located at 4725 E. Mayo Blvd.



Ms. Stephanie Brown of the Musical Instrument Museum

New Barry M. Goldwater Compatriots

Robert Rearley was approved for membership in the NSSAR on January 4, 2012, and is now a member of our Chapter. His patriot ancestor is Phillip Sheetz, Gunsmith to the Virginia Militia.

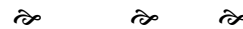
Compatriot William Hearter MD, AZSSAR Registrar, transferred his membership to our Chapter.

Compatriot Neal C. Jennings was approved for membership in the NSSAR on January 11, 2012. His patriot ancestor is John Martin Fitz, Supporter of the Revolution—Paid Supply Tax in 1779 PA.

Compatriot Tyler C. Zahnow was approved for membership in the AZSSAR on January, 11, 2012. His patriot ancestor is Nathaniel Alford, private in Capt. Amasa Mills Co., Col. Roger Enos Rgt, Connecticut Militia.

Compatriot Zachary H. Zahnow was approved for membership in the AZSSAR on January, 11, 2012. His patriot ancestor is Nathaniel Alford, private in Capt. Amasa Mills Co., Col. Roger Enos Rgt, Connecticut Militia.

Welcome all!



Barry M. Goldwater Chapter—10th Anniversary and Arizona State Centennial Pictorial History Project

By David A. Swanson

I have spent a few years researching the various Civil War veterans’ Grand Army of the Republic Posts in Arizona from 1885 through the 1920’s (the term “researching” infers sound investigative procedures so in my case let’s just use the term “quasi-researching”!) and I have just recently started doing the same type of “research” regarding the Arizona Society Sons of the American Revolution. Anyway, when I read about members of either organization I often wish that I had pictures of them—bringing history to life so to speak. The actual written and pictorial history of both organizations is closely related—it is almost not existent.

After consultation with Chapter President Earl Atwood, here is **our chapter’s plan** to celebrate not only our state’s 100th anniversary but also the Barry M. Goldwater’s 10th anniversary. We will take individual pictures of each BMG Chapter member standing next to our SAR flag during the meetings throughout the year. Members who can’t attend meetings can mail or e-mail their picture to me. By the end of the year we will compile the pictures, and make a special year-end 2012 yearbook.

So, starting with the February 16th meeting, be sure to bring your Ipana toothpaste smile with you! (Don’t tell me that you’ve never heard of the Ipana beaver—I won’t believe it.)



What was Phoenix like in the 1800s? Here are some photos that might be of interest—see if anything looks familiar, if it does you are truly a pioneer!



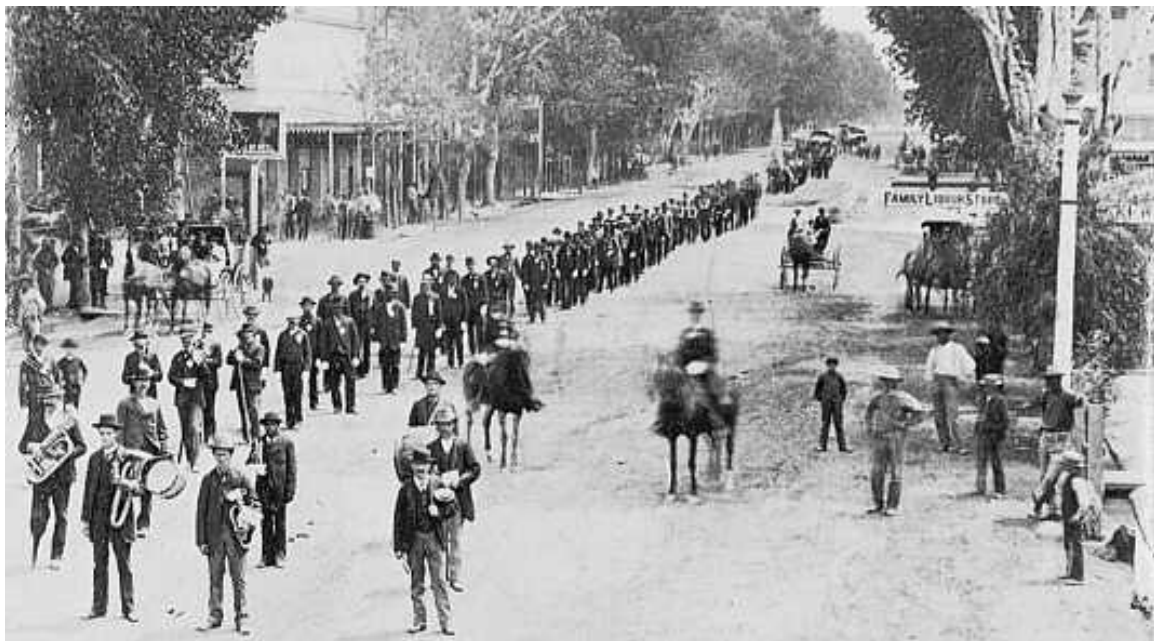
Photo of Washington street in the 1870's (Courtesy: City of Phoenix)



Horse drawn street cars pass by the old courthouse in the 1890's. In 1893 the horse drawn streetcars were replaced by electric and stayed on the streets until 1948 (Courtesy: City of Phoenix)




Cyclists at Washington and 1st Street in the late 1880's (Courtesy: City of Phoenix)



Parade in downtown Phoenix 1884 (Courtesy: City of Phoenix)



 Fly the Arizona state flag throughout 2012 and encourage others to do the same. It's a beautiful flag that represents a beautiful state!

Ancestor biographies wanted for your newsletter.

If you would like to see your patriot ancestor's information in our newsletter please send it to the newsletter editor (try to limit the size to a double sided paper.)

Help! If you are receiving this newsletter by mail and you have an e-mail address that would work just as well, please e-mail that address to David Swanson at: Swanson1854@Yahoo.com
In addition to saving postage, you will get the crisp full color version that is much easier on your eyes.



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Chapter Meeting Notice

The next regular meeting of the BMG Chapter will be held on Thursday, February 16, 2012, 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 a check made out to the BMG Chapter (or if paying cash have the exact amount) and give your payment to the treasurer before the beginning of the meeting or at the very latest during the dinner portion of it.

The meeting agenda is contained on the following page. (Please copy and bring it).

If you plan on attending, please notify David A. Swanson at: swanson1854@yahoo.com or telephone him at (480) 515-2798 on or before February 13, 2012.

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 16, 2012

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
Inductions

Dinner

50/50 Raffle

Program

Our speaker is Dr. Zuhdi Jasser, who as stated in Wikipedia:: “[is]a medical doctor specializing in internal medicine and nuclear cardiology in Phoenix, AZ. Jasser is a former Lieutenant Commander in the United States Navy where he served as staff internist in the Office of the Attending Physician of the United States Congress. In 2003, with a group of American Muslims, Jasser founded the American Islamic Forum for Democracy (AIFD) based in Phoenix, Arizona. He is a contributor to national and international media on the issue of political Islam or Islamism and has been a frequent guest on Fox News Channel, CNN, CBS, and MSNBC. He has also contributed articles to The Arizona Republic, The Dallas Morning News, The New York Post, The Wall St. Journal and The Washington Times.” See: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zuhdi_Jasser

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