



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



NEWSLETTER

March 2012

Minutes of the February 16, 2012, Chapter meeting:

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

The February 16, 2012, meeting opened at 6:30 p.m. by Chapter President Earl Atwood. We had 30 compatriots and guests in attendance.

New Compatriots inducted

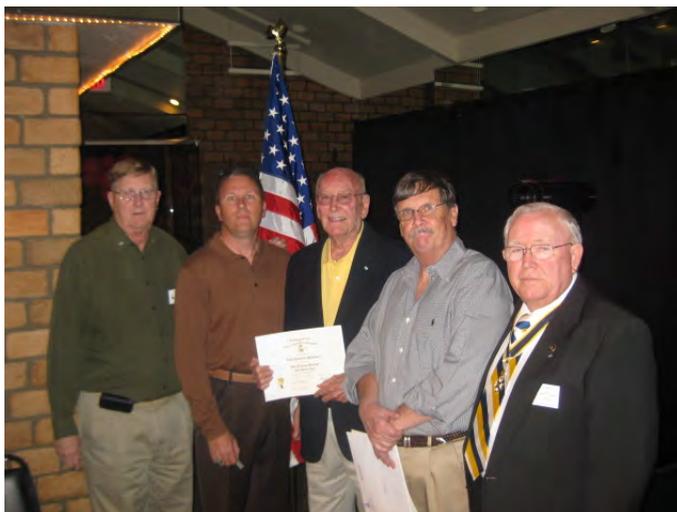
The following new compatriots were inducted by Barry M. Goldwater Chapter President Earl Atwood Sr.:

Gustav "Bud" Clark II. Compatriot Clark's Patriot ancestor is Oliver Westover, Pvt/Capt MA Regiment.

Neal Jennings. Compatriot Jennings' Patriot ancestor is John Martin Fritz, Supporter of the Revolution, paid supply tax 1779 PA.

Robert Rearley. Compatriot Rearley's Patriot ancestor is: Phillip Sheetz, Gunsmith to Virginia Militia.

Welcome all!



Right to left: Chapter President Earl Atwood Sr., Compatriot Robert Rearley, Compatriot Neal Jennings, Compatriot Gustav "Bud" Clark II and Chapter Registrar/Genealogist, Bill Orr.

Patriot ancestor correction

The February newsletter had incorrect information regarding the Patriot ancestor of Charles McLouth Smith; he is Peter McLouth, Pvt, Rhode Island, Capt Jacob Haskins Co.

50/50 Raffle

The lucky winner of the 50/50 raffle was new Compatriot Neal Jennings. Who knew that one could join the SAR and be able to retire at the same time!

Guest speaker

Our guest speaker was Dr. Zuhdi Jasser who, in 2003, founded the American Islamic Forum for Democracy (AIFD) in Phoenix. He gave a most comprehensive and enlightening talk regarding Islam in America and the Middle East paying particular attention to the discussion of political Islam versus religious Islam. As stated, in part, on the AIFD website <http://aifdemocracy.org/>:

"The American Islamic Forum for Democracy's (AIFD) mission is to advocate for the preservation of the founding principles of the United States Constitution, liberty and freedom, through the separation of mosque and state.

"AIFD is the most prominent American Muslim organization directly confronting the ideologies of political Islam and openly countering the common belief that the Muslim faith is inextricably rooted to the concept of the Islamic State (Islamism). AIFD looks to build the future of Islam through the concepts of liberty and freedom."



Dr. Zuhdi Jasser

Compatriot Supplemental applications approved

Compatriot John Culver Donaldson had the following eight Patriot ancestor Supplemental applications approved on February 15, 2012:

John Milligan, generation No. 7, “supplying Washington’s troops at Valley Forge. Private in Capt. Samuel Moore’s 3rd PA Regiment; James Carothers/Caruthers, generation No. 7, “Private Soldier in the 5th Pennsylvania Regiment with Captain Thomas Boude’s Company, Lancaster County, PA; Conrad Boyer, generation No. 7, “Member of the 4th Regiment of Light Dragoons/Boarding Svcs—His house used as a refuge from marauding Indians in PA; Phillip Tanner, Sr., generation No. 8, “Private Soldier in the 5th Pennsylvania Regiment with Captain Thomas Boude’s Company, Lancaster County, PA; Reverend James Power, generation No. 7, “Minister, Circuit Rider for the Presbyterian Church—Frontier Ranger; Johannes Jonas Rupp, generation No. 7, “Supplied the Colonial Army with provisions of every kind along with their horses without charge; Isaac Miller, generation No. 7, “Private soldier in Eighth Regiment, Continental Line; and James Patterson, generation No. 8, “Private, PA Militia, served under Captain Thomas Whiteside’s Militia Company of the 3rd Battalion of Lancaster County.

Compatriot Scott Christopher Hewitt had the following two Patriot ancestor Supplemental applications approved:

Seth Hoyt, generation No. 8, “Private in Massachusetts; and Hezekiah Mason, generation 8, “Private in Captain David Wheeler’s Co., Col John Brown’s detachment of Militia.

Quoting part of their approval letters signed by President General Larry J. Magerkurth:

“[C]ongratulations on having successfully completed this work. I know that in many cases, the research necessary to complete a Supplemental application requires even more time and effort than were needed for the original application.”

Congratulations to Compatriots Donaldson and Hewitt!

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

By David A. Swanson

In the March 2011 newsletter I listed the member of the AZSSAR as of 1901. One of the members was AZSSAR State Historian Ricardo Edsall Miner. So who was this early SAR member? Well as documented

in the book, *Portrait and Biographical Record of Arizona*. Chapman Publishing Company 1901, Mr. Miner comes to life:

The popular cashier of the Arizona Water Company, Mr. Miner, was born in Freedom, LaSalle county Ill., January 7, 1856. . . . [His father] Samuel Edsall [Miner] was . . . in the meat business in Chicago, Ill. In 1879 he removed to Bigbug, Ariz., [an old mining community established in Yavapai County in 1863] and engaged in general merchandise business, and also became interested in mining. In 1887 he removed to the Salt River valley, and is now at the age of seventy-nine years, retired from active participation in business affairs, and residing with his son in Phoenix. . . . Mrs. Miner died in Phoenix at the age of seventy-two. She traced her descent back to some Revolutionary heroes. . . .

He [Ricardo] . . . received his education in the public schools, and was graduated from the high school. When old enough to assume responsibility he assisted his father in conducting the general merchandise store, and in this way acquired considerable useful knowledge of the ways of commerce. In 1882 he came to Bugbee, Ariz., having been previously employed in the construction of the Chicago post office as timekeeper. In Bugbee he entered his father’s employ, and at the same time became interested in mining, and opened and operated what was afterwards known as Henrietta and Val mines, and also had an interest in the C.O.D. mine. With the later enterprise he is still connected. Since 1882 the father and son have been engaged in raising cattle in the Arizona Mountains, which forms a considerable source of revenue. In 1887, Mr. Miner settled in Phoenix and purchased a ten acre farm adjoining the city. In 1894 he was employed by Arizona Improvement and the Canal Companies as cashier and paymaster, and continues to hold the position at the present time, and after the reorganizing of the companies in 1898, into the Arizona Water Company.

In Chicago, Mr. Miner was united in marriage to Fannie Church. . . . of this union there is one child George Edsall. Mr. Miner is associated with the Republican party and is interested in all of its issues and undertakings. He is also a member of the Arizona Sons of the Revolution. . . . He represents the most substantial and enterprising of the business men of Phoenix and is esteemed for his innumerable excellent traits of mind, character, and attainment. His high principles and all-around geniality and good fellowship have gained for him many friends, and

his up-right business methods the confidence of his employers and the community at large.

So, hear at least is a partial biography of one of our oldest Compatriots! And speaking of biographies, see the following article on one of our Compatriot's Patriot ancestors.



So You Think the Revolutionary War is Ancient History?

By Maura (Phillips) Mackowski



Think again. This is Amanda (Whalon) Phillips (1878-1912), grandmother of BMG compatriot Carlton Phillips. Her grandfather was a Revolutionary War Minute Man. Not great-grandfather, or great-great-grandfather, and not the Civil War, the *Revolutionary* War; the one with the three-cornered hats. A member of this SAR chapter is just four generations removed from the events that created this nation.

Daniel Whalon of Dartmouth, MA was one of thousands of Americans who went about daily life during the war, ready to drop everything and serve on a "minute's" notice if required. According to *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War* his services were asked for in August 1780, when he was ordered to spend two days on alarm at Rhode Island. He did this as part of Capt. Job Cook's 16th Company, in Col. John Hathaway's 2nd Bristol County Regiment, the same alarm and same company as a patriot ancestor of Amanda's husband George -- Pvt. Ira Phillips. Their area's economy was heavily dependent on maritime trade and the British occupied nearby Newport, RI from December 1776 to October 1779. Local militia was often summoned for skirmishes and secret missions to keep the British confined to the area. In August 1778 the Continental Army tried to expel the occupiers for good and regain control of Narragansett Bay, the sea, and waterways in the Battle of Rhode Island, aka the

Battle of Quaker Hill. What role Daniel Whalon played precisely will likely never be known, but he did his part when it mattered.

Born in Swansea, MA in 1751, Daniel was a new father and married to Abigail Collins for just a year and a half when he was called up. They would have five more children before she died and he wed Hannah Rogers, daughter of another local veteran, Gideon Rogers. Together they had another five children. Their youngest, James Madison Whalon, born when Daniel was 65, became the father of Amanda at nearly the same age himself. We do not know how Daniel supported his family or when he died, other than it was prior to 1848, when his widow remarried. The couple named their youngest son for a key author of the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights, the president in office during the War of 1812 and Second Barbary War (1815), both of which helped the seamen in their area, including sons and grandsons, avoid illegal capture. Thus Daniel likely still had a strong interest in political ideas and events in the seventh decade of his life.

In the space of five lifetimes – Daniel, James, Amanda, her son, and grandson - the United States as a place and an idea was born and has withstood attacks from friend and foe, from within and without. Britain tried to take back in 1812 what it lost in 1776; the nation nearly tore itself apart between 1861 and 1865; foreign aggressors attacked American soil in World War II and more recently, on 9/11/2001. The security and unity of the U.S.A., viewed from what seems like the "vast expanse" of nearly two-and-a-half centuries, is still young, still in need of vigilant support. New generations and new Americans – old Americans, too – must not think the founders's ideals and struggles are curiosities of a bygone era, like a Minute Man's tricorne, worn for a while, then put on the shelf for two centuries as no longer needed. They are still young and relevant to us today, still something to prize, protect, and proclaim.

Editor's note: Thank you Maura for a most interesting article.



Attention all Vets – when you were in the service and stationed abroad would you have enjoyed the opportunity and privilege to call home? Now it is your turn to provide that opportunity and privilege to our current armed forces.

The Arizona Ladies Auxiliary needs your help prior to the 2012 Congress. They plan to collect as many telephone calling cards and Patriotic/SAR/ or blank "Thank You" cards as they can for our troops at the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany. In the Ladies Hospitality Room at Congress they will address

“Thank You” cards and insert a calling card. After Congress they will be shipped to Landstuhl , Germany As an individual or chapter gather the calling cards (preferably \$10.00 denomination) and “Thank You” cards and mail them to J. Michael Jones at 212 W. Country Gables Dr., Phoenix , AZ 85023-5250 before June 1, 2012. Chapters may elect to appoint a volunteer to coordinate the task for the chapter.

If you or the chapter would prefer to make a donation send a check payable to AZSSAR and we'll buy the calling cards in your honor. All donations will be recognized at Congress. Please distribute to all chapters and to all chapter and state society newsletter editors

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AND FINALLY—A lot of money is tainted - Taint yours and taint mine.

 **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, March 15, 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 your check made out to BMG Chapter AZSSAR or have correct change and please give it to me before the beginning of the meeting or at the latest, 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 me at Swanson1854@Yahoo.com or telephone (480) 515-2798 on or before March 12, 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 March 15, 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
New member inductions (if any).

Dinner

50/50 Raffle

Program

Byron Schломach, Ph.D, a speaker for the Goldwater Institute, will talk about "Current and Future Health Care in the United States."

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 and individual pictures taken for the 2012 year book