



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



NEWSLETTER

May 2012

Summer meeting schedule –No formal chapter meetings during the months of June, July, and August.

Minutes of the April 19, 2012, Chapter meeting:

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

The April 19, 2012, meeting was opened at 6:30 p.m. by Chapter President Earl Atwood Sr. We had 24 compatriots and guests in attendance.

50/50 Raffle

The lucky winner of the 50/50 raffle was Compatriot Dennis Weiland who turned over his portion of the \$60 jackpot to the Chapter.

Congratulations and thanks Denny!

Speaker Guest speaker

Our guest speaker was Compatriot John Conrad who gave a continuation of his year by year series of the Revolutionary War—this time 1777. John’s PowerPoint presentation was excellent as usual, demonstrating his insightfulness and mastery of the subject.

Thanks John for a great presentation!



Compatriot Supplemental applications approved

Compatriot John Culver Donaldson had the following Patriot ancestor Supplemental application approved on March 15, 2012:

John Jack, Frontiersman, 6th Co., 4th Battalion, Cumberland County, Pa—Ranger 1778-83 in Westmoreland Co., Pa.



122nd NSSAR Congress

Arizona Compatriots,

By now you should have received your winter 2012 publication of the *SAR Magazine*. Inside on pages 5-8 you’ll see the announcement and registration form for the 122nd Annual National Congress being held in Phoenix at the Arizona Biltmore from July 6 to July 11. There will be another article in the spring 2012 issue of the *SAR Magazine*.

You have paid \$5 extra on your annual dues for 5 years to help pay for the Host Society Reception. 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.

We still have a lot of preparation work to do and are in need of volunteers. See more details in this issue of *SAR-izona* newsletter.

If you have never attended a National Congress I urge you to register and attend. See the web sites www.sar.org or www.sar2012congress.com for more details.

If you are interested in helping please contact:
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Photos of Barry M. Goldwater Chapter Compatriots—2012 year book

During the past few months photos of compatriots who attended meetings have been taken for the 2012 Barry M. Goldwater year book. Photos will continue to be taken during our meetings after the summer break; however, if you don’t plan on attending the remaining 2012 Chapter meetings please mail or e-mail a photo of yourself to David Swanson, Chapter Historian.

All 2012 BMG Compatriots will be listed in the book—if you would like your occupation listed (people

reading the year book 75 years from now might think it was pretty neat)—send that info to Swanson as well.



Memorial Day in Phoenix, 1886

By David A. Swanson

On May 5, 1868, Memorial Day (originally called Decoration Day) was officially proclaimed by Grand Army of the Republic National Commander General John A. Logan. (The Grand Army of the Republic was this nation’s largest Union Civil War veteran’s organization). The day is dedicated as a remembrance day for all of those who died in service to the country—in any war.

On Sept. 24, 1885, (four years after the City of Phoenix was incorporated in the territory of Arizona) the John W. Owens Post No. 83, Grand Army of the Republic, was organized in Phoenix and on May 30, 1886, its members conducted the city’s first organized Memorial Day.

The following is a partial newspaper account of that day as reported in the June 1, 1886, edition of the *Phoenix Daily Herald*:

The Memorial Services



John W. Owens Post No. 83 Grand Army of the Republic, did well yesterday in so successfully inaugurating here, the touching and beautiful custom of strewing the graves of the dead soldiers of the civil war with flowers.

At noon, as announced, the doors of all business houses were closed and at 3:30 a large number of our citizens and of the Sunday School children had congregated about the plaza. At 4 o’clock promptly, the members of John W. Owens Post accompanied by Veterans of the Mexican war and Confederate soldiers marched from their hall and took up a position on Washington street opposite the plaza where the procession formed and moved down Washington street to the old cemetery where the dead soldiers lie. The procession was a large one consisting, after the Veterans of the Mexican war, the G.A.R. boys and the Confederate soldiers, of a considerable line of Sunday school children and a line of citizens in carriages that stretched back for several blocks. The ceremony of depositing the garlands of flowers upon the graves over, the Post and guests returned to the city and disbanded till 7:30 o’clock in the evening when they reassembled on the plaza to listen to the orations of the occasions by Judge Deforest

Porter and Hon. Jos. Campbell. The evening service opened by an invocation by the Rev. Calfee, then the song “Tenting to-night on the Old Camp Ground” was beautifully rendered by a double quartette of male voices after which Judge Porter proceeded to deliver a short, impressive and most appropriate address in which were many touching and very eloquent passages.

Maj. Ed. Schwartz then favored the audience with the song “Mother Kiss Me in My Dreams,” sang in his firm baritone voice with fine effect. The Hon. Jos. Campbell then followed with an address replete with beautiful pictures of thought and touching allusions fully maintaining his reputation for eloquent and forcible oratory. The assembly was then dismissed with the singing of “America” by the quartette. The entire exercises occupied but little over an hour and the audience dispersed with a general desire for more rather than with a feeling that they had had too much, a little point that the Grand Army boys showed great discretion in making while preparing their programme.

The observance of the day was a credit to the Grand Army boys and our little city. If more such days could be indulged, where party and sectional strife could find no place and where selfishness gives way, for a few moments to the nobler impulses of generosity, the refining, ennobling influence would be felt in the more rugged walks of society.



Much has changed in the city of Phoenix, the territory/state of Arizona and our nation since this 1886 Memorial Day observance. Just as this war was fresh in the minds of the citizenry (the bloodiest war in American history had just ended 21 years prior) the wars from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan are fresh in ours (although some, along with its veterans, are fast fading).

Take time this Memorial Day to honor the men and women of our Armed Forces, who have fought to protect, defend and preserve the best nation on earth—our United States of America!



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

By David A. Swanson

As we head into summer I want to provide some information regarding a Compatriot who was instrumental in organizing the AZSSAR and that is

General Herbert Fulwiler Robinson. Why was he important to our Society? As Paul Harvey used to say, “stand by for the rest of the story” and in this case it will be the June issue of the newsletter. So, as documented in the book, *Portrait and Biographical Record of Arizona*. Chapman Publishing Company 1901, General H.F. Robinson comes to life:

Much of the time for the past eleven years Gen. H. F. Robinson, of Phoenix, has taken a prominent part in the Arizona National Guard, and with just pride in this grand body of military men, often has participated in reviews and maneuvers. In March, 1890, this patriotic descendant of a worthy hero of the Revolutionary war enlisted as a private in Company B, First Arizona Infantry, and April 27, 1891, was made second lieutenant of that company. A year later, April 15, 1892, he was appointed to serve on the staff of Governor Irwin, as inspector of small- arms practice, his rank being that of captain. However, by amendment of the code in 1893, the rank was changed to that of major. After five years service in that capacity at his own request in August, 1897, he was placed on the retired list. On August 5, 1898, he was commissioned by Governor Murphy as adjutant-general, with the rank of brigadier-general, and for the past two years he has maintained an office for the transaction of his military affairs, at his own expense.

The great-grandfather of this popular young officer was Isiaah Robinson, who enlisted in a Connecticut regiment and served in the war for independence. His son. . . Dr. Daniel Robinson, grandfather of the general. . . was a student of that celebrated pioneer physician, Dr. Benjamin Rush. . .

The parents of our subject are Henry M. and Anna A. (Fulwiler) Robinson, natives of New York and Pennsylvania respectively. . . Of the three surviving children of Henry A and Anna M. Robinson, W.H. [a charter member of the AZSSAR] is manager of the Phoenix Trust Company. . .

Gen. H. F. Robinson was born June 7, 1865, in Lexington, McLean County, Ill., and was reared in that state and in Wisconsin. Having completed his studies in the Milwaukee high school, at the age of fourteen he became a bookkeeper, and later turned his attention to the manufacturing of maps. In 1894 he joined the surveying corps of the St. Paul Railroad, and was employed in western Iowa and northern Wisconsin until 1887. Since the year mentioned he has resided in Phoenix, for some time being

employed by companies engaged in the laying out of canals on the northern side of the Salt River. After being an assistant for a period, he became chief civil engineer of the work, and is still holding that position. All of the canals in which he was interested have been consolidated under the management of the Arizona Water Company. For eighteen months he superintended the construction of the city water-works of Phoenix. . .

Politically, Gen. Robinson is a staunch Republican. Fraternally, he is a member of Sons of Veterans, the Society of the War of 1812 of Ohio, and the Sons of the American Revolution. In fact, he organized the local society of the last-named order, and was its president for three terms, or until he resigned. That he stands high in his profession is indicated by his having been called to the secretaryship of the Arizona Society of Civil Engineers which office he now holds. He built a pleasant modern residence at No. 522 N. First Avenue and the lady who presides over its hospitalities possesses an excellent education and is as popular in society as is her husband. Prior to their marriage, which took place in this city, she bore the name of Lida Parce. She was born in Michigan and finished her literary education at Albion College.

Editor's note: General Robinson was the last surviving Arizona Territorial Adjutant General. He died in Santa Fe, New Mexico on May 17, 1956.



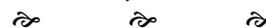
Great investment tip--rosettes?

Don't want to invest in today's stock market? Afraid to invest in gold or silver? Do you have a *long-term* financial outlook? Then invest in . . . SAR rosettes?

Today they are \$9.00 each but had you been investing, say in 1921, your initial outlay would have been 25 cents¹ each. Of course to realize this 3500 % increase your parents would have had to invest for you (unless you were quite the savvy newborn future Compatriot with a *long-term* financial outlook)!

¹Information from the

*Arizona Society
of the
Sons of the American Revolution
Officers
Constitution and By-Laws
Lists of Members
General Information
January 1, 1921.*



And just remember: A man's home is his castle . . . in a manor of speaking.



 **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.

Take time this Memorial Day to honor the men and women of our Armed Forces, who have fought to protect, defend and preserve the best nation on earth—our United States of America!



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Chapter Meeting Notice

The next regular meeting of the BMG Chapter will be held on **Thursday, May 17, 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 May 14, 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 May 17, 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

Dinner

50/50 Raffle

Program

Our speaker will be Frank Kardasz (former Phoenix Police sergeant) who will give a presentation regarding internet crimes against children.

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