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Arizona Society Sons of the American Revolution



February 2013



Territory of Arizona Sesquicentennial February 24, 1863—February 24, 2013



Minutes of the January 17, 2013 Chapter meeting

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

Our January 17, 2013 Chapter meeting was opened by President Earl Atwood at 6:30 p.m. with twenty two Compatriots and guests in attendance.

Chapter officers installed for 2013: The following Compatriots of the Barry M. Goldwater Chapter were installed as Chapter officers for 2013

President: David A. Swanson
Vice President: Dr. Dennis E. Weiland MD
Secretary/Treasurer: Scott C. Hewitt
Registrar/Genealogist: William C. Orr
Chaplain: Robert H. Bohannon
Sergeant-at-Arms: Dr. William Hearter MD
Historian: David A. Swanson
Chancellor: Gerald M. Richards
Public Affairs Officer: J Michael Jones
AZSSAR Board of Managers: H Robert Young

Congratulations to all!

Compatriot Mike Jones was the installing officer and Compatriot Ed Karr was the escort. Thanks to both!

50/50 Raffle: Compatriot Jerry Richards was the winner of the 50/50 raffle and donated \$20 of his \$39 dollar winnings to the Chapter. Thanks Jerry!

Program Speaker: Arp Schultz gave an excellent presentation about the Butler family of Buckeye, Arizona and their involvement with early 1930's Arizona aviation—following the family though many sea battles in the Pacific during WWII. Because of the heroism of John C. Butler a destroyer escort (Navy ship) was named in his honor.



Mike Jones (L) handing over the gavel to newly installed Barry M. Goldwater Chapter President David Swanson



2013 BMG officers (L-R) Gerald Richards, Robert Bohannon, Scott Hewitt, David Swanson, Dennis Weiland, Mike Jones, William Orr and William Hearter



Speaker Arp Schultz

Message from 2013 Chapter President David A. Swanson

I wish to thank all of the BMG Chapter Compatriots for your confidence in me and I will do my best for the Barry M. Goldwater Chapter.

I also want to thank all of the newly elected officers for your dedication to your Chapter and your office.

Finally, I ask all of our Chapter Compatriots to become more involved with our Chapter by attending meetings and getting involved in Chapter activities. You get to meet your fellow Compatriots and share a common bond. We are all Compatriots of the Sons of the American Revolution, not because of what we have done but because of the sacrifices of our Patriot Ancestors—for without them there would be no America or Sons of the American Revolution.

BMG Veterans Committee

This new “umbrella” committee is responsible for overseeing our Chapter’s involvement in such areas as: ROTC/JROTC awards, Wreaths Across America, Missing in America Project, Memorial and Veterans Day celebrations, and encouraging BMG veterans to obtain and wear the SAR War service medal or the SAR military service medal. (This is just a partial list of veterans activities with which our Chapter could be involved.)

Compatriot Ed Karr is the committee chairman, Bob Young is the director of our ROTC/JROTC program and Mike Jones will handle the Wreaths Across American and the Missing in America Projects—but they can’t do it alone. **Here is a great opportunity for Compatriots to involve themselves in this worthwhile Chapter activity.**

Please contact any committee officer (information on last page of the newsletter) for more information.



Other committees/activities

There is no doubt that our Chapter should be involved in other activities such as school presentations, fundraising, and citizen awards—just to name a few, but we must have active participation in these or other events. So, if you would like to get the ball rolling or if you have any suggestions please contact me.

--David Swanson



Missing in America Project

What is the MIAP? Created in 2007 its purpose is to locate, identify, and inter the unclaimed cremated remains of American veterans through the joint efforts of private, state and federal organizations.

This is an organization that our Chapter should support.

On February 27nd at noon there will be a service at the National Cemetery (on Pinnacle Peak Rd, east of Cave Creek Rd) for many found in AZ funeral homes and mortuaries. If you can attend, please meet at the flagpole near the administrative office at 11:15 a.m. We, along with the DAR and other fraternal and veterans groups, will then line the driveway as the remains are brought in for the noon service.

More detailed information regarding this project will be presented in the coming months.



Chapter meeting information for February 21, 2013

This next regularly scheduled meeting will take place at Coco’s at 6:30 pm.

Our program speaker is Patrick Grady, a writer of early Arizona history. His presentation will be on frontier life in early Phoenix in the 1870’s.

Don’t miss this meeting!

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

By David A. Swanson

In the e-mail that I sent out last month introducing the 2012 Barry M. Goldwater Year Book I mentioned that in 1900 the president of the AZSSAR was Reverend Lewis Halsey D. D. So who was he? Here is a very short biography as contained in *The American Shield*:

Lewis Halsey, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Phoenix, Arizona, was born in

Trumansburg, New York, January 19, 1843; was graduated from the Trumansburg Academy, 1863; Hobart College 1868; Rochester Theological Seminary 1872; ordained at Ogden, N. Y., 1872; He was pastor at Ogden, 1872-73. . . . Phoenix, Arizona, 1896, to present (1903).

After leaving college he was for a year professor of Latin in the Oxford, N.Y. Academy. He received his degrees of A.B., A.M., and S.T. D. from his Alma Mater; is a member of the Theta Delta Chi and Phi Beta Kappa fraternities; is a Grand Prelate of the Knights Templar of Arizona; president of the Arizona Society Sons of the American Revolution [He was president in 1900—John W. Thomas was president in 1903]; president of the Arizona Society Sons of the Empire State; chaplain of the first regiment, N.G.A [National Guard of Arizona]. . . . Since he began his pastorate at Phoenix, the number of members has increased from 117 to 203. . .

He has published numerous addresses and poems, and four volumes—“History of the Seneca Association,” “Taughannock Falls,” and “History of the West Baptist Church of Oswego.” Last June he gave commencement addresses at the University of Arizona and at Sioux Falls Baptist College. . . . He is now a Moderator of the Arizona Baptist Association, and president of the Pastors’ Union of the city of Phoenix. His life has been a busy one.

The hearts of all brother Theta Deltas, together with a large circle of friends in the East, will go out to Brother Halsey in the great bereavement that has come to him in the death of his wife Zada M. Barber, at Phoenix, Ariz., January 2, 1900. Mrs. Halsey was a noble, consecrated, Christian woman, whom to know was to love. It was in consideration of her health that Brother Halsey gave up his pastorate in the east [three years ago], and accepted that of the First Baptist Church of Phoenix. . .

Three survive Mrs. Halsey, her husband Rev. Lewis Halsey, D.D., four daughters, Stella, Mary, Hettie, and Alice, and two sons William and Henry.



February 24, 2013—150th anniversary of the Territory of Arizona

We will not see the activity that we saw last year with the Arizona State Centennial, but on February 24, 1863, the Territory of Arizona was born. With this in mind, here is an interesting snapshot of information

about Arizona in the late 1850s—1860 that might be of some interest.

Captain Richard Stoddert Ewell—Arizona and . . . Cochise?

By David A. Swanson

What in the world did Confederate General R.S. Ewell have to do with the Arizona Territory and Cochise? Well, as a Confederate general—nothing—but as a U.S. Army captain, quite a bit. But first let’s clear something up. There was no official “Arizona Territory” until February 24, 1863—up to that point it was simply an area of the New Mexico Territory that tried for years to become its own territory—although it was commonly referred to as “Arizona.” (The short-lived “Confederate Territory of Arizona” is a story all its own).

After the end of the War with Mexico (1846- 1848), the primary role of the US Army in the newly acquired New Mexico Territory was to protect its citizens from things like Indian attacks and lawlessness in general. Twenty-one companies were assigned to this task, which comprised the Department of New Mexico, with headquarters at Santa Fe.

In 1850 United States Army Captain Richard Stoddert Ewell reported for duty and took command of Company G, 1st Dragoons. Over the coming years he took part in many operations against the Navajo, Utes, Jicarillas and the Mescalero Apaches.

In 1856 the 1st Dragoons was split up and three companies, including Company G, were sent to the newly acquired Gadsden Purchase area commonly called “Arizona.” This area, populated by Mexican and American settlers, was purchased from Mexico and in 1854 was officially annexed to the New Mexico Territory. This section of the territory was the roughest part since it was inhabited by “murders, cutthroats, thieves and the warlike Apache Indians.” So into this thinly populated almost 30,000 square miles of territory rode three companies of the 1st Dragoons. Company G, commanded by Captain R. S. Ewell was assigned to the newly built Fort Buchanan (named after the sitting president). Fort Buchanan was located 25 miles north of the Mexican border in a rich mining region of Arizona. As a person who was always looking for a good investment and who was an amateur chemist, Captain Ewell along with four others eventually opened up a silver mine in the area and named it the “Patagonia Mine.” In 1860 the mine was sold to Sylvester Mowry for \$25,000.

In 1857 after the “Battle of the Gila” Captain Ewell, because of his actions, was recognized as one of the premiere Indian fighters in the Territory of New Mexico and in fledgling Arizona.

In 1859, while still fighting the Pinal and Chiricahua Apaches, Ewell along with a U.S. Indian Agent met with Cochise, the Chiricahua Apache leader. An agreement of sorts was made with Cochise—the U.S. would give him supplies of food and gifts if he would end his attacks north of the Mexican border. Cochise went along with the agreement, for the most part, and it was after Ewell left in 1860 that he really went on the warpath because of his capture (and subsequent escape) by Lt. Bascom in an action called the “Bascom Affair.” But there were other Apache bands that continued to wreak havoc with the settlers of southern Arizona and unfortunately Ewell couldn’t do a whole lot about it. Fort Buchanan was too great a distance from other forts for reinforcements and he simply did not have the manpower to be really effective—and he wasn’t alone. None of the forts had adequate manpower (this condition was worsened by the Civil War) and it was mainly because of this ineffectiveness that Arizona tried from 1856 to 1863 to become its own territory. The settlers needed protection and they weren’t getting it. (They also need timely access to the territorial government, which because of their remoteness, was difficult to achieve.)

In March of 1860 Captain Richard S. Ewell became an Arizona “rock star” after a band (no pun intended) of Pinal Apaches attacked a lumber camp and carried off Larcena Page, a twenty-three-year old woman and an eleven-year-old girl named Mercedes Sias Quiroz. Capt Ewell realized that if he chased and attacked the two would be killed so he negotiated for them. The Indians said Page was already dead (severely wounded she found her way back to the lumber camp days later) and they released Mercedes to Ewell. This all coincided with the 1860 Arizona Territorial Constitutional Convention taking place at Tucson.

And so on the third day of the Convention, riding down the dusty streets of old Tucson to the town plaza, came the captain with the eleven-year-old captive. The town’s population of 900 souls went crazy with excitement and joy; but not just the town—he was invited to attend the Convention where those present named a county (one of four) after him and gave him a formal vote of thanks.

In September 1860, while he was very ill (most likely malaria), he received orders to proceed to Fort Bliss, Texas for court-martial duty—an assignment that lasted until January 31, 1861. Still very ill, he received a 10-month leave of absence and went to his sister’s house in Virginia. On April 24, 1861, he resigned his commission in the U.S. Army and his Confederate Army career commenced.

Here are excerpts from *THE 1860 CONSTITUTION AND SCHEDULE OF THE PROVISIONAL*

GOVERNMENT OF THE TERRITORY OF ARIZONA AND THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION:

Chairman James A. Lucas . . . addressed the Convention as follows:

We have assembled, gentlemen, on this occasion, to organize a Provisional Government for Arizona. The neglect of the General Government to heed our prayers and petitions—its refusal to grant us a Territorial organization, notwithstanding or application renewed year after year—the slight hopes of any favorable action from the present Congress of the United States, on our behalf, compels us to look to ourselves in our own defense. . . .

Our citizens cry aloud for protection. The varied interests of our Territory are paralyzed through the insecurity to person and property existing at the present time. Crime stalks abroad in our midst, while our country is overrun by tribes of barbarous savages, who despoil our citizens of their hard-earned avails, murdering and carrying into captivity those who are weak and unprotected. . . .

Third Day’s Proceedings
Afternoon session

Mr. Cozzens [delegate from Mesilla] stated that Capt. R S Ewell, U.S.A., was present and moved that he be invited to a seat within the bar of the House. Carried. . . .

On motion of Capt. J. Dean Alden, the section entitled “Counties” was first considered.

The Secretary having read the section.

Capt Alden moved to amend by inserting the name of “Ewell” to the county comprising the territory between the Chirrichua (sic) Mountains and the longitudinal line proposed as the western boundary of the county, in place of “Santa Rita,” as called in the report.

The amendment was adopted by a unanimous vote.

Fourth Day’s Proceedings
Morning session

Judge McGowan submitted the following proposals which were adopted:

Resolved, That in Capt. R.S. Ewell of Ft. Buchanan, the people of Arizona have found a devoted friend, and the Government, a distinguished officer—one who is ever ready to pursue and bring to justice the savage robber and destroyer of life, or to rescue the helpless captive. He has the heartfelt thanks of the people of Arizona, and we trust that Government will not be tardy in bestowing upon a meritorious soldier

some evidence of its approbation, commensurate with his efficient services.

Resolved, That the Commanding and other officers, stationed at the several Military Posts in Arizona, have faithfully discharged their duties, and have performed all that the limited means within their power would permit, for the suppression of the Indian forays, so frequent and destructive to the lives and interests of the settlers of this Territory. . . .

Be it resolved, By the delegates of the people of Arizona, in Convention assembled, that we earnestly and particularly protest against the removal of any of the United States troops now stationed in Arizona, or the breaking up of any United States military post now established in said Territory; and particularly do we protest against the removal of Fort Fillmore upon the Rio Grande, and Fort Buchanan on the head of the Sonoita, as the citizens of these portions of the Territory are entirely without protection, and exposed to the depredations of hostile tribes of Indians who infest that section of the country.



After the end of the Civil War Ewell spent his remaining years on his wife’s farm in Spring Hill, Tennessee and died on January 25, 1872; he never returned to the Southwest.

Postscript: When President Lincoln signed the Organic Act on February 24, 1863 splitting the New Mexico Territory in half and thus making the Territory of Arizona, Ewell County was nowhere to be seen and in fact the territorial boundaries were totally different from those outlined in the 1860 Constitutional Convention.

Sources:

Richard S. Ewell: A Soldier’s Life, by Donald Pfanz;

Old Bald Head (General R. S. Ewell): The Portrait of a Soldier; by Percy G. Hamlin;

Wikipedia:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page;

The Constitution and Schedule of the provisional Government of the Territory of Arizona and the Proceedings of the Convention; Published by Order of the Constitutional Convention—assembled at Tucson, Arizona Territory, April 2, 1860. (Thomas Farrish, Arizona State Historian from 1912 until his death in 1919, related that this was the first book published in “Arizona.”)

The SAR Pledge—do guests sit or stand?

Historically, our Chapter has invited nonmembers to sit while Compatriots recite the SAR Pledge—you know: “We 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.”

The following information under the heading “Pledges and Salutes” is contained in our National SAR Handbook, Volume II, page 62 (revised 2012) and covers that instance and others as well:

5. The SAR pledge: The hands should be at the side for the SAR Pledge, or left hand at the side and the right hand holding written copy of the Pledge. The hand over the heart should be reserved for the United States Flag—advancing the colors, the Pledge of Allegiance, the National Anthem, and the retiring of colors. Many members, especially new members, read the pledge. Holding the pledge in one hand while the other hand is over the heart is awkward.

The SAR Pledge is not a pledge to the organization, but to liberty and our constitutional republic. Nonmembers who wish to make this pledge should be permitted and even encouraged to do so, and those who do not should stand respectfully with their hands at their sides.



**Washington's Birthday on February 22, 2013—
fly your flag.**

AZSSAR Annual State Meeting

Our annual AZSSAR State meeting will take place on Saturday, February 23, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the Phoenix/Chandler Hilton Hotel, 2929 W. Frye Road, Chandler, AZ. This is the time and place to meet other Compatriots from the various Chapters in Arizona as well as your state officers for 2013.

Information and registration will be contained in the January edition of our AZSSAR state newsletter *SARIZONA*; however, your reservations must be received by February 19, 2013.

On-site registration is between 9:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Meeting: 10:00 a.m. to noon

Ladies Auxiliary meeting: 10:00 a.m. to noon

Luncheon: Noon-1:45 p.m.

The registration form is attached to this newsletter.

**Be sure to attend your annual
AZSSAR State meeting**

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

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Chapter Meeting Notice

The next regular meeting of the BMG Chapter will be held on **Thursday, February 21, 2013**

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 our Chapter Secretary/Treasurer Scott Hewitt at scotthewitt616@gmail.com or telephone him at (480) 203-5054 on or before February 18, 2013.

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, Barry M. Goldwater Chapter President



Barry M. Goldwater Chapter Arizona Society, SAR

Agenda February 21, 2013

Call to Order 6:30 p.m.

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

SAR Pledge

We 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

Our speaker, Patrick Grady, will give a presentation about frontier life in Phoenix in the early 1870's.

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.

Annual AZSSAR 2013 State Meeting

Luncheon Menu

Garden Salad
Herb Chicken Breast
Roasted Red Potatoes
Green Beans
Dessert: Mini Taramisu Torte
Tea and Water

Directions: FROM I-10 Use exit #161 for AZ-202 Loop East. Go east on the 202 San Tan Freeway to exit #50B, Price Road. Turn left on Price Road. Take a right on Frye Road and the Hotel is on your right hand side. FROM 101: Use AZ-101 Loop South. Take exit #60 for Chandler Blvd. Continue on the access road, Price Road, south. Take a left at Frye Road. The hotel will be on your right hand side.

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN TUESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2013

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Guests: -----

Lunch and meeting (total \$25 per person) @ \$ 25.00 = \$ _____
Meeting only (no lunch-fee helps cover cost of event) @ \$ 10.00 = \$ _____
Make checks payable to "AZSSAR"

Total \$ _____