



# THE GOLDWATER JOURNAL

Newsletter of the Barry M. Goldwater Chapter  
Arizona Society Sons of the American Revolution



May 2013

**Summer meeting schedule—No formal Chapter meetings during the months of June, July and August**

## Minutes of the April 18, 2013 Chapter meeting

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

Our April 18, 2013 Chapter meeting was opened by President David A. Swanson at 6:30 p.m. with twenty one Compatriots and guests in attendance. *Business meeting discussions:* The BMG Board of Officer minutes were read by David Swanson (and are contained further in this newsletter).

*Program speaker:* Kathleen Laurier, a member of the Maricopa Chapter DAR, and who is very active in the veteran's community statewide, gave an informative overview of her association with Messenger Mortuary and their work in gathering the cremains of unclaimed veterans.

Kathleen, in conjunction with the mortuary, has identified 23 unclaimed veteran's cremains and plans are in the works to identify even more and have a memorial service sometime this fall. She will keep us posted on the progress.

*50/50 raffle:* Past Chapter President Bob Young was this month's winner of \$34.00 and so was our Chapter!

**C.A.R. and our Chapter:** Compatriot Ed Karr presented information about the Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.) and our Chapter's link to it. His grandson Brandon Karr (also a BMG Compatriot) is very active in the C.A.R. See page 3 for more details.

## Minutes of the Barry M. Goldwater Board of Managers Meeting: March 30, 2013

The following items which were brought up at March 30, 2013 meeting of the Barry M. Goldwater Chapter BOM were passed by unanimous agreement of the Board. The items were presented in an effort to increase Chapter activities (internal and external) and recruit and retain members. It is hoped that the following will at least lead in that direction.

Members present: David A. Swanson, Earl Atwood, Scott Hewitt, Bob Young, Bill Orr, and Gerald Richards.

## BMG Chapter Veterans Service Medal Program

For many years our Chapter has obtained and presented JROTC/ROTC medals to deserving individuals in these programs (and we will continue to do so); however, our actual veterans should also be recognized for their service to our country, hence, the Barry M. Goldwater Chapter Veterans Service Medal Program which will fall under the current BMG Chapter Veterans Committee. All current BMG Chapter members who are entitled to receive either the War Service Medal or the Military Service Medal (not both) will be enrolled in the program, if they request to do so, as well as any future BMG Compatriots who are likewise entitled and apply.

The costs will be paid for by the Chapter and are estimated, for 2013 to be *approximately* \$375.00 which should be sufficient to get the current veterans enrolled. Additional annual service medal costs will vary depending on the military status of future Compatriots. The medal/s will be presented at the next most appropriate Chapter meeting and if a recipient cannot attend a meeting or meetings the medal will be delivered to him by a member of the Veterans Committee.

The chapter has sufficient funds for both the JROTC/ROTC program and the Veterans Service Medal program.

## Annual Veterans Appreciation Dinner (Veterans Committee)

This will be held during the November Chapter meetings. BMG Veterans will be personally invited to attend and will be introduced during the meeting. They will be notified beforehand that they given the opportunity to talk about their military service. The Veterans Committee is responsible for obtaining a speaker, hopefully, from a branch of the military to give a military related presentation.

The Compatriot/Veteran will be responsible, as a Chapter member, for the cost of the meal and if he is

not able to drive, a Chapter member will provide transportation.

### **School essay contest**

Sec/Treasurer Scott Hewitt is involved with like programs and will put this together with the various NSSAR programs in mind. It is anticipated that the winner of the contest will receive the Good Citizenship medal. The Chapter needs to get involved in external programs and this is a start.

COMPATRIOTS, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO WORK ON THIS WITH SCOTT PLEASE CONTACT SCOTT.

### **Children of the American Revolution**

The C.A.R. Annual National Convention is in Arlington, VA in mid-April. Each summer the national officers tour the 9 Regions of the US to present the National President's Project for the year and get the support of the local Societies (like SAR Chapters) and State Societies. That national tour for June through July 2013 will start in Phoenix and end in Illinois near Chicago. The C.A.R. National President also "Brings Greetings" from C.A.R. to the SAR annual National Congress and DAR annual Continental Congress in the summer.

The BMG Chapter will donate 100% of the May meeting's 50/50 raffle to the CAR. It could be renamed the 100/0 raffle!

### **Committees**

The following committees are now in effect and hopefully they will give and provide BMG Compatriots an opportunity to be involved with a tangible aspect of the Chapter.

### **Veterans Committee**

This is the "umbrella committee" for Chapter Veterans activities. The following programs comprise the committee: ROTC/JROTC awards, BMG Veterans Medal Service Program, Annual BMG Appreciation Dinner, Wreaths Across America, Memorial Day and Veterans Day celebrations.

COMPATRIOTS, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE ON THIS COMMITTEE, PLEASE CONTACT ED KARR.

### **Hospitality Committee**

This committee is responsible for such items as: calling all new members and welcoming them to the Chapter, inviting them to the next meeting and letting

them know about the various committees within the Chapter. If the new Compatriot indicates that he is receptive to joining one of the committees, the Hospitality Committee member will contact the respective committee chairman or member for follow up. Calling members who have not attended meetings and inviting them.

COMPATRIOTS, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE ON THIS COMMITTEE PLEASE CONTACT DAVID SWANSON.

### **Flag Committee:**

"The Flag Certificate, authorized in 1987, is presented to individuals, companies and government agencies that fly the United States flag for patriotic purposes only. It is not to be given to any commercial enterprise that obviously flies it for advertising purposes.

It can be presented by a chapter, state or the National Society. The certificate has a line in the lower left corner for the name of the appropriate organization to be engrossed. It also has a line for the appropriate president to sign, and a line for the Flag Chairman. . ."

The BMG Flag Committee is responsible for identifying qualifying recipients and presenting the certificates. The BOM discussed presenting about 1-3 per month. (Not discussed was the fact that a section of the monthly newsletter will contain information and if Compatriots are aware of a flag instance to contact the committee for follow up).

COMPATRIOTS, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE ON THIS COMMITTEE PLEASE CONTACT DAVID SWANSON or BOB REARLY.

### **Fund Raising Committee**

Among various proposals a raffle containing an item or items (restaurant certificates or donated items) which will be conducted over a period of possibly several months was passed. Scott Hewitt and David Swanson are initial committee members.

COMPATRIOTS, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE ON THIS COMMITTEE PLEASE CONTACT DAVID SWANSON

*Compatriots, here is an opportunity for your involvement in your Chapter. None of these activities take a great amount of time and without your involvement these committees will wither and die. Please call or email David Swanson or any officer or committee member listed on page 5 to volunteer.*



## C.A. R. National Convention

By BMG Compatriot and Senior Regional Registrar for the C.A.R. Ed Karr

There were about 600 attendees at the C.A.R. National Convention held on 19-21 April 2013 at the Marriott Renaissance Capitol View Hotel in Arlington, VA. As of 28 February 2013 there are about 10,000 C.A.R. members. The C.A.R. accepts any young person under the age of 21 who can prove their lineage to a Patriot Ancestor as does SAR, DAR and S.R.

Of particular interest to our BMG Chapter is that one of our members, Brandon Karr, is also a C.A.R. member. He was active in C.A.R. in Colorado before the family moved to Arizona. While there he was President of the John Blue Society, Colorado State President and Rocky Mountain Region National Vice President. For part of that time he was also a Junior Member of COSSAR and he is now a Regular Member of AZSSAR and BMG Chapter.

Brandon has also held the C.A.R. offices of National Treasurer, National Organizing Secretary and National First Vice President. This year he was among 4 C.A.R. members who were candidates for National President. Because none of the 4 candidates received over 50% of the valid votes cast, there was a runoff election. The 2 candidates with the least votes were dropped from the runoff election while Brandon and another member were voted on a second time. While Brandon had a lot of support again the second time, his opponent won the election and he graciously wished her well.

Brandon's grandfather is Ed Karr. Brandon's father, Brian, and brother, Chris, are also members of the BMG Chapter.



Compatriot Brandon Karr

## Memorial Day

By David A. Swanson, BMG Chapter President

Memorial Day is observed on May 27, 2013 and I encourage all Compatriots to attend the services in their area of the Valley.

The Phoenix Pioneer & Military Memorial Park at 14<sup>th</sup> Ave and Jefferson in Phoenix has a very well attended ceremony which starts at 0900 and the Veterans Memorial Cemetery also has a very nice ceremony starting at 0800.

Now for a little history: Notice that the holiday is "observed" on May 27<sup>th</sup> this year; however, the traditional day for Memorial Day is always May 30<sup>th</sup>. The observance date was changed in 1971 under the National Holiday Act from the 30<sup>th</sup> to the last Monday in May to create a three-day weekend which now is the traditional day of the start of summer.

Many groups such as the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion have been trying for years (and are still trying) to restore it to the 30<sup>th</sup>. "Changing the date merely to create a three-day weekend has undermined the very meaning of the day. No doubt, this has contributed greatly to the general public's nonchalant observance of Memorial Day." VFW 2002 Memorial Day Address.

Oh, and let's not get this day confused with Veterans Day. Memorial Day is set aside to remember the men and women who died while serving their country; Veterans Day honors all veterans, living or dead, who served their country.

So take some time on the 27<sup>th</sup> (and especially the 30<sup>th</sup>) to remember those "who gave the last full measure of devotion."

**VA Cemeteries Update 07:** We've all been taught the consequences of the U.S. Civil War since childhood. How it led to the emancipation of slaves, solidified state and federal rights, and further made the case for women's suffrage. But the unprecedented carnage of the war also transformed the attitude of how the nation honors its military dead; a tradition now indelible to the American spirit. That was the premise behind a talk given by Harvard University President Dr. Drew Faust at VA central office in Washington today. Through her research, Dr. Faust found that the Civil War fundamentally changed the way our country handled death on the battlefield. Both the Union and Confederacy were ill equipped to bury fallen troops in a dignified manner, and death notifications sent to families were informal and happenstance, if they happened at all. Unmarked and hasty graves littered fields and farms near battlefields where hundreds of thousands of men struggled and died. Humanitarian ideas and the dignity of the human spirit were

transformed in the crucible of war, and an emerging sense of responsibility for our war dead led to drastic shift in government obligations.

Edmund Whitman, an Army officer and a quartermaster during the Civil war, led the effort. Whitman inspected cemeteries and battlefields across the south from 1865-1869, examined informal records, and conducted interviews to find out locations of fallen troops. He oversaw the reinterment of over 100,000 Union soldiers. About 300,000 were reburied in 74 national cemeteries, which now fall under the purview of the National Park Service. As Dr. Faust noted, it was Whitman’s mission to put human faces and human cost to the war, and to recognize the sacrifices of so many of our own. His work helped to establish the notion that those who fell in battle are to be honored, and it’s our duty as citizens to remember and cherish that. It’s difficult to fathom the damage of the war. An estimated 600,000 soldiers from both sides were killed; if the war were fought today with the same casualty rate, six million would lay dead. But it’s also hard to imagine a time when the care of our slain troops was an afterthought—an annoyance to both troops in the field and folks in the halls of government. It’s now one of VA’s most sacred obligations, but it took a war of staggering magnitude for our nation to realize it had a duty to honor the dead as much as they honored us. For a video on VA’s Sacred Trust which covers many details of the National Cemetery Administration and its service to our nations Veterans plus how burials are conducted refer to

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=81ESNHb9\\_YQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=81ESNHb9_YQ). To determine eligibility for burial refer to the attachment to this Bulletin title, “**National Cemetery Burial Eligibility**” or [http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/pdf/IS1\\_Jan\\_2011.pdf](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/pdf/IS1_Jan_2011.pdf). [Source: VAntage Point Alex Horton article 16 Apr 2012 ++]

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

By David A. Swanson

Here is a continuation of the early of the AZSSAR and its members.

Next up is James W. Benham one of the charter members who was on the first Board of Managers:

A frontier jack-of-all trades, James Benham co-founded The Curio Shop in Phoenix, Arizona, in 1895, a store that sold southwest Indian arts and crafts. In 1903 he parlayed a position with a New Mexico archaeological dig into the Benham

Trading Company, which along with the Fred Harvey Company, was one of the top sellers of ancient and contemporary Indian Goods. Fred Muschenheim purchased a number of items for the American Indian Hall from Benham.

[http://xroads.virginia.edu/~ma04/ranger/astor\\_collection/benham.html](http://xroads.virginia.edu/~ma04/ranger/astor_collection/benham.html)



### **Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> is Flag Day—proudly fly our United States Flag!**



Flag Day in the United States is celebrated on June 14<sup>th</sup>. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States by resolution of the Second Continental Congress, 236 years ago, on June 14, 1777.



### **Chapter meeting information for May 16, 2013**

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

Our speaker will be Robert Flores, Special Projects Coordinator for the Arizona Capitol Museum, who will give a presentation, titled: “The Colorful History of the Arizona Capitols.”

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**Wanted: Information about your Patriot Ancestor for inclusion in this newsletter. With a circulation of about 1.3 million readers (give or take) now is the time for all good men to share this information with your fellow Compatriots. Send your information to the newsletter editor.**

**Don't miss the expanded menu selection at Coco's (you will if you do not attend the Chapter meeting!)**

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Robert H. Bohannon 2002-2004  
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## Barry M. Goldwater Chapter Arizona Society Sons of the American Revolution

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### Chapter Meeting Notice

The next regular meeting of the BMG Chapter will be held on **Thursday, May 16, 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 S/T Scott Hewitt 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](mailto:scotthewitt616@gmail.com) or telephone him at (480) 203-5054 on or before May 13, 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, President  
Barry M. Goldwater Chapter AZSSAR



## Barry M. Goldwater Chapter Arizona Society, SAR

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### Agenda May 16, 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**

Robert Flores, Special Projects Coordinator for the Arizona Capitol Museum, will give a presentation, titled: "The Colorful History of the Arizona Capitols."

**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.