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Arizona Society Sons of the American Revolution



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Minutes of the November 21, 2013, Chapter meeting

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

Our November 21, 2013, Chapter meeting was opened by Chapter President David Swanson at 6:30 p.m. We had 32 Compatriots and guests in attendance for this first annual Veterans appreciation meeting.

Some of the guests included representatives from the Paradise Valley Chapter and the Anasazi Chapter DAR.

First Annual Veterans appreciation meeting a success

Chapter President David Swanson gave a short talk regarding the fact that our country's first veterans were our Patriot Ancestors and pointed out that, "It is because of these Patriot veterans that we gather here as Daughters and Sons of the American Revolution and it is because of these and all veterans who have honorably served throughout our country's history that we can now honor our current veterans." He then called all of the Barry M. Goldwater Chapter veterans forward and each introduced themselves and gave their dates of service in the military. Our Chapter veterans were warmly received by all of those in attendance as were those veterans who were not Chapter members.



BMG Chapter Compatriots: L-R David Swanson, Michael Snyder, Bob Moore, Dr. Bill Hearter, Bob Rearley, Bob Young, Ed Karr and far right Pete Peterson.

New Chapter Compatriots inducted

The following new Compatriots had their membership in the National Society Sons of the American Revolution approved:

William Thomas Snyder Jr and Michael Dean Snyder were approved on September 25, 2013.

Their patriot ancestor is Van Swearingen "Lt, Sct, Md and Pa."



L-R Chapter President David Swanson, William Thomas Snyder Jr, and Michael Dean Snyder

Welcome to our Chapter and the NSSAR!

50/50 raffle

The lucky winner of the 50/50 raffle was none other than new Compatriot Bill Snyder. Congratulations Bill! Ah, but the rest of the story is that Bill returned his \$50.00 winnings to the Chapter. Thanks Bill!

Program speaker

Colonel John R. Ady, U.S. Army, Ret., was our speaker for this event and he did a great job. Colonel Ady has over 32 years of military service and his numerous decorations include the Legion of Merit awarded by the Secretary of Defense. He holds Masters Degrees in both Business and Counseling. He belongs to the almost 400,000 member Military Officers Association of America and is a Past President of the local Arizona Chapter

Col. Ady gave an interesting talk regarding Veterans Day covering topics such as Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address, World War I and the evolution of Armistice Day into Veterans Day. He included our current veterans and the various organizations that help those most in need.



Col. John R. Ady, USA RET

Thanks for a presentation well done!

Honor Flight in Arizona

Compatriot Mike Jones gave a very interesting talk about the Arizona Honor Flight program—a very worthwhile program responsible for flying WWII veterans to Washington D.C. free of charge to visit THEIR memorial, and his participation in it.

On Nov 5, 2013, Mike volunteered as a guardian for WW II Army Veteran Charles Humes of the Palo Verde Chapter. For more information see page 4.



UNA Neighbor in Veterans Heritage Book Project

The military history of Major Bob Young, U.S. Air Force and a United Neighborhood Association (UNA) neighbor, is now published in the Veterans Heritage Project. The project started in 2004 with Cactus Shadows High School students interviewing veterans. It has grown to over 650 veterans and civilian supporters having been interviewed and published in nine books covering World War I through Afghanistan/Iraq wars. Twelve Arizona schools are actively involved in the project. Bob Young’s history in Volume IX, pages 401-403, covers 21 years from 1954 to 1975. For more information on this remarkable project, go to www.veteransheritage.org

Happy Veteran’s Day, Bob and thank you for your service.



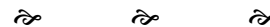
Compatriot Jim Bugbee receives prestigious award

Barry M. Goldwater Chapter SAR member, Jim Bugbee, was recently honored with the National Society Daughters of the American Colonists (NSDAC) Medal and Certificate of Award for his military and community service. For the past seven years, Jim has been dividing his time between Arizona and Hawaii where he is active with the Pacific Aviation Museum - Pearl Harbor, educating grade school students and young adults about WWII.

Congratulations Jim!



L-R: Hawaii State President NSDAC, Nancy Wahineokai; Jim Bugbee; and National Chaplain NSDAC, Kathy Johnson, who nominated Jim for the award.



Veterans Corps

Former PG J. David Sympson launched the World War II Veterans Corps during his term as PG. Currently we have these nine AZSSAR members who belong to the WW II Corps:

- 1. Robert C. Bohannon, Jr. PHX Chapter
- 2. James M. Bugbee BMG/PHX Chapters
- 3. Donald G. Connelley TUC/SAC Chapters
- 4. Richard C. Hudnall SAG Chapter
- 5. Charles W. Humes PV Chapter
- 6. John S. Huff PRS Chapter
- 7. Neal Jennings BMG Chapter
- 8. James E. Petersen, Jr BMG Chapter
- 9. Carlton V. Phillips, Sr BMG Chapter

Ed Karr is the AZSSAR State Adjutant for the WW II Veterans Corps and the two additional Veterans Corps that are explained below.

There is also a Korean Service Veterans Service Corps and we have one application in progress to join that.

PG Joseph W. Dooley announced the launch of the Vietnam War Veterans Corps. If an SAR member

served in the Republic of Vietnam between the inclusive dates of 28 Feb 1961 and 7 May 1975 and was awarded the Vietnam Service Medal and/or the Vietnam Campaign Medal he is qualified to join the Vietnam War Veterans Corps.

Further details about these veteran programs and an application form can be found at:

World War II Veterans Corps

<http://www.sar.org/node/648>

Korean Service Veterans Corps

https://www.sar.org/sites/default/files/docs/nssar-forms/Korean_Service_Form-2013-09-24.pdf

Vietnam War Veterans Corps

<http://www.sar.org/sites/default/files/docs/nssar-forms/vietnam-service-form-2013-10-10.pdf>

For those who do not have internet access please contact me if you wish to join or have questions. My contact information is:

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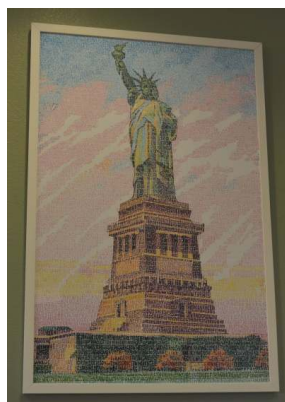


BMG Flag Certificate presentation

U.S. Egg

By J. Michael Jones, AZSSAR, Barry M. Goldwater Chapter

The National Society Sons of the American Revolution (www.sar.org) presents Flag Certificates to individuals and companies that fly the United States flag for patriotic purposes only. The Barry M. Goldwater Chapter (www.azssar.org) is proud to present five (5) certificates to the U.S. Egg Restaurant Company (www.usegrestaurant.com). Each of their five locations in the valley display rather unique American Folk Art flags. The first photo below was taken at the Bell Road location but is representative of four locations. The flag is made of painted egg cartons for the red & white stripes and blue cartons for the field behind white eggs used for stars. The second photo is a map of the U.S. made of eggs. The third photo is a hand painted flag on the wall at the Greenway location. All of the locations portray a patriotic theme of décor. See photos four and five.



The Gebran family, which owns and operates these restaurants, are as patriotic as any I've met even though they immigrated from Lebanon in 1979, settled in Iowa until 1991 when they moved to Arizona. Oscar, the father, has instilled great work ethics and pride in his sons and daughter. They are all U.S. citizens and most have obtained degrees at ASU, NAU or Texas Tech. His daughter Vera worked in the family business for 10 years before starting her family and moving to Illinois. In the following photo the family members are from left to right: Mike, Carmine, George, Oscar, Gebran & Mario.



The five locations in the Valley are as follows:
Tempe – Mill Towne Center (opened in 1991)
131 E. Baseline Road
Tempe, AZ 85283
Phone: (480) 831-0070

Scottsdale (opened in 2003)
3238 N. Scottsdale Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85251
Phone: (480) 947-7344

Phoenix – Bell Towne Center (opened in 2009)
402 E. Greenway Parkway
Phoenix, AZ 85022
Phone: (602) 993-2122

Chandler (opened in 2011)
5840 W. Chandler Blvd.
Chandler, AZ 85226
Phone: (480) 219-1098

Phoenix – Marbella Plaza (opened in 2013)
2957 West Bell Road
Phoenix, AZ 85053
Phone: 602-843-1249

Look for the framed certificates in each of the restaurants.

Honor Flight Nov. 2013—Surprise, Surprise, Surprise

By J. Michael Jones

At 7:45 a.m. on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 a group of 30 World War II Vets gathered at Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport to finally go visit *their* WWII memorial. Hours before though a group of volunteers had already prepared to welcome the vets, issue name tags, check their luggage with Southwest Airlines, and assign them to a Team of other vets and the guardians going with them on the trip of a life time. Another group of volunteers from Honeywell had brought coffee, juice, water, and breakfast burros for all to share before boarding the flight destined for Baltimore. As we moved everyone toward the gate for plane boarding the terminal erupted with cheering, clapping, and a standing ovation for these **Greatest Generation Vets**.

Surprise #1 for Army Vet Charles Humes [of the Palo Verde Chapter] was that I, J. Michael Jones, was going to be his guardian for the trip. When his wife Marilyn announced that Charles was going on this Honor Flight without a guardian Charles knew personally I knew I could not let that happen. I quickly filled out the forms and got registered as his guardian. Charles and I have been friends for many years plus we share the same birthday (with a 25 year separation) and have celebrated them together. Guardians pay their own way on these trips but it is well worth it. Vets pay nothing for their trip.

Surprise #2 came as we exited the plane in the Baltimore airport. Waiting at the top of the ramp was his daughter Malinda, her husband Chad Sneary, and their two sons Tristin Lane Sneary, age 9 and Tyler Humes Sneary, age 5. They were all holding signs and waving flags to welcome Grandpa and the other vets. Charles was so surprised! The trip organizers' and I knew about it but not Charles. Everyone in the terminal stopped what they were doing and cheered for these men. The sound level was off the scale. Malinda and her family had driven from North Carolina to welcome her dad. They also met the Honor Flight group the next day at the WWII Memorial.

Surprise #3 is enjoyed by all of the vets. In fear that a future WWII Vet may read this article and his / her surprise may be ruined I will not tell you about it. Ask Charles or another Honor Flight Vet.

Hint: It happens on the flight home.

If you know of a male or female World War II Vet that would like to go on an Honor Flight trip please refer to web site www.HonorFlightAZ.org for the necessary forms. If you would like to be a Volunteer or a Guardian those forms are there also. There are still 300-350 Vets on the Arizona waiting list for a trip in

2014. It took 60+ years for them to get their Memorial while more recent wars/conflicts/service branches had theirs constructed. Send contributions to:

Honor Flight In Arizona
PO Box 12258
Prescott, AZ 86304



L-R Charles Humes, Marilyn Humes and J Michael Jones



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

By David A. Swanson

Clay Finson Leonard was listed as a Compatriot in the AZSSAR as early as 1901 and, as incomplete as my records are, they show that he was elected as state secretary in 1907, 1909, 1910 and 1912. I assume that he was the secretary from 1907 through at least 1912. In 1915 he was elected as the state historian and in 1916 the position was filled by Richard Sloan (our last territorial governor). In 1917 he was elected as state vice president and in 1918 elected as president. The last entry I have is in 1922 where he is listed as a member of the Board of Trustees.

So we have a very active early Compatriot of the AZSSAR!

Here is a continuation of information regarding the early members of the AZSSAR. Taken from *Who's Who in Arizona Volume I, 1913*.

Clay Finson Leonard

Clay Finson Leonard, member of the Board of Education of the Tempe Normal School, was born in Waubeek, Iowa, August 17, 1862. He is the son of Morgan Leonard and Mary L. Finson, both descendants of early pioneer families in Iowa. His maternal ancestors, however, were among the early settlers of Massachusetts, and some of their names are prominently shown on the Massachusetts State Records of the Revolution.

His great-great-grandfather, Thomas Finson, of Cape Ann, Mass., was corporal in the Twenty-seventh Massachusetts Regiment, having enlisted May 29, 1775; and his father, Thomas Finson, seaman, is on the list of American prisoners brought to Marblehead in the cartel, "Pacific," to be exchanged for British prisoners. In Mr. Leonard's personality are to be noted many of the strong characteristics of this pioneer ancestry. Mr. Leonard received his early education in the common schools of Missouri, and finished at the Normal School at Kirksville, from which he graduated. He has been a resident of Arizona since 1888, and is well known in the state, especially in and about Maricopa County, where he has held various offices. For seven years he held the position of County Recorder, and made an excellent record for the able manner in which he managed the affairs of the office. He is at present Deputy Clerk of the Superior Court of Maricopa County, a position in which his marked attributes of courtesy, promptness and absolute attention to detail are a valuable asset. Mr. Leonard is Secretary of the Arizona Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, and has reached the highest degree in the Masonic order. He was married in 1893 to Miss Serena Goodrich Leonard, and they have since made their home in Phoenix.



MEETING NOTICE REMINDER: THERE IS NO DECEMBER MEETING OF THE CHAPTER: OUR NEXT MEETING IS ON JANUARY 16, 2014.

Dues, dues, dues

By this time all of us have received our 2014 dues notices from our state secretary/treasurer Warren Alter. Please do not wait to send in your 2014 dues check to him. In fact now that you are thinking of it grab your checkbook.

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Hospitality Committee

Open

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. Calling members who have not attended meetings and inviting them. Volunteers are needed!

Fundraising Committee

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Compatriots, here is an opportunity for your involvement in your Chapter. None of these activities take a great amount of time. All committees need more assistance. Please call or email David Swanson or any officer or committee member to volunteer.

Past Chapter Presidents

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