



January 2014

AZSSAR Compatriot engaged in fist fight— police called—see below

January 2014 meeting information

Well, here we are—2014! I hope everybody had a merry Christmas and here is hoping for great New Year!

Our next meeting will take place at Coco’s 4514 E. Cactus, Phx, AZ on January 16, 2014, at 6:30 post meridiem. We will vote for and install our Chapter officers for the coming year. Our speaker will be Chapter Compatriot Robert Wilbanks who will give a presentation about genealogy in general: the principles, practices, growing interest and various local facilities and the internet for research.

It will be an enjoyable evening so be sure to attend.

Lost and found—prescription eyeglasses

Compatriot Ed Karr is in possession of a pair of prescription eyeglasses that were found after our November meeting at Coco’s.

In a most gracious outpouring of sympathy he has, for this time only, waived all finder’s fees and storage fees, so if you lost these glasses please contact Ed (before this offer ends) at 480-265-8258 or email him-- k3kzed@gmail.com. Operators are standing by!



Governor engaged in fist fight: Phoenix, Ariz., November 17, 1928

“In 1928 police were called to the state Capitol when Gov. George W. P. Hunt and Sen. Fred Colter engaged in a fist fight while debating a Colorado River issue.” (*Arizona Republic* 11-27-13)

Now, if you remember your history lesson from 2012, Arizona State Governor (and AZSSAR Compatriot) George W. P. Hunt was the first Arizona state governor in 1912 and was in and out of that office for quite some time—in fact read the following column for a bit more history.



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

By David A. Swanson

In the *National Register of the Society Sons of the American Revolution 1902*, the following information is listed for Compatriot Hunt’s ancestry: “George W. P. Hunt, Globe, Ariz. (9149). Son of George W. and Sarah E. (Yates) Hunt; grandson of John Marshall and Virginia (Christian) Yates; great-grandson of Paul and Mary King; (Sutten) Christian; great²-grandson of *John Christian*, Captain Virginia Militia.”

Who’s Who in Arizona Volume I, 1913 Compiled and published by J O Conners has the following to say about our Compatriot:

Hon. George W. P. Hunt

As a business man of unblemished integrity, as a promoter whose wisely conservative policy has tempered ultra-enthusiastic projects inseparable from the development of all rapid wealth-producing centers, and as a legislator whose every undertaking has been compatible with the highest political honor, Mr. Hunt represents the kind of commercial and social life which constitutes the desired Mecca of the first citizens of the land.

Through the chance of possessing a rare business mind, coupled with great energy, he has become identified with one of the earliest pioneer enterprises of southern Arizona namely, The Old Dominion Commercial Company. This organization, of which Mr. Hunt is the president, was founded by Alonzo Bailey in 1877, and has since known an uninterrupted season of prosperity. Long before the whistle of the iron horse was known in this part of the world, the company was a source of supply to prospectors and miners for a radius of hundreds of miles. Everything included in the term general merchandise is carried in stock and one may purchase all that intervenes between a spool of thread and a lumber wagon. The firm carries a stock of about \$50,000, and does an enormous monthly business. In connection there is conducted a large banking business which is a

wonderful accommodation to the people of the town, and which does a large exchange business, as well as handle local deposits to the extent of at least \$50,000. This many-sided enterprise necessitates the employment of many people, for things are received in carloads, and numerous warehouses are required for their reception and housing, and numerous hands for their distribution.

From the position of clerk with the Old Dominion Commercial Company in 1890, Mr. Hunt so masterfully acquired a knowledge of every detail of the business that in 1896 he became a partner in the concern, and in 1900 was elevated to the position of president. Nor are his interests confined to this responsibility, for he owns mining claims which promise good returns, and a valuable ranch on the Salt River banks in Gila county. It may also be truthfully said that in no undertaking for the best advancement of this great mining center has the co-operation and assistance of Mr. Hunt been wanting, for he is thoroughly in touch with all that tends to produce the most desirable methods of commercial and municipal well-being.

As a staunch adherent of the Democratic party, Mr. Hunt has been a guiding influence in Gila county, and was a member of the territorial legislature during the eighteenth and nineteenth assemblies, and of the nineteenth and twentieth councils. When the town [Globe] was incorporated in 1900 he was elected the first mayor, and he was also county treasurer for part of a term. From 1894 until 1898, through the administrations of [governors] Hughes, Franklin, McCord and Murphy, he served as emigration commissioner. He was a delegate to the Kansas City convention in 1900, and has otherwise been identified with local and territorial political affairs. Fraternally Mr. Hunt is associated with the Blue Lodge of Masons in Globe and the Knights Templar, is a member of the Odd Fellows and a charter member of Globe Lodge P.G. He is a member of the Virginia Historical Society, and the Society of Sons of the American Revolution.

The early life of Mr. Hunt centered in Huntsville, Randolph county, Mo., a town interestingly reminiscent of the early struggles and rugged pioneership of the paternal grandfather. . . . The very early members of the family were identified with some of the landmarks in the country's growth, and the great-great-grandfather was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. G.W. P. Hunt was born in 1859, and was reared and educated [which was limited to eight years in

public and private schools] near the town of Huntsville. When nineteen years of age he departed from the old familiar surroundings and faced an independence whose buoyant possibilities and hopes have been somewhat realized. For three years he prospected and investigated the conditions in Colorado, New Mexico and Old Mexico, and in July of 1881 came to Arizona, locating in Globe the following October. For a while he worked in the mines, and was then in the cattle business for about eight years and in 1890 became identified with the general merchandise business.

Editor's note: George Wylie Paul Hunt was Arizona's first state governor and was governor of the state six times with an interesting twist as pointed out on the National Governors Association website www.naga.org, "In 1916 Thomas Campbell was declared the winner and held office [of governor] for nearly one year before the Arizona Supreme Court determined that in fact Hunt had won reelection." He died on December 24, 1934, and is buried in a large pyramid in Phoenix's Papago Park.



Governor George W. P. Hunt
Wikipedia.org



Following the Equator by Mark Twain

Here is a great essay on how a few bad habits acquired early on and maintained can extend your life...so pass me that breakfast beer, and be quick about it, damn your eyes!

On an ocean cruise, Mark Twain made an acquaintance with a very ill lady. "She had run down and down and down, and had at last reached a point where medicines no longer had any helpful effect upon her. I said I knew I could put her upon her feet in a

week. It brightened her up, it filled her with hope, and she said she would do everything I told her to do. So I said she must stop swearing and drinking, and smoking and eating for four days, and then she would be all right again. And it would have happened just so, I know it; but she said she could not stop swearing, and smoking, and drinking, because she had never done those things. So there it was. She had neglected her habits, and hadn't any. Now that they would have come good, there were none in stock. She had nothing to fall back on. She was a sinking vessel, with no freight in her to throw overboard and lighten ship withal. Why, even one or two little bad habits could have saved her, but she was just a moral pauper. When she could have acquired them she was dissuaded by her parents, who were ignorant people though reared in the best society, and it was too late to begin now. It seemed such a pity; but there is no help for it. These things ought to be attended to while a person is young; otherwise, when age and disease come, there is nothing effectual to fight them with."

Editor's note: Now, I just have to believe that at least a few of the Compatriots of the Barry M. Goldwater Chapter have one or two bad habits saved up in the bank—some with interest!



Just what is the Mason-Dixon Line?

We have all read about this line but what is it all about? *History.com* explains it:

On October 18, 1767, Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon complete their survey of the boundary between the colonies of Pennsylvania and Maryland as well as areas that would eventually become the states of Delaware and West Virginia. The Penn and Calvert families had hired Mason and Dixon, English surveyors, to settle their dispute over the boundary between their two proprietary colonies, Pennsylvania and Maryland.

In 1760, tired of border violence between the colonies' settlers, the British crown demanded that the parties involved hold to an agreement reached in 1732. As part of Maryland and Pennsylvania's adherence to this royal command, Mason and Dixon were asked to determine the exact whereabouts of the boundary between the two colonies. Though both colonies claimed the area between the 39th and 40th parallel, what is now referred to as the Mason-Dixon Line finally settled the boundary at the northern latitude of 39 degrees and 43 minutes. The line was marked using stones, with Pennsylvania's crest on one side and Maryland's on the other.

When Mason and Dixon began their endeavor in 1763, colonists were protesting the Proclamation of 1763, which was intended to prevent colonists from settling beyond the Appalachians and angering Native Americans. As the Britons concluded their survey in 1767, the colonies were engaged in a dispute with the Parliament over the Townshend Acts, which were designed to raise revenue for the empire by taxing common imports including tea.

Twenty years later, in [the] late 1700s, the states south of the Mason-Dixon Line would begin arguing for the perpetuation of slavery in the new United States while those north of [the] line hoped to phase out the ownership of human chattel. This period, which historians consider the era of "The New Republic," drew to a close with the Missouri Compromise of 1820, which accepted the states south of the line as slave-holding and those north of the line as free. The compromise, along with those that followed it, eventually failed. . . .



Annual AZSSAR State meeting
Our annual Arizona Society Sons of the American Revolution meeting will take place on February 22, 2014, at The Property, 1251 N. Gila Bend Highway, Casa Grande. Check in at 8:30 a.m. and meeting to begin at 9:00 a.m. The menu and price are yet to be determined.
This is our—*your* annual state meeting—please make every effort to attend and meet fellow Compatriots from around the great state of Arizona!

Barry M. Goldwater Chapter meeting schedule 2014
All meetings will take place at Coco's Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of the following months:
January 16
February 20
March 20
April 17
May 15
June, July, and August—summer break—no meetings
September 18
October 16
November 20
December—to be announced
Please mark your new 2014 calendars with the dates!

Biographies of your Revolutionary War ancestor wanted for this newsletter! Please contact the editor or any of his overpaid staff.

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

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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.

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Chapter Meeting Notice

The next regular meeting of the BMG Chapter will be held on **Thursday, January 16, 2014.**

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 or telephone him at (480) 203-5054 on or before January 13th.

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

Agenda January 16, 2014

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)
Officer installation for 2014

Dinner

50/50 Raffle

Program

Chapter Compatriot Robert Wilbanks who will give a presentation about genealogy in general: the principles, practices, growing interest and various local facilities and the internet for research

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.