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



February 2014

Minutes of the January 16, 2014, Chapter meeting

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

Our January 16, 2014, Chapter meeting was opened by President David A. Swanson at 6:30 p.m. with 19 Compatriots and guests in attendance.

Business session:

President David Swanson discussed the Chapter's participation in the Honor Flight Arizona program. This is an official hub of the Honor Flight Network which is a nationwide non-profit organization created solely to honor America's WWII veterans (and is being expanded for Korean War veterans) for their sacrifices. Veterans are transported to Washington D.C. to reflect and be honored at their memorials. On December 19, 2013, during the Barry M. Goldwater Chapter's Officers meeting our Chapters participation in this program was discussed and unanimously passed. We will make a \$250.00 annual Chapter donation starting this month. Mike Jones is our Chapter coordinator and Chapter volunteers are always needed and welcomed.

Officer elections and installation:

Compatriot Ed Karr, Chairman of the Barry M. Goldwater Selection Committee, presented the proposed slate of officers for 2014 which was approved by all Compatriots present.

Compatriot J. Michael Jones installed the following Compatriots to office:

- President: David A. Swanson
- Vice-President: William Hearter MD
- Secretary/Treasurer: Scott Hewitt
- Sergeant at Arms: Charles W. Stuller
- Chaplain: Robert H. Bohannon
- Registrar/Genealogist: William C. Orr
- Chancellor: John R. Conrad
- Publicist: J Michael Jones
- Historian: David A. Swanson

Board of Managers Representative: H. Robert Young



Compatriot J. Michael Jones installing our 2014 Chapter officers



2014 Chapter officers (L-R) Charles Stuller, Sergeant-at-Arms; Scott Hewitt, Secretary/Treasurer; David Swanson, President; Dr. William Hearter, Vice-President; Robert Bohannon, Chaplain; and J. Michael Jones, Publicist



NSSAR War Service Medal Presentation

Compatriot Robert Rearley was presented with his well earned NSSAR War Service Medal and certificate for his service in Vietnam.



Veterans Medal Committee Chairman Earl Atwood reading the War Medal certificate to recipient Robert Rearley. Chapter President David Swanson (L) and Veterans Committee Chairman Ed Karr in background



Program speaker

BMG Compatriot Robert Wilbanks provided those present with an outstanding overview of the different facets of genealogy. Robert is a professional genealogist with a B.A. in History and his presentation certainly showed it. He teaches a 9 week beginning genealogy course for the Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department (among many other activities) and more than a few Compatriots present had their enthusiasm for genealogy revived by his presentation.

Robert, thank you for a job well done!



BMG Compatriot Robert Wilbanks IV

50/50 winner

Compatriot Rob Bohannon won \$28.50 in this most thrilling contest! Actually, our Chapter won \$28.50 and Honor Flight Arizona won \$28.50 after Rob donated his earnings. Thanks Rob!



Honor Flight Arizona

During the December 2013 Barry M. Goldwater Board of Officers meeting all officers agreed that the Chapter would start supporting the Honor Flight Arizona program. Our Chapter will donate \$250 per year to this great organization.

Northern Arizona Honor Flight Schedule for the first half of 2014: March 18-20; April 1-3; April 15-17; and May 6-8.

Mike Jones is the Honor Flight Arizona coordinator and is looking for Chapter Compatriots to help him with volunteer activities. Please contact him at: (602) 863-2520 or email: jjones3549@cox.net

Our Chapter can be very proud of the fact that we are now helping to support such a worthwhile cause!



What is Honor Flight Arizona? Here is some information from the website: <http://honorflightaz.org/>

Honoring Veterans with a trip to the Veterans

Memorials

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Of all of the wars in recent memory, it was World War II that truly threatened our very existence as a nation – and as a culturally diverse, free society. Now, with 1500 World War II veterans dying each day nationwide, our time to express our thanks to these brave men and women is running out.

We are the Arizona hub of Honor Flight, the 28th state to set up a hub. We are part of the national network that is flying WWII veterans to their monument in Washington, D.C. Our desire is to fly as

many WWII veterans as we can from Arizona to Washington, D.C. at no cost to them.



Yet another combined newsletter

Oh, say it ain't so. But alas . . . it is so. The March and April newsletters will be combined (along with Chapter meeting information from the February meeting). Once again the newsletters highly paid and over compensated staff has indicated that: "We will be unavailable for an extended period of time beginning . . . because of . . ." This really is sad because it's the same old labor dispute story written about in this very newsletter time and time again. Now it is over compensation for typewriter ribbons. Typewriter ribbons! How much can they cost? Next they will want a word processing machine—whatever that is.



February and March meeting information

As usual both meetings will take place at Coco's at 6:30 p.m. The speaker for the February meeting on the 20th is C.A.R Sr. State President Lezlee Alexander and the speaker for the March 20th meeting will be Compatriot John Conrad whose presentation will be "The Revolutionary War 1788."

Come out and support your Chapter!



James Hudson Goes to War?

By Maura Phillips Mackowski

In the DAR records of patriot ancestor graves is the name "Capt. James Hudson," buried at Centre Cemetery in Wareham, Plymouth Co., MA in 1854. In many cases such DAR records were the sources from which the NSSAR Patriot & Grave Index pulled its information. Trying to get the DAR to actually acknowledge James as a patriot, though, has been a trying and to date, unsuccessful experience. Their reason is that there were too many James Hudsons in Maryland, his birthplace, and no unimpeachable way to prove which one was the James who ended his days in Massachusetts. On the basis of his pension claims, though, James qualified on *five* bases: militia, state navy, Continental Army, privateer, and POW. However, his story is so fantastic as to be almost unbelievable.

James was born in Talbot County, MD (on the Eastern Shore) to William and Betsy Hudson, ca. 1758-1763. His mother's maiden name has not been found. The earliest and presumably most reliable

record is from 1809, when James asked the Yarmouth, MA Town Clerk to record his birth (as March 12, 1763.) James was a mariner and when the British conscripted an American sailor it helped him prove American citizenship if he had already been recorded in a government record. Research has not revealed James's MD birth or baptismal records but have shown that a William Hudson had been born in Talbot Co., with brothers John and Walter and sister Elizabeth. The grandparents were John and Mary Ann (James) Hudson. There was no other Hudson family in the county. The grandmother's surname "James" seems telling, and James named his oldest son William.

James submitted two pension claims. One in 1834, allegedly at age 76, was denied, then he submitted a second in 1854, supposedly age 92. Both said his parents died when he was very young and he was sent to live with an aunt (apparently not his paternal aunt) on the Eastern Shore. She had a husband, a man of "intemperate habits" and young James "was induced in a clandestine manner to leave this house and seek a shelter and a living among strangers." He may have stayed on the Eastern Shore because that is where he claims to have enlisted as "a private soldier" in 1776. Various James Hudsons are recorded as serving in the MD militia at the time, mainly in units training at "flying camps." Talbot County, however, recorded no James Hudson. One James pops up in the same units as a John Hudson, but being with a family member should rule this one out, as he was not an orphan runaway.

After one month (or a year, depending on the version) James joined the "barge service" where he "had several small skirmishes with the enemy in many places about the Chesapeake particularly at the Tangier Islands, Sharp's Island, and Smith's Point." He was under Commodore Joshua Barney, better known for such service in the War of 1812. Such ships did comprise the MD & VA state navies and did cruise the Pokomoke and Little York waterways and engage "picaroons" (Tories) in the places James stated and at the times specified. The MD Archives has records of some barge soldiers/sailors but no James Hudson (or Hutson).

After 3 months (or 10) aboard the barges, James joined the Maryland Line, unit unspecified. The only officers he could remember for his first application were those of the highest rank: Cols. Lee and Horry, Gens. Gates and Marion, and Baron De Kalb. They were indeed at the places he claimed and at the times stated. James said he marched through MD, VA, and NC but along the way became ill and was left behind at a hospital. The MD Archives do show a James Hudson of the 2nd Company, 3rd Brigade at an Annapolis hospital in August 1781, but that was the James who served with John Hudson AND it was after the battle at Guildford Courthouse, not before. James stated that he

recovered and caught up with the Line (unit again unspecified) in time for the battle in March 1781. After the engagement he marched home. His three years being up, he was discharged in 1783 (or was it in 1781?)

Alone and jobless in Baltimore he “decided to go on a cruize,” meaning a stint as a seaman aboard a privateer. Unfortunately again he did not name the vessel or its captain but related that they were picked up by the British and taken to a prison at Halifax, Nova Scotia. There are some records of those prisoners, but James Hudson was not named among them. At war’s end James was exchanged at Boston, probably via one of the “cartel ships” but again, not on record by name. (In 1852 James skipped all this and just said that he moved to “Maine” after getting out of the army.) He never went back to MD and did not correspond with anyone there.

The NARA file shows no reply from the pension administrators to the second claim, made with the aid of his son James S. Hudson, possibly because the old man had added new and impossible details, including having been a prisoner “for years” (there wasn’t time in 1783) both in France (an ally) and at Dartmoor Prison, England (not then open for business.) There was a James Hudson on the prisoner lists at Dartmoor during the War of 1812, when he was still a mariner. The ship’s name was given as *Mary*. However, the name of James Hudson of Yarmouth’s ship or ships is not known and there were then other James Hudsons sailing from nearby ports. Many War of 1812 prisoners were first incarcerated at Halifax and they were also returned via cartel ships in 1815 to a port in their general area. No accounts list the return of a James Hudson.

Having lived in southeastern MA for over 60 years and married into local families, it would be nice to believe that faith in James’s story compelled the entire town council to draft and sign their petition for reconsideration of his case and his U.S. congressman to write on his behalf. More cynically, though, having a federal pension would have meant less of the town’s money needed for James’s support. He may have died before this second claim was ruled on because there is nothing in the National Archives that shows it was either accepted or rejected. Research at the MD Archives, Talbot County Court, MD Historical Society, and elsewhere has not turned up evidence to support (or refute) James’s childhood tale or military service. Surely, though, he must have served somehow, somewhere.

Editor’s note: Maura, once again thank you for a most interesting and well written account!

AZSSAR Compatriot wants Arizona’s admission into the Union a national holiday

In 1912 AZSSAR Compatriot (and last Arizona territorial governor Richard Sloan) “. . . wrote to the governors of every state asking each of them to declare that Arizona’s admission day be observed as a national holiday.” (*Arizona Republic 1/7/2014*)

And for those who don’t remember, February 14, 1912, was this great state’s date of admission into our great Union of States! Fly your flag and bang your pans!



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

By David A. Swanson

Next up on our history of the AZSSAR is Compatriot Lebbeus Chapman. Compatriot Chapman joined the AZSSAR sometime between December 1, 1912, and February 28, 1913, as pointed out in the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Official Bulletin, March 1913.

Who’s Who in Arizona 1913 has the following information regarding Lebbeus:

Lebbeus Chapman

Lebbeus Chapman, Assistant Cashier of the Valley Bank, the largest bank in Arizona, acquired his fundamental knowledge of banking in the very best school the country affords, one of the largest national banks of New York City, The American Exchange National Bank, where he accepted a minor position when but 16 years of age. Here he remained to advance step by step until he became Assistant Credit man, a position which in New York City requires not alone a thorough knowledge of the banking business, but a complete knowledge of conditions in general and the ability to understand mankind. Mr. Chapman was born in Englewood, N.J., October 6, 1877, and received his education in the public schools of that town and Rutherford, N.J., where his family moved when he was ten years old. He is the son of Nathan Allen Chapman, a direct descendant of Lieut. Lebbeus Chapman of the Revolutionary Army. Mr. Chapman served as Corporal of the 2d Regiment of New Jersey Volunteers during the war with Spain, is a member of the Spanish War Veterans and the Sons of the American Revolution, and retired as a Veteran of the 71st Regiment of the National Guard of New York with the rank of Sergeant. After his return from the Spanish-American War he made



New York City his home until 1909, when he removed to Colorado and in March 1911, he came to Arizona and settled in Phoenix. Here his eminent business qualifications soon won for him the high esteem of all those whom he has come in contact and his wisdom is apparent from the fact that he has chosen a practically new field in which to give ample scope to his ability and wide experience in banking work. Mr. Chapman was married September 17, 1902, to Miss Lillian Louise Bebus, and they have one daughter Lillian Louise Chapman.



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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 and without your involvement these committees will wither and die. 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, February 20, 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 February 17, 2014.

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 February 20, 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)

Dinner

50/50 Raffle

Program

C.A.R. Senior State President Lezlee Alexander will talk about Children of the American Revolution.

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.