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Arizona Society Sons of the American Revolution



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Welcome back from the summer break!

Hopefully, everybody had a nice, productive, cool summer and you are ready to get back in the swing of things with the Chapter. Speaking of that...



Next Chapter meeting is on September 18th

Please join your fellow BMG Compatriots at our next meeting at Cocos on September 18, at 6:30 p.m. Since this is the centennial of World War I, our guest speaker will be David Kampf who will bring his collection of World War I pistols. Each pistol has a story and David will tell us about each. Yes, this is the same David Kampf who gave the most interesting talk a few months ago about swords. So don't miss this presentation!

We will also have our annual raffle drawing for the gift certificates to Maggiano's Little Italy Restaurant which leads to



BMG Annual fundraiser

All BMG Compatriots should have received their raffle tickets by mail for our annual fundraiser. If you have not sent your money and ticket stub in, now is the time. Or, if you plan on attending the meeting you can do everything there, save the cost of a stamp, and win big! Tickets will be for sale at the meeting as well.



4th of July Parade in Prescott AZ

Compatriot and BMG Vice President Bill Hearter sent in the following photos from this year's 4th of July Parade in Prescott:



Colonial pastor Bill Hearter with two parishioners.



4th of July photos--continued



Succinct history of the membership badge of the Society of Sons of the American Revolution

Here is a short history of our badge which is contained in the long form SAR new member induction ceremony:

Our insignia, adopted in December 1889, is based on a proposal submitted by Major Goldsmith Bernard West, Vice-President for Alabama.

The S.A.R. Badge consists of a Maltese cross, the same size as Chevalier's Cross of the Legion of Honor of France, of four arms and eight points, with the arms enameled in white and a medallion in the center bearing a profiled bust of General George Washington. Surrounding the bust is a blue enameled ribbon containing the S.A.R. Motto – “Libertas et Patria.” A laurel wreath encircles the medallion, midway between it and the points of the cross. The reverse is the same, except that the center medallion bears the figure of a Continental soldier, and is surrounded by a blue enameled ribbon, inscribed in letters of gold, “Sons of the American Revolution.” The cross is surmounted by a golden eagle and suspended from a ribbon of the Society’s colors –blue, buff yellow and white.

The Maltese cross used in the S.A.R. Badge draws its inspiration from the cross used by the Order of St. Louis of France. The wreath symbolizes the laurel wreaths presented to worthy individuals by the Roman Republic. Major West selected the Cross of St. Louis as his basis for our decoration because King Louis XVI of France, the Grand Master of the Order of St. Louis, provided

badly needed aid to the fledgling continentals. In choosing this cross, the National Society intended to recognize the French contribution to American independence.

History shows that the Maltese Cross was used by the Knights of St. John, a brotherhood of warrior Crusaders who represented all walks of life who banded together to fight for freedom and against oppression. The Knights of St. John, and other Crusaders, adopted the Maltese cross as their insignia because its eight points represented the eight Beatitudes prescribed in the Sermon on the Mount: blessed are (1) the poor in spirit, (2) the meek, (3) the pure, (4) the merciful, and (5) the peacemakers, (6) blessed are they that mourn, and (7) seek righteousness, and (8) blessed are they who are persecuted for righteousness sake.

Although the Maltese cross had a religious origin, the Knights of St. John also made it their battle standard for the liberation of all men, women and children who suffered oppression. The principles freedom and justice, for which the Knights of St. John crusaded, paralleled the principles our Patriot forefathers pledged themselves to, when seeking independence from Great Britain. These principles are no less applicable today.



NSSAR Badge



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

This will be continued in the next Chapter newsletter!

Important meeting information

In order to ensure that we get enough tables and place settings set up at Cocos it is important that we provide the restaurant with an accurate number of meeting attendees.

Please follow the procedure for notifying our secretary/treasurer contained in the Chapter meeting notice (below). This does not preclude last minute attendance but if you know you are going to attend please let him know.

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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.

Changed your phone number, address, or email address? Please contact our secretary/treasurer so that everything can be updated.

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Robert H. Bohannon 2002-2004

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Chapter Meeting Notice

The next regular meeting of the BMG Chapter will be held on **Thursday, September 18, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.**

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 September 15, 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)

Thanks. See you at the meeting!

David A. Swanson, President
Barry M. Goldwater Chapter AZSSAR



Barry M. Goldwater Chapter Arizona Society, SAR

Agenda September 18, 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

Annual Raffle Drawing

Program

David Kampf will bring his collection of WWI pistols and talk about each.

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.