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Arizona Society Sons of the American Revolution



October 2014

Minutes of the September 18, 2014, Chapter meeting

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

Our September 18, 2014, Chapter meeting was opened by President David A. Swanson at 6:30 p.m. with 23 Compatriots and guests in attendance.

Proposed Chapter by-law revisions: David Swanson went over the procedures for Chapter approval of the proposed by-law revisions which were approved by the BMG Board of Officers at their meeting on September 6, 2014. The proposed revisions and reasons for each were emailed to all Chapter members prior to the September meeting and will be voted on during the October 2014 meeting.

Paradise Valley DAR: Betty Atwood gave a presentation regarding the DAR's participation in Wreaths Across America and the "Packages from Home" program which supports our troops with donated goods. See accompanying newsletter article.

New BMG Compatriot

Compatriot Dana Abbott's membership in the Sons of the American Revolution and the Barry M. Goldwater Chapter was approved on June 16, 2014, and Compatriot Abbott was formally inducted during our September meeting. Compatriot Abbott's Patriot Ancestor is John Crane Sr.



(L-R) First line signer Bill Orr, Chapter President David Swanson and Compatriot Dana Abbott

Program speaker

Our featured program speaker was David Kampf who gave a very interesting talk regarding the sinking of the Japanese battleship *Yamato* in 1945. Dave had a large model of the ship with various photographs and gave his usual excellent and informative talk. He not only talked about the ship but the strategy used in its sinking. The *Yamato* was one of the heaviest and most powerfully armed battleships (with nine 18" guns) ever constructed.

Dave is an avid military historian and this is evident in the thoroughness of his presentations. This is the second talk that he has given to our Chapter and it was very well received by those present.



Thanks David Kampf for a job well done!



Second annual BMG annual fundraiser—a success!

See page 2 for more information.

Compatriots needed!

President George Washington once famously said: "Ask not what the BMG Chapter can do for you, ask what you can do for your Chapter."

Well, here is your chance. Officer elections for 2015 will be coming up and the officer slate will be presented at the October meeting. If you ever thought about becoming more active, now is your chance. We need a back up for our Registrar/Genealogist Bill Orr. This is currently held as a combined office but can be filled as two separate offices. We are always looking for Compatriots to fill other positions as well.

If you are the slightest bit interested please call Earl Atwood, chairman of the selection committee, at 480-948-3620.



Second annual BMG annual fundraiser—a success!

Thanks to you, Compatriots of the Barry M. Goldwater Chapter, our annual fundraiser was a great success. We took in \$640!

The drawing took place during our September meeting and the winning Compatriots are:

Pete Peterson, \$100 gift certificate to Maggiano's Italian Restaurant;

Bill Orr, \$25 gift certificate to Maggiano's

Earl Atwood, \$25 gift certificate to Maggiano's

Bill O'Brien, winner of an outstanding genealogy chart donated by Dr. Bill Hearter.

Congratulations!



Packages from Home—supporting our troops with donated goods

Paradise Valley DAR member Betty Atwood addressed the Compatriots of the BMG Chapter about a program that we can (and should) help them with. She passed out information regarding items that BMG Compatriots could purchase and bring to a Chapter meeting which would assist them in filling and sending boxes containing food, hygiene, and recreational items which will be mailed to units serving in war zones.

A separate email will be sent to each BMG Compatriot listing the items and requesting that they be

brought to the October Chapter meeting.

This is certainly a worthwhile endeavor and one that should be taken seriously by our Chapter.

Please bring your items to the October 16th meeting!



Next Chapter meeting is on October 16th

Please join your fellow BMG Compatriots at our next meeting at Cocos on October 16th, at 6:30 p.m.

Our guest speaker will be Compatriot Dr. Bill Hearter who will talk about the Pennsylvania German view of the American Revolution.

Don't miss this meeting! (And remember to bring your items for the troops!)



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

By David A. Swanson

Dr. John Dennett Jr. of Congress, Arizona is listed as a member of our Arizona Society in the *National Register of the Society Sons of the American Revolution 1902*. Here is his information:

John Dennett, Jr. Congress, Ariz. (9144). Son of John and Ann Mary (Thompson) Dennett; grandson of Henry S. and Ann W. (Fernald) Thompson; great-grandson of Benjamin and Hannah Fernald; great²-grandson of *Benjamin Fernald*, private Thirteenth Mass. Foot.

On February 23, 1915, Dr. John Dennett was elected as the vice president of the Arizona Society and on February 22, 1916, he was elected president of the Society.

The following further information is found in: *Portrait and Biographical Record of Arizona*. Chapman Publishing Company 1901:

A busy, capable and energetic man is Dr. Dennett, general practitioner at Congress and special physician for the Congress Gold Company, the largest gold mining property in the southwest. While the fifteen hundred people at Congress require most of the Doctor's time, the camps of the surrounding companies come in for a share of his attention, and all are unanimous in according high praise for the skill in treatment and diagnosis, and the innumerable kindly attentions which are brought into their work-worn lives by their physician and friend.

In the main, Dr. Dennett has found all that he sought in coming to this wonderful territory. In his estimation the climate has no superior in the land for pulmonary difficulties, and

(Dr. John Dennett—continued)

it has served him a good turn by building up a somewhat shattered constitution. He was born in York, Me., of colonial New England ancestry, and is the only son of Captain John Dennett of the United States navy. Captain Dennett served as an officer under Farragut in the Civil War, and participated in the battle of Mobile Bay, later being stationed on the blockade off Pensacola When fourteen years of age, Dr. Dennett was sent to Boston to be educated and was graduated from the English high school in 1887. He subsequently entered Harvard College for a special course of three years leading to medicine and was graduated from the Harvard Medical College in the class of 1894. He proved a brilliant scholar, and an ambitious one, and followed his graduation by taking a course in hospital practice in Boston, and was later admitting physician at the Boston City Hospital. Here he contracted a severe lung disorder, and in the hope of recuperating came west to Arizona in October 1895, and settled in Congress in August 1896. From the first he became associated with the Congress Gold Company. He is the present vice-president of the Arizona Medical Association, and is a member of many eastern and scientific societies.

The extended practice of the Doctor has brought him in good financial returns. He takes an active interest in all of the enterprises of the town, and is a forceful medium of progress in his adopted county. Although affiliated with the Republican party, he is not an office seeker, preferring to devote all of his time to his practice, and to additional research along the lines of his great profession.



What does the Connecticut Society Sons of the American Revolution have to do with the Barry M. Goldwater Chapter?

Their website (<http://connecticutsar.org/about/what-sar-means/>) has some interesting quotes from famous people on what membership in the SAR means to them. See if anybody here sounds familiar:

“Membership in the Sons of the American Revolution is a proud reminder that members of my mother’s family brought us independence, and reminds me always of my continuing responsibilities to freedom and our country.” ~ **BARRY GOLDWATER**, U.S. Senator (AZ)

“My SAR membership is a continuous reminder of my heritage, both as a descendant of a soldier of the Continental Army and as an American who believes that our way of life is the best yet devised by man.” ~ **JOHN J. RHODES**, U.S. Congressman (AZ)

“The most important aspect to my membership in the SAR is the opportunity it provides to hold high the principles upon which this Nation was dedicated and in so doing, reaffirm devotion to those ideas in a practical way, By continued allegiance to those bedrock foundation-stones, this country will exalt its role as the home of freedom and the hope of the downtrodden and oppressed among the nations of the earth. My membership in the Sons of the American Revolution is valuable to me in its support of the freedom our forefathers loved which has saved mankind from subjection to totalitarian power. May this effort ever continue in its success.” ~ **PAUL J. FANNIN**, U.S. Senator (AZ)

So here is a question to you, Compatriots of the Barry M. Goldwater Chapter. What does membership in the Sons of the American Revolution mean to you? Let the newsletter editor know and he will print it in a future newsletter edition.



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.

Past Chapter Presidents

Robert H. Bohannan 2002-2004

2007-2008

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Chapter Meeting Notice

The next regular meeting of the BMG Chapter will be held on **Thursday, October 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 October 13, 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 October 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

- Vote on the BMG By-law revisions
- Treasurer's Report
- Other officer reports or remarks
- Officer slate for 2015
- New member inductions (if any)

Dinner

50/50 Raffle

Program

Compatriot Dr. Bill Hearter will give a talk about the Pennsylvania German view 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.