



November 2014

Minutes of the October 16, 2014, Chapter meeting

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

Our October 16, 2014, Chapter meeting was opened by Chapter President David Swanson at 6:30 p.m. We had 25 Compatriots and guests in attendance.

Business session: Chapter President David Swanson briefly discussed our proposed Chapter constitution and by-law revisions which were sent to all BMG Compatriots last month—all in compliance with the existing by-law provisions. By vote of the members present all revisions were unanimously approved.

Past BMG President Earl Atwood, Chairman of the BMG Officer Selection Committee, presented the proposed slate of officers for 2015:

- President: William R. Hearter Jr., MD
 - Vice-President: Robert Rearley
 - Secretary/Treasurer: David Swanson
 - Registrar/Genealogist: William C. Orr
 - Chaplain: Rob Bohannon
 - Chancellor: John Conrad
 - Sergeant at Arms: Chuck Stuller
 - Public Affairs Officer: J Michael Jones
 - Historian: David Swanson
 - BOM Representative: H. Robert Young
- (Special thanks to Compatriot Dana Abbott who will be our Assistant Registrar/Genealogist.)

Compatriot Bill Hearter, who is a member of the Arizona SAR Color Guard, talked about the recent Missing in America program which took place at the National Cemetery in Phoenix. The SAR Color Guard was the honor guard for the ceremony during which the forgotten cremated remains of veterans were interred in the cemetery.

Program speaker: Compatriot Dr. Bill Hearter gave his usual outstanding presentation to our group. This time his topic was about the Pennsylvania German view of the American Revolution, and more specifically about his Patriot Ancestor Lt. Colonel Johan Michael Smyser's view. Dr Bill portrayed Johan Smyser and followed his activities prior to, during, and after the American Revolution.

Johan's father emigrated from Germany in 1731 and he was born in 1740 in Kreutz Creek, Pennsylvania (one of eleven children). Johan was a staunch patriot. In January 1775 he was one of seven attendees to the Pennsylvania Provisional Convention. In July of 1776 as a captain, he raised the Flying Camp militia and during that year participated in battles in New Jersey, including the Battle of Long Island. He was captured at Ft. Washington in November 1776 and paroled in Dec 1776 after spending time on an East River prison ship. He was reunited with his company at Little Yorktown. He and his family supported the American's throughout the war. As an example, his father and brothers supplied the majority of the 118 wagons used to evacuate the Continental Congress in Sept of 1777. Back to Pennsylvania: In 1784 he was elected as a judge in the Court of Common Pleas and elected to the senate in 1789. He died in 1810 and his sword was given to the York County Heritage museum and the sword is still there to this day!

Unfortunately, this is just a fraction of the information that was presented by Compatriot Hearter. If you missed his presentation you missed a most interesting one!



Compatriot Bill Hearter as his Patriot Ancestor Johan Smyser

50/50—Our Chapter and Compatriot Rob Bohannon are both \$40 richer!



Packages from Home—supporting our troops with donated goods

Compatriots brought bags and boxes of items that were given to the Paradise Valley DAR to assist them in the “Packages from Home” program. . This program supports our troops serving in war zones by sending boxes containing food, hygiene, and recreational items.



New Barry M. Goldwater Chapter Compatriot

On September 12, 2014, Compatriot Michael Robert Mills was approved for membership in the NSSAR and our Chapter. Compatriot Mills’ Patriot Ancestor is Peter Ankeny, Captain, 5th Company, 3rd Battalion, Bedford PA, CO. Militia 1781.



Barry M. Goldwater Veterans Appreciation Dinner—November 20th

Please join your fellow BMG Compatriots at our next meeting at Cocos on, November 20th at 6:30 p.m. for our Veterans Appreciation dinner. We will also vote for our 2015 Chapter officers.

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!



December 18th Christmas Chapter social with Paradise Valley DAR

No, this is not a misprint; we are having a Christmas social with the Paradise Valley DAR at Coco’s at our regular meeting time: 6:30 p.m. on December 18, 2014.

There is no formal agenda since this is more of a social engagement than a meeting—in fact it is a meeting only within the meaning of getting together for a nice social event.

Because, hopefully, we are expecting a large turnout there is one small procedural change and that is that your check for \$15.50 per person must be mailed to David Swanson before December 12th. This doesn’t mean that if he does not receive it you can’t attend but it will make the bookkeeping a lot simpler! (He does not have a cruise planned before 2015 so don’t worry, your money is safe.)

More information is attached to this newsletter.

President George Washington’s Thanksgiving Proclamation

By the President of the United States of America, a Proclamation.

Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor-- and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.

Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be-- That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks--for his kind care and protection of the People of this Country previous to their becoming a Nation--for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of his Providence which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war--for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed--for the peaceable and rational manner, in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted--for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed; and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions-- to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually--to render our national government a blessing to all the people, by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed--to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations (especially such as have shewn kindness unto us) and to bless them with good government, peace, and concord--To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the encrease of science among them and us--and generally to grant unto all Mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand at the City of New York the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1789.

Go: Washington

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

By David A. Swanson

Here is the continuation of some AZSSAR history so let's go to Spanish-American War veteran and US Attorney for Arizona from 1905-1910 Joseph L. B. Alexander.

The first mention that I can find regarding our Compatriot is contained in the May 1911 edition of the *National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Official Bulletin* where he is listed as being on the Board of Trustees from Arizona. In the March 1912 *Bulletin* he is listed as being elected treasurer of the Arizona Society on February 22 during its annual meeting. And in the March 1913 *Bulletin* he gave a talk on "War" during the 16th annual meeting of the Arizona Society on February 22nd.

Joseph Lancaster Brent Alexander was born on 5 December 1857 in Los Angeles, California and died on January 30, 1931.

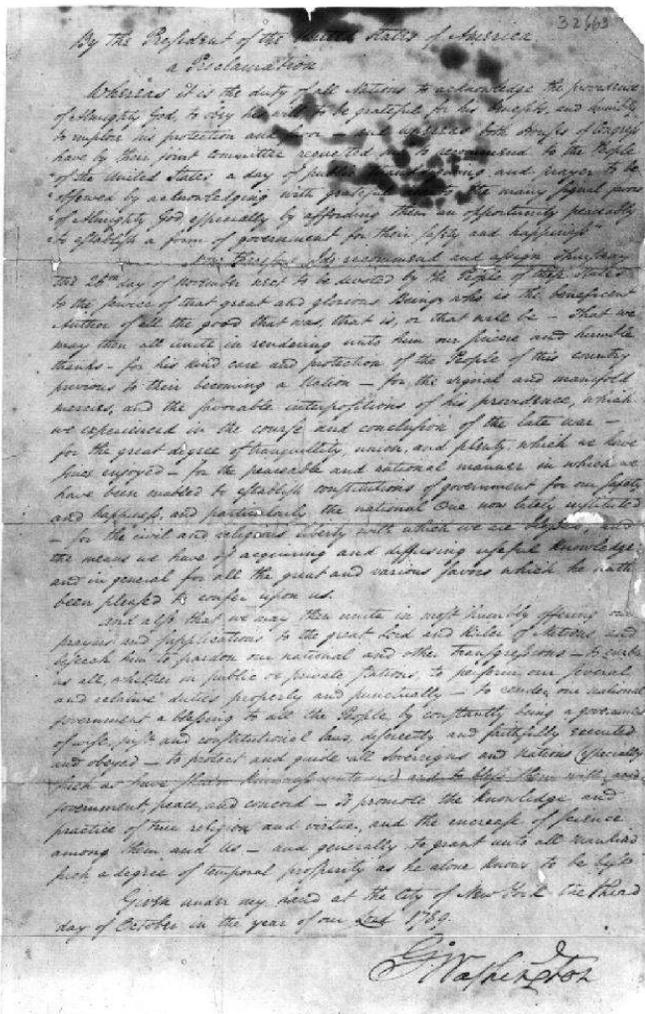
The following biographical note is contained in the ASU Libraries Collection for Joseph and Grace Alexander Papers 1869-1956.

Joseph Lancaster Brent Alexander was born on the Dominguez ranch south of Los Angeles, California, the son of Henry Nash Alexander and Feliciano Dominguez. He married Amanda Alice Salsig (1860-1910) in 1878 and they had two children, Henry and Helen. His second marriage was to Grace Forbes in 1912, and they had two daughters, Jane and Eleanor.

Joseph spent two years in Yuma, arriving in Phoenix in 1879. He was initially employed by Goldman and Company and served as clerk of the Board of Supervisors and clerk of the State Supreme Court in the 1880s and 1890s. He studied law in his father's office until the outbreak of the Spanish-American War, when he enlisted and was made commander of the first squadron of the Rough Riders, serving as captain of Troop C. He eventually served as the Arizona Commander of the US Spanish War Veterans.

Alexander established the Phoenix law firm of Alexander and Christy shortly after the turn of the century and also was a prominent businessman and entrepreneur.

Compatriot Alexander is buried in the Greenwood Memory Lawn Cemetery in Phoenix.



President George Washington's Thanksgiving Proclamation

AZSSAR Board of Managers meeting—open to all Compatriots

The meeting of the Arizona State Society Sons of the American Revolution Board of Managers will take place on Saturday, November 22, 2014. Location: The Property, 1251 N. Gila Bend Hwy, Casa Grande, Az.

Guest arrival between 9 a.m.-10 a.m.

Meeting at 10 a.m.

Lunch 12 p.m.

There will also be a meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary at the same time. Be sure to complete and mail in the registration form which will be found in the upcoming edition of the SAR-IZONA NEWS.

Now, just because you are not on the Board of Managers doesn't mean that you cannot attend; in fact you are encouraged to do so. This is an excellent opportunity to meet with your fellow Compatriots from all eight of the Chapters from across the state.

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 notification procedure contained in the Chapter meeting notice (below). This does not preclude last minute attendance.

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

BMG Committees

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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

Robert H. Bohannan 2002-2004
2007-2008
H. Robert Young 2005-2006
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Earl E. Atwood Sr. 2011-2012
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**The Barry M. Goldwater SAR
and
The Paradise Valley DAR**

Invite you to attend a social event.

**Coco's Restaurant
4514 E. Cactus Road**

December 18, 2014

6:30 – 7:30 pm social time (cash bar open)

7:30 - 9:00 pm dinner & prizes

Cost \$15.50 per person (prepaid before Dec. 12)

Includes tax & gratuity

**The abbreviated menu will include your dinner choice of turkey, ham,
country fried steak, Asian chicken salad, or lemon pepper salmon,
pie for dessert, plus coffee, tea, water, lemonade, soft drinks.**

Please make checks payable to BMG AZSSAR and mail **(before Dec. 12)** to

David Swanson

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Raffle tickets available at \$10 for 12 tickets (no single ticket sales)

The more tickets you buy the better your odds of winning!!

Tickets may be purchased from SAR at the meeting.

Prizes include:

\$25 Salute' Italian Restaurant gift card (2)

Elijah Craig Single Barrel Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey, value \$40;

Jefferson's Reserve Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey, value \$37;

Wine(s) and other items



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

Chapter Meeting Notice

The next regular meeting of the BMG Chapter will be held on **Thursday, November 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 President David Swanson 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 David Swanson at: swanson1854@yahoo.com or telephone him at (480) 515-2798 on or before November 18, 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 November 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
Vote for 2015 Chapter officers
New member inductions (if any)

Dinner

50/50 Raffle

Program

David Kampf will bring his collection of World War I pistols. Each pistol has a story and David will tell us 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.