



# THE GOLDWATER JOURNAL

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



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## Minutes of the November 29, 2014, Chapter meeting

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

Our November 20, 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:

Past BMG President Earl Atwood, Chairman of the BMG Officer Selection Committee, presented the proposed slate of officers for 2015 which was unanimously approved by the Compatriots present.

The following officers will be installed during our January 2015 meeting:

- 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.)



## Second Annual Veterans appreciation meeting a success

Chapter President David Swanson gave a short talk regarding our Patriot Ancestors and how, without their sacrifices as our country's first veterans, our United States of America would not be celebrating Veterans Day.

He then called all of the Barry M. Goldwater Chapter veterans forward.

Our Chapter veterans were warmly received by all of those in attendance as were those veterans who were not Chapter members.



Chapter veterans and guests



## Compatriot inducted

Compatriot Michael Mills, MD was formally inducted into the NSSAR and our Chapter during our November meeting. Compatriot Mills was accompanied by his wife Dena and sons Preston and Hayden (two future Compatriots!).



(L-R) Dena Mills, Compatriot Michael Mills, Chapter President David Swanson, and First line signer, Compatriot Bill Orr

**Congratulations Compatriot Michael Mills & welcome to the Barry M. Goldwater Chapter!**



## In Memoriam



Barry M. Goldwater Compatriot (and life member of the NSSAR) Richard Conde Withers 83, of Carefree, Arizona passed away on October 18, 2014. He was interred at the National Memorial Cemetery in Phoenix on November 10, 2014.

**50/50**—Our Chapter is \$85 richer thanks to the winner, Compatriot Robert Young, who donated his winnings back to us!



**Program speaker:** David Kampf was our program speaker for the evening. This is David’s third appearance as our speaker and he has quickly become a favorite. He gave a remarkable presentation about World War I pistols and displayed his collection. Each



pistol has a story and he told it in a very engaging talk. Since this is the centennial of World War I and was part of our Chapter Veterans Appreciation dinner, the talk was most appropriate.



Speaker (and Navy Veteran) David Kampf

**Thank you David for another very interesting program!**



## The Barry M. Goldwater Chapter gets it Charter!

By David Swanson, Chapter President and Historian

Our Chapter was chartered on November 16, 2002, but where is the actual physical charter? The piece of paper that says we were born on this date. Well, apparently it was lost in the dust and swirls and ebbs and flows of our Chapters ancient past. It is kind of like not being able to find your birth certificate—how do you know that you were even born? (Huh?)

Several months ago we obtained a very nice charter from the NSSAR (which was unveiled at our November meeting) but the signature lines for AZSSAR president and secretary/treasurer were blank. Just like a birth certificate, it would be nice to have the signature of the doctor who delivered you on it. Well, it just so happens that the doctor in this case was the 2002 AZSSAR state president, and current BMG Compatriot, J. Michael Jones—who also knew the whereabouts of the past state secretary/treasurer Thomas Jacks. So with their signatures officially affixed to our charter we can all breathe a sigh of relief!



Barry M. Goldwater Chapter Charter



### Dues, dues, dues: 2015 dues are due!

By now each Compatriot of our Chapter has received his notice of 2015 dues from our AZSSAR Secretary/Treasurer Warren Alter. (And hopefully you have already sent them in.)

If you have not, since our dues are paid in advance of the new year, it is *imperative* that you send them in before you finish reading this newsletter!

## December 18<sup>th</sup> Christmas Chapter social with Paradise Valley DAR

*Don't forget*, 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.

Because, 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 12<sup>th</sup>. This doesn't mean that if he does not receive it you can't attend but it will make the bookkeeping a lot simpler!  
More information is attached to this newsletter.



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

By David A. Swanson

Here is the continuation of some AZSSAR history. The Arizona Society of the S. A. R. was organized on the 13<sup>th</sup> of June, 1896, and here is the story of one of its charter members, A. P. Walbridge who was a true Arizona pioneer as pointed out in the book, *Portrait and Biographical Record of Arizona*. Chapman Publishing Company 1901:

### Alfred Perry (A. P.) Walbridge

In the rush and hurry of commercial life men often neglect the holier duties that devolve upon each individual, their duties to their fellow men. . . . Mr. Walbridge. . . . While attending to his business affairs, he has always taken an active and prominent part in church and temperance work.

He was born in Fannin county, Texas, December 27, 1857, a son of Solomon and Amy (Crocker) Walbridge, natives of New York and Indiana respectively. . . . His great-grandfather, Solomon Walbridge, was born in Vermont, and was one of the Green Mountain boys of Revolutionary fame, taking part in the battle of Bennington. . .

Solomon Walbridge, father of our subject. . . went to California [in 1849] by way of the Panama route, and on his return relocated in Texas. . . . He went to California again in 1859, this time crossing the plains with ox teams, by the Pecos route through Arizona. . . . In 1869 he removed to Los Angeles where he continued to engage in agricultural pursuits . . . . doing a large business there until October 1880, when he sold out and came to Pinal county, Arizona. During his residence in this territory he engaged in

freighting. In 1887 he removed to Phoenix. . .

The early life of A. P. Walbridge was passed in California and he was educated in its public schools and the Southern Pacific College at Downey. For two years he engaged in teaching in Los Angeles, county, Cal., and in 1880 came to Pinal county, Ariz., being employed in the Silver King mill for eighteen months. He was next manager of the lumber yards of J. Champion of Casa Grande for five years. On resigning that position in 1887 he came to Phoenix as local agent for the L. W. Blinn Lumber Company, and started their yard at this place. On the 1<sup>st</sup> of December 1890, he resigned to accept the position of bookkeeper of the Arizona Improvement and Arizona Canal Companies, occupying the same position with the Arizona Water Company, which is the successor of the old companies. He also has charge of the purchasing of supplies for the different canals. He is interested in gold mining in the Humbug mining district of the Bradshaw mountains, and is secretary of the Mountain Chief Mining Company and the Little Joe Mining Company.

In 1886, Mr. Walbridge was married in Phoenix, to Miss Narcissa Wright. . . . By this union were born four children namely: Amy, who was born in 1887 and died in 1893; Charles aged ten years; Zilpha Perry, aged four years; and Zella, aged four months. The family residence is in the University addition of Phoenix.

In politics Mr. Walbridge is a Republican, and while a resident of Pinal county was a candidate for the territorial legislature, but his party, being in the minority was defeated. He is a member of the Independent Order of Foresters and the Woodmen of the World, and was one of the organizers of the Arizona Society Sons of the American Revolution. He is a very prominent and enthusiastic Good Templar, holding membership in Garden Valley Lodge No. 1, of which he is past chief templar. In 1892 he assisted in organizing the first grand lodge of Arizona. . . . He has traveled all over the territory organizing lodges. . . . Among its members he raised the money to purchase a flag for the First Arizona Regiment and made the presentation speech. The regiment was disbanded at the close of the Spanish-American war, and Col. McCord sent the flag over to our subject by the color sergeant. It now adorns the hall of the Good Templars in Phoenix, and will in time be placed in the historical rooms of the territorial capital. . . . He is one of the most prominent and influential members of the Christian Church of Phoenix, in which he has served as trustee and deacon for the past ten years,

and also as clerk of the board. . . . He also has been treasurer of the Territorial Sunday-school Association, since its organization, and a member of its executive committee.



**Compatriot’s ancestor information—wanted for publication in our newsletter**

If you would like to see your Revolutionary War ancestor’s information printed in this newsletter (your Chapter certainly would—and so would the millions of readers throughout the free world) send it to the newsletter editor. Please limit your material to one double sided page or less.

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

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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
- Carlton V. Phillips 2009
- John R. Conrad 2010
- Earl E. Atwood Sr. 2011-2012
- David A. Swanson 2013



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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

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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