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Arizona Society Sons of the American Revolution



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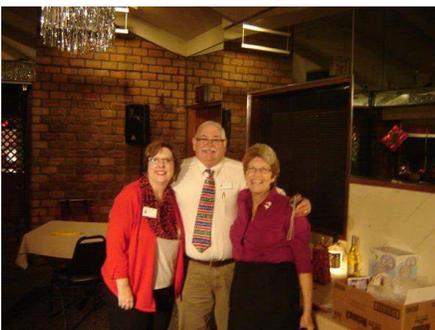
HAPPY 2015

December 18th BMG Chapter Christmas social with the Paradise Valley Chapter DAR

PHOENIX—Our newsletter correspondent was present at Coco’s Restaurant during the Barry M. Goldwater Chapter and the Paradise Valley Chapter Christmas social and reported that the mean-spirited Grinch certainly did not steal this event; au contraire, the event stole the Grinch! He was last seen hightailing it back to snowy Mount Crumpit, a steep high mountain just north of Whoville, Ariz (which, if memory serves, is near Tucson or Flagstaff—or maybe Yuma).

Eight hundred and three members of the two groups were present (our correspondent spent far too much time ~~gulping~~ sipping eggnog—the actual number was 35) and, after a very nice social hour, they enjoyed a sumptuous dinner and then the fun continued with the raffle. Some 13 items were raffled off to lucky winners. Both Chapters were among the winners as each of their financial coffers *swelled* by \$90 from the proceeds.

Our corresponded also thought that we should give a note of special thanks to Compatriot Mike Jones who conceived and spearheaded this fine event and so we do!



Pictures—continued



January 15, 2015 meeting information

Well, here we are—2015! Hopefully, everybody had a Merry Christmas and here is hoping for great New Year!

Our next meeting will take place at Coco's 4514 E. Cactus, Phx, Ariz. on January 15, 2015, at 6:30 post meridiem. We will install our Chapter officers for the coming year.

Our speaker will be Rich Dahl who will give a presentation on fractional currency issued during the Civil War. He will also give an overview of money printed in the U.S. by the colonies and during the Revolutionary War. This is a presentation that you will not want to miss.

Be sure to attend this meeting!



An outstanding opportunity to help preserve Revolutionary War battlefields

By David A. Swanson

Most of us in the various Civil War groups (mine is the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War) have all heard of and supported the outstanding work that the Civil War Trust has done since 1987 in acquiring and preserving over 40,000 acres of Civil War battlefields. The trust works only with willing partners, either through easements or outright purchase of the land. Funding comes from the National Park Service, state governments, individual donors and members.

On Veterans Day 2014 the Trust enlarged its mission and will now also preserve Revolutionary War and War of 1812 battlefields. This new initiative dubbed "Campaign 1776" is the "first ever national initiative to protect and interpret the battlefields of the Revolutionary War." This campaign had its origins when the Trust was approached by the National Park Service (NPS) since nobody else could or would do it. "In accepting this challenge now, the Trust has the benefit of tools never before available to preservationists. . . . For example the NPS and the Trust are partnering to undertake an unprecedented GPS mapping study of Revolutionary War battlefields. Moreover, the American Battlefield Protection Program's report on the status of Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Battlefields, modeled on the landmark study of the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission, provides a prioritized roadmap for preservation of these battlegrounds."

"The first preservation project of the new national initiative is a fundraising campaign to save 4.6 historic acres on the Princeton Battlefield. The January 3, 1777, engagement was General George Washington's first victory over British Regulars in the field, and a turning point in the war. In this effort, the Trust is working in

partnership with the State of New Jersey, local governments and the Princeton Battlefield Society. It will mark the first addition to Princeton Battlefield State Park since 1971.”

I cannot overly stress the importance of “Campaign of 1776” in the effort to preserve and interpret Revolutionary War battlefields. Some of the purposes of the NSSAR are “. . . patriotic, historical, and educational. . .” This program backs what we, as an organization, stand for.

For more information on the campaign and how you can support it go to: <http://www.campaign1776.org/>

Barry M. Goldwater Chapter donates to Campaign 1776

On December 6, 2014, during the Chapter’s Board of Officers meeting a motion was made and passed that our Chapter donate \$100.00 and that we support this cause annually. There is a onetime 36-1 matching grant that expires on January 3, 2015, which we also wanted to take advantage of.

Thank You for Your Support in Princeton!

Dear Barry M. Goldwater Chapter AZ Society Sons of the American Revolution,

I cannot thank you enough for your wonderfully generous \$100.00 gift toward the very first preservation effort ever undertaken by Campaign 1776, a project of the Civil War Trust, in saving four acres at Princeton, New Jersey. By helping to save land where patriots under General George Washington helped secure our nation’s independence, you have, quite frankly, done something heroic: You have helped to save a key part of our nation’s history for the benefit of all future generations, and I salute you for that.

Thanks to you, students of history will be able to walk that ground and get a fuller understanding of the important 1777 Battle of Princeton, and those four acres will now be protected forever.

This is an exciting time for all of us who care about saving our nation’s history. Never before have matching funds been available to help save hallowed ground from our nation’s founding era. And there has never been a national effort like Campaign 1776 to take advantage of those funds. Because of your support of this effort, I am pleased to make you an honorary Charter Member of Campaign 1776 for all of 2015.



Jim Lighthizer,
President
Civil War Trust

On December 7, 1787

Which state on this date became the first to ratify the U.S. Constitution?

- A. New York
- B. Delaware
- C. Pennsylvania
- D. Arizona

New Barry M. Goldwater Chapter Compatriot

On November 20, 2014, Compatriot William Jay Lichtsinn of Scottsdale was approved for membership in the NSSAR and our Chapter. Compatriot Lichtsinn’s Patriot Ancestor is Peter Rutlege, Private in Col. Aquilla Hall’s Baltimore Co. Regiment (militia).



New Barry M. Goldwater Chapter Junior Member

On December 4, 2014, Dawson E. Schneringer was approved as a Junior Member in the NSSAR and our Chapter. Compatriot Dawson lives in Springfield, Missouri. His Patriot Ancestor is Stephen Pitkin, Private in Capt. Griswold’s Co., Connecticut Continental Line.



George Washington General of the Armies

Here is some interesting information regarding General George Washington and the highest possible grade in the Unites States Army as found, in part, on Wikipedia:

“Since his death, George Washington had been listed on the United States Army rolls as a retired lieutenant general. During the American Revolution, George Washington was not answerable to the Continental Congress (or its President) and actively commanded with complete authority all branches of military forces within the United States. In this respect, he had the same authority as a General of the Armies of the United States, although he never held that exact title in his lifetime.

“Washington retired as a lieutenant general (three stars) and, as a result, was technically outranked by later four and five-star generals and admirals of the Civil War, World War I, and World War II.

“In recognition of Washington’s permanent place in United States history, on March 13, 1978, he was posthumously promoted to the full grade of *General of the Armies of the United States*, with effective date from July 4, 1976. The promotion was authorized by a congressional joint resolution on January 19, 1976 which recommended Washington’s promotion. It further declared that no officer of the United States Army should outrank Washington on the Army list.”



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20310

ORDERS 31-3

13 March 1978

The following officer is promoted posthumously in the Regular Army of the United States as indicated.

Authority: Joint Resolution of Congress dated 19 January 1976, approved by the President of the United States on 11 October 1976.

Name, Branch	Grade promoted to	Effective date
WASHINGTON, GEORGE, USA	GENERAL OF THE ARMIES OF THE UNITED STATES	4 July 1976

BY DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT:

Clifford L. Alexander, Jr.
Clifford L. Alexander, Jr.
Secretary of the Army

The full text of the legislation was:

Whereas Lieutenant General George Washington of Virginia commanded our armies throughout and to the successful termination of our Revolutionary War;

Whereas Lieutenant General George Washington presided over the convention that formulated our Constitution;

Whereas Lieutenant General George Washington twice served as President of the United States of America; and

Whereas it is considered fitting and proper that no officer of the United States Army should outrank Lieutenant General George Washington on the Army list;

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That

(a) for purposes of subsection (b) of this section only, the grade of General of the Armies of the United States is established, such grade to have rank and precedence over all other grades of the Army, past or present.

(b) The President is authorized and requested to appoint George Washington posthumously to the grade of General of the Armies of the United States, such appointment to take effect on July 4, 1976.

Approved October 11, 1976.

Public Law 94-479



Answer to which state was the first to ratify the U.S. Constitution

Ha, caught you. The most obvious answer was Arizona but the correct answer is . . . Delaware!

BMG Meeting dates for 2015

Our meetings are always on the third Thursday of the month at Coco's Restaurant with the exception of June-August when there are no meetings.

Get your calendars out, sharpen your pencils and start writing:

- January: 15
- February 19
- March 19
- April 16
- May 21
- June-August—no meetings
- September 17
- October 15
- November 19
- December TBA

AZSSAR Annual Meeting

One meeting which should also be on your calendar is our AZSSAR Annual Meeting which takes place on Sunday, February 15, 2015. Here is what our state website has to say about it:

Annual State Society Meeting and President General visit at the Chandler/Phoenix Hilton 2929 West Frye Road, Chandler, AZ 85224.

This is a dinner meeting where we will also do the installation of new officers and our President General, Lindsey C. Brock, will be the speaker.

Registration 3:30-4:00, Meeting 4:00-6:00, Reception 6:00-7:00, Dinner for President General 7:00-9:30.

This is a kilt evening event. If you have a kilt or any kind of tartan, wear it to the meeting. This is not a black-tie event.

The registration form will be forthcoming in our AZSSAR newsletter *SAR-IZONA*.



Sons of Liberty on the History Channel

On January 25th the six hour mini-series *Sons of Liberty* debuts on the History Channel. Two hour segments will be shown on 3 different nights.



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.

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Chapter Meeting Notice

The next regular meeting of the BMG Chapter will be held on **Thursday, January 15, 2015**

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 January 13, 2015.

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 January 15, 2015

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

Officer Reports
New member inductions (if any)
Install 2015 Chapter officers

Dinner

50/50 Raffle

Program

Our speaker will be Rich Dahl who will give a presentation on fractional currency issued during the Civil War. He will also give an overview of money printed in the U.S. by the colonies and during the Revolutionary War.

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.