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Arizona Society Sons of the American Revolution



February 2015

Minutes of the January 15, 2015, Chapter meeting

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

Our January 15, 2015, Chapter meeting was opened by President David A. Swanson at 6:30 p.m. with 24 Compatriots and guests in attendance.

BMG Officer Installation:

Compatriot J. Michael Jones installed the following Compatriots to office:

- President: William Hearter Jr. MD
- Vice-President: Robert Rearley
- Secretary/Treasurer: David A. Swanson
- Sergeant at Arms: Charles W. Stuller
- Chaplain: Robert H. Bohannon
- Registrar/Genealogist: William C. Orr
- Asst Registrar/Genealogist: Danna Abbott
- Chancellor: John R. Conrad
- Publicist: J Michael Jones
- Historian: David A. Swanson
- Board of Managers Representative: H. Robert Young



2015 BMG Chapter Officers (L-R) Robert Bohannon, J Michael Jones, David Swanson, Dr William Hearter, William Orr, Dana Abbott, Robert Rearley and Charles Stuller (Not pictured: John Conrad and H. Robert Young.)

Barry M. Goldwater Chapter Compatriot induction

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).

Compatriot Lichtsinn was inducted into the Sons of the American Revolution and the Barry M. Goldwater Chapter on January 15, 2015.



(L-R) Compatriot William Jay Lichtsinn receiving his membership certificate from Chapter President David Swanson

Welcome Compatriot Lichtsinn!



50/50 results

Betty Atwood and our Chapter are both \$28 richer. Way to go Betty!



Program Speaker

We were privileged to have Rich Dahl as our scheduled speaker for the evening. Rich has been a paper money collector for over 45 years and his knowledge of the subject was evident. He gave a very informative and educational presentation regarding the history of fractional currency in North America that was issued prior to, during, and after the American Revolution, and the Civil War.

Rich had many of the actual bills present for all to see including an actual \$20 note issued in 1779 for which “The *Bearer* is entitled to receive Twenty

Spanish milled Dollars, or an equal Sum in Gold or Silver, according to the Resolution of CONGRESS of the 14th January, 1779.”



Thank you Rich for a very enjoyable presentation!



(L-R) Past President David Swanson presenting Rich Dahl with a certificate of appreciation



Board of Managers meeting November 22, 2014

By David Swanson

During the November 22, 2014, Board of Managers meeting in Casa Grande I had the pleasure of accepting several awards for two of our Chapter Compatriots who could not attend.

I had the pleasure of presenting the certificates and oak leaves to both Compatriots at our January 15th meeting

Compatriot **J. Michael Jones** was awarded the Liberty Medal certificate and two bronze oak leaves for his medal. Mike has been the first line signer for 145 Compatriots.

Compatriot **J. Michael Jones** was awarded the 2014 Fall Leadership Lamplighter Award for his outstanding support of the SAR Center for Advancing America’s Heritage. To date Compatriot Jones has donated \$10,000 to this worthy cause!



(L-R) J. Michael Jones receiving his certificates from Chapter President David Swanson

Compatriot **William C. Orr** was awarded the Liberty Medal certificate and bronze one oak leaf for his medal. To date Compatriot Orr has been the first line signer for 30 new members.



(L-R) Compatriot Bill Orr receiving his certificate from Chapter President David Swanson

The NSSAR details the requirements for the Liberty Medal and subsequent oak leaves in part as follows: “The Liberty Medal commemorates the restoration of the Statue of Liberty, reminds us of our liberty, and is presented for recruiting ten new members to the SAR as first-line sponsor. A Compatriot may receive this medal multiple times.

A bronze oak leaf cluster may be presented for each additional ten new members sponsored by a holder of the Liberty Medal as a first-line sponsor.”



Compatriots receive NSSAR Chapter Distinguished Service medals

BMG President Dr. Bill Hearter presented, retroactively on behalf of past BMG presidents, the following BMG Compatriots with the NSSAR Chapter

Distinguished Service Medal for their distinguished service to our Chapter over multiple years: Robert Bohannon, David Swanson, William Orr, Earl Atwood, and H. Robert Young.



(L-R) BMG President Dr. Bill Hearter, Robert Bohannon, David Swanson, William Orr, Earl Atwood and, H. Robert Young (not pictured).

These Compatriots have distinguished themselves in assisting our Chapter in many areas over the years of its existence



A great Christmas gift to our Chapter's new Junior Member!

Dawson Schneringer is a 15-year old new Junior Member of the Barry M. Goldwater Chapter. Here is the story of his journey to SAR Membership.

In a time long ago (the 70s and 80s) in a place far away (the San Francisco Bay Area) his grandfather Ron and our member Ed Karr were close friends. Their families attended the same church and their children were in elementary and high school together. Ron's job eventually moved him from California and over the years the families were seldom in contact with each other.

Ron and Ed reconnected in early 2014 to get updated on their families, now extended to grandchildren and even great grandchildren. Discussions inevitably led to genealogy as Ron and Dawson were actively searching to find the burial place of an ancestor. Dawson was helping Ron to locate a gravesite from a GPS coordinate that had been provided. He has an interest in History.

Ed agreed to see if he could trace their lineage back to an ancestor that had been accepted in either the SAR or the DAR. An ancestor was accepted in both – except no one had ever gone in on the line to him from

which it appeared Dawson descended. A lot of work ensued for a family line that lived across 6 states in over 250 years!

Dawson was quite excited about this possibility. Near the end of the Spring 2014 school term he used the lineage to the Patriot Ancestor, still to be completely proven, to submit a school report. He was rewarded with a high grade and interest from his teacher.

Dawson is the first in his family to join SAR or DAR as his application was approved on 4 Dec 2014. As a surprise, Ron had his Certificate framed along with a recent photo of him for a Christmas present. He sure is a "Happy Camper!" They weren't expecting the approval to arrive until sometime in January.

Other SAR applications are expected to follow!



BMG Junior Member Dawson Schneringer



Early Days of the Arizona Society Sons of the American Revolution

By David A. Swanson, BMG Chapter Historian

On November 22, 2014, during the Arizona Society Sons of the American Revolution Board of Officers Meeting, I had the privilege of presenting a book to our Society that I had just completed titled *Early Days of the Arizona Society Sons of the American Revolution*.

The actual history of our Society is almost non-existent and other than the excellent book written in 1996 by Compatriot John Williams titled: *The Arizona Society Sons of the American Revolution Centennial Register* we actually don't have much. And while *Early Days* is not on the same par as Williams' book, the two fill in some of the blank spaces in our history.

Early Days of the Arizona Society Sons of the American Revolution contains information and excerpts from records specific to the AZSSAR found

on-line in various magazines, official Sons of the American Revolution national journals, bulletins, and other published sources. It also contains information from copies I was able to obtain of the 1899, 1910, and 1921 pamphlets printed by the AZSSAR which list items such as officers, bylaws and Compatriots.

The 79 page book contains a list of the officers, some Compatriots and their early biographies, and some of the activities of our Society from 1896 through 1923. Much of the biography information has been published in the *Goldwater Journal* over the last few years.

If you would like your very own copy, let me know and I will email you the PDF copy (all you pay for is non-existent email postage and handling).



General of the Armies—SAR Compatriot

In the January 2015 edition of the *Goldwater Journal* I noted that George Washington was posthumously promoted to the rank of General of the Armies, which is the highest rank possible for any member of the U.S. armed forces, but now can you name the Pennsylvania Society Sons of the American Revolution member who is the only other person to hold that rank? (Washington is senior to him in rank.) This is the same person who “served on a committee of the Sons of the American Revolution to establish and recognize Constitution Day in the United States.” He also proposed a national network of military and civilian highways in the U. S. (which bears his name) which predated the Interstate Highway System created in 1956 (so if your guess is Eisenhower you are wrong).

Not yet? How about the person who formally established the Reserve Officers Association?

Okay, one last hint: He was Commander of the American Expeditionary Force during World War I.

The answer is General John J. Pershing born 9-30-1860, and died on 7-15-48. Also known as “Black Jack Pershing” but that is a whole different story.

(Thanks to Wikipedia for this information).



Honor Flight

Our Chapter helped support Honor Flight Arizona with a \$300 donation this January. Compatriots Mike Jones and Ed Karr are very active in this organization that helps to recognize World War II veterans by flying them to their monument in Washington, D.C.

There are three ways to directly support the Honor Flight program. You can make application to be a

VOLUNTEER where you go to the airport when flights leave or when they arrive. You help feed the Vets breakfast, push wheelchairs, carry flags or signs, or just mingle and thank them for their service. You can make application to be a GUARDIAN which means you are going to accompany a Vet on his entire trip. You’ll be the Vets roommate and primary caregiver. You will also pay your own way (currently \$850). The third way is to donate money to the organization. Another indirect way is to meet them at the airport for their hero’s welcome and encouragement.

Check out the web site for Northern Arizona at <http://honorflightaz.org/>



Miscellaneous

A newly arrived soul in heaven was greeted by St. Peter. St. Peter told him that they looked into his life and couldn’t find anything particularly good or bad and asked him if he had anything that could be used in determining where he would spend eternity.

“Well, yeah,” he replied, “Once I was driving along and came up on a woman who was being harassed by a group of bikers. So I pulled over, got out my tire iron, and went up to the leader. He was a big, muscular, hairy guy with tattoos all over his body and a ring pierced through his nose. Well, I tore the ring out of his nose, and told him he and his gang had better stop bothering the woman or they would have to deal with me!” “I’m impressed,” St Peter responded, “When did this happen?” “About two minutes ago!”



Thoughts regarding the family tree

THEY CALL IT a family tree because if you look long enough you’ll always find some sap in it.



February meeting information

Our next meeting will take place at Coco’s Restaurant (4514 E. Cactus) on Thursday, February, 19, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.

Our program speaker will be our chapter president, Dr. Bill Hearter, who will talk about Landis Valley Village, Pennsylvania.

See you there!

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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2007-2008
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Chapter Meeting Notice

The next regular meeting of the BMG Chapter will be held on **Thursday, February 19, 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 S/T 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 February 16, 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, Secretary/Treasurer
Barry M. Goldwater Chapter AZSSAR



Barry M. Goldwater Chapter Arizona Society, SAR

Agenda February 19, 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

Treasurer's Report
Other officer reports or remarks
New member inductions

Dinner

50/50 Raffle

Program

Our program speaker will be our chapter president, Dr. Bill Hearter, who will talk about Landis Valley Village, Pennsylvania.

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.