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Arizona Society Sons of the American Revolution



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Special to *The Goldwater Journal*—Phoenix, Ariz—Having just concluded our Arizona Society Sons of the American Revolution Annual State meeting on February 15, 2015, and more about that in the newsletter, it may be interesting to see what happened 100 years ago at a similar meeting!

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DOINGS OF STATE SOCIETIES.

The Arizona Society held its nineteenth annual business meeting and its eighteenth annual dinner at Phoenix on February 23. It was decided that, inasmuch as in that part of the country "it is not possible for the Society to take part in the usual activities, such as marking historic places or making pilgrimages to them, the attention of the members be given to what might be called present-day patriotism. To that end it was left with the Board of Managers to offer and award prizes of gold medals to contestants from the high-school classes of the State for essays on patriotic themes to be announced later, the awards to be made at the close of the school year."

The following officers were elected: President, Dr. Roy E. Thomas; Vice-President, Dr. John Dennett, Jr.; Secretary, Dr. Charles A. Van der Veer; Treasurer, Lloyd B. Christy; Registrar, Prosper P. Parker; Chaplain, Rev. J. Rockwood Jenkins. Mr. George D. Christy was nominated for Trustee of the National Society.

At the annual meeting in 1913 Joseph L. B. Alexander was elected President and Rt. Rev. J. W. Atwood Vice-President; and in 1914 the President was Rt. Rev. J. W. Atwood and Dr. Roy E. Thomas Vice-President, instead of names printed in the National Year Books for those years.

Minutes of the February 19, 2015, Chapter meeting

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

Our February 19, 2015, Chapter meeting was opened by Chapter President William Hearter MD at 6:30 p.m. We had 19 Compatriots and guests in attendance.

Business session

Induction of new Compatriots

Compatriot Jeffery D. Sellers MD was inducted into the Barry M. Goldwater Chapter by Chapter President William Hearter MD.

On January 9, 2015, Jeffery D. Sellers MD of Scottsdale was approved for membership in the Sons of the American Revolution and the Barry M. Goldwater Chapter. Compatriot Sellers' Patriot Ancestor is John Laws, Private, Captain Solomon Pollard, Col. Green, Militia, Lexington Alarm.



(L-R) Compatriot Jeffery Sellers and Chapter President William Hearter

Compatriot Gerald W. Mead was inducted into the Barry M. Goldwater Chapter by Chapter President William Hearter MD.

On January 9, 2015, Gerald W. Mead of Phoenix was approved for membership in the Sons of the American Revolution and the Barry M. Goldwater Chapter. Compatriot Mead's Patriot Ancestor is Jesse Mead, 9th Connecticut Militia under Lt. Col. John Mead 1776-1777.



(L-R) Compatriot Gerald W. Mead and Chapter President William Hearter

Congratulations Compatriots Sellers and Mead!

Program speaker—Our speaker for the night was none other than our Chapter President, William Hearter, whose presentation was in the form of a DVD covering the history of Landis Valley, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The use of a DVD presentation went over very well with those present. The presentation itself was very interesting and informative as it covered the German influence in the area as well as items such as German life and customs, and arts and crafts.

50/50 Both our Chapter and Compatriot Chuck Stuller are \$25 richer!



AZSSAR Annual State meeting

Our annual meeting was held on February 15, 2015, at the Chandler Hilton Hotel in Chandler. There was a very good turnout of Compatriots and Ladies of the Auxiliary from throughout the state as well guests.

I will not go into detail about the meeting and will leave that to the next edition of the SAR-IZONA; however, the following BMG Compatriots were installed in state offices as follows: Ed Karr Jr., Registrar, and J. Michael Jones, Chaplain.

Committee chairman appointments for 2015 also included J. Michael Jones, D.A.R., and Friends of the Library, Ed Karr Jr.

Congratulations Compatriots and Thank You!



Vietnam 50 year celebration of service

The Paradise Valley Chapter DAR and our Chapter are conducting a reception honoring Vietnam veterans at the American Legion Post No. 107, located at 20001 N. Cave Creek Rd, on Saturday, April 25, 2015, between 2 p.m.- 4:30 p.m. There is no admission fee and we will be providing complementary refreshments to all. The American Legion Post is furnishing the meeting room and finger foods. A cash bar will be available.

We will be presenting Vietnam veterans with a certificate honoring their participation in the war. This is just not for Vietnam veterans but for their families and friends as well. Additionally, there will be several speakers at the event

Many other groups will be present at this celebration of service for our Vietnam veterans and hopefully all of our Chapter members, wives, and friends will also be present.

Compatriots Bob Rearley and Earl Atwood are our Chapters representatives.



Attached to this newsletter is information about the event and a form to fill out and mail or email.

Please show your support to our Vietnam veterans and our Chapter by attending!

March 17—Just St. Patrick’s Day? How about Evacuation Day!

Evacuation Day is a celebration of our first major American military victory during the Revolutionary

War as the British were forced to evacuate Boston on March 17, 1776.

Wikipedia:

“March 17 is Evacuation Day, a holiday observed in Suffolk County (which includes the cities of Boston, Chelsea, Revere, and Winthrop) and also by the public schools in Somerville, Massachusetts. The holiday commemorates the evacuation of British forces from the city of Boston following the Siege of Boston, early in the American Revolutionary War [1776].

Schools and government offices including some Massachusetts state government offices located in Suffolk County are closed. If March 17 falls on a weekend, schools and government offices are closed on the following Monday in observance. It is the same day as Saint Patrick’s Day, a coincidence that played a role in the establishment of the holiday.”

Book: *Bunker Hill* by Nathaniel Philbrick

“The [British] engineer Archibald Robertson was one of the last to leave. He had spent the two previous days throwing up barriers across the streets and wharves of Boston to impede the progress of any American soldiers who might try to harass the evacuating regulars. . . . More than twenty-five brigs, schooners, sloops, and ships had been abandoned, some still full of stores, all of them scuttled. General Gage’s chariot lay broken on Long Wharf. The dragoons had left 110 horses in the stables at the rope walks, along with ten tons of hay.”



On January 15, 1777, which territory declared independence from Great Britain and New York?

A convention of this future state met in Westminster on January 15, 1777, to remove themselves from the Revolutionary War and declare independence from Great Britain and New York.

In June 1777, delegates named the state New Connecticut but a month later its name was changed.

On July 2, 1777, a convention of 72 delegates met to adopt the state’s new constitution which was adopted six days later. In fact this constitution (which also prohibited slavery) was the first national constitution written in North America

After Congress in the 1780s, refused to acknowledge its separation from New York they inquired with Britain about the possibility of becoming part of Canada.

It was finally admitted into the United States in 1791. Welcome Vermont!

AZSSAR Presidents—then and now

By David Swanson, BMG Historian

It is time to add two more AZSSAR presidents to our presidential line up!

As I have previously noted, I was able to obtain photo copies (PFD's) of two booklets written by the Arizona Society in 1910 and 1921 (a third in my possession written in 1899 has no bearing on this article). The booklets are each titled: *Arizona Society Sons of the American Revolution Officers, Constitution and Bylaws, List of Members, General Information* [commas added] with the appropriate date. They list the state officers, some of which are in conflict with the excellent book written by Compatriot John Williams in 1996 titled: *The Arizona Society Sons of the American Revolution Centennial Register*.

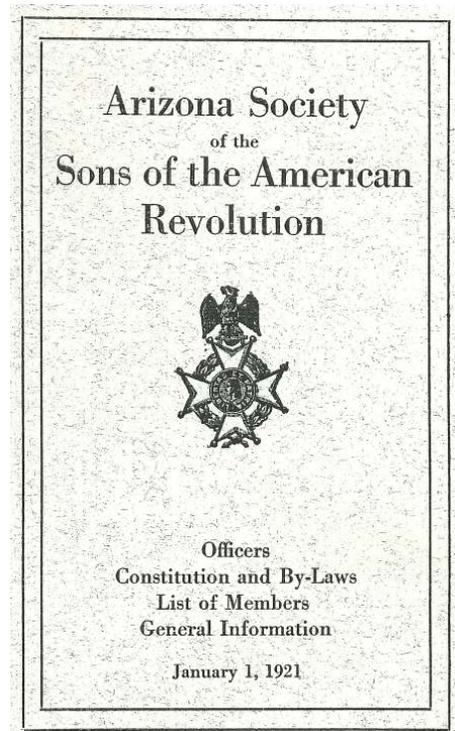
The *Centennial Register* lists the following in regard to some of our early AZSSAR presidents: "Mark Alfred Rodgers (14th) 22 Feb 1912-1914 (2 terms)." These dates actually cover three terms. It then continues, correctly listing Roy Thomas as being elected on 22 Feb 1915.

The *Arizona Society* 1921 booklet lists the following: "Dr. Mark A. Rodgers 1912" [one term] and it continues listing past presidents as follows: "Joseph L. B. Alexander 1913 and Rt. Rev. J. W. Atwood 1914."

Additionally, the March 1915 edition of the *Official Bulletin of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution* has this to say under the headline of Doings of State Societies—Arizona: "At the annual meeting in 1913 Joseph L. B. Alexander was elected President and Rt. Rev. J. W. Atwood Vice-President; and in 1914 the President was Rt. Rev J. W. Atwood and Dr. Roy E. Thomas Vice-President, instead of the names printed in the National Year Books for those years." The order of vice presidents to presidents shown in this article and the past presidents shown in the *Arizona Society* 1921 booklet matches—this also fills in the two term/three term discrepancy noted in the *Centennial Register*.

As an absolute coincidence you just read this information on page 1 of the *Goldwater Journal* in the *Official Bulletin* article! I originally copied the article for this newsletter many months ago (since it encompassed some of the AZSSAR State meeting proceedings which took place 100 years ago which I thought was interesting) and then just recently realized that it contains the information that I am quoting for this article.

Following are relevant copies of the AZSSAR 1921 booklet:



PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE ARIZONA SOCIETY:

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| Herbert F. Robinson..... | 1896-1898 |
| Lewis Halsey, D. D..... | 1899-1900 |
| Lewis W. Coggins..... | 1901 |
| John Wix Thomas..... | 1902 |
| Prosper P. Parker..... | 1903 |
| W. H. Robinson..... | 1904 |
| Ricardo E. Miner..... | 1905 |
| Richard E. Sloan..... | 1906 |
| George D. Christy..... | 1907 |
| Everett E. Ellinwood..... | 1908 |
| Isaac T. Stoddard..... | 1909 |
| Dr. Francis E. Shine..... | 1910 |
| Howard S. Reed..... | 1911 |
| Dr. Mark A. Rodgers..... | 1912 |
| Joseph L. B. Alexander..... | 1913 |
| Rt. Rev. J. W. Atwood..... | 1914 |
| Dr. Roy E. Thomas..... | 1915 |
| Dr. John Dennett, Jr..... | 1916 |
| Dwight B. Heard..... | 1917-1918 |
| Clay F. Leonard..... | 1919 |

So, entering on the stage of AZSSAR history (although as far as they knew they were already on it), please welcome our AZSSAR 15th President **Joseph L. B. Alexander** and our 16th President **Rt. Rev. J. W. Atwood!** This makes Dr. Roy E. Thomas, who was listed as our AZSSAR 15th president, actually the 17th and so on up our AZSSAR presidential numbering ladder to our current president.



Meeting information

Our next Chapter meeting will take place at Coco's on March 19, 2015.

AZSSAR President George Lipphardt will be present at the meeting so come out and meet him.

Our program speaker will be announced at the meeting.

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. Bohannon 2002-2004

2007-2008

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Carlton V. Phillips 2009

John R. Conrad 2010

Earl E. Atwood Sr. 2011-2012

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Vietnam Veterans 50 Year Anniversary
Celebration of Service

You're invited to a reception honoring

Vietnam Veterans



2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 25, 2015

Irving B. Selmer American Legion Post #107

20001 N Cave Creek Road

Phoenix, AZ 85024

No admission fee, complimentary refreshments

Come and show your support in honoring the bravery of
our Vietnam veterans, POWs, MIAs and the families of
these Veterans.

Sponsored by: *Daughters of the American Revolution, Paradise Valley
Chapter, and Sons of the American Revolution, Barry M Goldwater Chapter*

RSVP: by Saturday, March 21 to Carolyn Rearley, email: grandma4cjs@cox.net

6301 E Kings Ave. Scottsdale, AZ 85254



We would like to present a certificate of appreciation to all veterans who served their country during this period. We would also like to honor POW's, MIA and families of these men and women. All Vietnam Veterans will be listed in program even those not attending event.

Vietnam Veteran _____
LIVING POW MIA Deceased

Branch _____

Vietnam Service Dates _____

Rank _____

Spouse of deceased Veteran from Vietnam War:

Immediate Family of Veteran listed on Vietnam Wall:

Immediate Family of Veteran listed as missing or unaccounted for:

Attending Ceremony _____

Do you have items for display? _____

Email or phone _____

ALL VETERANS WELCOME



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, March 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 David Swanson S/T 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 March 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 March 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

Introduction of AZSSAR State President George Lipphardt.
Treasurer's Report
Other officer reports or remarks
New member inductions (if any)

Dinner

50/50 Raffle

Program

TBA

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.