



June 2015

Minutes of the May 21, 2015, Chapter meeting

Location:
Deer Valley Airport Restaurant
702 W. Deer Valley Rd.
Phoenix, Az.

Our May 21, 2015, Chapter meeting was opened at our new meeting location (above) by President William Hearter MD at 7:10 p.m. with 19 Compatriots and guests in attendance.

Imagine the shock when you drive to the meeting location that you have used for a decade (Coco's) for your regular meeting and at 6:00 p.m. you are the only car in the parking lot! It doesn't take a genius to immediately come to the conclusion (especially after reading the "closed—see you at a future location" sign on the front door) that something is rotten in state of Denmark—or rather Coco's. Now what! Well, we hold an impromptu parking lot meeting with the others who are arriving and end up in a meeting room at the Deer Valley Airport Restaurant . . . and Chapter life goes on.

Business session

President Bill Hearter briefly discussed our meeting arraignments at the new restaurant. Many other groups meet at the restaurant and those present voted to continue meeting there.

Secretary/Treasurer David Swanson gave an overview of our Chapter finances which are in great shape.

ROTC/JROTC Committee Chairman Bob Young gave us an update on medals presented.

Program speaker: Dr. Bill Hearter had a great DVD presentation about the Battle of Cowpens. He gave a very nice verbal overview of the battle which really helped set the stage for the presentation. The use of DVDs for programs is very enlightening.

New BMG Chapter Compatriots inducted

The following new Barry M. Goldwater Chapter Compatriots, who all had their memberships approved on May 8, 2015, were inducted during our regular Chapter meeting on May 21, 2015, by BMG President Dr. Bill Hearter:

Derek Talbot Mead of Scottsdale, Arizona. Compatriot Mead's Patriot Ancestor is Jesse Mead, Sergeant in the 9th Reg't, 4th Brigade of the Connecticut Militia. Compatriot Derek is our newest Junior member

Ryan Connor Mead of Scottsdale, Arizona. Compatriot Mead's Patriot Ancestor is Jesse Mead, Sergeant in the 9th Reg't, 4th Brigade of the Connecticut Militia.

Kevin Tyler Mead of Scottsdale, Arizona. Compatriot Mead's Patriot Ancestor is Jesse Mead, Sergeant in the 9th Reg't, 4th Brigade of the Connecticut Militia. Kevin is our newest Junior member.



(L-R) BMG President Bill Hearter, Compatriot Derek Mead, and sons Compatriot Ryan Mead, and Compatriot Kevin Mead

Our Chapter has three generations of Meads as Compatriots starting with Jerry Mead, who pinned SAR rosettes on his son Derek and his grandsons Ryan and Kevin.

Welcome to our Chapter and the NSSAR!

New Barry M. Goldwater Chapter Compatriot

On May 8, 2015, James Justin O'Brien of Tempe, Arizona was approved for membership in the NSSAR and our Chapter. Compatriot O'Brien's Patriot Ancestor is Abel Catlin, Surgeon CT.

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Supplemental Patriot Ancestor—approved

Compatriot Christopher M. Stuller had the following supplemental application approved on March 27, 2015:

Salmon Kingsley Jr., generation number 8, who assisted in establishing American Independence while acting in the capacity of “Soldier (in the Minute Men of Windham) CT.”



Compatriot Christopher Stuller’s father, BMG Compatriot Chuck Stuller, accepted his certificate from BMG President Dr Bill Hearter.



BMG Compatriot Christopher Stuller receives commission as United States Navy Ensign



Compatriot Chuck Stuller and wife Carol with Ensign Christopher Stuller

On May 12, 2015, Compatriot Chris Stuller graduated from ASU with a BS in Supply Chain Management, Barrett Honors College, and WP Carey School of Business Summa Cum Laude. Ensign Stuller will be leaving for Pensacola, Florida to become a U. S. Navy aviator.

World War II veteran Charles Morse (Ensign Stuller’s grandfather) placed one shoulder board during the commissioning ceremony.



Ensign Stuller and Grandfather Charles Morse

Congratulations Ensign Christopher Stuller from your Compatriots of the Barry M. Goldwater Chapter!



BMG Annual fundraiser

Just an early appeal! Later this summer we will be having our annual Chapter fundraiser and raffle tickets will be mailed to all BMG Compatriots. Take a chance to win some great grub and support your Chapter at the same time.



SAR/DAR 3rd Annual Phoenix Mercury FLAG UNFURLING / July 2nd Event

The Palo Verde Chapter SAR is spearheading this third annual Independence Day joint activity and all Chapters are encouraged to attend and support it!

Forty participants are needed to help unfurl the American flag at the US Airways Arena (Talking Stick Resort Arena), 201 E. Jefferson.

Date: July 2, 2015

Time: 7:00 p.m. (Meet at 5:30 p.m. for practice).

The Mercury will provide each participant with a Mercury (Jersey) backpack and Red- White-Blue Pom Pom’s

Please email Palo Verde Compatriot Matt Scott at mattsar49@cox.net by Wednesday, June 3rd if you know you will attend this event.

Attached to the newsletter is the flyer for the event



Arizona SAR now on Facebook!

Our organization has just leaped into the 21st century with a Facebook (whatever that is) page that is linked to our AZSSAR website. So go to the website: www.azssar.org and select the “F” in the blue square at the bottom of the home page and you are off and running!

I was only kidding about not knowing what that Facebook thing is. (In fact even my band of scribes, which comprises my so-called staff, has heard rumors about it.)



The Spirit of '76 magazine

By David A. Swanson

The Spirit of '76 magazine, published from September 1894 through June 1906 was an organ of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution (and of other organizations), which contained many historical articles. The September 1896 edition sums it up best: “Nowhere else can a reader obtain, each month, such a complete, entertaining, and valuable collection of the news of various public hereditary Societies as the *Spirit of '76*. The reports of the ceremonies, receptions, banquets and other acts of the Societies are obtained largely from the members of the different orders and are supplemented by the diligent work of the editor of this magazine.”

I have read a great many of these magazines and found the articles they contain very interesting. I hope you will too since I am starting a column in the newsletters designated as “*The Spirit of '76*”

With Flag Day, June 14, 2015, approaching, let’s see what was published in the very first September 1894 edition of the magazine:

THE SPIRIT OF '76. The 14th of June as “Flag Day.”

“The Stars and Stripes were adopted by Congress as the flag of the United States for ships of war June 14, 1777. Three days later the same banner was adopted for the land forces. A committee had been appointed by Congress, with General Washington as its chairman, to mature a design, and had chosen one. General Washington had called in person on Betsy Ross, a young woman noted in her day for her skill with needlework, and then living in a little house on Arch street, Philadelphia. He had showed to her the rough draft of the design (which is now in possession of the State Department in Washington) and asked if she could make such a flag. Betsy had modestly replied that she would try, and had suggested two

improvements, one being the use of five-pointed, instead of six-pointed stars; the other the arraignment of the stars on the blue field. The flag was made and shown to Congress, and was thereupon adopted.

“The general display of the national ensign on June 14th in each year was a suggestion originating from THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION of Connecticut. The managers of that Society in that State resolved, in 1890, to recommend a general public display on each reoccurring anniversary of June 14, 1777. They suggested, through Judge Deming, one of the Managers of the National Society at that time, that the National Society should commend the idea to the State Societies throughout the country. The suggestion was complied with.

“The beauty, simplicity and effectiveness of the idea has now lead nearly, if not quite all, the various patriotic societies to enter heartily into the annual celebration, and THE SONS OF THE REVOLUTION have cordially endorsed the enterprise. In New England, New York City, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Chicago and Washington D. C., thousands of flags were thrown to the breeze on June 14th of this year.

“By order of Gov. Roswell P. Flower, the public buildings of New York State raised the flag on that day, and the local branch of THE SONS OF THE REVOLUTION in Albany issued an order on the subject. Mayor Gilroy honored the day in the same manner in New York City, and the New York SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION sent a handsome circular to every hotel, club, office building, and other prominent structure in the city, calling attention to the celebration, and the result was a prompt and general response. Various cities throughout the State joined in the celebration.

“At the request of THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, the Superintendent of Schools in Providence R. I., caused the Stars and Stripes to be raised on every school house in the city, and other public and private buildings were similarly decorated.

“Public exercises were held in New Haven in which the school children engaged.

“In Philadelphia not only was the city a flutter of flags, but THE SOCIETY OF COLONIAL DAMES held anniversary exercises in Independence Hall, and the SONS OF THE REVOLUTION of Pennsylvania issued a call for the general observance of the day.

“In Baltimore, THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, made successful efforts, and even many horse-drawn conductors, in the enthusiasm of the hour, decorated their horses and cars with flags of various sizes. . .

“Distant Colorado has an excellent society SONS OF THE REVOLUTION, and Denver not only decorated all the principal buildings, but held public exercises at a church . . . (continued on page 4)

“It is to be noted that the newspaper press in every part of the country gave its valued support to the celebration, and not only announced the fact that citizens were expected to bring out their bunting on June 14th, but strongly commended the proposition.

“An effort was made by the New York SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION to have a salute fired at each military post and naval station in the United States on June 14th, this year. But, while the suggestion was formally made to the Secretaries of War and the Navy, lack of time prevented the consummation of the arrangement. Next year the effort will be renewed. . . .

“The celebration of this day is a happy suggestion. The month of June is not, except in the more northerly localities, suited for public festivals of a social nature, but no inconvenience attends a general display of the Stars and Stripes. The sentiment of nationality is embodied in the flag. A public display is an inspiration, an object lesson in patriotism, and a beautiful spectacle.”

[And here is another article that precedes the one just read]:

“THE SOCIETIES ARE SEPARATE.—In their reports of the various societies, newspapers frequently transpose the names of THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION and THE SONS OF THE REVOLUTION; THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION and the DAUGHTERS OF THE REVOLUTION. While these societies are similar in name and purpose, they are entirely distinct and separate. There are also two separate societies of the “War of 1812” and of the “Colonial Dames.” Editorial friends will please make a note of this to insure the accuracy of their own reports from time to time”.



Congress creates the first U.S. Mint

“On April 2, 1792, Congress creates the first United States Mint. Creating a coinage system unique to the new United States was seen as a priority to the Founding Fathers because it would help establish the identity of the young nation, as well as encourage commerce. The full name of the act was “An act establishing a mint, and regulating the Coins of the United States” and it directed that a mint should be built in Philadelphia, which was then the capital of the United States.

“The Mint Act or the Coinage Act, as it was informally known, created five officer positions to oversee the direction of the mint and the creation of the coinage. The Act directed that the new coins would be

based on the decimal system, with the dollar being the chief means of exchange. 10 types of coins were created with the Act:

Eagles (\$10), Half Eagles (\$5), Quarter Eagles (\$2.50), Dollars (\$1), Half Dollars (\$.50), Quarter Dollars (\$.25), Dimes (\$.10), Half Dimes (\$.05), Cents (\$.01) and Half Cents (\$.005).

“Eagles were made of gold, dollars and dimes were made of silver and cents were made of copper. Each coin was to have an image symbolizing "Liberty" on one side. The back of the gold and silver coins was to have an image representing "Liberty" on it, while the back of the cents was to have the coins' denomination.

“Any person could bring in gold or silver bullion and have it minted into coins for free. The Act specified the purity of each type of metal for the coins and created a strict testing system to make sure the coins met the guidelines. Employees of the mint could receive the death penalty for stealing or tampering with the coins.

“David Rittenhouse, a renowned scientist, mathematician and astronomer was appointed by George Washington as the first director of the Mint. Rittenhouse had served as Pennsylvania's treasurer from 1777 to 1789, giving him much experience dealing with currency. Rittenhouse's first job was to actually build the Mint. He purchased two lots in Philadelphia on July 18, 1792 and construction began immediately.

“The first building was the smelting building where the metal ores were melted and separated. The second building contained offices, vaults, weighing rooms and the presses for striking the coins. A third building contained a horse-powered mill where the metal was rolled into sheets. The first coins minted were made from silver flatware donated by George Washington himself. Rittenhouse struck the coins himself to test the new equipment and delivered the coins to Washington.

“The smelting and mill buildings were destroyed by fire in 1816 and these functions were moved elsewhere. The main office building, however, with "Ye Olde Mint" painted on its side, remained as the United States Mint until 1833 when a larger facility was built. This original Mint building stood until the early 1900s. It was the first building constructed by the US government after the ratification of the US Constitution.”

<http://www.revolutionary-war-and-beyond.com/>

BMG Chapter meeting notice

The next meeting of our Chapter will take place on September 17, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. at the Deer Valley Airport Restaurant, 702 W. Deer Valley Rd, Phoenix

There are no meetings during our summer break— June, July, and August.

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) 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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SAR & DAR

Third Annual Independence Day Joint Activity

Need **35** Participants to unfurl the
American Flag at **U.S. Airways Arena**
(Talking Stick Resort Arena)

Arena Center Court

July 2, 2015/ 7 P.M.

Phoenix Mercury vs. Tulsa Shock

Group Discount Ticket for \$25

(we will meet at the Arena at 5:30 pm for practice)

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DAR, promote membership, Celebrate our Heritage and
have a good time!***

