



October 2015

Minutes of the September 17, 2015, Chapter meeting

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

Our September 17, 2015, Chapter meeting was opened by President William Hearter MD at 6:30 p.m. with 17 Compatriots and guests in attendance.

BMG Compatriot inducted

Twenty-two month old Junior Member David J. Paulsen was officially inducted into the Barry M Goldwater Chapter SAR by President Bill Hearter. David is also a member of the Hohokam Society C.A.R. where his mother Katie Paulsen, pictured with him, was once the Senior Society President.

David's Patriot Ancestor is Sarah Boone Brooks a niece of Daniel Boone. Sarah's father was Samuel Boone, a brother of Daniel. In 1782, Sarah married Thomas Brooks at Ft. Boonesborough which is at the Kentucky River about 25 miles SE of Lexington. The Brooks family was at nearby Bryan's Station before finally settling in Brown County, Ohio. Sarah is credited with being a "Defender of Bryan's Station" while she was there. She was evidently well acquainted with the use of those Kentucky Long Rifles! (See page 3 for more related information.)



(L-R) BMG President William Hearter, David Paulsen and Katie Paulsen

Third annual BMG annual fundraiser—a success!

Thanks to you, Compatriots of the Barry M. Goldwater Chapter, our annual fundraiser was a great success. We took in \$650!

The drawing took place during our September meeting and the winning Compatriots are:

Bill Hearter: \$50 gift certificate to the Bobby-Q Restaurant; Earl Atwood: \$50 gift certificate to the Bobby-Q Restaurant, and Pete Peterson won the Revolutionary War DVD on Baron von Steuben.

Congratulations!

50/50 Raffle:

The winner of \$12.50 was Bill Orr!



Speakers for the meeting:

Peter and Eddie Zulegar from the Saguaro Chapter gave an excellent PowerPoint and "audience participation" presentation on the Gaspee Incident.

This included a lot of background on several incidents leading up to the beginning of the American Revolution and especially the involvement of the people of Rhode Island and the Sons of Liberty regarding *HMS Gaspee*.

The British suspected Rhode Island was very much involved in smuggling operations and the British ships were intent on stopping that. However, the Rhode Islanders were very knowledgeable of their waterways and cunning in their naval deceptions – as are other reputed smugglers. A bold plan was afoot!

On 9 Jun 1772 the colonial packet boat *Hannah* - used for mail, passenger and freight transportation - was the "bait" as the Narragansett Bay tidewaters began to fall. The British ship *HMS Gaspee* gave chase to the *Hannah* that was suspected of being actively involved in smuggling operations. To the dismay of the experienced naval commander of the *HMS Gaspee*, they ran aground near Warwick on the NW side of the bay due to the retreating tide waters. Despite their tireless efforts, the crew of the *Gaspee* was unable to free their ship from the hold the Narragansett Bay bottom had on their ship. Phase I was successful!

Now appears the Sons of Liberty from Providence, Rhode Island feverishly rowing toward their prize - conquest of the *HMS Gaspee*! At the break of dawn on 10 June 1772 they boarded the *Gaspee* and were met with little resistance. LT Dudingston, Commander of the *Gaspee*, was shot and wounded. The British crew was hauled ashore and the *Gaspee* was set afire and burned to the waterline as the crew watched helplessly. Phase II - also successful!

Despite investigations and actions by the British and courts to find and prosecute the perpetrators, no arrests were ever made and none were held accountable. Phase III – complete success!



(L-R) Peter and Eddie Zulegar and BMG President Bill Hearter



New BMG Compatriot

On September 17, 2015, **Compatriot Robert Mayo Denny II** of Phoenix, Arizona was approved for membership in the NSSAR and our Chapter.

Compatriot Denny's Patriot Ancestor is Robert Denny who assisted in establishing American Independence while acting in the capacity of: "Private, Quartermaster, Ensign, and was commissioned as Lieutenant on 7 Mar 1780 in the Revolutionary Army, Frederick Co. Militia."

Welcome to the SAR and the Barry M. Goldwater Chapter!



In Memoriam



Barry M. Goldwater Compatriot **William Howard O'Brien** of Paradise Valley, Arizona passed away on September 22, 2015, at age 92. Bill was married to his wife Sada for 67 years. Bill joined the SAR and our chapter November 11, 2007.

Justin O'Brien, Bill's son and BMG Compatriot, provided the following information: "SAR Member, and our own Arizona Irish Cowboy, Bill O'Brien, Sada's husband of 67 years, and my father, died peacefully at home September 22, 2015, in Paradise Valley, Arizona, at the foot of his beloved Camelback Mountain. He "went over the garden wall," as they say in Ireland, listening to family and friends regale him with his own stories and adventures they shared together. While my mother Sada and I are deeply saddened, we know that Bill is having the "time of his afterlife" telling stories and enjoying himself with those who have ridden ahead of the trail, including the O'Brien and Paine family members, his many friends, colleagues, horses, and hundreds of Rhodesian Ridgebacks that he and Sada raised.

And, if you're wondering, yes, as he always wanted... *Bill O'Brien died with his cowboy boots on.*

A Celebration of Bill O'Brien's life will be held November 1, 2015 10:30 to 1 pm at the Irish Cultural Center located on the Roosevelt Light Rail station on Central Avenue in downtown Phoenix, www.azirish.org, 1106 North Central Avenue Phoenix Arizona 85004; 602-258-0109



Compatriot Bill O'Brien

Photo by Michael Woodall, www.michaelwoodall.com

Compatriot Ed Karr and our newest Junior Member David Paulsen

Compatriot Karr supplied the following interesting information about Katie Paulsen and her son David:

“I met Katie Paulsen when we moved here from CO and my grandchildren transferred their C.A.R. memberships to the Hohokam Society C.A.R. in Tempe. At that time Katie was the Hohokam Society Sr Society President and she asked me to be the Sr Corresponding Secretary.

When I was doing the JM SAR application for her son David, I found out the Patriot Ancestor under whom he was joining likely knew one of my Patriot Ancestors. David joined under Sarah Boone Brooks, a niece of Daniel Boone who opened up KY and founded what is now Boonesborough, Madison County, KY. One of my Patriot Ancestors was Jesse Oldham who was the head of one of the first 26 or so families that came from NC with Daniel Boone to establish and build Ft. Boonesborough. I belong to the Society of Boonesborough through him. Jesse Oldham was still there during the Shawnee Siege of the fort in 1778. See:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Siege_of_Boonesborough

Jesse was among the few men credited with being the first “white men to raise a crop of corn in Kentucky.” Different jobs were given to different men and Jesse and a few others had to raise corn to sustain the families and their animals. They signed an agreement to do so that is a part of the official papers of Ft. Boonesborough. My great grandparents are buried in a farm cemetery about 4-5 miles from Ft. Boonesborough along Otter Creek at Red House. Jesse Oldham was my great grandfather’s, great grandfather.

Sarah Boone Brooks Montgomery, 1763-1848, died in Brown County, Ohio. Jesse Oldham, 1733-1814 died at Otter Creek, Kentucky near Boonesborough, gravesite unknown.



Meeting information for the October 15, 2015, meeting

Please join your fellow BMG Compatriots at the Deer Valley Airport Restaurant, 702 W. Deer Valley Road. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.

Jason Knorr, a high school student and State President of the Arizona C.A.R., will speak about the organization, our state society, and the National President’s Project among other items.



Arizona SAR meeting:

The following information was taken from the Arizona SAR website. More information will be forthcoming in the October issue of the SAR-ARIZONA newsletter.

“**Saturday 14 November 2015:** AZSSAR State Meeting at the Oro Valley Country Club, 300 Greenock Drive, Oro Valley, AZ. (just north of Tucson on Oracle Road). Meeting registration begins at 2:30 PM, meeting from 3:00–5:00 PM. Social hour from 5:00–6:00 PM, and dinner at 6:00 PM. Times could be adjusted. We expect to be finished by 8:00 PM to give folks from out of town a rather early departure time. For those out of town guests that might want to spend the night in beautiful Oro Valley, there are two hotels almost within walking distance from the country club. Fairfield Inn & Suites, 10150 N. Oracle Road, 520-202-4000. For those that might wish to upgrade; The Hilton El Conquistador Hotel, 10000 N. Oracle Road, 520-544-5000.”

As an added incentive, SAR President-General Thomas Lawrence will also be present.

This meeting is open to all Compatriots and you are encouraged to attend!



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.

The Phrase "Keep Me Posted" Comes from the Colonial Era

Before blogs, before Twitter, before instant messaging was even a glimmer in the Internet’s eye, we had posts. Yep, posts - big literal wooden posts that stood where people gathered.

Someone would come along and physically tack a bit of news to the post. Imagine trying to sneak out of work for a few minutes to do that!



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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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Agenda October 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

Treasurer's Report
Other officer reports or remarks
New member inductions (if any)

Dinner

Annual fundraising drawing

Program

Jason Knorr, a high school student and State President of the Arizona C.A.R, will speak about the organization, our state society, and the National President's Project among other items.

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.