



# THE GOLDWATER JOURNAL

Newsletter of the Barry M. Goldwater Chapter  
Arizona Society Sons of the American Revolution



November 2015

## Minutes of the October 15, 2015, Chapter meeting

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

Our October 15, 2015, Chapter meeting was opened by President William Hearter MD at 6:30 p.m. with 26 Compatriots and guests in attendance.

### *Proposed 2016 slate of Chapter officers:*

President: William Hearter MD  
Vice President: Robert Rearley  
Secretary/Treasurer: David Swanson  
Registrar/Genealogist: William Orr  
Asst. Registrar/Genealogist: Dana Abbott  
Public Affairs Officer: J Michael Jones  
Chaplain: Robert Bohannon  
Sergeant-at-Arms: Charles (Chuck) Stuller  
Chancellor: John R. Conrad  
Historian: David Swanson  
State Board of Managers: David Swanson

## BMG Compatriot inducted

**Compatriot Voie Coy** of Phoenix, whose membership was approved on July 2, 2015, was inducted during our regular Chapter meeting by BMG President Dr. Bill Hearter.



(L-R) BMG President William Hearter and BMG Compatriot Voie Coy

## *Program speakers*

We were honored to have Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.) Senior State President Lezlee Alexander, C.A.R. 2<sup>nd</sup> State Vice President Tricia Alexander, and Gillian Alexander as our evening speakers.

Lezlee gave an overview of the C.A.R. in which children from birth to age 22 learn, among many other benefits, speaking and leadership skills.

Tricia talked about the N.S.C.A.R. National Project *The Road to Independence* and Gillian (who is chairman of both American Heritage and Government Studies Committees) talked about the A.S.C.A.R. State Project *Honoring our Heroes*.

**Well done and thank you all!**



(L-R) Tricia, Lezlee and Gillian Alexander



## **BMG November 19, 2015, Meeting Information**

Our meeting will take place at the Deer Valley Airport Restaurant, 702 W. Deer Valley Rd, Phoenix, AZ, at 6:30 p.m. We will elect officers for 2016.

Veterans theme! Compatriot Ed Karr will lead off with comments about Veterans Day.

Our featured speaker is Compatriot Matt Scott of the Palo Verde Chapter who will give a slide presentation and background discussion about the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in the Arlington National Cemetery.



### **Compatriot Bob Young—stepping down from the Chapter ROTC Committee**

Compatriot Bob Young has been our chapter's ROTC Committee chair (and at times its sole member) since, well, probably since our chapter was formed in 2002. Bob has done an outstanding job (to our chapter's benefit) but now we need somebody to step up and take his palace. *Don't think somebody else will do it—we need you!*

Please contact Bob at (602) 841-7037 or email him: bob.young1@cox.net



### **Dues, Dues, Dues!**

If you have received your 2016 dues notice from AZSSAR State Treasurer Ed Steinback please send it in. If not, your notice will be coming. Dues don't get any cheaper if you procrastinate and in fact you will end up paying more if they are late. And if that doesn't work then there are the bounty hunters and that whole unpleasant mess. Geeze, just send them in!



### **Surrender at Yorktown and “The World Turned Upside Down”**

By David Swanson

Sometimes we forget some of the significant details regarding historical events—even ones that favored us. But look at what the British lost with the surrender of General Cornwallis at Yorktown:

“On October 19, 1781, General Cornwallis surrendered 7,087 officers and men, 900 seamen, 144 cannons, 15 galleys, a frigate, and 30 transport ships. Pleading illness, he did not attend the surrender ceremony, but his second-in-command, General Charles O'Hara, carried Cornwallis' sword to the American and French commanders. As the British and Hessian troops marched out to surrender, the British bands played the song ‘The World Turned Upside Down.’” (History.com)

Of course the one detail that we remember is that, while this was not the last battle of the Revolutionary War, its significance helped seal the final outcome.

Personally, each time I hear of it I think of my Patriot Ancestor, Private George Hart, who, in his application for a Revolutionary War pension in 1818, swore that he was “at the battle and taking of Lord Cornwallis.” Go George!

And what about the song “The World Turned Upside Down”? Had that not been played (at least tradition says it was played) at the surrender—why we wouldn't be whistling it to this day! Oops, I am getting that mixed up with another British song, “Yankee”—something or other. Anyway, nobody in my family

remembers George Hart ever mentioning, whistling or singing that song so my bet is that it wasn't played!



### **A Little Bit of AZSSAR and Arizona History**

By David A. Swanson, Barry M. Goldwater  
Chapter Historian

Oaky, I know that I mentioned in a previous newsletter that I was discontinuing this column but I am writing it for the *SAR-IZONA* newsletter so if you didn't happen to see it there here it is.

### **Why do SAR national officers have “General” after their titles?**

You know, “President General,” “Secretary General,” etc. My first guess was that it all sounded better than “President Sergeant” or “President Private” but “General” has nothing to do with rank.

Let's look at the *SAR 1890 Year Book*.

The SAR was formed on April 30, 1889, during its first National Convention (not Congress) at Fraunces's Tavern in New York City on the centennial of George Washington's inauguration as President of the United States. “The famous old ‘long room’ in the second story was the place of organization. It was in this room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December, 1783, that Washington had bidden farewell to his brother officers of the Revolutionary army . . .”

So I suppose one could assume that those present had a couple of beers, voted, and everybody went their separate ways until the first Congress—not quite! At the end of the day it adjourned until the following day where, on May 1, 1889, it reconvened at the Produce Exchange in New York City where our original SAR Constitution and Bylaws were approved. Article VI of the constitution designated the officers of the SAR as follows: “The officers of the National Organization shall be a President, Vice-President-at-Large, a Vice President from each State Society, a Secretary and three Assistant Secretaries, a Treasurer, a Registrar, a Chaplain, which officers shall constitute the Board of Managers.” (Notice what word is missing from those titles?)

Throughout the first year of our organization the Board of Managers met numerous times as did the Executive Committee. One of the “transactions worthy of mention” occurred during the Executive Committee meeting on January 25, 1890, and that was the “adoption of titles for general officers.”

So, let's dig into those minutes (although the 19<sup>th</sup> century handwriting is sometimes a bit hard to decipher—but we will get through it).

“Minutes of Meeting of Executive Committee of the Society of S.A.R., New York City, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 1890.

“ . . . ordered that in order to preclude confusion of titles of the National and State organizations, the National officers be uniformly (?) given the titles of President-General for President etc.(?); and that the matter be referred to the Committee on Constitution . . . ”

So, there you have it. The term does not designate (nor was it intended to designate) organizational or personal rank— it is simply a designator of national SAR offices.

During our first Congress on April 1, 1890, the constitution was revised and, among other things, “General” was specifically added to the title for all of the national offices (also added were the offices of Historian General and Surgeon General).

As a little side note (and tie-in to the main title of this column):

“The first social gathering of representatives of the Societies S.A.R. took place in New York city, March 1<sup>st</sup> 1890.

“Dr Webb, soon after accepting the Presidency-General of the order [after the resignation of Lucius P Deming on Nov. 23, 1889], ‘believing that it would be to the benefit of the Society if its widely scattered officers and most active members could be brought together, became personally acquainted with each other and compare notes, thus increasing the spirit of progress and emulation,’ issued invitations to a banquet, to be given at Delmonico’s on the evening in question.

“The guests assembled at 7 P. M. . . . About 110 gentlemen were present including a few invited guests, namely. . . .

“Alabama—Gen Joseph E. Johnston. . . .

“Illinois—Gen. George Crook. . . .”

For those interested in Civil War and *Arizona history*, look at the guest from Alabama—Union and then Confederate General Joseph E. Johnston (who was also an honorary vice-president general of the SAR).

Now look at the guest from Illinois—Union General George Crook of Civil War and territory of Arizona fame (ever see the sign for the General Crook Trail in Camp Verde?). *Now those were Generals!* General Crook died 20 days after this banquet on March 21, 1890, and General Johnston died exactly one year later on March 21, 1891.



### Happy Thanksgiving!

#### George Washington’s Thanksgiving Day Proclamation.

By the President of the United States of America, a Proclamation.

Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor—and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.

Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be—That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks—for his kind care and protection of the People of this Country previous to their becoming a Nation—for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of his Providence which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war—for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed—for the peaceable and rational manner, in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted—for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed; and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions—to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually—to render our national government a blessing to all the people, by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed—to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations (especially such as have shewn kindness unto us) and to bless them with good government, peace, and concord—To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the encrease of science among them and us--and generally to grant unto all Mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand at the City of New York the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1789.  
Go: Washington

**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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Robert H. Bohannan 2002-2004

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## Barry M. Goldwater Chapter Arizona Society, SAR

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### Agenda November 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 (if any)

**Dinner**

**50/50 Raffle**

**Program**

Compatriot Matt Scott of the Palo Verde Chapter will present a slide presentation and background discussion on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in the Arlington National Cemetery.

**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.