



December 2015

Minutes of the November 19, 2015, Chapter meeting

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

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

Chapter President Bill Hearter talked about the AZ SAR Color Guard and its various activities throughout the state. Compatriot Hearter is an active member of the Color Guard. If any BMG Compatriots would like to get involved in this very worthwhile endeavor please contact him.

Chapter officers elected for 2016

The listed Compatriots were voted into office and will be installed during our January 15, 2016, Chapter meeting:

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 Charter Compatriot Dave Potts and his wife Lois were in attendance and it was nice to see them. Dave was our Chapter's first historian!

50/50 Drawing—Our Chapter and Compatriot Mike Jones are both \$30 richer!



New BMG Compatriot

On November 17, 2015, Compatriot Richard S. Hudgins transferred his membership from the Tucson Chapter to the Barry M. Goldwater Chapter. Dick and his wife Sally were present at the meeting and we will see a lot more of them!

Welcome aboard Compatriot Dick Hudgins!

New BMG Compatriot--Inducted

On September 17, 2015, Compatriot **Robert Mayo Denny II** of Phoenix, Arizona was approved for membership in the NSSAR and our Chapter. Compatriot Denny was formally inducted into the organization by Chapter President Bill Hearter.



(L-R) Compatriot Robert Mayo and Chapter President Bill Hearter



Program Speaker

Matt Scott, Past President of the Palo Verde Chapter gave an outstanding PowerPoint presentation about "The Selection and Burial of our First Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery."

Matt provided very interesting detail of the history of our first Unknown Soldier, which included his selection, transportation from France to the US, and his entombment in the newly created Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery.

His research included the use of a report developed by his grandfather, who was a clerk in the Cemetery Division of the Department of War, and who was directed to document the details of the ceremony in France and the burial in Arlington in November of 1921.

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was dedicated exactly three years after the end of World War I by President Warren G. Harding.



(L-R) Compatriot Matt Scott and BMG President Bill Hearer. Matt not only received a certificate of appreciation but was also the first speaker to receive the newly minted AZ SAR Challenge Coin!

Thank you Compatriot Matt Scott!



Packages from Home—Supporting our troops

Here is a very special thank you to all of the BMG Compatriots who went out of their way to gather items (as you can see in the following photo) for the “Packages from Home Program.”

We were pleased that the Paradise Valley DAR asked us to help support this cause which sends care and comfort packages to our servicemen and women stationed in active duty theaters.



Packages from Home items



DAR/SAR & State Historian Marshall Trimble

On November 20th members of the Paradise Valley DAR and the Barry M. Goldwater Chapter met at the Desert United Methodist Church in Phoenix, for an entertaining speech by the Official Arizona State

Historian Marshall Trimble. The talk, about Arizona history, was very educational and entertaining.



(L-R) Marshall Trimble and BMG Compatriot Chuck Stuller

December 17th Christmas Chapter social with Paradise Valley DAR

Don't forget, we are having a Christmas social with the Paradise Valley DAR at the Deer Valley Airport Restaurant on Thursday, December 17, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. These gatherings are a lot of fun so make a point of attending!

Articles of Confederation

Here is an interesting article about the Articles of Confederation (adopted on November 15, 1777) from the York County Historical Society:

“Two hundred thirty eight years ago our country was at war (except we weren't a country yet). The Second Continental Congress was meeting in York while the British occupied Philadelphia, the largest city in America. Just 16 months earlier, 13 English Colonies had declared independence. If it were possible for those colonies to win independence as 13 sovereign states, then it is also possible our country might never have been formed. The document that would define the United States, the Constitution, wouldn't be written for another 10 years. The first step to formally bond those states into one country, indeed the first step toward creating the United States of America, was the adoption of the Articles of Confederation. On November 15th, 1777, the Continental Congress took that step behind closed and locked doors.”



1st Annual Buckeye Veterans Day Parade

The Buckeye DAR Chapter invited SAR to ride on their float in the 1st Annual Buckeye Veterans Day Parade on Saturday Nov. 7.

Compatriots Ed Karr and Mike Jones rode on the float while Compatriot Bill Hearter marched with the AZSSAR Color Guard right behind them.

The DAR float WON the Most Patriotic category. We will be invited to ride again next year.

Below are pictures of the float; however, Compatriots Karr and Jones are not pictures since they were ones behind the camera!



DAR float



AZ SAR Color Guard



Colonial North American Digital Library

“This Website provides access to some 150,000 images digitized as part of the ongoing multi-year Colonial North American Project at Harvard”

—SAR Library Sons of the American Revolution

“When complete, the project will make available to the world digitized images of all known archival and manuscript materials in the Harvard Library that relate to 17th and 18th century North America.”

<http://colonialnorthamerican.library.harvard.edu/>



Postmaster General Benjamin Franklin

Here is an interesting article (or part of it) regarding Benjamin Franklin.

“On November 7, 1776, Congress chooses Richard Bache to succeed his father-in-law, Benjamin Franklin, as postmaster general. Franklin had sailed for France on behalf of the Continental Congress the previous month.

“Benjamin Franklin invested nearly 40 years in the establishment of a reliable system of private communications in the American colonies. He was appointed postmaster of Philadelphia in 1737 and then as joint postmaster general of the colonies, a position he held from 1753 to 1774, when he was fired for opening and publishing Massachusetts Royal Governor Thomas Hutchinson’s correspondence. While postmaster, Franklin streamlined postal delivery with properly surveyed and marked routes from Maine to Florida (this route later became Route 1), instituted overnight postal travel between the critical cities of New York and Philadelphia and created a standardized rate chart based upon weight and distance.”

So why did Franklin get fired? The “Hutchinson Letter Affair” is found in Wikipedia and it really is quite interesting—there was actually a dual fought in England over the matter. Who knew? See: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hutchinson_Letters_Affair



Chapter ROTC Committee—Chairman needed

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

2016 BMG Meeting Dates

All meetings will take place at the Deer Valley Airport Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. as follows:
January 21, February 18, March 17, April 21, May 19, (then off for the summer), September 15, October 20, and November 17.

And remember . . .

A woman has the last word in any argument . . . anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.

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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