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HAPPY 2016

December 17th BMG Chapter Christmas social with the Paradise Valley Chapter DAR

Well, once again the Grinch was not present at what is turning out to be the annual Christmas party with the Paradise Valley Chapter DAR. Since your correspondent was unable to attend this year his “go-to-guy, elf, and photographer” Compatriot Mike Jones provided the following pictures of some of the attendees.

Our Chapter also received two certificates of appreciation from the PV Chapter: one for our support of the Marshall Trimble event and one for our support of the Project Patriot Packages from Home—thank you!



**December 17th BMG Chapter Christmas social
with the Paradise Valley Chapter DAR--
continued**



Wreaths Across America

On December 12, 2015, BMG Compatriots Bill Hearter and Bob Rearley joined with the PV DAR Chapter and members of the Arizona C.A.R. at the National Cemetery in Phoenix for the Wreaths Across America wreath laying ceremony.



New BMG Junior Members

Junior Member **Noah Allen Risher** of San Antonio, Texas was approved for membership in the SAR and our Chapter on November 10, 2015. Noah is the one year old son of Benjamin and Sarah Risher.

Noah’s Patriot Ancestor is his 8th generation grandfather Henry Horn who was a Pvt in the Penna PNSR and Pvt Cavalryman in Count Pulaski’s legion fighting at the battles of Long Island and Monmouth.

Junior Member **Carter Frederic Thompson** of Scottsdale, Arizona was approved for membership in the SAR and our Chapter on December 4, 2015. Noah is the 12 year old son of Trevor and Laura Thompson.

Carter’s Patriot Ancestor is his 9th generation grandfather Cornelius Sheehan who was a Private in Lt. Beaty and Capt Mathew McCoy’s Company, Cumberland Co, PA Militia.

Welcome Junior Members Noah and Carter!



SAR Name Tags

For those Compatriots who do not have a name tag you can order one by going to: <https://store.sar.org/> Under “shop” hit “personalized items” follow the directions and you are off! (The magnet attachment name tag works very well.)



SAR Library Updates

Papers of the War Department—Fire destroyed the War Department office in 1800. For decades historians

believed that its files, and the window they provide into the early federal government, had been lost forever. This collection unites copies of the lost files in a digital archive that reconstitutes this invaluable historical resource.

wardepartmentpapers.org



Friends Of the Library (FOL)

By Compatriot Ed Karr

Having and making friends enhances our lives and the lives of others. Some of the characteristics of friendship are concern for the welfare of one’s friend, affection for the friend above just “knowing about” the friend, enjoyment of the friend’s company and helping each other. While we might first consider friendship on a strictly human level, NSSAR extends the concept to people helping an organization – the NSSAR Library.

The FOL helps the Library purchase non-budgeted items such as equipment, supplies and new technology. This can include books, manuscripts and online services to enhance and expand the Library collection.

One recent Library purchase of interest is the *Gale Genealogy Connect*, an e-book collection of 189 titles of genealogical research materials and original sources. For instance, it has a copy of *The Pension Roll of 1835* which you might need to help prove a new-found Patriot Ancestor without having to locate a hardcopy in a traditional library. It can be accessed from the NSSAR Library webpage, left hand side of the page, under the Library Databases.

If you are interested in becoming a FOL member there is a link to the application form at <http://www.sar.org/node/76> Befriend the NSSAR Library and help your new found friend.



Journal of the American Revolution—The funniest thing?

In Paris, while negotiating the treaty with France, Ben Franklin stopped for a bite to eat in a popular cafe. On the other side of the room he saw Edward Gibbon, member of Parliament and author of the already famous *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*. Ben had known him in London and sent over a note, inviting him to his table. Gibbon replied he could have nothing to do with a man who was a traitor to his king. Ben coolly replied that he was sorry to learn this. He was eager to give him background information for his next book, *The Decline and Fall of the British Empire*. In 24 hours the story was all over Paris and the flabbergasted Gibbon retreated to London.

—Thomas Fleming



United States ratifies the Bill of Rights

Here is some interesting information regarding the ratification of the Bill of Rights—some stuff you might not know, taken in part from a great website:

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

“On December 15, 1791, the United States ratifies the Bill of Rights.

“On December 15, 1791, Virginia became the 10th of 14 states to vote to ratify the first ten amendments to the Constitution. 14 states? Yes, Vermont had already come in as the 14th state on March 4 of the same year.

“When the new US Constitution was being debated, many people refused to ratify it because they thought it did not give enough protection to individual rights. Proponents of the Constitution agreed to add a bill of rights in the first Congress if the opponents would agree to support it. This argument persuaded enough opponents to see the new Constitution ratified.

“In the first Congress, James Madison proposed twenty amendments to the Constitution, the most popular from a long list of amendments proposed by the states. According to the Constitution's directions for the amendment process, Congress debated them and recommended twelve of them to the states. Each state then had its own internal debate and ten of them were eventually ratified, becoming the Bill of Rights. . . .”

New Diet Program



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.

January 21st meeting information: We will install our officers for 2016.

Our program speaker will be Jack Ballentine, Fire Marshall for the City of Phoenix, retired Phoenix Police detective, and author of the book ‘Murder for Hire.’

Arizona SAR Annual State Meeting

It is not too early to mark your calendars for the annual state meeting. More information will be posted in the state newsletter SAR-IZONA. This is *your* state meeting and *you* are invited—please plan on attending.

Saturday 20 February 2016: AZSSAR 120th

Anniversary Annual Meeting at The Property, 1251 N. Gila Bend Hwy, Casa Grande.

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Arrival/Check-in

9:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Board of Managers Meeting
(All SAR Members welcome)

9:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting

12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. luncheon, awards, installation of state officers. Speaker for the event will be David Swanson of the Goldwater Chapter, subject is, “Compatriot H. F. Robinson, Father of the Arizona SAR.”



Birthday Wishes from the Barry M. Goldwater Chapter to the following Compatriots born in January

Michael Mills 01/04

David Van Denburgh 1/11

Bill Orr 1/15

Michael Manson Jr. 1/31

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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Agenda January 21, 2016

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

Officer Reports
New member inductions (if any)
Install 2016 Chapter officers

Dinner

50/50 Raffle

Program

Our program speaker will be Jack Ballentine, Fire Marshall for the City of Phoenix, retired Phoenix Police Detective, and author of the book 'Murder for Hire.'

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.