



THE GOLDWATER JOURNAL

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



February 2016

Minutes of the January 21, 2016, Chapter meeting

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

Our January 21, 2016, Chapter meeting was opened by President William Hearter at 6:30 p.m. with 29 Compatriots and guests in attendance.

BMG Officer Installation:

Compatriot J. Michael Jones installed the following Compatriots to office:

- President: William Hearter Jr. MD
- Vice-President: Robert Rearley
- Secretary/Treasurer: David A. Swanson
- Sergeant at Arms: Charles W. Stuller
- Chaplain: Robert H. Bohannon
- Registrar/Genealogist: William C. Orr
- Asst Registrar/Genealogist: Danna Abbott
- Chancellor: John R. Conrad
- Publicist: J Michael Jones
- Historian: David A. Swanson
- Board of Managers Representative:
David A. Swanson



2016 officers (L-R) Robert Bohannon, David Swanson, William Hearter, Robert Rearley, William Orr, and Chuck Stuller

Congratulations!

Compatriot initiation

Compatriot James Justin O'Brien was initiated into the Sons of the American Revolution and our Chapter by Chapter President Bill Hearter.

Compatriot O'Brien's Patriot Ancestor is Abel Catlin, Surgeon CT.



(L-R) BMG President Bill Hearter and Compatriot Justin O'Brien



SAR Military Service Medal presentation

Compatriot Robert M. Denney II received his SAR Military Service Medal from Chapter President Bill Hearter and Veterans Committee member Earl Atwood.



(L-R) Compatriot Denney, Earl Atwood, and Bill Hearter

Special guests

We were honored to have Pennsylvania SAR President Joe McMullen and his wife, DAR member Bobbie with us during the meeting.



Program Speaker

Due to the unexpected absence of our scheduled speaker, BMG President Bill Hearter provided a very nice impromptu presentation regarding the Battle of Fort Mifflin. Thanks Dr. Bill!



50/50 drawing

Our Chapter and Compatriot Earl Atwood are both \$31.00 richer!



Compatriot Supplemental Patriot Ancestors-approved

Compatriot **Gerald Meade** had the following 7th generation Patriot Ancestor approved and registered on December 30, 2015: Thomas Wilson, who assisted in establishing American Independence while acting in the capacity of: “Sol in Westmoreland Co, PA Militia in Cpts Moore, Miller, others & Cols Evans, Morgan, others.”

Compatriot **Christopher M. Stuller** had the following 8th generation Patriot Ancestor approved and registered on December 30, 2015: Moses Hawkins, who assisted in establishing American Independence while acting in the capacity of: “Private, CT Militia.”

Congratulations!

2016 BMG Meeting Dates

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

February 18th meeting information:

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 meetings are held in February—not so 110 years ago

By David Swanson

Our annual state meetings are held in February, but our Compatriots in 1906 decided to hold one on July 4th in Prescott!

THE ARIZONA REPUBLICAN TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 26, 1906

ANNUAL MEETING—the annual meeting of the Sons of the American Revolution, held usually on February 22, was this year postponed to July 4, and will be held in Prescott on that date. It is expected that a party of about thirty, including members and their wives, will attend from this valley. Judge Sloan, who is president of the Arizona chapter, will be the toastmaster. Captain George D. Christy of Phoenix is the vice-president and C. F. Leonard of Phoenix is the secretary.

THE ARIZONA REPUBLICAN WEDNESDAY MORNING, JULY 4, 1906

A PATRIOTIC BANQUET—For the propose of attending the ninth annual banquet of the Arizona Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, a number of Phoenicians left for Prescott this morning. The banquet will be given tonight by Judge Sloan at the Yavapai club. Among those who left to attend are George D. Christy, Captain P. P. Parker, Carl Hayden, Clay Leonard and L. W. Coggins. Hon. R. E. Sloan of Prescott is the president of the Arizona society.

And all of this leads up to:

Arizona SAR Annual State Meeting

It is not too early to mark your calendars for the annual state meeting. More information is posted in the January 2016 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.”

USS Stark Memorial Award

The USS Stark Award recognizes chapter and state societies that support veteran activities. Some examples are:

- Visiting veterans in hospitals, nursing homes and elsewhere
- Donating magazines, books, personal care items, clothing, etc.
- Attending Veterans Day Parades and other veterans events

In 2016 the BMG Chapter plans to be more active in supporting veteran activities and submitting information for the USS Stark Memorial Award. Contact Ed Karr, at 480-265-8258 or k3kzed@gmail.com to receive a complete list of qualifying items for the award. Then track and submit your support list in late December.



Which US state was the first to ratify the U.S. Constitution?

Arizona! Another first for our great state! (They just keep piling up, don't they?) While our delegates, in the winter of 1787, (which Weather Bureau records show to be one of the coldest on record) had a very long and arduous commute to Philadelphia our state was ... okay, I sense your skepticism. Let me start over.

“On December 7, 1787, in Dover, Delaware, the U.S. Constitution is unanimously ratified by all 30 delegates to the Delaware Constitutional Convention, making Delaware the first state of the modern United States.

“Less than four months before, the Constitution was signed by 37 of the original 55 delegates to the Constitutional Convention meeting in Philadelphia. The Constitution was sent to the states for ratification, and, by the terms of the document, the Constitution would become binding once nine of the former 13 colonies had ratified the document. Delaware led the process, and on June 21, 1788, New Hampshire became the ninth state to ratify the Constitution, making federal democracy the law of the land. Government under the U.S. Constitution took effect on March 4, 1789.”

—Thank you History.com



Humor

Teacher: Clyde, your composition on ‘My Dog’ is exactly like your brother’s. Did you copy his?
Clyde: No sir; it’s the same dog.



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

Earl Atwood Sr. 2/7
David Potts 2/18
John Conrad 2/23
Jim Bugbee 2/28

Did you know?

Today, SAR membership rolls are approaching 200,000 Compatriots. Many men from all walks of life have joined the SAR.

The following United States Presidents have been or are members of the Sons of the American Revolution:

Rutherford B. Hayes, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Benjamin Harrison, Harry S. Truman, William McKinley, Dwight David Eisenhower, Theodore Roosevelt, Lyndon Baines Johnson, William Howard Taft, Gerald R. Ford, Warren G. Harding, James E. Carter Jr., Calvin Coolidge, George Herbert Walker Bush, Herbert Clark Hoover, [and] George Walker Bush.

In addition, President Ulysses S. Grant, who died before the founding of the Sons of the American Revolution, was a member of the Society of Sons of Revolutionary Sires. Presidents Grover Cleveland, Richard Nixon, Bill Clinton, and Barack Obama had or have qualifying lineage but did not join the Sons of the American Revolution. Presidents Woodrow Wilson, John F. Kennedy, and Ronald Reagan did not have qualifying lineage. All U.S. Presidents not mentioned above died prior to the founding of the SAR in 1889.

—SAR Official Handbook Volume VII

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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2007-2008

H. Robert Young 2005-2006

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Agenda January 18, 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)

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.