



# THE GOLDWATER JOURNAL

Newsletter of the Barry M. Goldwater Chapter  
Arizona SAR



March 2016

## Minutes of the February 18, 2016, Chapter meeting

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

Our February 18, 2016, Chapter meeting was opened by President William Hearer at 6:30 p.m. with 26 Compatriots and guests in attendance.

### Officer reports

Secretary/Treasurer David Swanson provided information regarding our treasury which at this time has a balance of \$3676.00. He also gave the status of our 2016 Chapter membership which is down from 62 to 57 members. Those five members have not paid 2016 dues.

JROTC Chairman Bob Young related that we have seven schools and three sea cadets that we will give medals to.

### Speaker

We were privileged to have Jack Ballentine who is currently serving as the Fire Marshal for the City of Phoenix and Phoenix Fire Department. Prior to his current position he worked 28 years for the Phoenix Police Department while being assigned to patrol, walking-beat, undercover, organized crime and homicide.

Jack spent fifteen years undercover operating as a hired hit man. During his time in this role he indicted 24 individuals who conspired to kill another person. He also played the role of seven different characters and has been reported worldwide as a chameleon. He has since written the book, 'Murder for Hire' and all proceeds from the book and TV/Movie rights are being donated to the 100 Club of Arizona. This organization helps families of Public Safety members who are killed or injured in the line of duty.

Jack donated two of his books which have been signed by him for a future Chapter raffle.

Jack Ballentine gave an outstanding talk about his career with the Phoenix Police Department and his life as an undercover "hit man."

If you missed this talk you missed a very informative and entertaining evening!



(L-R) Jack Ballentine receiving a certificate of appreciation from BMG Chapter President Bill Hearer



## Longtime Chapter ROTC Coordinator Bob Young steps down

Bob Young, who is a charter member of our Chapter and who has been our ROTC Coordinator for over a decade has stepped down. Bob has done an outstanding job and the Barry M. Goldwater Chapter thanks him for his service!



## New BMG Chapter ROTC Coordinator

Compatriot Jerry Meade has taken on the ROTC Coordinator position for our Chapter.

**Thanks Jerry!**



## February 20, 2016, 120<sup>th</sup> Annual Arizona SAR meeting

Our annual meeting was held on February 20, 2016, at The Property in Casa Grande, AZ. There was a very good turnout of Compatriots and Ladies of the Auxiliary from throughout the state as well guests.

I will not go into detail about the meeting and will leave that to the next edition of the SAR-IZONA; however, the following BMG Compatriots were installed in Arizona SAR state offices as follows:

**Ed Karr**, Genealogist, **J. Michael Jones**, Chaplain and **David Swanson**, Historian.

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### Medals and Awards

Four BMG Compatriots received medals and awards at the annual meeting:

Ed Karr received the Distinguished Service Medal for his work as the Arizona SAR Registrar. The Distinguished Service Medal is the highest medal that can be awarded by a state society president during each year of his term of office.

David Swanson received the SAR Patriot Award for 2016. This award can only be awarded by a state society and is the highest award given to for service at the state or chapter level. The award was given in part for his work on compiling information of historical significance to the Arizona SAR and his work in the BMG Chapter.

J Michael Jones received a bronze oak leaf cluster for his previously awarded Silver Roger Sherman Medal which he received for his exceptional service to the SAR over many years.

William Hearter received the Silver Color Guard Medal for his very active participation in the Arizona SAR Color Guard during state and national event activities.

### Congratulations!



### Good bye to the Arizona Society Sons of the American Revolution—hello Arizona SAR

That's right, the Arizona Society Sons of the American Revolution is no longer the name of our state society; it is Arizona SAR. And for that matter the National Society Sons of the American Revolution will simply be SAR. This is all part of an effort by the SAR to "Brand" the name of our organization into something that is more consistent and recognizable. If somebody in the public hears "DAR" the first thing they think of is the Daughters of the American Revolution. If they hear SAR the first thought is? And then you say what it stands for and they say "Oh, like the DAR."

So at our Annual Arizona SAR meeting the Compatriots present voted to change our name to "Arizona SAR." You have to admit this is easier to remember and say than the "Arizona Society Sons of the American Revolution."

The *Goldwater Journal* masthead has been changed to reflect the name change.



### Compatriot Herbert F. Robinson proclaimed "Father of the Arizona Society Sons of the American Revolution"

Compatriot Herbert Fulwiler Robinson was proclaimed as the "Father of the Arizona Society Sons of the American Revolution" by unanimous vote of the Compatriots present at our 120<sup>th</sup> Annual Arizona SAR meeting. Each Chapter received (or will receive) a copy of the signed proclamation. Want to see ours? Come to the next BMG meeting!



### Last state to ratify the Articles of Confederation

On January 30 in 1781, Maryland becomes the 13<sup>th</sup> and final state to ratify the Articles of Confederation, almost three years after the official deadline given by Congress of March 10, 1778.

The Continental Congress drafted the Article of Confederation in a disjointed process that began in 1776. The same issues that would later dog the Constitutional Convention of 1787 befuddled the Congress during the drafting. Large states wanted votes to be proportional according to population, while small states wanted to continue with the status quo of one vote per state. Northern states wished to count the southern states' slave population when determining the ratio for how much funding each state would provide for Congressional activities, foremost the war. States without western land claims wanted those with claims to yield them to Congress.

In November 1777, Congress put the Articles before the states for ratification. As written, the Articles made the firm promise that "Each state retains its sovereignty." Western claims remained in the hands of the individual states and states' support to Congress was determined based only on their free population. Each state carried only one vote.

Virginia was the only state to ratify the Articles by the 1778 deadline. Most states wished to place conditions on ratification, which Congress refused to accept. Ten further states ratified during the summer of 1778, but small states with big neighbors and no land claims—Delaware, New Jersey and Maryland—still refused. Maryland held out the longest, only ratifying the Articles after Virginia relinquished its claims on land north of the Ohio River to Congress. The Articles finally took effect on March 1, 1781.

The problematic Articles of Confederation remained the law of the land for only eight years before the Constitutional Convention rejected them in favor of a new, more centralized form of federal government. They crafted the current U.S. Constitution, which took effect in 1789, giving the federal government greater authority over the states and creating a bicameral legislature.

—Thanks to History.com

### **The House of Commons passes the Stamp Act**

On February 17, 1765, the House of Commons passes the Stamp Act. The Stamp Act would be one of the primary points of contention between the American colonists and Parliament in the years leading up to the Revolutionary War.

The Act placed a small tax on 54 separate items, all things made of paper, such as contracts, wills, playing cards, newspapers, almanacs, etc. The Act was part of Prime Minister George Grenville's plan to reduce the massive debt incurred by the British treasury during the French and Indian War. All the money raised by the Act was to be used within the colonies to pay for the expenses of British soldiers stationed there after the end of the war.

The colonists did not object to paying taxes. They did, however, have a strong opinion about who could tax them. English law provided that people could only be taxed by their elected representatives. Since the colonies had no representatives in Parliament, Parliament could not legally tax them. Instead, they believed the proper bodies to lay taxes on them were their own elected colonial legislatures.

Parliament did not respond to the formal protests from the colonial governments, so the citizens began to take things into their own hands. Newspapers and citizens published anti-Stamp Act letters and pamphlets and mob violence broke out in numerous places against government officials involved with implementing the Act. The violence became so severe that by November 1, 1765, the intended start date of the Act, not a single stamp distributor was left in the colonies. Every single one had resigned, except for the one from Georgia and that was because he did not arrive until January. When he did arrive, he resigned the next day.

Many localities in the colonies then passed non-importation agreements, refusing to import British goods until the Act was repealed. This put an enormous amount of pressure on British merchants who began to suffer and lay people off because they could not pay their debts. These merchants began to pressure Parliament to repeal the bill. A change in administration made Lord Rockingham Prime Minister and he immediately began pushing for a repeal. The Stamp Act was finally repealed on March 18, 1766, causing rejoicing and celebrations both in England and in the colonies.

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

### **2016 BMG Meeting Dates**

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

#### **March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting information:**

Our program speaker will be BMG Chapter Vice President Bob Rearley who will talk about "Edward Marshall and the Walking Purchase."

**Don't miss this meeting!**



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

**Mike Jones 3/5**  
**William Lichtsinn 3/13**  
**Richard Hudgins 3/17**  
**Bill Hearter Jr. 3/17**

### **There were two Boston tea parties!**

Everyone knows how 50 or 60 "Sons of Liberty," disguised as Mohawks, protested the 3 cents per pound British tax on tea by dumping chests of the popular drink into Boston Harbor on December 16, 1773. Fewer know that the improper Bostonians repeated the performance on March 7, 1774. The two tea parties cost the British around \$3 million in modern currency.

**And just remember**, light travels faster than sound. That's why some people seem bright until they speak!

**Changed your phone number, address, or email address? Please contact our secretary/treasurer so that everything can be updated**

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## Barry M. Goldwater Chapter Arizona SAR

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### Agenda March 17, 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 BMG Chapter Vice President Bob Rearley who will talk about "Edward Marshall and the Walking Purchase."

**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.