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



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Minutes of the March 17, 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 Hearter at 6:30 p.m. with 20 Compatriots and guests in attendance.

Officer reports

President Bill Hearter related that all eight AZ SAR Chapters should look for individuals who fly the U.S. flag at their residence and are deserving of an SAR Flag Certificate. While this is an ongoing endeavor, Compatriots should contact our Flag Committee Chairman Bob Rearley before April 15th with any specific BMG Chapter recommendations.

Secretary/Treasurer David Swanson provided information regarding our treasury which at this time has a balance of \$4175.18. He also talked about the renaming of the Arizona SAR at the February 20, 2016, state meeting and passed out “AZ SAR” lapel pins (supplied by the organization) to the Compatriots present.

Veterans Committee Chairman Ed Karr talked about the eight schools and the cadets that our Chapter presents JROTC/ROTC medals and certificates to and indicated that volunteers are needed. He also talked about the 8th grade SAR Brochure contest that will be covered in more detail in the May newsletter.

Ed introduced our new ROTC/JROTC coordinator Compatriot Gerald “Jerry” Mead. As mentioned in the previous newsletter he is taking over the reins from Bob Young.



Those in the preceding picture are: (L-R) Veterans Committee Chairman Ed Karr, outgoing ROTC/JROTC Coordinator Bob Young, new ROTC/JROTC Coordinator Jerry Mead, and BMG Chapter President Bill Hearter.

Speaker

BMG Chapter Vice President Bob Rearley gave a very informative speech regarding “Edward Marshall and the Walking Purchase.” After Marshall died in 1789, his rifle was eventually donated to Pennsylvania’s Bucks County Historical Museum in 1894 and is a prized possession.

Bob is in the process of completing a replica of Edward Marshall’s famous .58 caliber rifle which he will donate as the prize for our Chapter’s annual summer raffle!



Compatriot Bob Rearley

“**Walking Purchase**, (Aug. 25, 1737), land swindle perpetrated by Pennsylvania authorities on the Delaware Indians, who had been the tribe most friendly to William Penn when he founded the colony in the previous century. Colonial authorities claimed to have found a lost treaty, of 1686, ceding a tract of Delaware tribal land between the fork of the Delaware and Lehigh rivers that extended as far as a man could walk in 1 1/2 days—about 40 miles. William Penn’s son Thomas Penn (1702–75), who was proprietor of Pennsylvania in 1737, hired the three fastest walkers in the colony and offered a large prize to the one who could cover the most land. The winner . . . crossed more than twice the land the Delaware had anticipated —causing the tribe to lose about 1,200

square miles of their land. At Thomas Penn's request, members of the Iroquois Confederacy helped enforce this unpopular decision. In reaction to this and other frauds, the Delaware joined the French in the Ohio country and returned to ravage the Pennsylvania frontier during the last French and Indian War (1756–63). . . ." [Because of the grueling aspect of the walk, Edward Marshall was the only one of the three to complete the walk.]

<http://www.britannica.com/event/Walking-Purchase>

Raffle winner

At our last meeting our speaker (and author) Jack Ballentine donated the book he wrote (*Murder for Hire*) to our Chapter for a raffle. Jack has donated all of the money he has received from this book to the 100 Club of Arizona. This organization helps support men and women in all city, county, state, federal, and tribal public safety agencies, fire service agencies and many other public service agencies with financial assistance, especially with "line of duty" and other deaths.

We have two raffle winners! Barbara Fought (Bill Orr's sister) won the book and the proceeds will be donated to the 100 Club on behalf of our Chapter.



Who was the "Virginia Giant"?

Okay, no Google searches allowed. Here is a hint: "George Washington personally said of Peter, 'Without him we would have lost two crucial battles, perhaps the War, and with it our freedom. He was truly a One Man Army.'"

Still don't know?

Peter Francisco was abandoned at the age of five years in City Point, Virginia (now Hopewell) by a sea captain. It is believed he was born in the Azores to a wealthy family and was either abducted to be sold into slavery or the abduction was staged by his parents who feared his life was in danger from their political enemies.

When Peter was found, he could speak no English, but repeatedly said "Pedro Francisco," so the people called him Peter Francisco. Peter was cared for in the Prince George County Poorhouse until he was adopted by Judge Anthony Winston, uncle to Patrick Henry. Winston raised Peter on his farm called "Hunting Tower Plantation" in Buckingham County. He was eventually trained to be a blacksmith due to his great height and strength - by the time he was fifteen years old, Peter had grown to be six feet six inches tall and weighed 260 pounds!

When the American Revolution began, Peter happened to hear Patrick Henry's "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death" speech when he went to Richmond with Judge Winston. Inspired by the speech, Peter

asked if he could join the army, but Winston wouldn't allow him to join until he was sixteen. In December of 1776, Peter joined the Tenth Virginia regiment of the Continental Army.

Peter became famous for his exploits in the army and probably became the best known individual soldier of the entire war. His exploits are numerous, including inspiring a group of soldiers to stand their ground at Sandy Hollow Gap to allow Washington's army to retreat at the Battle of Brandywine. Peter was wounded in the leg at the battle and recovered with the 20 year old Marquis de Lafayette, who was also wounded and would become a lifelong friend.

At the Battle of Stony Point, Peter was one of 20 commandos chosen to assault Fort Stony Point. 17 of the 20 were killed. Peter was the second one over the wall and received a 9 inch gash in his stomach. At the Battle of Camden, Peter allegedly hauled an 1100 pound cannon off the field so the British would not capture it. At the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, Peter killed eleven men with a six foot sword made for him personally by George Washington at the request of Lafayette. Peter was shot and left for dead on the battlefield, but found by a local Quaker who nursed him back to health. While recovering from this wound, Peter reconnoitered Colonel Banastre Tarleton's raiders in Amelia, Virginia. He outwitted and outfought 9 cavalymen, killed three of them and escaped with all 9 of their horses!

Peter also fought in the Battles of Germantown, Monmouth Courthouse, and Cowpens. Peter was present at Yorktown with the Marquis de Lafayette when Cornwallis surrendered his army, but did not fight in the battle. George Washington personally said of Peter, "Without him we would have lost two crucial battles, perhaps the War, and with it our freedom. He was truly a One Man Army."

Peter married three times and had six children. He owned a 250 acre farm on Louse Creek and became the Sergeant-at-Arms to the Virginia State Senate for the last three years of his life. He died on January 16, 1831 of appendicitis and was buried with full military honors.

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



Alexander Hamilton—the Book

By David Swanson

Recently, I was reading an article that made a reference to the book *Alexander Hamilton* written by Ron Chernow clear back in 2004. (Has it been that many years?) If you have not read this book (all 800 plus pages) I suggest that you get a copy because it is the best book about his life and times that I and others have read. As part of the book cover introduction says:

“Ron Chernow, whom *The New York Times* has called ‘as elegant an architect of monumental histories as we’ve seen in decades,’ brings to startling life the man who was the principal designer of the federal government, the catalyst for the emergence of the two-party system, the patron saint of Wall Street, and the object of ardent idolatry as well as vehement loathing by his peers. Alexander Hamilton was arguably the most important figure in American history who never attained the presidency, but he had a far more lasting impact than many who did.”

I may just have to reread it. (Luckily for me, shortly after I read a book I can pick it up and it’s all new information again!)

If you have a favorite book let me know and I will place the information in the newsletter.



2016 BMG Meeting Dates

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

April 21st meeting information:

Our program speaker will be Lisa Rigler who will talk about “The Arizona Welcome Home Project.”

Don’t miss this meeting!



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

- Brian Karr 4/1**
- Michael Manson 4/9**
- Robert Bohannon 4/16**
- Voie Coy 4/20**
- Ed Karr Jr. 4/30**
- Brandon Karr 4/30**

Did you know?

The following information about the SAR is taken from Volume V of the SAR Handbook

Distinguished Members of the SAR

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

Presidents of the United States

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
- 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.



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

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Agenda April 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)

Dinner

50/50 Raffle

Program

Our program speaker will be Lisa Rigler who will talk about "The Arizona Welcome Home Project."

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.