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Arizona Sons of the American Revolution



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Minutes of the April 21, 2016, Chapter meeting

Location:

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

Our April 21, 2016, Chapter meeting was opened by President William Hearter at 6:30 p.m. with 18 Compatriots and guests in attendance.

Officer reports

President Hearter presented information about Ancestry.com and passed around the framed Herbert F. Robinson proclamation which will be displayed at each meeting along with our Chapter charter.

Secretary/Treasurer David Swanson reported that the Chapter is in great financial shape. He also reminded everybody about the upcoming gravestone laying ceremony in Albuquerque on June 13th for the Father of the Arizona Society Sons of the American Revolution Herbert F. Robinson.

Bob Rearley, Flag Committee Chairman, gave an overview of our Chapter's activity in presenting SAR Flag certificates to worthy recipients in our community (see article on page 2).

Chuck Stuller presented information regarding the USS Stark Memorial Award and encouraged all Compatriots who donate money or time to any veterans organization to report that activity to him (or David Swanson). We also need a USS Stark Memorial chairman to take over the gathering and recording of this information which is important to our Chapter. If interested please contact Compatriot Stuller. (See page 3 for more information about the award)



The Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest Chapter Winner

Abigail Nevers an 8th grade student and C.A.R. member was the recipient of our Chapter's award for her winning brochure about Lexington and Concord. Abigail received a certificate and Arizona SAR challenge coin.

This is the first time that our Chapter has been involved in the program, and since we all love history, Abigail is our Chapter's first recipient! Abigail's entry will be submitted to the Arizona SAR along with others statewide and the winner of that contest will be

submitted to the National SAR for the nationwide contest. Good luck Abigail!



(L-R) Americanism Committee Chairman Chuck Stuller, Abigail, and Jocelyn Nevers

Congratulations Abigail!

What is the Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest? Well, here is an overview from the NSSAR website:

"The contest is directed at students in the 6th, 7th, 8th, or 9th grades, depending on which year the American Revolution is taught in their educational system—including ecumenical and home schooled students. The competition was begun to aid studies at the school grades following elementary school and before the sophomore grade in high school. . . ."

"The contest is also open to Scouts (Boys & Girls) and members of the C.A.R. who are in the same grades but whose school system may not be participating in the contest. . . ."

For more detailed information please see:

<https://www.sar.org/Youth/Brochure>



Guest Speaker

Crystal Reidy, a veteran and the community outreach coordinator for the Welcome Home Veterans Park/AZ Wall Project in Gilbert, AZ gave a very information talk about the organization which is building the Welcome Home Veterans Park in Gilbert with an 80% scale of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in

Washington DC as the anchor. Additionally, “Welcome Home Veterans Park is centered on the concept of a circular Walk of Time. Upon entering the park from the east, this Walk will have exhibits recognizing those who served in America’s wars beginning with the Revolutionary War through the Korean War. The path continues south to the highlight of the park, the Vietnam Wall Memorial. The Wall serves as a reminder to welcome home the 58,307 souls to Arizona who never received that welcome. Continuing back north are areas for future exhibits dedicated to those serving post-Vietnam, including the Enduring Freedom efforts in Afghanistan and Iraq. . . “

More information can be found below:
<http://www.operationwelcomehomeaz.com/>



BMG Chapter Vice President Bob Rearley presenting a certificate of appreciation and an Arizona SAR challenge coin to Crystal Reidy



50/50 Drawing—and Donation to the Welcome Home Veterans Park/AZ Wall Project

BMG President Bill Hearter was the winner of our 50/50 drawing; however, the Welcome Home Project was the big winner since his portion and the Chapter’s (\$47) was donated to the Project. Additionally, a vote was taken and the Chapter will donate an additional \$53 to make it an even \$100.



George Washington Endowment Fund—Report

BMG Compatriot Mike Jones, Chairman of the Arizona SAR George Washington Endowment Fund, gave a report regarding this activity. Here is a partial report:

The AZ Society has been advised by GWEF Chairman Frank Appl that we have won both the Buck Meek Award (the most new GW Fellows for the contest year of April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016 and the Howard Horne Award (based on the percentage of new Fellows vs. the state membership with the state with the highest percentage). The AZ Society added 7 new GW Fellows, one of which is BMG Compatriot Ed Karr.

The purpose of the George Washington Endowment Fund is to maintain a continuing program for obtaining and distributing funds to support NSSAR unfunded and underfunded committees and special projects. The endowment fund should grow annually to continue support of approved NSSAR activities and projects. The GWEF serves as an “umbrella” under which gifts are placed. Earnings from the contributions over the years have helped to finance a wide variety of programs and projects.

A brand new contest year has started so if you are interested or want more information please contact Mike at (602) 863-2520 or email: jjones3549@cox.net.

Also, go to the below website for additional information.

<https://www.sar.org/sites/default/files/docs/nssar-forms/GWE-Giving-2015-02-16.pdf>



BMG Flag Certificate Presentations



Compatriot Bob Rearley, BMG Flag Committee Chairman, reports that between March 15 and April 15, 2016, Compatriots presented SAR Flag certificates as follows:

Presenter	Flag Certificate Recipient
Jerry Mead	Burton & Norma Miller, Phoenix
Jerry Mead	Tom & Gail Doherty, Phoenix
Bob Rearley	Donald Paulsen, Scottsdale
Bill Hearter	Robert Riall, Scottsdale
Bill Hearter	Edward Jones, Scottsdale
Chuck Stuller	Tom & Bonnie Smith, Anthem
Bob McNeese Young	American Legion Post 58, Fountain Hills

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BMG Flag Certificate Presentations--continued



Burton & Norma Miller



Lt. Cmdr. (Ret) Tom & Bonnie Smith & Compatriot Chuck Stuller



(L-R) Compatriot Bob McNeese Young and American Legion No., 58 Post Commander Bob Putnam

Who is eligible for a Flag certificate? NSSAR Handbook Volume V states in part: “The Flag Certificate, authorized in 1987, is presented to individuals, companies and government agencies that fly the United States flag for patriotic purposes only. It is not to be given to any commercial enterprise that obviously flies it for advertising purposes. . .”

If you know of a deserving recipient contact Compatriot Bob Rearley (BMG Flag Committee Chairman) and let’s get them recognized!



USS Stark Memorial Award

What is the USS Stark Memorial Award? Here is information taken from the SAR website.

“In 1988 the SAR authorized the USS Stark Memorial Award to memorialize those brave men and women who continue to stand at the forefront to preserve the freedoms our patriotic ancestors fought so long and hard to achieve. Its purpose is to recognize outstanding support of the activities of the SAR Veterans Committee and in serving the veteran community.

“The USS *Stark* was a United States Navy guided missile frigate launched on May 30, 1980. In 1987, the ship was deployed to the Middle East, and on May 17, 1987, was struck by two Exocet missiles fired from an Iraqi warplane. There were 37 U.S. sailors killed and 21 injured.

“The *Stark* was repaired and returned to service. She was decommissioned in 1999.”



First British War Ship Captured

We just read about the USS *Stark* so let’s continue with the Navy theme. On April 7, 1776, the capture of the HMS *Edward*, off the coast of Virginia, was the first American naval capture and you can rest assured that this was big news! (And it was.) The USS *Lexington*, named for the Battle of Lexington, was an 86 foot two- mast brigantine and was captured by the British about a year later (shhh, we won’t about that here).

The captain of the *Lexington* was John Barry (born in Ireland in 1745) who had a very distinguished career during the Revolution. He raised ground troops to assist General Washington and was the captain of several US ships, fighting with distinction, and “successfully concluded the final naval battle of the Revolutionary War with a victory over the HMS *Sybylle* in March 1783.”

This patriot was so successful that, among other things, four US warships have carried his name and “On September 13, 1981, President Ronald Reagan



declared Commodore John Barry Day to honor a man he called one of the earliest and greatest American patriots, a man of great insight who perceived very early the need for American power on the sea.”

Commodore John Barry is often cited as the Father of the American Navy (along with John Paul Jones). Did you know that the first ship to fly the American flag (raised by John Paul Jones) was the USS Alfred? Guess where the Navy obtained it; Congress purchased it from John Barry!

You should read more about this patriot on Wikipedia (whose information—although not solely—I used in this article) or on other sites and in various books. And, before I forget to mention it, seven US Naval warships have been named Lexington. The last was the USS Lexington which was an aircraft carrier commissioned from 1943-1991 and is now in Corpus Christy, Texas as a museum.



USS Lexington in 1776



USS Lexington (CV-16)



The USS Barry (DDG-52) is a guided missile destroyer

What a difference a few hundred years can make!



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.)

Please wear you name tag to the meetings.

2016 BMG Meeting Dates

All meetings will take place at the Deer Valley Airport Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. as follows:

May 19, (then off for the summer), September 15, October 20, and November 17.

May 19th meeting information:

Our program speaker will be BMG Compatriot Robert Denny who will be speaking about the Old Guard during the Kennedy Administration. Bob served as a guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery.

Don't miss this meeting!



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

**Ryan Mead 5/16
Jacob Hewitt 5/26**

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

Ancestor biographies wanted for your newsletter.

If you would like to see your patriot ancestor's information in our newsletter please send it to the newsletter editor (try to limit the size to a double sided paper.)

Always remember— We are Compatriots in the SAR not because of anything we have done, but because of the sacrifices of *our* Patriot Ancestors who helped form this nation !

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Agenda May 19, 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

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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.