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



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Welcome back from our summer break!

Now that we are all refreshed and invigorated from the cool summer days, it is a good time to refocus on attending our Chapter meetings. (There will *not* be a test to see what we have forgotten over the summer!)



Chapter meeting information (in case you have forgotten)

2016 BMG Meeting Dates

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

September 15, October 20, November 17 and our annual Christmas meeting will be on December 15.

September 15th meeting information:

Our program speaker will be BMG Compatriot Robert Wilbanks IV. The topic: The Constitution of the United States: An Historical Overview. Robert will cover items such as the historical background of the creation of the U.S. Constitution, including events leading up to the Constitutional Convention, with key players, debates and topics of discussion, proposals, followed by the results and legacy.

Tickets for our annual raffle will also be sold

Don't miss this meeting!



New BMG Compatriots

On June 3, 2016, Mark Stevenson of Goldfield, Iowa was approved for membership in the SAR and the Barry M. Goldwater Chapter. Mark's Patriot Ancestor is Joseph Winchester Sr., who assisted in establishing American Independence while acting in the capacity of "Private in Capt. Josiah Boyden's Company & Col. Wm Williams Regiment. Expedition to Bennington, VT."

On June 7, 2016, Compatriot Mike Perry, who is a Compatriot in the Michigan SAR, obtained dual status with the BMG Chapter. Mike spends the winters in Scottsdale. Below is an interesting newspaper article regarding Mike and his Michigan Chapter:

<https://onedrive.live.com/view.aspx?resid=A582117C04EF4DEA!19470&ithint=file%2cpdf&app=WordPdf&authkey=!AMKEvoiAemWgfGo>

Welcome Compatriots Stevenson & Perry!

Barry M Goldwater Arizona SAR Chapter 2016 Raffle

The Barry M Goldwater Chapter is pleased to announce our fund raiser for 2016 which will consist of two prizes: first is the Edward Marshall gun (more detail follows) and the second is a Betsy Ross flag. The first prize winner of this years' raffle will receive a replica of the well known Edward Marshall gun. Marshall was the only individual to complete the day and a half walk known as "The Walking Purchase" in 1737. Marshall and his sons were also known to have aided General Washington and his troops in the Delaware crossing on Christmas night 1776. Marshall's gun was probably built about 1770 in the Moravian gun-shop at Christian Springs, PA. The gun today is at the Bucks County Pennsylvania Historical Society.

The contemporary build being offered includes, .58 caliber 37" Rice Barrel, Jim Chambers Germanic flintlock and brass furnishings. Several hundred hours went in the construction of this gun. This firearm will make a fine hunting weapon, target shooter or just a wall hanger if you like. The gun will come with the NRA manual on black powder shooting. The builder will happily deliver the prize within the state of Arizona. Antique and replica firearms are not restricted by Federal firearms regulations.

A maximum of 300 tickets will be sold statewide at one ticket for \$25 and two for \$40. The drawings will be held during our annual Christmas party on December 15, 2016.



SAR at the Arctic Circle

On Aug 14, 2016, Jan and I were on a Norlandair 19 passenger Twin Otter plane which left Akureyri, Iceland en route to Grimsey Island (population 65) which lies north of the mainland of Iceland. (This very small island straddles the Arctic Circle.) About half way to the island I felt a tap on my shoulder, turned around, and a gentleman seated behind me asked if the

ring I was wearing was an SAR signet ring (I have one on my right hand) to which I replied in the affirmative. He introduced himself as an SAR Compatriot from Minnesota! There was no time to visit do to the engine noise, tight seating conditions, and the beautiful scenery below us. Obviously we were both from the MS Rotterdam (Holland America Line) on its 2016 "Voyage of the Vikings" five week cruise, since all of the passengers on the plane were from the ship. What a beautifully remote place for two Compatriots to meet. After touring the island on foot, seeing the Puffins on the coast, and virtually walking across the Arctic Circle (we have certificates to prove it!), the group boarded the plane and headed back to Akureyri.

I thought about starting an Icelandic SAR chapter on the island but meetings would probably consist of me, a lot of birds, and a few whales (and my newsletter scribes who would probably revolt...which, on second thought, is not a bad thing).

Here is a picture of Minnesota SAR Compatriot Craig Whiting (on the left) and me at the Akureyri airport upon our return.



September 15, 2016, is our next meeting date

More specific information about our meeting is contained in the newsletter but what happened on that day in 1776? Well, let's find out thanks to our friends at

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

On this day in history, September 15, 1776, the British landing at Kip's Bay opens the way for the British capture of New York City unopposed during the American Revolution. After the lost Battle of Long Island on August 29, the Continental Army escaped during the night to Manhattan, which was then called York Island.

George Washington was placed in the dilemma of having to choose what to do with New York City. Should he spend tons of blood and treasure defending the city, or should he abandon it? Most of Washington's generals believed the city was strategically unimportant. Washington did not, however, want to abandon the city to the British, who could make the city a base of operations. For this reason, Washington considered burning the city to the ground.

Until he heard from Congress, Washington resolved to defend the island. Washington split his 19,000 troops into three groups, the first, under General Israel Putnam, to defend New York City, the second, under General Nathanael Greene, stretched across the middle of Manhattan and the third, under General William Heath, to defend Harlem Heights and the King's Bridge, the only escape by land available to the Continental Army, at the north end of the island.

Kip's Bay was a cove that sat roughly where E. 32nd Street to E. 38th Street in New York City lie today. It has since been filled in so is not visible today. The cove was a good place for a naval landing because it had deep water close to the shore. 500 Connecticut militia under Colonel William Douglas were stationed at Kip's Bay and had built a flimsy breastwork there from which to fire.

On September 7, Washington received a letter from John Hancock stating that Congress did not wish New York City to be burned, but that Washington was not required to defend it either. British General William Howe was slow to invade Manhattan, however, waiting until a meeting on September 11th with Ben Franklin, John Adams and Edward Rutledge, which he hoped would produce some kind of peace. When the meeting failed, Howe set about his invasion plans.

On the morning of September 15th, 5 British warships sailed up the East River, firing their guns as they went. When they arrived at Kip's Bay, they began bombarding the shore and the weak defenses. 80 cannons fired on the green militia, most of whom were armed with pikes made from scythes. The militia quickly scattered, while a flotilla of flat-boats began landing 4,000 British troops on the shore.

Washington came from Harlem Heights as soon as he heard the bombardment begin and watched from a nearby hill. He was horrified as he watched the militia retreat, riding onto the field himself in hopes of rallying them. As the soldiers continued to stream past him, he became angry and began cursing and striking the men with the flat of his sword, in one of the few instances he was known to have lost his temper.

Washington came within 80 yards of the British soldiers before his aides were able to pull him off the battlefield.

As Howe's men marched after the retreating soldiers, General Putnam scrambled to get his soldiers in New York City north of the British line before they trapped him in the south of the island. Fortunately, Howe ordered his troops to stop and wait for reinforcements, allowing the rest of the Continentals to escape to Harlem and regroup. This left New York City abandoned by the patriots and the British walked into the city unopposed.

The Battle of Kip's Bay was a clear British victory. About 50 Americans were killed and 320 captured, while only a dozen British soldiers were killed or wounded. George Washington was ashamed and angry at the cowardly behavior of the troops. The following day, however, Washington would be encouraged when his troops won the Battle of Harlem Heights, even though they were outnumbered nearly 3 to 1, in Washington's first battlefield victory of the war.



**Arizona SAR Board of Managers meeting—
November 12th**

While the meeting is a few months away, this is a good time to place the information on your calendar and attend the meeting. All Arizona SAR Compatriots are encouraged to attend and you can have dinner with our new national President General J. Michael Tomme, and our new national **Treasurer General Warren Alter!**

The meeting will take place at the Chandler Hilton, 2929 W. Frye Road in Chandler on November 12th. Registration starts at 3:30 p.m., meeting at 4:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Registration information will be contained in the upcoming SAR-IZONA newsletter.



**The Barry M. Goldwater SAR Chapter
sends it CONGRATULATIONS to
SAR
TREASURER GENERAL WARREN
ALTER!**



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

- Derek Meade 9/3**
- Noah Risher 9/5**
- Brannon Bartley 9/12**
- Chuck Stuller 9/13**
- Gordon Smith 9/19**
- Evan Ziker 9/21**
- Dawson Schneringer 9/23**
- Bob McNeese-Young 9/26**
- Robert Denny II 9/27**
- Mike Perry 9/24**

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 September 15, 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 speaker will be BMG Compatriot Robert Wilbanks IV. The topic: The Constitution of the United States: An Historical Overview

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.