



# THE GOLDWATER JOURNAL

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



December 2016

## Minutes of the November 17, 2016, Chapter meeting

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

Our November 17, 2016, Chapter meeting was opened by President William Hearter MD at 6:30 p.m. with 21 Compatriots and guests in attendance.

### Officer reports:

President Bill Hearter related that the Wreaths Across America event will take place at the National Cemetery in Phoenix on December 10, 2016 and the program will start at 9:00 a.m. Last year some 6,000 wreaths and 10,000 small American flags were placed on graves.

Vice President Bob Rearley gave a report regarding the annual BMG raffle and reminded everybody that the deadline for purchasing tickets is December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Secretary/Treasurer David Swanson gave the Chapter's financial picture—we are in great financial shape thanks to the generosity of Bob Rearley for donating the .58 caliber rifle and thanks to the support of BMG Compatriots in purchasing raffle tickets.

### Barry M. Goldwater Chapter officer 2017 elections

The following slate of BMG officers for 2017 received unanimous approval by the Compatriots present:

President: Bob Rearley  
Vice President: Jerry Mead  
Sec/Treas: David Swanson  
Registrar/Genealogist: Bill Orr  
Asst Registrar/Genealogist: Dana Abbott  
Chaplain: Rob Bohannon  
Historian: David Swanson  
Sgt-at-Arms: Chuck Stuller  
Chancellor: John Conrad  
Public Info Officer: Mike Jones  
State BOM Rep: Bill Hearter

*President-elect Rearley advised that he will waste no time in selecting a transition team for a smooth transfer of power before the BMG officers are installed on January 19, 2017.*

### Program speaker:

BMG Vice President Bob Rearley (in keeping with the November Chapter Veterans theme) gave a very nice presentation talking about remembrances of Memorial Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Labor Day, and Veterans Day.

He presented a history of Armistice Day and how this evolved to become Veterans Day in the United States. Talking about the horrors of World War I, and in particular the actions in Flanders Fields, He ended his talk with the recitation of the poem "Flanders Fields."

### In Flanders Fields

By Col. John McCrae,

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses row on row  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly

Scarce heard amid the guns below.  
We are the dead, short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved and now we lie  
In Flanders Fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe  
To you, from failing hands, we throw  
The torch, be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us, who die  
We shall not sleep though poppies grow  
In Flanders Fields.



BMG Vice President Bob Rearley



### December 15<sup>th</sup> Christmas Chapter social with Paradise Valley DAR

If you haven't already, be sure to get your reservations in and attend our annual SAR/DAR Christmas party!

The location is the same as last year, Deer Valley Airport Restaurant, but this time we have both meeting rooms (they open up as one) so we will have much more room than the last Christmas event.. And don't forget that we will hold the drawing for the completed replica of Edward Marshall's famous .58 caliber rifle.

**Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (Note: we will start one half hour earlier than our normal meeting time.)**

The restaurant is preparing a special menu for our special event.

Please see the attachment to this newsletter for more information—be sure to get your reservation in before December 10<sup>th</sup>!



### SAR and Kings College in London

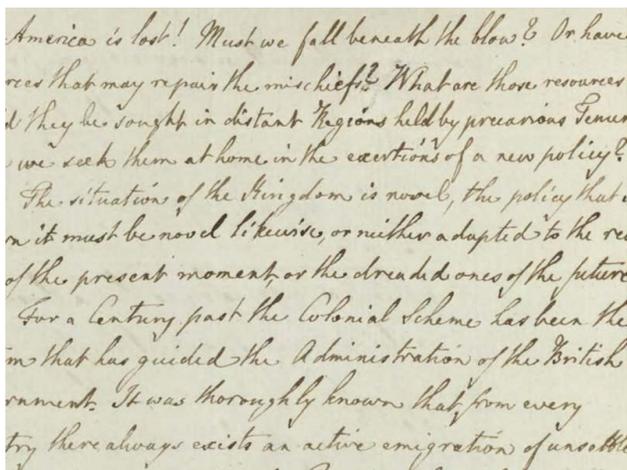
Read about the SAR, its partnership with Kings College in London, and the papers of King George III!

“Now We'll Finally Get to See the American Revolution Through the Eyes of King George—

“A treasure trove of nearly 350,000 documents, about to be released to the public, reveals new insights about how George III lost the colonies.

*“Shortly after the Revolutionary War, a British father of 15 sat down to think about the world “turned upside down.” He had never seen the American continent, and rarely set foot outside London. But his private papers reveal that he closely tracked the war’s path in maps and regiment lists. A man of routine, he dated his daily letters to...”* for more go to the following link:

<http://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/now-well-finally-get-see-american-revolution-through-eyes-king-george-180961057/?no-ist>



### BMG January 2017 Chapter meeting

The next Chapter meeting (not to be confused with our SAR/DAR Christmas party) will take place at the Deer Valley Airport Restaurant, 702 W. Deer Valley Rd, on Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. when we will install our 2017 Chapter officers.

*Special note to those traveling to the meeting from the East Valley on the 101:* Save yourself a lot of time and traffic congestion by getting off the 101 at N. 56<sup>th</sup> Street. Take 56<sup>th</sup> Street north a short distance to Deer Valley Road and then take Deer Valley Rd west all the way to the Deer Valley Airport. You will be amazed!



### Henry Knox begins the Knox Expedition

The monumental undertakings, both physical and mental, that our Patriot Ancestors endured during our Revolutionary War never cease to amaze me. I know most of us have read about the “Knox Expedition” but if you haven't or have forgotten about it, here is what our friends at <http://www.revolutionary-war-and-beyond.com/> have to say about it:

“On this day in history, November 17, 1775, Henry Knox begins the "Knox Expedition," leaving Boston for Fort Ticonderoga at the direction of George Washington to bring 60 tons of captured British artillery across the frozen mountains of New England and back to Boston to help drive the British out of the city. The trip became known as the Knox Expedition and makes the history books because of Knox's daring feat, bringing the cannons across a large lake, on snow sleds and across frozen rivers.

“Henry Knox was a 25 year old bookseller from Boston with an interest in military history. When George Washington took control of the Continental Army at Boston, he and Knox became friends. Benedict Arnold, Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain Boys of Vermont had captured Fort Ticonderoga in New York in May, along with its huge supply of cannons and other materials.

“Washington sent Knox to retrieve the cannons, a journey that was supposed to last two weeks. Knox reached Ticonderoga on December 5. He chose 60 tons of cannons, mortars and howitzers, including several 24 pound cannons known as "Big Berthas," which were 11 feet long and weighed 5,000 pounds.

“The cannons were carried to the northern end of Lake George and put on a ship. The ship grounded once on a rock and began to sink at another point because of the weight. It was almost a disaster, but the water was bailed out and the cannons arrived safely at the southern tip of the lake. It was already winter and Knox built 42 sleds to pull the cannons across the wilderness with 80 yoke of oxen. Two frozen rivers

had to be crossed and several cannons broke through the ice, but were retrieved each time.

“Snow and ice, including two feet of snow that fell on Christmas Day, impeded Knox's progress, but he continued to press on. John Adams wrote that he saw the "noble train of artillery," as the equipment came to be called, pass through Framingham, Massachusetts on January 25. The weapons arrived at Cambridge, just outside Boston, on January 27, nearly two months after leaving Ticonderoga. General Washington placed the cannons around Boston, including at the high point of Dorchester Heights, overlooking both the city and the harbor. The advantage forced General William Howe to abandon the city and the British never did return to northern New England.

“Coincidentally, Henry Knox received a Colonel's commission from the Continental Congress, and was appointed Chief of the Continental Artillery, also on November 17, 1775, the same day he left to begin the expedition. One year later, after the Battle of Trenton, in which his artillery played an important role, Colonel Knox was promoted to Brigadier General. He became one of George Washington's most trusted advisers. He was promoted to Major General in 1782 and later served as President Washington's Secretary of War.”

*Editor's note: A while ago I received permission from Bryan Ernst, the owner of revolutionary-war-and-beyond.com, to use "On This Day in History" articles in our newsletter. I think they are informative and well written—I hope you do to!*

**BMG Chapter meeting information  
2017 BMG Meeting Date**

All meetings will take on the third Thursday of the month at the Deer Valley Airport Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. as follows:

- January 19
- February 16
- March 16
- April 20
- May 18
- June, July, and August no meetings
- September 21
- October 19
- November 16
- December—to be announced

**Packages from Home Supporting our Troops**

Following is a picture of the net results of the BMG/Paradise Valley DAR Supporting our Troops efforts—great work!



(L-R) PV DAR members Carolyn Rearley, Betty Atwood, and Karen Martin getting things loaded for a trip to the post office.



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

- Bob Young 12/01**
- Byron Limbers 12/02**
- David Paulsen 12/09**
- Chris Stuller 12/11**
- Stephen Talbert 12/15**
- Bob Rearley 12/24**
- Pete Peterson 12/27**
- Karl Johnson 12/28**



**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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**Invitation to the  
Barry M. Goldwater SAR and the Paradise Valley DAR  
2016 Christmas Dinner**



A CHRISTMAS EVE BALL AT MOUNT VERNON - 1798  
Painting by J. L. G. Ferris



**Thursday, December 15, 2016, from 6:00-8:30 p.m.  
Deer Valley Airport Restaurant, 702 W. Deer Valley Rd. Phoenix**

The entrées consist of your choice of:

**12 oz Prime Rib & Baked Potato  
Salmon & Rice  
Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, and Gravy**  
(all served with vegetable, drink, salad bar, and desert)

Cost \$23.00 per person (includes tax and gratuity)

*Your reservation along with your check and entrée selection must be received on or before  
Saturday, December 10, 2016*

-----Please detach and mail-----

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