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Arizona Sons of the American Revolution



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HAPPY 2017

Wow, can you believe this is 2017? What happened to 2016? We have survived quite handily from the Y2K problem and the Millennium bug of some 17 years ago but what changes we have seen. From what I read there was no iPhone, Amazon Kindle, mobile broadband, robotic surgery; no Skype or hybrid cars. I have been anxiously waiting for some of these new fangled inventions (and some older ones) to be shipped to my BMG secretary/treasurer/newsletter office—but our Board of Managers keeps a tight rein on finances! Here is another example of what their “frugality” does to my operation: My newsletter scribes and minions have started meandering out of their caves—I mean offices— yawing, and rubbing their beady little watery eyes (supposedly because of the unaccustomed sunlight), scratching their misshapen heads, and are trying to hit me up for that wretched mimeograph machine . . . again. “We need to update the office,” they keep chanting—sure like that’s going to happen with my budget! Well, anyway, the most newsworthy thing about January 2017 is that we only have 11 shopping months before next Christmas!

How did it get so late so soon?
It’s night before it’s afternoon.
December is here before its June.
My goodness how the time has flown.
How did it get so late so soon?

—Dr Seuss



Barry M. Goldwater SAR and Paradise Valley NSDAR Christmas Party

Well, even the specter of the newsletter minions couldn’t put a damper on our Christmas party which was held in the evening of December 15th at the Deer Valley Airport Restaurant. There were a total of 33 partygoers present and all had a merry time, dining on turkey, salmon, or prime rib dinners.

Paradise Valley NSDAR Regent Karen Martin started out the evening by presenting BMG President Bill Hearter a certificate of appreciation for our chapter’s participation in the Packages from Home Project and he presented a very nice Christmas ornament from Williamsburg, VA to her.

The annual raffle drawing was held and the winner of the replica of Edward Marshall’s famous .58 caliber rifle (made and donated by Compatriot Bob Rearley) was Mike Bohannon. The winner of the Betsy Ross flag (donated by Compatriot Bill Hearter) was Rich Ferguson. Both of these individuals purchased tickets from Compatriot Mike Jones, who sold over 30 raffle tickets for our cause.

Special thanks go to Bob Rearley, Bill Hearter, Mike Jones and all of those who purchased tickets for the fabulous fundraiser. And Congratulations to Mike Bohannon and Rich Ferguson!

Compatriot Bob Denney presented a framed and autographed picture of Barry M. Goldwater to our Chapter (our Chapter is named after this Compatriot and famous Arizonan). Special thanks to Bob for this gift.

BMG President Bill Hearter presented two more Williamsburg Christmas ornaments—one to the oldest person in attendance and one to the youngest. Compatriot Bob Young (88) was the oldest and Shannon Coon (21) the youngest.

Following are pictures of the event.



(L-R) Paradise Valley NSDAR Regent Karen Martin and BMG President Bill Hearter with the certificate of appreciation

Christmas party pictures--continued



Christmas party attendees



The oldest attendees (Bob Young and the youngest Shannon Coon) with their ornaments



Drawing the lucky winners!
(L-R) Megan—our waitress for the evening and Bob Rearley



Compatriot Bob Young leading everybody
in our closing group Christmas song



Rifle and Betsy Ross flag



Beautiful work Bob!



Merry Christmas!

Barry M. Goldwater Chapter awarded the Partners in Patriotism certificate!



BMG Chapter meeting—January 19, 2017

The next Chapter meeting will take place at the Deer Valley Restaurant on Thursday, January 19, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.

We will induct our 2017 Chapter officers during this special meeting so please plan on attending.

Our speaker is to be announced.



Let's not forget—December 22, 1775—the birth of the Continental Navy

On Friday, December 22, 1775, the Continental Congress creates a Continental Navy, naming Esek Hopkins, Esq., as commander in chief of the fleet.

Congress also named four captains to the new service: Dudley Saltonstall, Abraham Whipple, Nicholas Biddle and John Burrows Hopkins. Their respective vessels, the *Alfred*, *Columbus*, *Andrew Doria* and *Cabot*, became the first ships of the Navy's fleet. Five first lieutenants, including future American hero John Paul Jones, five second lieutenants, and three third lieutenants also received their commissions.

The new Admiral Hopkins, as he was dubbed by George Washington, was a Rhode Islander of some standing. His brother was Stephen Hopkins, the state's governor. Esek Hopkins had married well and used his wife's fortune to buy a ship. It proved a wise investment. He added to his wealth working as a privateer during the Seven Years' War. In his new position, Congress promised to

pay him 125 dollars per calendar month; they also informed that he could look forward to some share of the prizes allotted to the captors. Christopher Gadsden of South Carolina designed Hopkins' personal standard, which flew from the first navy fleet. The yellow flag bore the image of a coiled snake and the Patriot motto, Don't Tread on Me.

Hopkins' first assignment was to assess the feasibility of an attack on British naval forces in the Chesapeake Bay. After sailing south with his meager force of eight ships, Hopkins decided that victory in such an encounter was impossible. He sailed to the Bahamas instead, where he attacked the British port of Nassau, a decision for which he was relieved of his command upon returning to the continent.

— <http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history>

Editor's note: Don't get this confused with the official birthday date that the Navy recognizes and that is October 13, 1775—but more about that in a later newsletter.



2017 BMG Chapter meeting dates

All meetings will take place at the Deer Valley Airport Restaurant, 702 W. Deer Valley Road, Phoenix, at 6:30 p.m.

- January 19
- February 16
- March 16
- April 20
- May 18
- Off for the summer months
- September 21
- October 19
- November 16
- December—to be announced

Please mark your calendars!



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

- Michael Mills 01/04**
- David Van Denburgh 1/11**
- Bill Orr 1/15**
- Michael Manson Jr. 1/31**

AZSSAR Annual Meeting

One meeting which should also be on your calendar is our AZ SAR Annual Meeting which takes place on Saturday, February 11, 2017, at The Property in Casa Grande, AZ.

Our annual meeting is open to all Compatriots from all eight Chapters in Arizona. Meeting information will be contained in the upcoming SAR-IZONA but save the date!

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Agenda January 19, 2017

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)
Installation of 2017 Chapter officers

Dinner

50/50 Raffle

Program

Our program speaker will be announced.

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.