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Arizona Sons of the American Revolution



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Minutes of the January 19, 2017, Chapter meeting

Location:

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

Our January 19, 2017, Chapter meeting was opened by BMG Vice President Bob Rearley at 6:30 p.m. with 28 Compatriots and guests in attendance.

BMG Officer Installation:

Compatriot J. Michael Jones installed the following Compatriots to office:

- President: Robert Rearley
- Vice-President: Gerald Mead
- Secretary/Treasurer: David A. Swanson
- Sergeant at Arms: Charles W. Stuller
- Chaplain: Robert H. Bohannan
- Registrar/Genealogist: William C. Orr
- Asst Registrar/Genealogist: Danna Abbott
- Chancellor: John R. Conrad
- Publicist: J Michael Jones
- Historian: David A. Swanson
- Board of Managers Representative:
William Hearter Jr. MD

Secretary/Treasurer David Swanson; Chaplain Rob Bohannan

Officer reports:

Secretary/Treasurer David Swanson reported that our Chapter is in great financial shape;

Veterans Committee Chairman Ed Karr thanked everybody for submitting information to him regarding their veterans which he used to score our Chapter's points for the Stark Award;

Americanism Committee Chairman also thanked Compatriots for submitting information to him for our Americanism report.



50/50 raffle: Both Compatriot Robert Denny and our Chapter are \$40 richer! Thanks to everybody who participated in this ongoing fundraising event!



Presentation of portrait of Barry M. Goldwater portrait

Compatriot Robert Denny formally presented a signed copy of an official, original picture of Senator Barry M. Goldwater (for whom our Chapter is named).

Compatriot Denny was a member of the Old Guard Honor Guard Company (guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier) in 1962-63 when he requested and received an official photograph from the Pentagon of Senator Goldwater and had him sign it during a tour given by Compatriot Denny.



2017 Barry M. Goldwater Chapter Officers
(L-R) Sergeant-at-Arms Chuck Stuller; Assist Registrar/Genealogist Danna Abbott, Vice President, Jerry Mead, Publicist J Michael Jones; Registrar/Genealogist Bill Orr, President Bob Rearley,



(L-R) BMG President Bob Rearley and Compatriot Robert Denny



Official photograph of Major General Barry M. Goldwater

“Let me tell you, the proudest moments of my life have been those times when I wore the uniform of the United States of America. To join with the men and women in the defense of freedom was, to me, the ultimate expression of faith in our heritage . . .”

Special thanks to Compatriot Denny for this special picture!



Program speaker: BMG President Bob Rearley followed up on the presentation of the Goldwater picture by giving a very informative talk about the life and times of Barry M. Goldwater.



BMG Chapter votes to commend out-going AZ SAR Treasurer Warren Alter

The Barry M. Goldwater Chapter voted to commend AZ SAR Compatriot Warren Alter for all of his hard work as the AZ SAR Secretary/Treasurer, and during the last two years, as the AZ SAR Treasurer.

Compatriot Alter, of the Tucson Chapter, was elected as our AZ SAR Secretary/Treasurer in 2007 and continued in that office until 2014 when he relinquished the treasurer duties but continues as our AZ SAR Secretary. He will step down from that office in February. Warren has done an outstanding job in both of the offices he has held and we are a better Society because of his indefatigable efforts.

Compatriot Alter has and continues to wear many other SAR hats: Past AZ SAR President, SAR Inspector General, and current SAR Treasurer General.

Vindicated...at last

By David Swanson

Every once in a while I get notified by one of the millions of readers of *The Goldwater Journal* that I misspelled a word or to while writing some of it’s various articles. My first thought was that it is not I who is misspelling the words; rather it is the authors from whom I plagiarized obtained the information. So I was delighted to see what the 7th president of the United States, Andrew Jackson (now my favorite president), had to say about this:

“When Harvard granted an LL.D. to Andrew Jackson in 1833, John Quincy Adams boycotted the graduation ceremonies, calling Jackson 'a barbarian who could not write a sentence of grammar.' To which Jackson replied: 'It is a damn poor mind indeed which can't think of at least two ways to spell any word.'”

Ah, the sweet smell of vindicatin!

Inauguration Day

I watched the inauguration of our 45th U.S. President, Donald John Trump, on January 20th and I knew that George Washington was inaugurated on April 30th and Abraham Lincoln was inaugurated on March 4th so just when did presidents start being inaugurated on January 20th? Well, that all started in 1937 with the inauguration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. This was the result of the 20th Amendment to the Constitution which was adopted on January 23, 1933, (and took effect on October 15th of that year).

Section 1. The terms of the President and Vice President shall end at noon on the 20th day of January, and the terms of Senators and Representatives at noon on the 3d day of January, of the years in which such terms would have ended if this article had not been ratified; and the terms of their successors shall then begin.

Section 2. The Congress shall assemble at least once in every year, and such meeting shall begin at noon on the 3d day of January, unless they shall by law appoint a different day.

President Washington was never inaugurated in Washington, D.C. His first inauguration took place in New York City and his second in Philadelphia.



North Carolina militia fight at the Battle of Cowan's Ford

On this day in history, February 1, 1781, North Carolina militias fight at the Battle of Cowan's Ford.

After a string of devastating defeats in the South, the Americans began to turn things around in the fall of 1780. After a stunning American victory at the Battle of Cowpens, American General Daniel Morgan headed north into North Carolina followed in hot pursuit by Lt. General Charles Cornwallis.

Cornwallis was forced to camp out at the swollen Catawba River, allowing Morgan to meet with American Commander General Nathanael Greene to decide what to do. Numerous fords across the Catawba had to be protected. They decided Morgan would guard Sherrald's Ford, while Brigadier General William Lee Davidson would guard the lower fords. Each would wait as long as they could and then proceed to Salisbury where they would meet General Greene and flee north into Virginia. Greene's strategy was to wear out Cornwallis and pull him away from his supply lines on the coast.

General Davidson was a popular North Carolina general who was the chief recruiter for the militia in this region. He had fought at Germantown and been at Valley Forge and was a friend of George Washington. Davidson had only 800 men to guard several fords and he had to spread them out quite thinly to protect them all.

Only 25 men were placed at Cowan's Ford, an unusual ford because it had two fording spots on one side of the river. One route was a horse crossing and the other a wagon crossing. The wagon route went straight across the river and was very deep in the center, making it hard for men on horseback to cross. The other route was much more shallow and suitable for men on horseback, but was longer with the opposite landing spot a quarter mile downriver.

The river began to recede on January 31st and Cornwallis made his move the next morning, choosing to cross at Cowan's Ford. A local Tory served as guide and, knowing the difference between the horse route and the wagon route, began to lead them across the horse route. When the first men were half way across the river, the Americans on the other side noticed them and began firing on them. This spooked the Tory guide, who immediately turned and fled.

The British soldiers, not knowing the difference, immediately made their way for the shore at the closest point on the other side. This led them straight into the deep water and greatly hindered the crossing. They had to tie themselves and their horses and equipment together to keep from being swept downriver. Meanwhile, the Americans kept picking them off one by one and a cavalry unit arrived to help them.

When the first British troops reached the shore, the Americans began pulling back because the British numbers were too large. Just then, General Davidson arrived to command the forces, but

only minutes after arriving, he was struck with a bullet through the heart and died on the spot, causing the remaining Americans to flee.

The Battle of Cowan's Ford was a defeat for the Americans, but the delay it provided allowed General Morgan and General Greene to rendezvous their armies and escape to the north, only to fight Cornwallis six weeks later at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, a battle in which a quarter of Cornwallis' army would be destroyed.

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BMG Chapter meeting speaker

Compatriot Bill Heater will be our speaker and he will talk about: Pilgrims of Quebec. Bill also attended the inauguration of President Trump and hopefully will give us an update of that event as well.

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.

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 February

Earl Atwood Sr. 2/07
David Potts 2/18
John Conrad 2/23
Jim Bugbee 2/28

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Barry M. Goldwater Chapter Arizona SAR

Agenda February 16, 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)

Dinner

50/50 Raffle

Program

Dr Bill Hearter will give a presentation on the: Pilgrims of Quebec

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.