



# THE GOLDWATER JOURNAL

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Arizona Sons of the American Revolution



March 2017

## Minutes of the February 16, 2017, Chapter meeting

Location:

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

Our February 16, 2017, Chapter meeting was opened by BMG President Bob Rearley with twenty Compatriots and guests in attendance.

### Officer reports:

**President Rearley** talked about the AZ SAR state meeting that took place last Saturday and the importance of all Compatriots attending these meetings. There is a whole SAR world outside of the BMG Chapter and attendance at these meetings opens up that world.

He also wanted our Chapter to focus on three items: education, history, and remembrance of our veterans.

As our Flag Committee Chairman, Bob also asked that we actively continue to pass out flag certificates to neighbors and others who fly the American flag.

**Treasurers report:** Secretary/Treasurer David Swanson indicated that our Chapter finances are in great shape.

**Chaplain's report:** Mike Jones, as the AZ SAR Chaplain, gave an update on the passing of Shirley Young, wife of Compatriot Bob Young.

**Program speaker:** Compatriot Dr. Bill Hearter was in Washington D. C. for the inauguration of President Donald Trump and gave a very interesting overview of the activities and events. He also presented a power-point presentation on the similarities of the early settlement of Quebec and New France to Puritan New England. Specifically, he reviewed how the female population was increased with the Filles a Marier and the Filles du Roy immigrants from France. The early military settlements by the Soldats du Carignan were explored. This was an formative and at times humorous presentation—thank you Dr. Bill Hearter!

**50/50 Drawing**—Both our Chapter and Barbra Fought (Bill Orr's sister) are \$25 richer thanks to those who participated in our February meeting raffle!

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## In Memorial

Shirley Young, wife of Compatriot Bob Young passed away on February 4, 2017, at age 85. She and Compatriot Bob Young had been married for 62 years. Shirley was a proud member of the DAR and the AZ SAR Ladies Auxiliary.

A memorial service was held on February 9, 2017, at the First United Methodist Church, 5510 N. Central Ave, Phoenix.

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## Past BMG President Bill Hearter receives awards

While the new Chapter president generally presents awards to the outgoing Chapter president at his January installation meeting it didn't happen this year since the outgoing president, Bill Hearter, was unavailable—he was at President Donald Trump's inauguration in Washington, D.C.!

BMG President Bob Rearley presented Past BMG President Bill Hearter with his Past Presidents pin and more importantly a Chapter Distinguished Service Medal for all of his diligent work as our Chapter president during the past two years.



(L-R) Past BMG Chapter President Dr. Bill Hearter and current BMG President Bob Rearley



### AZ SAR Annual Meeting—February 11<sup>th</sup>

If you missed the AZ SAR annual meeting on February 11, 2017, you missed a good meeting. I will not go into detail about it with the exception of the areas that concerned our Chapter and those are state officers and awards. (The full report will be in the *SAR-IZONA*.)

For the first time in memory two Compatriots vied for the office of AZ SAR Vice President and our own Dr. Bill Hearter was elected to the office! Other state offices were filled by BMG Compatriots as follows:

- Genealogist: Ed Karr
- Historian: David Swanson
- Chaplain: Mike Jones

The following awards were presented:

State Distinguished Service Medal to David Swanson and the Silver Roger Sherman Medal to Ed Karr.

Compatriot Karr was absent from the meeting and his certificate and medal were given to Bob Rearley for a future presentation (which was done at the February 16<sup>th</sup> BMG Chapter meeting—below).



(L-R) Compatriot Ed Karr receiving the Silver Roger Sherman certificate and medal from BMG President Bob Rearley



### BMG President's Column

Greetings gentlemen. You can imagine my surprise the other day when I received from the editor of the highly acclaimed BMG Newsletter an offer of a column. I was hopeful for a whole page but I was reminded of the line, “You git what you git and don’t throw a fit”.

As I was pulling into my driveway Thursday evening it occurred to me that I had not paid my dinner bill after the meeting. Now this could not have happened at our previous meeting place. Treasurer

Swanson collected the money ahead of time, no money no food. I got on the phone and called the restaurant. They had two unpaid checks. One was mine and the other was for an order of iced tea and a salad. I took advantage of the call to express our appreciation for the improvement in the service.

You may have noticed editor Swanson’s request for patriot biographies for publication in the BMG Newsletter. The SAR and DAR have for sometime been collecting patriot biographies for their archives. There is an increased focus on this project for which Chapter recognition will be made. Additional information will be provided at the March meeting. I hope to see you there.

If you know of anyone whom you think we might enjoy hearing speak, please pass their information on to Jerry Mead so he can make arrangements. Our budget does not allow us to pay for speakers. We do, however, pay for their dinner.

—Robert Rearley, President



### AZ SAR annual meetings and Washington’s Birthday

Our AZ SAR Constitution states: “The annual meeting of the SOCIETY . . . shall be held each year during the month of February on a date reasonably near Washington’s Birthday. . .” This year it was held on February 11<sup>th</sup> and it was dead on!

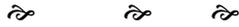
Yes, February 11 is Washington’s Birthday and so is February 22<sup>nd</sup>! He was so important to this county that we gave him two birthdays. Actually, our country had nothing to do with it—you can thank the Roman Catholic Church and Great Britain. (Now, there was a match made in heaven!)

Washington was born on February 11, 1732, while Great Britain and its colonies (us) were still using the Julian calendar—implemented by Julius Caesar in 46 B.C. You see in 1582 Pope Gregory XIII modified the Julian calendar (it had to do with full moons, leap years, losing a day here and there, Easter, and other stuff—werewolves excluded) and over the years many countries adopted the Gregorian calendar—named for Gregory. By 1750 most western European countries used it—but not Great Britain (none of that Roman Catholic stuff here!).

Anyway, in 1750 even Great Britain came around to adopting it by passing the Calendar (New Style) Act with an effective (after an amendment) of January 1, 1752. So by going from the Julian calendar (Old Style) to the Gregorian calendar (New Style) the country had to make up 11 days to be in sync with the Continent. Why 11 days? For the purposes of this article, that’s just the way it was! This all happened on September 2, 1752 (why September 2<sup>nd</sup>? don’t ask). Thus

Wednesday, September 2, 1752, was followed by Thursday September 14<sup>th</sup>.

So, under the New Style calendar everything that happened under the Old Style was advanced by 11 days—not just good old George Washington’s Birthday! So, depending on which calendar you choose to use, both dates are correct. One little tidbit: In 1927 Turkey was the last country to adopt the Gregorian calendar.



### AZ SAR Board of Managers Meeting—April 29, 2017

The upcoming state meeting of the Board of Managers will be held on April 29, 2017, with the meeting time and place to be announced. Information will be placed in the *SAR-IZONA* but this is just your heads-up notification so you can place it on your calendar. This and all of the state meetings are open to all Compatriots so put it on your calendar!



### Vietnam Veterans’ Day

By David Swanson

On April 17, 2014, a law was enacted by the State of Arizona which designated March 29 of each year as Vietnam Veterans' Day. But, the law also explicitly states that “Vietnam Veteran’s Day is not a legal holiday.” (Rats! So much for my plan to come out of retirement, go back to work, get the paid holiday, and quit!)

But, why do you suppose this day was chosen as Vietnam Veterans’ Day? The National Conference on State Legislatures has this to say: Most states celebrate “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day” on March 29 or 30 of each year, the date of the final withdrawal of U.S. troops from Vietnam. The day commemorates the sacrifices of Vietnam veterans and is part of a national effort to recognize the men and women who were denied a proper welcome upon returning home . . .”

(<http://www.ncsl.org/research/military-and-veterans-affairs/vietnam-veterans-day-legislation-and-statutes.aspx>)

So on this and every March 29th--- Fly your Flag!



### SAR Flag certificates—and you

By issuing SAR flag certificates we encourage patriotic respect for our flag. It is presented to individuals, companies, and government agencies that fly the United States flag for patriotic purposes only.

When you observe an instance where the flag certificate should be presented send the information to Flag Committee Chairman Bob Rearley, he will fill out

the certificate, mail it to you and you can present it on behalf of our Chapter.



### What happened on March 16, 1751?

Our next Chapter meeting is on March 16<sup>th</sup> but what happened 266 years earlier on this date?

#### James Madison is born

On this day in history, March 16, 1751, James Madison is born. He would become one of the most influential of the Founding Fathers, the 4th US President and most importantly, the "Father of the US Constitution."

James Madison was born in Port Conway, Virginia. He was well educated as a boy and attended the College of New Jersey (now Princeton), where he studied under college president John Witherspoon, who would become a signer of the Declaration of Independence. When the American Revolution broke out, Madison was elected a member of the Virginia legislature as a young man. During this time, he became good friends with and was deeply influenced by Thomas Jefferson.

During the last half of the Revolution, he served in the Confederation Congress, where he was known for his hard work and brilliant mind. He served again in the Virginia legislature after the war and became increasingly concerned with the federal government's inability to function. During his time as ambassador to France, Jefferson sent Madison dozens of books, many dealing with government, which Madison studied, making him an expert in matters of law and government.

Madison was one of the lead voices proposing a new constitution and was elected to the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia in 1787. Arriving earlier than most delegates, Madison put together a plan for a new government, which became the basis of the Convention's discussions. The final product was largely a revision of his original plan and, for this reason, he is known as the "Father of the US Constitution."

Madison served at the Virginia ratification convention. He also helped get the Constitution passed in New York by writing the *Federalist Papers*, which described the purpose and intent of each part of the Constitution, along with Alexander Hamilton and John Jay.

Madison was elected to the First Congress from Virginia and helped establish the new government and pass the Bill of Rights, which he also authored. While serving in Congress, Madison married Dolley Payne Todd. He was 43 and 17 years older than she. They had

no children of their own, but raised Dolley's son from a previous marriage.

Madison served as Secretary of State under Thomas Jefferson and helped oversee the Louisiana Purchase. After Jefferson, Madison rose to the presidency and served two terms, during which war broke out with Great Britain. The War of 1812 happened as a result of trade conflicts due to Britain's war with France, the impressment of American sailors by the British navy and British arming of American Indians in the Northwest Territory. During the war, Washington DC was occupied and much of it destroyed, including the White House. After the war, however, American sovereignty and independence was affirmed and Madison remained popular.

Madison retired to his plantation, Montpelier, in Virginia in 1817. During his years of government service, his finances had suffered and he was in financial distress for the rest of his life. After Madison passed away in 1836, Dolley was forced to sell Montpelier within a few years.

Madison's role in the founding era is probably not as well-known as that of Washington, Franklin, Adams or Jefferson, but he was truly one of the most important shapers of the American republic that we know today.

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### **BMG Program speaker—March 16<sup>th</sup>**

Dennis Grau, a combat veteran of the Vietnam War, will be our guest speaker on Thursday, March 16, 2017. Dennis spent two tours of duty in Vietnam in the US Navy both on a ship and on the rivers and you will not want to miss this presentation.

### **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.

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 March**

**Charles Smith 3/1**

**Mike Jones 3/5**

**Richard Hudgins 3/17**

**Bill Hearter Jr. 3/17**

### **Compatriot's ancestor information—wanted for publication in our newsletter**

If you would like to see your Revolutionary War ancestor's information printed in this newsletter (your Chapter certainly would—and so would the millions of readers throughout the free world) send it to the newsletter editor. Please limit your material to one double sided page or less.

### **Want to learn what's going on in the Arizona SAR?**

Sometimes great information is right under our noses and we don't realize it. Our AZ SAR State website is one of those jewels. Webmaster Bob Vint has done and is doing an outstanding job. Check it out!

**<http://www.azssar.org/>**

By the way, the "Members Only" section contains interesting information as well but it is only open to active members of the Arizona Sons of the American Revolution—YOU! You will need a secret password to get into it which, if I posted here, wouldn't be secret any more since this newsletter is read by tens of thousands of members, nonmembers, foreign agents, and other . . . people. It is so secret that even my newsletter scribes aren't trusted with it (and if you got to know them you would understand why). But if you email me I can give it to you.

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### Agenda March 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**

Dennis Grau, a combat veteran of the Vietnam War, will be our guest speaker.

**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.