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



April 2017

Minutes of the March 16, 2017, Chapter meeting

Location:

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

Our March 16, 2017, Chapter meeting was opened by BMG Vice President Bob Rearley at 6:30 p.m. with 15 Compatriots and guests in attendance.

Officer reports:

President Bob Rearley thanked everyone for attending and wanted all to know about the upcoming ceremony in Anthem, AZ to honor Vietnam Veterans. The Daisy Mountain Veterans will hold a ceremony honoring its 25 members who served in Vietnam on Saturday, April 8, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. Location is the Anthem Veterans Memorial in Anthem. He encouraged BMG Compatriots to attend this event.

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

Americanism Committee Chairman Chuck Stuller reported that we have three winners of the BMG Chapter SAR Sergeant Moses Adams Middle School Brochure contest. All three and their parents have been invited to the April BMG meeting to receive their special recognition.

Special guest AZ SAR President Steve Monez

We were pleased to welcome AZ SAR President Steve Monez to our meeting. President Monez gave some very good information some of which was regarding children and the SAR. He encouraged everybody to take the Boy Scout training before interacting with those less than 18 years of age. (See the article titled "Youth Protections Training" further in the newsletter).

He also indicated that the AZ SAR Board of Managers meeting is scheduled for April 29th at the Holiday Inn in Casa Grande. All BMG Compatriots are encouraged to attend!

50/50 raffle: Compatriot Doug Baty was the winner of our 50/50 raffle and he donated his winnings to Dennis Grau to use during his school speaking engagements!



(L-R) AZ SAR President Steve Monez and BMG President Bob Rearley

Guest Speaker: We were very privileged to have Dennis Grau, a combat veteran of the Vietnam War as our speaker. Dennis enlisted in the U.S Navy at age 18, and after boot camp, he served two tours of duty in Vietnam. His first tour was on the USS Belle Grove LSD off the coast of Da Nang, Vietnam for 9 months. His second tour was on supply boats on the rivers delivering supplies to Army and Marine Bases. Dennis shared some of his experiences from when he was assigned to the boats taking supplies up and down the river. This assignment was most dangerous and many of his shipmates were shot and in some cases killed on a daily basis from snipers along the riverbanks. At the end of the year he was the only person, out of a 12 man crew, who survived.

Dennis is the Post Commander of a local VFW Post and talks to school children about Vietnam and his experiences there.



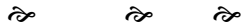
(L-R) Vietnam veteran Dennis Grau and BMG President Bob Rearley

Compatriot of the month award

Compatriot Mike Jones was the recipient of the BMG Compatriot of the Month award for his efforts in issuing SAR Flag certificates.



(L-R) Compatriot Mike Jones receiving his award from BMG President Bob Rearley



New BMG Compatriot

Compatriot Joshua Fletcher transferred his membership from California to Arizona and the Barry M. Goldwater Chapter effective March 16, 2017.

Welcome Compatriot Fletcher!



BMG President's Column

Greetings Compatriots

It is hard to believe that we only have two meetings left this season. How time flies.

Compatriot Jones won the first Compatriot of the month award for his Flag Certificate and completion of the Youth Protection Program.

There is an upcoming AzSAR meeting on April 29th in Casa Grande. All Members are welcome. It will be a great opportunity to learn what the SAR is all about besides monthly meetings. Any Chapter officers will be happy to answer questions.

I am looking for someone to chair our fundraising committee. Rob Bohannon and I are already on the committee and are happy to show you the way. Hope to see you at the April meeting

Bob Rearley, President

Youth Protections Training

The following information is taken from a previous communication from AZ SAR President Steve Monez and is very pertinent to the BMG Chapter:

Our involvement with our youth is major. Our President General J. Michael Tomme has asked us all to take the Youth Protections Training through the Boy Scouts of America program.

<http://www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection.aspx>

This program will take less than 30 minutes. Thus, far we have 11 people in the Society that have taken this training. It's easy. You do not have to go to the BSA site to validate it. You do not need a member number. When you finish, the training print your certificate and send it digitally to Christopher Francis cfrancis21@gmail.com. He is our Society Outreach Committee Chairman.



The American's Creed . . . and our April 20th Chapter meeting

By David Swanson

You will be hearing a lot more about the "American's Creed" not only in this newsletter but our state newsletter as well since I plan on writing information in both.

The American's Creed, written by SAR Compatriot William Tyler Page is one of the most succinct, yet comprehensive patriotic statements of our country's identity, history, and tradition.

I am pleased to announce that at our April 20 2017, Chapter meeting, Carolyn Rearley will speak, about "The American's Creed" and its origin.

Carolyn served the Paradise Valley Chapter of NSDAR as Vice-Regent, Regent, and now Honorary Regent. She currently serves on the NSDAR State level, currently the Chair of Commemorative Events.

Please be sure to attend this meeting!



Advantage Storage Receives Flag Certificate

As you drive North of Thunderbird Rd. on 7th St. do you notice the flag 100 feet in the air or the tank sitting in front of Advantage Storage? That flag is larger than in looks. It is 30 feet long and 20 feet high. Three of the red & white stripes are 5 feet high, and each star is 2 feet across.

Property Manager, Casey Jones, follows proper flag etiquette for display of the U.S. flag as established by *Public Law 94-344* approved by Congress and signed by the President in 1976 (except for half-staff days due to power lines). For this the Barry M. Goldwater Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR)

presented Advantage Storage with their Flag Certificate on March 28, 2017. SAR was instrumental in getting Congress to approve the law mentioned.

In the picture Casey Jones (L) is presented the flag certificate by SAR Compatriot Mike Jones(R)



For more information on SAR visit <http://www.azssar.org/>. For guidelines how to display and care for your flag download a PDF file at <https://www.va.gov/opa/publications/celebrate/flagdisplay.pdf>.



Washington's inauguration—April 30, 1789

My, how time flies! It just seems like yesterday that we had a presidential inauguration –wait, we did, but that is not the one I am writing about. But 228 years ago on April 30, 1789, George Washington had his first (and our country's first) presidential inauguration in Federal Hall, in New York City.



SAR and politics

The SAR Handbook Volume III revised March 2017 has some interesting information regarding the SAR and politics. Here is some information contained on page 15:

SAR is a Non-Political Organization. Pursuant to Internal Revenue Service tax exempt guidelines, the SAR is a non-political organization. State Societies and Chapters must never endorse or recommend any candidate for public office, nor may meetings include the discussion of merits or demerits of such candidates. *The merit of any public question involving the social, economic, moral or physical welfare of the people may be fairly and intelligently studied and discussed at a meeting for the enlightenment of those attending [emphasis added].* SAR may take a position on any bill or measure which may be submitted to a vote of the elected representatives of the people or to the vote of the people.

Want even more information? Check out the handbook—it's quite informative.



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

- Brian Karr 4/1**
- Michael Manson 4/9**
- Robert Bohannon 4/16**
- Voie Coy 4/20**
- David Rodier 4/30**
- Ed Karr Jr. 4/30**
- Brandon Karr 4/30**

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.

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

Please mark your calendars!

Always remember— We are Compatriots in the SAR not because of anything we have done, but because of the sacrifices of *our* Patriot Ancestors and others like them who helped form our great nation !

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Agenda April 20, 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

Our program speaker will be Carolyn Rearley who will talk about the American's Creed and its origin.

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.