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Arizona Sons of the American Revolution



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Minutes of the April 20, 2017, Chapter meeting

Location:

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

Our April 20, 2017, Chapter meeting was opened by BMG Vice President Bob Rearley at 6:30 p.m. with 28 Compatriots and guests in attendance.

Officer reports:

Secretary/Treasurer David Swanson reported that our Chapter is in great financial shape and he will be preparing a first quarter report.



New BMG Compatriot

Donald L. Koehler of Cave Creek, AZ was inducted into the the Sons of the American Revolution and the Barry M. Goldwater Chapter based on his 8th generation Patriot Ancestor, Isaac Walker who assisted in establishing American Independence while acting in the capacity of Private in Continental Troops in Massachusetts and as a signer of the Association Test 1776 in Concord, NH.

Congratulations to Compatriot Koehler and welcome to the Barry M. Goldwater Chapter!



(L-R) First line signer and BMG Assistant Registrar/Genealogist Dana Abbott, BMG President Bob Rearley, and new Compatriot Don Koehler

Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Brochure Contest winners from Canyon Ridge School in Surprise AZ

Compatriot Chuck Stuller, BMG Americanism Committee chairman, introduced the three winners of the Barry M. Goldwater SAR Chapter Sergeant Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure contest.

1st place: Aubrey I. Sims—received \$50, a certificate, and an AZ SAR Challenge Coin;

2nd place: Ashlynn R. Luzier—received \$25, a certificate, and an AZ SAR Challenge Coin;

Honorable Mention: James Garritano—received a certificate and an AZ SAR Challenge Coin



Aubrey Sims with her mother Stacey and Americanism Committee Chairman Chuck Stuller



Ashlynn Luzier with parents Mark and Ashlynn and Americanism Committee Chairman Chuck Stuller



James Garritano with his mother Tricia and Americanism Committee Chairman Chuck Stuller



(L-R) Ashlynn Luzier, Aubrey Sims, James Garritano, and Mr. Christopher Raso, Canyon Ridge School Social Studies teacher

Special thanks to Mr. Christopher Raso, Social Studies teacher at Canyon Ridge School, who was an integral part of this contest.

Also, **special thanks to Compatriot Allen Nash**, AZ SAR Americanism Committee and Brochure Contest Chairman, who was also present and gave a meaningful talk about the program.

Our 1st place winner Aubrey Sims will have her brochure about the Bill of Rights entered into the Arizona SAR state contest.

Congratulations to all of our Brochure Contest winners—you did an outstanding job!

Chapter's 50/50 drawing—the winner was Compatriot Mike Jones who donated his winnings to the Chapter and it is now \$55.00 richer! Thanks Mike!

Guest speaker—We were privileged to have Carolyn Rearley who served the Paradise Valley Chapter of NSDAR as Vice-Regent, Regent, and now Honorary Regent give a splendid PowerPoint presentation about the American's Creed which was written in 1917 by SAR Compatriot Tyler Page and is one of the most succinct, yet comprehensive patriotic statements of our country's identity, history, and tradition. The American's Creed was a result of a nationwide contest for writing a National Creed, which would be a brief summary of the American political faith founded upon things fundamental in American history and tradition.

On April 3, 1918, Page received the award in the U.S. House of Representatives and the Speaker of the House of Representatives accepted it for the United States.

Among other items, Carolyn talked about each section of the creed and its place in American history.



(L-R) Carolyn Rearley and BMG Vice President Jerry Mead

The American's Creed

I believe in the United States of America as a Government of the people by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a Republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my Country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies."

(BMG President Bob Rearley closed the Chapter meeting by having everybody recite the American's Creed.)

BMG Chapter receives a certificate of appreciation from the Paradise Valley Chapter NSDAR

Carolyn Rearley, on behalf of Karen Martin, Paradise Valley Chapter Regent, presented BMG Chapter President Bob Rearley with a certificate of appreciation for our joint participation in last years' Packages From Home and Wreaths Across America.



The Association Test 1776 in Concord, NH

By David Swanson

If you read page 1 of the newsletter you noted that Compatriot Don Koehler's Patriot Ancestor is listed as having signed "the Association Test 1776 in Concord, NH." So here is a test for you: What was the "Association Test"? Think about this for a while. What did you come up with?

Well, this was in response to one of the Continental Congress's Tory Acts (1775-76). The book titled: *Documents and Records Relating to the State of New Hampshire During the Period of the American Revolution From 1776 to 1783 Volume VIII* contains a lot of useful information which is printed below. Here is what started the Association Test (and note this is all well before July 4th):

IN CONGRESS, MARCH 14, 1776.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Several Assemblies, Conventions, and Councils, or Committees of Safety of the United Colonies, *immediately*, to cause all Persons to be *disarmed*, within their respective Colonies, who are *notoriously* disaffected to the cause of America, or who have not associated, and refuse to associate, to defend by ARMS, the United Colonies, against the Hostile attempts of the British Fleets and Armies.

And here were the actions taken by New Hampshire:

Colony of New Hampshire In COMMITTEE OF SAFETY. April 12th 1776

In order to carry the . . . Resolve of the Hon'ble Continental Congress into Execution, you are requested to desire all Males above Twenty one years of age (Lunaticks, Idiots, and Negroes exempted) to sign the DECLARATION on this paper; and when so done, to make Return thereof, together with the Name or Names of all who shall refuse to sign the same, to the GENERAL ASSEMBLY or Committee of Safety of this Colony.

M. Weare, Chairman

A copy . . . was sent to the Selectmen of each town in the Colony, requiring them to obtain names to the PLEDGE.

In Consequence of the above Resolution of the Hon. Continental Congress, and to show our Determination, in joining our American Brethren, in defending the Lives, Liberties, and Properties of the inhabitants of the United Colonies;

WE, THE SUBSCRIBERS, DO HEREBY SOLEMNLY ENGAGE, AND PROMISE, THAT WE WILL, TO THE UTMOST OF OUR POWER, AT THE RISQUE OF OUR LIVES AND FORTUNES, WITH ARMS, OPPOSE THE HOSTILE PROCEEDINGS OF THE BRITISH FLEETS AND ARMIES AGAINST THE UNITED AMERICAN COLONIES.

RETURNS OF THE ASSOCIATION TEST
Sent out by order of the General Congress [of New Hampshire], containing the names of Eight Thousand, one hundred and Ninety-nine Persons in New Hampshire who, signed it: By which they solemnly engaged and promised that they would, to the utmost of their power and at the risk of their Lives and Fortunes, with Arms, oppose the Hostile Proceedings of the British Fleets and Armies, against the United Colonies.

With

The Names of 773 Persons who refused to sign it.

[Remarks on the foregoing by the late John Farmer, Esq.]

The preceding TEXT was the Declaration of Independence by the People of New Hampshire. It was a similar act to that of the Patriots who signed the National Declaration on the 4th of July 1776. It

preceded that event, and seems to have been a sanction or an encouragement to those who contemplated it. It was a bold and hazardous in subjects thus to resist the authority of one of the most powerful Sovereigns in the world. Had the cause in which these men pledged their Lives and Fortunes failed, “it would have subjected every individual who signed it to the pains and penalties of treason; to a cruel and ignominious death.”

It is not to be misunderstood that all who declined signing it were Tories or were disaffected to the American cause; Some of them were *Friends*, whose principles forbade their signing a pledge to oppose their enemies with ARMS; others, who were, really friends to the cause of opposition to the British, had conscientious scruples, and others doubtless were influenced by their timidity

As noted above not all who refused to sign it were Tories as is shown in this return:

To the Honorable the Council and House of Representatives for the Colony of New Hampshire

Pursuant to the within precept, we have taken pains to know the minds of the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford , with respect to the obligation, and find none unwilling to sign the same Except the Rev^d *John Houston*, who declines signing the said obligation, for the following Reasons, viz.

Firstly, that he did not apprehend that the Hon^{bl} Committee meant that ministers should take up arms as Being inconsistent with their ministerial Charge.

2^{ndly} Because he has already been Confined to the County of Hillsborough; therefore he thinks he ought to be set at liberty before he should sign the s^d obligation.

3^{rdly} Because there is *there is* three Men belonging to his Family already Inlisted in the Continental Army.

So, there you have it! And by the way, the book as far as I can tell, has the names of each individual who signed or didn't sign (even ones who signed with an “x”).

One more item: The entire March 14th Resolve of Congress was not included in the book—just the first part of it. The Resolve is quite interesting and here it is in its entirety:

Resolved, That it be recommended to the several assemblies, conventions, and councils or committees of safety of the United Colonies, immediately to cause all persons to be disarmed

within their respective colonies, who are notoriously disaffected to the cause of America, or who have not associated, and shall refuse to associate, to defend, by arms, these United Colonies, against the hostile attempts of the British fleets and armies; and to apply the arms taken from such persons in each respective colony, in the first place to the arming the continental troops raised in said colony; in the next, to the arming such troops as are raised by the colony for its own defence, and the residue to be applied to the arming the associators; that the arms when taken be appraised by indifferent persons, and such as are applied to the arming the continental troops, be paid for by Congress, and the residue by the respective assemblies, conventions, or councils, or committees of safety.



Peace Officer Memorial Day—May 15, 2017

Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week is an observation in the United States that pays tribute to the local, state, and Federal peace officers who have died in the line of duty.

Peace Officers Memorial Day was created on October 1, 1961. At that time, Congress asked the president to designate **May 15** as a day to honor fallen peace officers. On October 1, 1962, John F. Kennedy signed the bill into law. In 1994, Bill Clinton made an amendment through Public Law 103-322 that directed the United State flag be flown at half-staff on May 15.

In 1982, an annual Memorial Service gathering in Senate Park (Washington D.C.) began and later became known as Police Week.

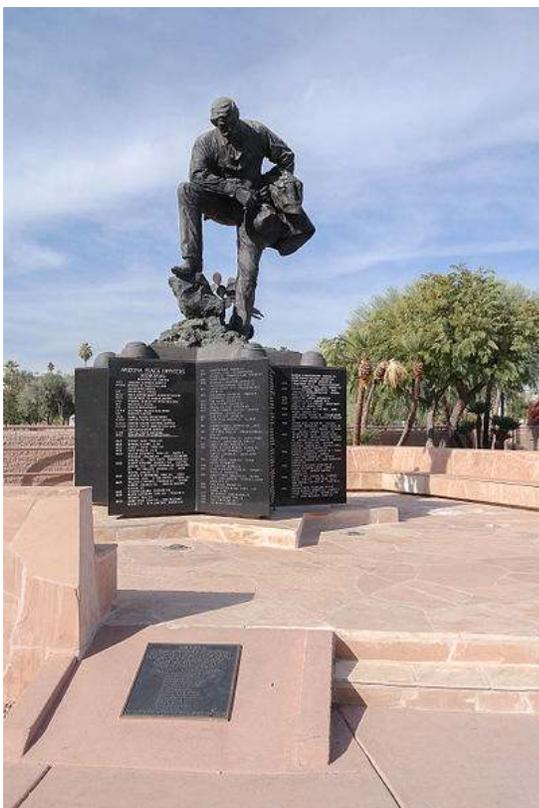
The events are sponsored by the National Fraternal Order of Police and is implemented by the National FOP Memorial Committee. Many of the events center around the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial wall, whose walls feature the names of more than 19,000 law enforcement officers who have been killed in the line of duty. Other events during the National Police Week include the annual Blue Mass, Candlelight Vigil, Wreath Lay Ceremony, National Police Survivors Conference, Honor Guard Completion, and the Emerald Society & Pipe Band March and Service. The event draws 25,000 to 40,000 law enforcement officers and their families to Washington, D.C. every year.

Please join me in flying your United States flag at half-staff on May 15, 2017 to pay tribute to the men and women who have paid the ultimate sacrifice to our country. Through your action, your display will pay tribute to those local, state and Federal peace officers

who serve and protect us daily with courage and dedication on the front lines of the battle against crime.



J. Michael Tomme, Sr.
President General 2016-2017
Sons of the American Revolution



Arizona Peace Officers Memorial
Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza--Phoenix



Principal events of the War for Independence during May 1775

- 4th Rhode Island renounces allegiance to the king
- 10th Capture of Ticonderoga by Ethan Allen and Benedict Arnold
- 10th The Second Continental Congress
- 11th “Lexington Alarm” posted in Charleston S.C.
- 12th Seth Warner takes Crown Point
- 14th Engagement at Fort St. John, Canada
- 20th Mecklenburg (North Carolina) Declaration of Independence
- 21st Engagement at Grape Island, Mass.
- 27th Engagement at Hogg Island, Mass.
- 27th Engagement at Noddle’s Island, Mass.

What was the “Lexington Alarm”?

Our Compatriots in the state of Connecticut have a very nice article on their website regarding the Lexington Alarm. If you get a chance, check it out!
<http://connecticutsar.org/an-alarm-from-lexington/>

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.

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

May 18, 2017, meeting information—our guest speaker will Charley Foley the founder of the Tucson based Flags for the Flagless. He will take about the success of the program not only in Pima County but in other areas as well.



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

NONE!!!
The only month where we have no BMG Compatriot birthdays!

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.

Changed your phone number, address, or email address? Please contact our secretary/treasurer so that everything can be updated

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Agenda May 18, 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

Dinner

50/50 Raffle

Program

Our program speaker will be Charley Foley founder of Flags for the Flagless.

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.