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Arizona Sons of the American Revolution



June 2017

## Minutes of the May 18, 2017, Chapter meeting

Location:

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

Our May 18, 2017, Chapter meeting was opened by BMG President Bob Rearley at 6:30 p.m. with 27 Compatriots and guests in attendance.

### Officer reports:

Secretary/Treasurer David Swanson reported that our Chapter is in great financial shape. He also gave a rundown of the BMG Board of Officers meeting that took place on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Some items that the board is looking into is starting a BMG SAR flag burning ceremony for unserviceable US flags; placing a BMG meeting notice at the entrance to the Deer Valley Airport Restaurant, and various items to use for the annual BMG annual fundraiser. Another item was the BMG Chapter support for the Citizens Flag Alliance in its effort to protect the US flag. The board members voted unanimously to do so. (See article further in the newsletter).

ROTC/JROTC Committee Chairman Jerry Mead related that we have given out JROTC medals to eight high school students and one Sea cadet medal.

### New BMG Compatriots

Our Chapter is now home to five new family members!

On April 7, 2017, William Carter Beville of Phoenix, AZ was approved for membership in the Sons of the American Revolution and the Barry M. Goldwater Chapter based on his 7<sup>th</sup> generation Patriot Ancestor, Carter Braxton, who assisted in establishing American Independence while acting in the capacity of: signer of the Declaration of Independence; Burgess; Member of Committee of Safety; Member—Continental Congress,

*along with William's son,*

Timothy Carter Beville of Phoenix, AZ based on his 8<sup>th</sup> generation Patriot Ancestor, Carter Braxton.

*and*

On March 24, 2017, Thomas Locke Turner (the brother of William Beville's wife Roberta) was approved for membership. Thomas lives in Imperial, California, and his membership is based on his 7<sup>th</sup> generation Patriot Ancestor John Locke, who assisted

in establishing American Independence while acting in the capacity of Private in Maryland troops,

*along with Thomas's son,*

Robert Todd Turner of Santa Paula, California, based his 8<sup>th</sup> generation Patriot Ancestor, John Locke,

*along with Robert's son,*

Junior Member Joshua Thomas Turner of Santa Paula, California, based on his 9<sup>th</sup> generation patriot Ancestor, John Locke.



On May 18, 2017, William Beville, Timothy Beville, and Thomas Turner were inducted into the SAR and our Chapter!



(L-R) Thomas Turner, Timothy Beville, Second Line signer Bill Orr, William Beville, Roberta Beville, and Chapter President Bob Rearley



### Roberta Carter Beville receives the SAR Medal of Appreciation and the Martha Washington Medal

Roberta Beville, member of the Anasazi Chapter NSDAR of Arizona, received the SAR Medal of Appreciation and the Martha Washington Award from our Chapter for all of the excellent work she did in getting her five family members to become members of the SAR and the Barry M. Goldwater Chapter.



Roberta Beville and BMG Chapter President Bob Rearley



**Outstanding JROTC Chapter award**

On 19 April, our Chapter presented the Outstanding Cadet JROTC Award and Bronze medallion, to Cadet Sr. Chief Petty Officer Michael Skutecki at the Greenway High School JROTC awards meeting. Michael was nominated for this honor by his unit JROTC Instructor, LCDR (Ret) Paula Sawdy-Bowes and Principal Jon Vreeken. Cadet Skutecki is in the top 7% of his Junior Class, with a 4.08 gpa. He is a starting member of his Armed Drill Team, Academic Team, Orienteering Team, Key Club, Green Club, and National Honor Society. Michael was approved as the BMG candidate for the State award.

On May 18, 2017, during our monthly meeting Michael was awarded the 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Award for state AZ SAR Outstanding Cadet and the \$50 prize that goes with our Chapter Award.

Michael was accompanied by his proud parents Diane and Ron Skutecki.

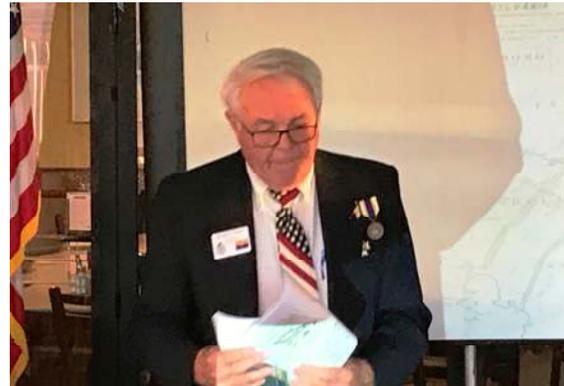


Michael Skutecki and BMG Vice President/ JROTC Coordinator Jerry Mead

**50/50 Winner** Our Chapter and Ron Skutecki are both \$40 richer and Michael Skutecki drew the winning ticket! Sure, keep it in the family!



**Speaker:** Our scheduled speaker had a last minute change of plans so Compatriot Jerry Mead stepped up to the plate and gave a very interesting PowerPoint presentation about his Patriot Ancestor Thomas Wilson.



**Thank you Jerry!**



**BMG President's Column**

Greetings from your president. I hope everyone enjoyed last Thursdays meeting. Jerry Mead did a great job on his talk on his patriot ancestor, particularly given his short notice.

It was great to meet Michael Skutecki and his parents. It is young women and men like that that allow me to sleep better at night.

Most of you may not know that our only source of income comes from dues and fund raising. Our dues do not cover our annual expenses, so we must rely on fund raising to make up the difference. We were able to develop a nice cushion for our account last year thanks to a generous donor. That cushion will not last long. We will be getting more into our fundraiser in September. If you are able to donate a bottle of wine or a restaurant gift card for our raffle it would be much appreciated. We have a need of a chairman for the fundraising committee and hospitality committee.

I hope that some of you will find a way to serve your chapter. Have a great summer. See you in September.

Fraternally, Bob Rearley

### **Barry M. Goldwater Chapter supports the Citizens Flag Alliance**

Our Chapter is now a proud supporter of the Citizens Flag Alliance! The Citizens Flag Alliance [founded by the American Legion in 1989] is a broad-based, nonpartisan, nonprofit, national organization, which was formed to persuade Congress to pass a constitutional amendment that would return to the American people the right to protect their flag. The wording of the amendment is: "The Congress shall have power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States" and if passed the amendment itself would not protect the flag, however, such an amendment would allow for a decision of the people through their elected representatives to decide if a law should be passed to provide the protection.



### **Dawson Schneringer Selected Drum Major**

Dawson E Schneringer is a 17 year old Junior Member of our BMG Chapter who was selected as Drum Major for his high school marching band for his upcoming 2017-18 senior year. This is a very important position for which band members compete. He attends Republic High School in Springfield, MO which has about 1,800 students and a large marching band.

Dawson's primary musical instrument is the French Horn with which he has won several competitions over the past few years. Most notably he was the Missouri State High School winner as a Sophomore at the 2016 statewide competition in Columbia, MO. Dawson also plays a variety of other musical instruments and participates in Jazz and other bands.

And now a bit of history.

Dawson's parents Earl and Deana, and grandparents, Ron and Kathy Schneringer, also live in Springfield, MO and were close friends of Ed and Batha Karr when both families lived near each other in the East Bay Area of CA. Their families attended the same church and their children were in the same grades of the same schools through High School. The Schneringers moved to Missouri in 1983. A few years ago, Ron obtained some of his family lineage information from a man from the Flagstaff area and shared it with Ed. Together Ron and Ed pieced other parts of Ron's lineage back to a proven Patriot Ancestor, Stephen Pitkin, who served in the Connecticut Continental Line and was granted pension S3675. However, Ron's lineage went through another son of Stephen Pitkin than the 3 sons already accepted. After more than a year's research tracking these Pitkin descendants' westward migration to the present time through 8 states from Connecticut to California, the

Schneringer family was qualified for membership in the SAR.

Dawson was approved as a Junior Member of the BMG Chapter in 2014 and will automatically become a SAR Regular member when he reaches 18 this September.

**Congratulations Dawson!**



Kathy Schneringer with grandson Dawson in front of the 18-wheeler trailer the Republic High School Tiger Pride Marching band uses to haul their instruments to and from Band events.



### **SAR and the Protection of the American Flag—120 Years and Still Counting**

By David A. Swanson



"We take the stars, blue union from heaven, the red from our mother country, separating it by white stripes, thus showing that we have separated from her, and the white stripes shall go down to posterity representing liberty."

—George Washington

“When the standard of the Union is raised and waves over my head—the standard which Washington planted on the ramparts of the Constitution, God forbid that I should enquire whom the people have commissioned to unfurl it, and bear it up; I only ask in what manner, as an humble individual, I can best discharge my duty in defending it.”

—Daniel Webster

“There is the national flag! He must be cold, indeed, who can look upon its folds rippling in the breeze without pride of country. . . . to be cherished by all our hearts, to be upheld by all our hands.”

—Charles Sumner.

June 14, 2017, is, as most know, Flag Day—a special day since it will commemorate the 240<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the adoption of our National flag by the Second Continental Congress on June 14, 1777!

The Sons of the American Revolution has a 120 year history of supporting laws that honor our National flag and ban the desecration of it dating back to the 1897 SAR Cleveland Congress. The SAR was in the forefront of the American Flag Association which was composed of like minded patriotic societies who helped in getting flag protection laws passed in the various states (and territories—Arizona being one of them!). Flag Day is also a direct result of its efforts.

Here are just a few historical notations regarding our efforts in its display and protection.

The March 1904 edition of the *Spirit of '76* magazine contains an article outlining an address by Ralph E. Prime, President of the American Flag Protective Society and SAR compatriot. He said in part:

“Since 1897 we [the SAR] have been steadily at work obtaining, in the first place, legislation in the different States to make it criminal to desecrate the flag. We now out of the 45 states [have] a Flag Law in 27 States, in the Territory of Arizona and the Territory of Porto Rico. . . . That gives us an almost unbroken column of States from the Atlantic to the Pacific. . . .”

The 1911 the *Official Bulletin of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution* had this to say about the territory of Arizona as pointed out in this excerpt: “**Rev. Lewis Halsey addressed the Congress on behalf of the Arizona Society.** He said they had a flourishing young Society in Arizona, of something over fifty members, and that they also had a flag law in Arizona, which was enforced.” (Compatriot Halsey was active in the AZ SAR as far back as 1901 when he was elected as the state chaplain and served on various national committees through at least 1911.)

The December 1912 issue of the *Official Bulletin*: “The Flag Committee . . . is taking steps to secure the

display of the stars and stripes on every post-office throughout the land. By order of the Treasury Department all life-saving stations will hereafter display the national flag daily from 8:00 a.m. to sunset.”

The March 1914 *Official Bulletin* continues with the committee’s progress: “The Flag Committee reported on its efforts to secure Federal legislation to prevent the desecration of the national flag. The committee recommends that children in the public schools of the country be taught the history of the American flag and its meaning. . . .”

In 1916 the Twenty-Seventh SAR Congress adopted the following resolution: “Whereas, it has come to the attention of this Society that there is no provision in the United States statutes requiring the display of the American flag in the respective United States courts, the offices of the clerks of said courts, or in the offices of the United States examiners: therefore be it Resolved , That the National Congress of the Sons of the American Revolution petition the Congress of the United States to that end that bills be introduced in both branches of the Congress of the United States, which bills shall duly provide for the furnishing of a suitable American flag for each of the United States court-rooms, for each of the offices of the clerks of said courts, and for each of the offices used in proceedings in the connection with the naturalization of aliens.”

Now fast forward to more recent events.

In 1989 the 99<sup>th</sup> SAR Congress passed a resolution in support of the Flag Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Part of that resolution reads:

“WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States . . . [decided] that it was constitutional to burn the flag of the United States of America, and

WHEREAS, the NSSAR was the original sponsor of FLAG DAY as a National celebration and wrote the legislation to prevent the desecration of our Flag, and

WHEREAS, the NSSAR believes that the burning of the American Flag to protest policy is not a right of free speech that the Founding Fathers intended to protect by the First Amendment to the Constitution. . .

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the NSSAR CONGRESS ASSEMBLED . . . (3) it urges the Congress to pass a constitutional amendment to make physical desecration of the Flag of the United States illegal. . . .”

And finally, the fall 2011 issue to the SAR Magazine contained an article titled “Our Flag” written by then President General Larry Magerkurth. Here is part what he wrote: “Today the SAR stands in hand with 140 organizations nationwide as members of the **Citizens Flag Alliance**, a grassroots organization [founded by the American Legion in 1989] whose only

goal is to win passage of a Constitutional amendment to protect our flag from physical desecration.”

The Citizens Flag Alliance is still actively engaged in this effort and on **April 15, 2017, the Barry M. Goldwater SAR Chapter joined the list of nationwide organizations when it became an official member!**

Compatriots, always remember to honor, respect, and fly our flag—the red, white, and blue, national symbol of the greatest country on earth—the United States of America!



**Next BMG Meeting**

As a reminder we have no meeting during the summer—below is our meeting schedule.

**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.

- Off for the summer months
- September 21
- October 19
- November 16
- December—to be announced
- Please mark your calendars!**

**For having lived long, I have experienced many instances of being obliged, by better information or fuller consideration, to change opinions, even on important subjects, which I once thought right but found to be otherwise.**

**—Benjamin Franklin**

For it will not be believed that such a force as Great Britain has employed for eight years in this Country could be baffled in their plan of Subjugating it by numbers infinitely less—composed of Men often times half starved—always in Rags—without pay—& experiencing, at times, every Species of distress which human nature is capable of undergoing.

**—George Washington**

**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 !**



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

- Mark Hazelton 6/7**
- Justin O'Brien 6/9**
- David Swanson 6/28**
- William Wingert II 6/28**
- Daniel Van Denburgh 6/28**
- Jeffrey Sellers 6/30**

**July**

- Carlton Phillips Sr. 7/19**
- Kevin Mead 7/24**
- Neal Jennings 7/29**
- Tim Beville 7/22**

**August**

- Christopher Karr 8/04**
- Carter Thompson 8/05**
- Jerry Mead 8/9**
- Jerry Richards 8/14**
- John McCain 8/29**

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