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Arizona Sons of the American Revolution



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Welcome back from our summer break!

New Compatriots

Compatriot **John Steven Hanson** of Fountain Hills, AZ was approved for membership in the SAR and our Chapter on May 26, 2017, base on his Patriot Ancestor John Short who assisted in establishing American Independence while acting in the capacity of PVT, VA. under Capts William Nall, Rowan McCutcheon, Cols William Boyers and Abraham Smith.

Compatriot **Lewis Alexander Wilson** of Carefree, AZ was approved for membership in the SAR and our Chapter on May 26, 2017, base on his Patriot Ancestor Samuel Little Billings who assisted in establishing American Independence while acting in the capacity of PVT, RI, in Thomas Hughes' Company in Newport, Rhode Island and Colonel Jeremiah Olney's Regiment.



New Compatriots—four generations

Compatriot **Donald Lee Koehler** was inducted on May 20, 2017, during our BMG Chapter meeting. Since then his son **Steven Jon Koehler**, his grandson **David Jason Koehler**, and his Great Grandson, Junior Member **Matthew Brooks Koehler** have been approved for membership and are also members of our Chapter!

Their Patriot Ancestor is Isaac Walker who signed the 1776 Association Test in Concord, New Hampshire.



Junior member Matthew Brooks Koehler



Oaths of Enlistment

Did you ever wonder what type of oath the men who joined the Continental Army took? Well, wonder no more as our friends at the "Center of Military History, United States Army have answered it!

"Enlisted: The first oath, voted on 14 June 1775 as part of the act creating the Continental Army, read: 'I ____ have this day, voluntarily enlisted myself, as a soldier, in the American continental army, for one year, unless sooner discharged. And I do bind myself to conform, in all instances, to such rules and regulations, as are, or shall be, established for the government of the said Army.' The original wording was effectively replaced by Section 3, Article 1, of the Articles of War approved by Congress on 20 September 1776, which specified that the oath of enlistment read: 'I ____ swear (or affirm as the case may be) to be true to the

United States of America, and to serve them honestly and faithfully against all their enemies opposers whatsoever, and to observe and obey the orders of the Continental Congress, and the orders of the Generals and officers set over me by them.'"

<http://www.history.army.mil/html/faq/oaths.html>

Articles of War approved by Congress September 20, 1776

The Articles are a pretty interesting read, but those of us who go about dueling and challenging others to a duel—well you had better read below:

“Art. 2. No officer or soldier shall presume to send a challenge to any other officer or soldier, to fight a duel, upon pain, if a commissioned officer, of being cashiered, if a non-commissioned officer or soldier, of suffering corporal punishment, at the discretion of a court-martial.”

And if you plan on misbehaving yourself before the enemy or if you plan on pillaging or plundering, you might think twice about it:

“Art. 13. Whatsoever officer or soldier shall misbehave himself before the enemy, and run away, or shamefully abandon any fort, post or guard, which he or they shall be commanded to defend, or speak words inducing others to do the like; or who, after victory, shall quit his commanding officer, or post, to plunder and pillage: Every such offender, being duly convicted thereof, shall be reputed a disobeyer of military orders; and shall suffer death, or such other punishment, as, by a general court-martial, shall be inflicted on him.”

And finally, if you have any thoughts about getting even with your superior officer, just let them go!

“Art. 5. Any officer or soldier who shall strike his superior officer, or draw, or shall lift up any weapon, or offer any violence against him, being in the execution of his office, on any presence whatsoever, or shall disobey any lawful command of his superior officer, shall suffer death, or such other punishment as shall, according to the nature of his offence, be inflicted upon him by the sentence of a court-martial.”

Thanks to the Yale Law School and its Avalon Project

http://avalon.law.yale.edu/18th_century/contcong_09-20-76.asp



The last president who was a veteran of the Revolutionary War

It doesn't take a military historian to determine that George Washington was the first U.S. president who was a veteran of the Revolutionary War, but who was the last? No, it was not Reagan and it was not Lincoln.

Hint: He was a scout and fought against the British at the Battle of Hanging Rock in 1780 before being captured.

Give up? The answer is contained somewhere in the newsletter.



Cox email and you

Over the last year or so (and maybe longer) I have had trouble sending emails and newsletters out to subscribers with a Cox email address. In several instances Compatriots actually had to change their email address to other companies such as Yahoo or Gmail.

When I email newsletters I assume your address is good unless I get a rejection notice saying that the address is not valid or the mail box is full or it is unreachable for too long—something along those lines. But with Cox I sometimes get no notification and I assume that the newsletter has been received—not so! Even if the address is good the Cox server apparently—at times—will not deliver the email with or without an attachment and neither you nor I know about it. I do not experience this problem with any other email companies. (In my spare time I write newsletters for several organizations including the BMG Chapter).

What can be done? That I do not know and neither do my newsletter scribes or minions but if you are a Cox email subscriber and you are not receiving newsletters or other emails—even though somebody said they sent it to you—you now you know why. And as George Washington so famously said: “Caveat Emptor.” Oh, and by the way the last president who was a veteran of the Revolutionary War was good old Andy Jackson.



Henry Ward Beecher

We have all heard of Harriet Beecher Stowe—author of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, and most have heard of her brother Henry Ward Beecher, a very famous minister, social reformer, and abolitionist. In fact Henry was the minister of the Plymouth Church in New York City and because of him it “regularly had a packed house for its 3,000 seats and became a tourist attraction for people visiting New York City. Henry Ward Beecher was a full-out celebrity.”

<https://www.biography.com/people/henry-ward-beecher-9204662>

The cynic is one who never sees a good quality in a man and never fails to see a bad one. He is the human owl, vigilant in darkness and blind to light, mousing for vermin, and never seeing noble game. The cynic puts all human actions into two classes — openly bad and secretly bad.

—Henry Ward Beecher

In Memorial

The Barry M. Goldwater Chapter is saddened to learn of the passing of Marilyn Orr—wife of Compatriot Winfield Orr.

Marylyn died on July 31, 2017, and will be buried in Colorado.

Our sincere condolences to Win.



Next BMG Meeting

Our next meeting will take place on Thursday, September 21st sat 6:30 p.m. at the Deer Valley Airport Restaurant—see below.

The speaker will be Charley Foley who is the founder of "Flags for the Flagless." Mr. Foley is a 16 year veteran of the Tucson Police Dept.

Come out, shake off the summer heat, and have a great time!

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!



Well wishes to BMG Compatriot Senator John McCain

The following was sent via email and a get well card was sent by AZ SAR Chaplain Mike Jones on behalf of the AZ SAR and our Chapter:

Dear Senator McCain:

The Arizona Sons of the American Revolution and your Chapter—the Barry M. Goldwater Chapter, are saddened to hear of your recently discovered health problems.

On behalf of Chapter President Robert Rearley and the entire Chapter, we wish you the very best and please know that you are in our prayers for a speedy and complete recovery.

Fraternally,

David A. Swanson,

Barry M. Goldwater SAR

Chapter Secretary

**“Diplomacy is the art of saying ‘Nice doggie’ until you can find a rock”
—Will Rodgers**

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 September

Derek Mead 9/3

Noah Risher 9/5

Brannon Bartley 9/12

Chuck Stuller 9/13

Robert Faerber 9/24

Evan Ziker 9/21

Mike Perry 9/24

Dawson Schneringer 9/23

Bob McNeese- Young 9/26

Robert Denny II 9/27

George Washington—the whiskey distiller

In 1799, George Washington’s distillery produced nearly 11,000 gallons, making it the largest whisky distillery in America at the time. This was one of the most profitable enterprises at Mt. Vernon at the time.

Did you know:

Washington was the only founding father to commercially operate a distillery?

James Anderson, Washington’s farm manager, convinced Washington to begin his distilling operation?

Washington’s distillery was the largest distillery in the nation at its time?

Six enslaved distillers worked within Washington’s distillery?

Washington’s distillery was recreated and it can be visited today?

Well, the answer to all of this is, yes. For more information about these items and more go to:

<http://www.mountvernon.org/the-estate-gardens/distillery/ten-facts-about-the-distillery/>

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.

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Agenda September 21, 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

The speaker will be Charley Foley who is the 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.