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Arizona Sons of the American Revolution



October 2017

Minutes of the September 21, 2017, BMG Chapter meeting

Location:

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

Our September 21, 2017, Chapter meeting was opened by BMG President Bob Rearley at 6:30 p.m. Our special guest was Arizona SAR President Steve Monez. (The Chapter secretary was not at the meeting and he thanks his correspondents on the ground for the following meeting minutes and pictures.)

After introducing guests and prospective members, Bob Rearley introduced President Monez (who, as it turned out, was very busy during the meeting!). He spoke about the planned activities at the November 10-11, 2018, Arizona SAR Board of Managers meeting to be held in Prescott.

He also talked about the SAR and its stance on the current US Flag Desecration Amendment, the 2018 SAR Congress which will be held in Houston, and the benefits of the SAR George Washington Endowment Fund.

Liberty Medal presentations

Arizona SAR President Monez presented the Liberty Medal to two very deserving BMG Compatriots, Bill Orr and Ed Karr!

New BMG Compatriot inducted

Steven Jon Koehler (son of BMG Compatriot Donald Koehler) was inducted by President Monez who then explained the meaning of the SAR Medal.

Compatriot Koehler's Patriot Ancestor is Isaac Walker who signed the 1776 Association Test in Concord, New Hampshire.

A short history of the Koehler's and the SAR was printed in the September newsletter but if you missed it read on:

"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!"



(L-R) Arizona SAR President Steve Monez and Compatriots Steven Jon Koehler and Donald Lee Koehler

Military Service Medal

The SAR Military Service Medal was awarded to Compatriot Donald Lee Koehler by BMG Veterans Committee Chairman Ed Karr.

Don entered Navy active duty service at San Francisco, CA on 15 Sep 1953 and was Honorably Discharged almost 4 years later at Naval Auxiliary Air Station Ream Field, Imperial Beach, CA on 30 Aug 1957.



(L-R) BMG Veterans Committee Chairman Ed Karr and Compatriot Donald Koehler

Don, thanks for your service to our country!

Guest speaker

Our guest speaker was Charley Foley, a 16 year veteran of the Tucson Police Department, and founder of “Flags for the Flagless.”

In 2014 he met a professional football player who told him how he was giving back to veterans and it inspired him to do more with his life—that’s when he organized his nonprofit organization, Flags for the Flagless.

To date, Charley has raised 94 American flags around Pima County, placed close to 400 flags in school classrooms between Brooklyn NY and Tucson and for the past two years, he has partnered with the University of Arizona to fly a different family's interment flags at every home football game.



(L-R) Charley Foley being presented with a certificate of appreciation from BMG Vice President Jerry Mead



New Compatriot

Compatriot **Richard Jay Coyle** of Scottsdale, AZ was approved for membership in the SAR and our Chapter on August 23, 2017, based on his 8th generation Patriot Ancestor Peter Pitts who assisted in establishing American Independence while acting in the capacity of Captain, MA, Col Timothy Walker, Bristol CO Regt..

Congratulations and Welcome!



President’s Column

Compatriots,

It was good to see everyone back from summer vacation inspired and ready to start a new season. I like to personally greet everyone, especially new members. My apologies if I don’t make it to you. We have several new members and I would encourage all to order name tags. They are available with the SAR logo from the SAR Store, at a cost of \$20.00.

BMG Vice President Jerry Mead has some great speakers lined up for future meetings. If you know of someone who you think we would enjoy hearing, don’t hesitate to tell Jerry.

Remember to bring your donations for “Packages From Home” to the October 19th meeting. Looking forward to seeing all of you then.

—Bob Rearley, President



Packages from Home Supporting our Troops

Each year our Chapter in conjunction with the Paradise Valley DAR helps support the non-profit organization “Packages from Home Supporting our Troops.”

Food and other items such as the following will be greatly appreciated by our troops—but remember to think small size and nothing glass: Lysol wipes, board games, shoe laces for gym shoes and boots, razors, ink pens, word puzzles, foot powder, paperback books, feminine hygiene products, deodorant, snack mixes, sunflower seeds, chewing gum, long-distance phone cards, Ziploc bags, coffee, playing cards, music CD’s toothbrushes & toothpaste, canned food items, cookies in individual packages, canned oysters and sardines, ramen noodles, macaroni and cheese, soup mix, koozies to keep water bottles and cans cool, magazines, and the like.

Please bring your items to the October 19th meeting.

2018 Annual Dues are . . . DUE!

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I recently emailed the 2018 dues information to all BMG Compatriots, but if you missed it, **the dues form is attached to the last page of the newsletter.** Please make my life a little easier by submitting them . . . now. Don’t wait for the bounty hunter to knock at your door; it’s embarrassing and a needless Chapter expense.

The American's Creed—and the BMG Chapter

In 1917 one of the most succinct, yet comprehensive patriotic statements of our country's identity, history, and tradition was written by SAR Compatriot William Tyler Page.

Please attend our October 19th Chapter meeting for important information about our American's Creed and the BMG Chapter!

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.



Compatriot ancestor information

Compatriot Bill Orr's Patriot Ancestor—Colonel John Jenkins

Compatriot Orr sent in the following interesting information which was included in an article in the November 24, 1927, edition of the *Philadelphia Ledger*.

Pennsylvanians, Past and Present

Colonel John Jenkins, Connecticut settler in the Wyoming Valley and distinguished officer of the Revolution, was born in New London County, Connecticut, November 27, 1751.

John's early years were spent in his native town in Connecticut, where he attended the schools and received all the education he ever had. He first came to the Wyoming Valley in the spring of 1772, being then nearly twenty-one years of age.

He soon became identified with the public life of the settlement. In October, 1775, he was a member of the General Assembly of Connecticut and was commissioned ensign in the Seventh, or Exeter, Company of the 24th Regiment, Connecticut Militia. In addition to his military duties he was appointed surveyor of lands for the County of Westmoreland in the Susquehanna purchase.

Ensign Jenkins was captured by some Indians and Tories November 1777, in the vicinity of Wyalusing, while he was in command of a scouting party and carried a prisoner to Niagara. He was taken to Montreal the following spring.

Col John Butler, the Tory, sent Ensign Jenkins under an escort of Indians to Albany to be exchanged for an Indian chief of some celebrity. Upon their arrival the chief had just died of smallpox and the escort determined to deliver Jenkins to the grand council, but on the way he effected his escape and, after enduring great fatigue and starvation, he reached home on June 2, 1778.

During the Battle of Wyoming, July 3, 1778, Forty Fort was garrisoned by a small detail commanded by Ensign Jenkins. After the surrender of the fort, Jenkins joined Captain Spaulding's company at which now is Stroudsburg.

In September he was with Colonel Thomas Hartley's expedition from Fort Muncy to Tioga Point. He also accompanied General John Sullivan's expedition in the autumn of 1779, when he performed valuable service as a guide.

After this tour of duty, Lieutenant Jenkins remained in Wilkes-Barre with his company. On February 25, 1781, Captain Spaulding and his command began their march to join the main army, and Lieutenant Jenkins was with the American Army at the surrender of Cornwallis, October 17, 1781. He resigned from the service March 1, 1782, and returned to Wyoming Valley.

He was a justice of the peace for Westmoreland County and lieutenant colonel of the militia.

In the winter of 1788-89 Colonel Jenkins, John Swift and four assistants were surveying land in Wayne County, N. Y., and were attacked in their cabin by Tuscarora Indians who fired upon them while asleep. Jenkins and Daniel Ransom escaped unhurt. After burying their dead these two pursued the Indians and captured and killed two of them.

In 1797 Colonel Jenkins was elected to the Pennsylvania Legislature from Luzerne County.

Some years subsequent to the Revolution Colonel Jenkins purchased a large tract of land in Exeter Township, which had formerly been in possession of the Troy family of Wintermute and upon which Wintermute Fort stood at the time of the Battle of Wyoming. Upon this site Colonel Jenkins built a dwelling house which he occupied with his family until his death, March 19, 1827.

—Editor's note: Thanks Bill for sending in this great article! (I finally learned how to spell Connecticut, Wyalusing, and Wintermute!)

Compatriots—send in your Patriot Ancestors information for publication in the newsletter.



FYI

Compatriot and Past BMG President Dr. Bill Hearter moved to Pennsylvania over the summer and we wish him well!

Next BMG Meeting

Our next meeting will take place on Thursday, October 19, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. at the Deer Valley Airport Restaurant—see below.

Our speaker will be Christopher J. Raso, middle school social studies teacher in the Dysart Unified School District.

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.

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 !



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

Thomas L. Turner 10/04

Dana Abbott 10/5

Bob Moore 10/07

Peter Combs Jr. 10/16

Did you know?

History's first submarine attack took place in New York Harbor in 1776!

The Connecticut inventor David Bushnell called his submarine the Turtle because it resembled two large tortoise shells of equal size joined together. The watertight hull was made of 6-inch-thick oak timbers coated with tar. On September 6, 1776, the Turtle targeted the HMS Eagle, flagship of the British fleet. The submarine was supposed to secure a cask of gunpowder to the hull of the Eagle and sneak away before it exploded. Unfortunately, the Turtle got entangled with the Eagle's rudder bar, lost ballast and surfaced before the gunpowder could be planted.



And in case you have already forgotten:

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Agenda October 19, 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.

The American's Creed

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Business Session

Officer Reports
New member inductions (if any)
Installation of 2017 Chapter officers

Dinner

50/50 Raffle

Program

Our program speaker will be Christopher J. Raso, middle school social studies teacher in the Dysart Unified School District

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.

2018 ANNUAL DUES NOTICE

Greetings Barry M. Goldwater SAR Chapter Compatriots:

It is that time of year again. Please submit your dues at your earliest convenience.

Dues for 2018 must be received prior to December 1, 2017. *(If not received by December 31, member shall cease to be a member in good standing and may be dropped from the rolls.)*

Name (s) _____

Regular Member Annual Dues: \$60.00

This includes \$35 SAR dues, \$11.00 AZ SAR dues, and \$14.00 BMG dues.

Dues enclosed \$ _____

Life Member Annual Dues: \$25.00

This includes \$11.00 AZ SAR dues and \$14.00 BMG dues. (Life members are only exempt from National SAR dues)

Dues enclosed \$ _____

Dual Members Annual Dues: \$14.00

Dual members in the BMG Chapter pay chapter dues of \$14.00. (You are responsible for paying national, state and other chapter dues to your primary state or chapter.)

Dues enclosed \$ _____

Junior Dues: \$5.00

Junior dues are a total of \$5.00.

Dues enclosed \$ _____

Total dues enclosed \$ _____

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