



# THE GOLDWATER JOURNAL

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



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## Thanksgiving Proclamation

New York, October 3, 1789

By the President of the United States of America, a  
Proclamation

Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor-- and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.

Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be— That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks--for his kind care and protection of the People of this Country previous to their becoming a Nation— for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of his Providence which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war--for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed— for the peaceable

and rational manner, in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted— for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed; and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions-- to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually--to render our national government a blessing to all the people, by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed— to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations (especially such as have shewn kindness unto us) and to bless them with good government, peace, and concord--To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the encrease of science among them and us--and generally to grant unto all Mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand at the City of New York the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1789.

Go: Washington

## Minutes of the October 19, 2017, Chapter meeting

Location:

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

Our October 19, 2017, Chapter meeting was opened by BMG President Bob Rearley at 6:30 p.m. with 17 Compatriots and guests in attendance.

### Officer reports:

*BMG President* Bob Rearley welcomed everyone and briefly talked about the Chapter's flag retirement ceremony and problems with getting it in place.

*BMG Vice President and JROTC Coordinator* Jerry Mead presented information regarding the Chapter's JROTC program. We have eight high schools which receive JROTC medals and one high school with a Sea Cadet program. Currently, the JROTC Committee has the following Compatriots who are active in medal presentations: Jerry Mead, Ed Karr, Voie Coy, Doug Baty, and Bob Denney. He would like to have one Compatriot for each of the eight schools and asked for volunteers to assist—Don Koehler stepped up to the plate—thanks Don!

**We need more assistance—please contact Jerry and volunteer to assist—it is not time consuming and it is very rewarding!**

*Secretary/Treasurer* David Swanson indicated that we are in good financial shape and that dues collection for 2018 is coming right along.

## 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.

During our opening ceremony the American's Creed was recited for the first time by all Compatriots and guests. David Swanson gave a brief talk about the Creed and its relevance not only to the SAR but to our present day situations. The American's Creed was approved by the 29<sup>th</sup> annual SAR Congress in 1918. "WHEREAS it is specially appropriate that . . . in the midst of the world's war, some renewal of the memories of the past and a pledge for the future should be entered into by the descendants of the patriots whose blood and sacrifice has made safe to us our national existence and liberties . . ." That same sentiment holds true almost 100 years later with the Global War on Terrorism.

When a vote was taken to include the American's Creed in all future BMG opening ceremonies, all of the Compatriots present gave a resounding approval!

## New BMG Compatriot inducted

Compatriot **Richard Jay Coyle** of Scottsdale, AZ was inducted in the SAR and our Chapter October 19, 2017, by BMG President Bob Rearley. Compatriot Coyle's membership is based on his 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

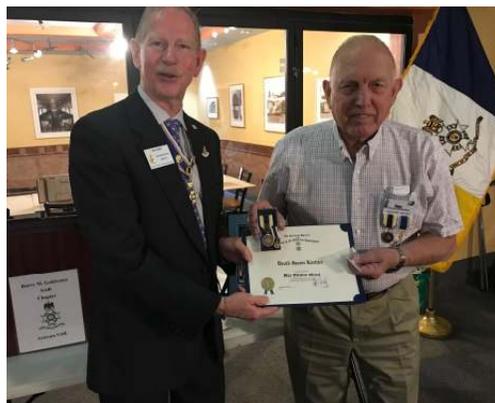


(L-R) BMG President Bob Rearley, Compatriot Richard Coyle, and first line signer Dana Abbott

## Military Service Medal

The SAR War Service Medal was awarded to Compatriot David J. Koehler and was received by his grandfather Compatriot Donald Koehler. Along with the medal David was awarded three service bars for his duty with the Marine Corps in Afghanistan, Iraq, and the Global War on Terrorism.

**David, the BMG Chapter passes its sincere thanks for your service to our country!**



(L-R) BMG Veteran's Committee Chairman Ed Karr and Compatriot Donald Koehler

### **50/50 drawing**

Compatriot Richard Coyle was the lucky winner of the drawing and the BMG Chapter was also the lucky recipient since he donated his winning to the Chapter.

The Chapter is now \$60 better off!

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### **Speaker**

We were very privileged to have **Christopher J. Raso** as our speaker for the evening..

He is the recipient of the Arizona SAR Dr. Tom and Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award. He has been a middle school Social Studies teacher for twenty-one years and holds a Master of Education degree from Northern Arizona University and a Bachelor of Secondary Education- History degree from Arizona State University.

During his eleven years in the Dysart Unified School District, this educator has been recognized multiple times by professional and public service organizations for his community outreach projects. These awards were bestowed by groups such as: Veterans of Foreign Wars, Arizona Education Foundation, Arizona Historical Advisory Commission, Surprise Rotary Club and the Arizona Office of the Governor.

Mr. Raso gave an outstanding speech about why it is important for students to learn about the Revolutionary War, our county's accomplishments, and to never disavow our heritage. Students should hear about the good and bad—the human frailty—of our past founders but they need to focus on the best qualities which helped build this nation. They should be taught to stand by our Constitution and not to the right or left of it.

This overview does not do justice to qualities of Mr. Raso's speech which was roundly received by all present.



(L-R) Christopher Raso receiving a certificate of appreciation by BMG Vice President Jerry Mead

### **New BMG Compatriots**

Compatriot **Marshall Ira Trimble** of Scottsdale was registered for membership in the SAR and our Chapter on October 13, 2017, based on his 7<sup>th</sup> generation Patriot Ancestor Robert Trimble who assisted in establishing American Independence while acting in the capacity of Captain in the Virginia Militia at the Battle of King's Mountain, SC, under Colonel William Campbell, Commander-in-Chief. If Compatriot Trimble's name sounds familiar, it should! He is Arizona's official state historian.

Compatriot **Albert (Bert) Winemiller** recently joined our Chapter as a Dual Member! Bert's primary chapter and state society are: William C. Corum Chapter in the Missouri Society.

Junior Compatriot **Evan Michael Kobley** of Scottsdale was registered for membership in the SAR and our Chapter on October 13, 2017, based on his 8<sup>th</sup> generation Patriot Ancestor Stephen Bennett who assisted in establishing American Independence while acting in the capacity of Private in Captain Elias Stillwell's Company known as the 6<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Company, First Connecticut Regiment.

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### **Two new SAR Life Members**

BMG Compatriots Robert McNeese-Young and Robert Faerber joined the Life Member ranks of the SAR—congratulations and thank you for your support!

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### **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."

Many of the Compatriots attending the meeting brought items to be used in the Packages from Home Supporting our Troops project and our troops can certainly use them!

A hearty thanks to all who gave!

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### **An outstanding opportunity to help preserve Revolutionary War battlefields—again**

Campaign 1776, the Civil War Trust's initiative to preserve battlefields of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, is currently working to save the 14.85 crucial acres, at the heart of the Princeton Battlefield, where Washington's famous charge occurred.

During the 2017 Sons of the American Revolution's Fall Leadership Conference, a resolution was passed supporting this initiative and actively encouraging our membership to consider donations to help raise the final \$250,000 (out of the original \$4,000,000 price).

In 2015 the BMG Chapter donated \$100.00 and during the recent October 28, 2017, Board of Officers meeting it was unanimously agreed that we would donate an additional \$200.

THIS IS ALL TIME SENSITIVE as the deadline for closing on this property in *December 15, 2017*.

If you, as Compatriots of the BMG Chapter, would like to privately donate money to this worthwhile cause here is how you can do it.

Donate online at:

<https://www.civilwar.org/give/donate-campaign-1776>

Donate by mail: Write your check to the Civil War Trust and mail to

Campaign 1776

P.O. Box 17656

Baltimore, Md, 21297-1656

For more information you can phone: (301) 665-1400.

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### New BMG committee chairmen

Compatriot Bob Denny took over as chairman of the BMG Veterans committee and Compatriot Ed Karr left that position to take over as the chairman of the BMG C.A.R. committee

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### Christmas social Dec 21, 2017

It is not too early to make plans to attend our annual joint Christmas meeting with the Paradise Valley DAR.

We will meet at the Deer Valley Airport Restaurant at our normal 6:30 p.m. time and we will order dinner from the menu as we normally do. We will also induct new Compatriot Marshall Trimble at the event.

There will be a great raffle and all Compatriots will receive their tickets by mail. (Raffle tickets will also be available at the door—or reasonably close to it.)

### Next BMG Meeting

Our next meeting will take place on Thursday, November 16, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. at the Deer Valley Airport Restaurant, 702 W. Deer Valley Rd, Phoenix.

Our speaker will be Tricia Alexander, President of the Arizona C.A.R.

We will also elect our 2018 BMG officers.

### 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.

November 16th

December—21st

**Please mark your calendars!**

### 2018 dues are still due—from some

Thank you to all of the Compatriots who have sent in their 2018 dues! You will NOT be joining me on the fun-filled weekend in Ajo.

All BMG Compatriots have received their dues notices either through the use of the newsletter, direct mailing, or both. If for some reason you can't find your notice because the dog ate it or an alien absconded with it or you absent-mindedly used it in the outhouse (hopefully you at least read it first) please contact BMG Secretary/Treasurer David Swanson: 480-599-9143 or email him at [swanson1854@yahoo.com](mailto:swanson1854@yahoo.com). He will have one of his treasurer minions send another notice. As a reminder, to be a member in good standing dues must be received by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Operators are standing by!



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

**Robert Turner 11/05**

**Robert Wilbanks IV 11/11**

**Scott Freeman 11/12**

**Winfield Orr Jr. 11/22**

**Mark Stevenson 11/24**

**John Donaldson 11/26**

**Bert Winemiller 11/26**

**Steven Koehler 11/29**

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**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 !**

### BMG Committees

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*Chairman:*

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#### **Hospitality Committee**

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#### **Fundraising Committee**

Open

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Robert H. Bohannan 2007-2009

Carlton V. Phillips 2009-2010

John R. Conrad 2010-2011

Earl E. Atwood Sr. 2011-2013

David A. Swanson 2013-2015

William Hearter MD 2015-2017



# Barry M. Goldwater Chapter Arizona SAR

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## Agenda November 16, 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**

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.

**Business Session**

Officer Reports  
New member inductions (if any)

**Dinner**

**50/50 Raffle**

**Program**

Our program speaker will be Tricia Alexander, C.A.R. state president and member of the Hallie Orme Thomas Society Children of the American Revolution based in northwest Phoenix.

**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.