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Arizona Sons of the American Revolution



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Well, Christmas is right around the corner and sometimes we just need a little reminder that there *really is* a Santa Claus. Take a few minutes and read this reprinted article from the September 21, 1897, edition of *The New York Sun*—you will be glad you did—oh, and . . . **Merry Christmas!**

Dear Editor: I am 8 years old.
Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.
Papa says, 'If you see it in The Sun it's so.'
Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?
Virginia O'Hanlon
115 West Ninety-Fifth Street

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! He lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Minutes of the November 16, 2017, Chapter meeting

Location:

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

Our November 16, 2017, Chapter meeting was opened by BMG President Bob Rearley at 6:30 p.m. with 22 Compatriots and guests in attendance.

Officer reports:

President Bob Rearley welcomed everyone to the November Chapter meeting.

Secretary/Treasurer David Swanson gave a financial update—the Chapter is in very good financial shape. Quite a few Compatriots have donated to the 2017 raffle—our annual fundraiser—and so far we have realized \$500.00! Dues collection for 2018 is progressing well—we have 12 Compatriots who have not submitted dues and our dues collection bounty hunters are chomping at the bit—but are being held in check—so far. Membership update: on January 1, 2017, we had 55 Chapter members and to date we have 71!

New BMG Chapter Junior Member inducted

Junior Compatriot **Evan Michael Koble**y of Scottsdale was inducted in the SAR and our Chapter by Chapter C.A.R. Committee Chairman Ed Karr. Compatriot Koble's 8th generation Patriot Ancestor is Stephen Bennett, Private in Captain Elias Stillwell's Company known as the 6th and 3rd Company, First Connecticut Regiment.

Michael is also a member of the Hohokam Society, Arizona Children of the American Revolution (C. A. R.).



(L-R) Ed Karr, Evan Koble with parents Michael and Henrietta

Welcome Junior Compatriot Evan Koble!

Barry M. Goldwater Chapter officer 2018 elections

The following slate of BMG officers for 2018 received unanimous approval from the Compatriots present:

President: Bob Rearley
Vice President: Jerry Mead
Sec/Treas: David Swanson
Registrar/Genealogist: Bill Orr
Asst Registrar/Genealogist: Dana Abbott
Chaplain: Rob Bohannon
Historian: David Swanson
Sgt-at-Arms: Chuck Stuller
Chancellor: John Conrad
Public Info Officer: Mike Jones
State BOM Rep: Jerry Mead

Speaker: We were privileged to have C. A. R. State President **Tricia Alexander** give a wonderful speech about the history of the Masons, the Shriners, and the C.A.R. fundraiser for Arizona Shriners Hospitals.

Tricia is an 8th grader at Jefferson Preparatory, a 7-12th grade charter school in Phoenix. She plays piano and takes vocal lessons. Her favorite classes are choir and drama. She's discovered a new love for the theater having been in both the fall and spring school productions last school year, and is in a leading role in this fall's show. Tricia was recently inducted into the National Junior Honor Society. She is a member of Hallie Orme Thomas Society Children of the American Revolution based in northwest Phoenix. This year's C.A.R. State Project was inspired by a program about the Shriners. As State President, she hopes to add some joy for the young patients of Shriners Hospitals while letting others know about this amazing organization



(L-R) Chapter C.A.R. Committee Chairman Ed Karr, C. A. R. State President Tricia Alexander and BMG Chapter President Bob Rearley

Tricia, thank you for a great speech!

BMG Chapter Historian David Swanson presented C. A. R. State President Tricia with several newspaper articles taken from *The Arizona Republican*.

The first was a January 18, 1925, article titled: “Patriotic Societies Organize Children’s Branch in Arizona” and as the title suggests outlines the organization and completion of the Arizona chapter “known as the Hallie O. Thomas chapter, adopting the name of Mrs. W. E. Thomas of Phoenix who assisted in the organization of the first chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in the state.”

The second article dated November 21, 1926, contains pictures of several members of the Chapter and the third, dated December 5, 1926, outlines its first meeting of the year along with its officers and program.

50/50 drawing: Compatriot Bob Young was the winner of \$30 and so was our Chapter! Thanks to all who participated

Denny Lessard—guest of Compatriot Bob Denny, gave a very interesting talk about his interactions with Barry Goldwater. As an Air Force pilot he was tasked with flying then Senator Barry M. Goldwater during his travels to and from Arizona for 4-5 years and had the opportunity to talk extensively with him. They traded many stories and Senator Goldwater had a great love of Arizona and its history.

President Bob Rearley gave an overview of his presentation to 157, 7th students of the Sunset Heights middle school in Peoria—see the “President’s Column” for more information—Great work Mr. President!

He also talked about the Arizona SAR Board of Managers meeting which was held in Prescott last weekend, and closed the meeting by reading an excellent article regarding the first Thanksgiving.

BMG President’s column

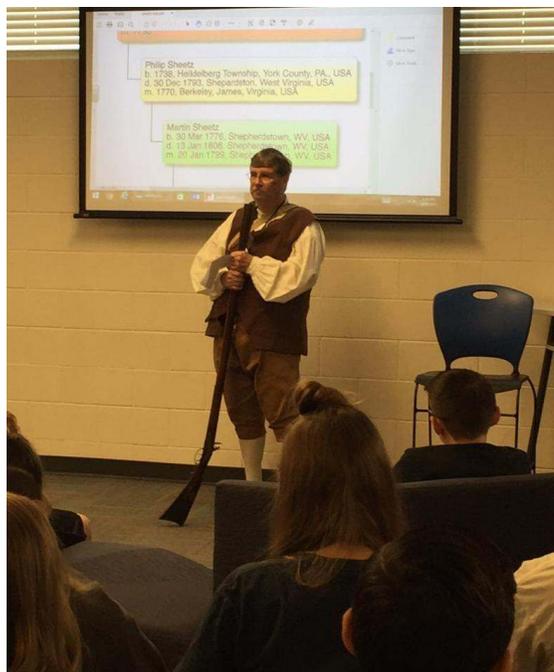
On October 30th I was invited to speak to one hundred and fifty seventh graders at Sunset Heights Elementary in the Peoria School District. The topic was, “Life in Colonial America and The American Revolution”. This presentation was part of our chapter’s effort to increase interest in our Founding Fathers and the Patriots who fought to achieve our Independence. If you know of any social studies teachers or anyone who might have an interest in SAR members making similar presentations, please let me know. I would like to invite any Goldwater Chapter members to become involved in this effort as well.

I have recently talked about the need for more members for the AzSAR Color Guard. If you are

interested, please contact me. Don’t worry about equipment or period dress at this point. We will worry about that later.

Hope to see you at the December Social. Carolyn and I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and safe, Happy New Year.

—Bob Rearley



BMG Chapter President Bob Rearley giving his presentation

Barry M Goldwater Arizona SAR Chapter 2017 Raffle

All BMG Compatriots have received their raffle tickets for our annual raffle—if you have not sent yours in now is the time to do it. This is our only Chapter fundraiser so support your BMG Chapter.

The deadline for sending in your tickets is December 12, 2017.

In Memorial

Gladys Phillips, Life member of the Arizona SAR Auxiliary and wife of Past BMG President Carl Phillips passed away on November 21, 2017.

The funeral Mass will be at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, December 15th, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 3801 N. Miller Rd., Scottsdale 85251 (the SE corner of Main St & Miller Rd. The parish office is on Main, so the internet shows 7655 E. Main as the address.) The interment service (for those who wish to attend) will follow at St. Francis Catholic Cemetery, 2033 N. 48th St., Phoenix. The reception afterwards will be at the church hall.

BMG Chapter's first Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Award presentation

Thanks entirely to BMG Public Information Officer Mike Jones, our Chapter has given its first (of hopefully many more) Emergency Medical Services awards. Captain David Sargent was presented with the SAR Emergency Leadership Award Medal and certificate by Compatriot Jones during a presentation ceremony at his fire station (#606), 10850 E. Via Linda Drive, Scottsdale.

Present at the ceremony were Scottsdale Fire Chief Tom Shannon, Division Fire Chief John Whitney, on duty firefighters of station 606, and the following BMG Compatriots: Mike Jones, Ed Karr (with daughter-in-law Kristen Karr), David Swanson, Bob Denny, Jerry Mead, and Winfield Orr.

During EMS Week this year Capt. Dave Sargent was honored on 24 May with the EMS Leadership Award from the Scottsdale Fire Department for mentoring the department's medics and providing leadership and dedication to the professionalism of their Emergency Medical Services. Captain Sargent is the Co-chair for the Scottsdale Fire Department EMS Team. He is responsible for researching new equipment and practices, delivering training, liaising with the department's Medical director and quality control of incident and patient reporting.

Taking that knowledge home with him and in his spare time, Capt. Dave Sargent has played a significant and instrumental part in the education & training for the Clear Creek Pines (CCP) Units 456 Volunteer Fire Dept. in Happy Jack, AZ area for the past 3 years where he and wife Margarita reside.



(L-R) Scottsdale Fire Chief Tom Shannon, Compatriots: Bob Denny, Winfield Orr, Jerry Mead, Ed Karr, Kristen Karr, David Swanson, Mike Jones, Captain David Sargent, and the on-duty fire fighters of Station # 606

December 21st Christmas Chapter social with Paradise Valley DAR

If you haven't already, be sure to grab your Christmas spirit and take it with you (and anyone else you wish to bring—no Scrooges please!) to our annual SAR/DAR Christmas party.

The location is the same as last year, Deer Valley Airport Restaurant, 702 W. Deer Valley Road, and we will start at our usual 6:30 p.m. time. We will have a brief business meeting to induct Arizona's official state historian, Marshall Trimble into our Chapter, and then the festivities begin with food, fun, and the raffle!

If you plan to attend please let David Swanson know (swanson1854@yahoo.com or 480-599-9143) on or before December 18th so that we can give the restaurant a head count.



Information for the USS Stark Memorial report needed

In 1988, the SAR authorized the USS Stark Memorial Award to memorialize those brave men and women who continue to stand at the forefront to preserve the freedoms our patriotic ancestors fought so long and hard to achieve. Its purpose is to recognize outstanding SAR chapters and societies for their exceptional support of the activities of the SAR Veterans Committee and in serving the veteran community.

The USS Stark was a United States navy guided-missile frigate launched May 30, 1980 which was struck by two Exocet missiles fired from an Iraqi warplane, during it Middle East deployment, which killed 37 U. S. sailors and injured 21. After being repaired and returned to service she was decommissioned in 1999.

Support includes: Appointed to a VA hospital council; visited a veteran in a nursing home, hospital, or in the veteran's home; donated gifts to a veteran in a VA hospital or nursing home; donated money to a veterans voluntary service project (VAVS); donated publications to a VA reading room or library; took a veteran patient on an outing or party; participated in the SAR Wounded Warriors Program; participated the SAR Operation Ancestor Search Program; attended

special observances with veterans organizations; marked a Revolutionary War patriot grave; donated clothing or other items

If you assisted veterans this year, by doing any of these activities or if you have any questions about the program please contact our BMG Veterans Committee Chairman Bob Denny at: benchdex@gmail.com or phone him: 408-761-6323.

2018 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. on the third Thursday of the following months:

- January 18th
- February 15th
- March 15th
- April 19th
- May 17th
- (No summer meetings)
- September 20th
- October 18th
- November 15
- December—to be announced

Please mark your calendars!



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

December

- Bob Young 12/01
- Byron Limbers 12/02
- Evan Kobley 12/08
- David Paulsen 12/09
- Chris Stuller 12/11
- Stephen Talbert 12/15
- Bob Rearley 12/24
- Pete Peterson 12/27
- Karl Johnson 12/28
- Joshua Turner 12/21

Special recognition to Pete Peterson at age 94 and to Bob Young (the rug-rat) at age 90!

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 !

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