

The Saguaro Patriot

A newsletter of the Saguaro Chapter,
Arizona Society, Sons of the American Revolution

Buffalo Soldiers of the Indian Wars 1866-1890

Our January 2015 Program featured Sgt. Major J.J. Jones and his wife Lady Diane Jones. They presented a great historical presentation regarding the history and role of the Buffalo Soldiers who served during the Civil War and Indian Wars.

Jones portrays First Sergeant George Jordan, US Army, a Buffalo Soldier and Medal of Honor Recipient, for his actions in the Indian Wars of the western United States.

Jones's father was a Buffalo Soldier so this is his way of honoring his father and educating others on the role of African Americans in the history of our country and their role in the fight for our freedoms.



Compatriot Whit Revell (L) Sgt. Major J.J. Jones (C), and Compatriot Jim Heller (R) with presentation of thanks from the Saguaro Chapter.

SAR President General Brock to attend February 15th State Meeting



The State Meeting will be held in Chandler and will be a kilt evening event. This meeting will be attended by SAR President General Lindsey Brock. If you have a kilt or any kind of tartan, wear it to the meeting. This is not a black-tie event. Please refer to the State's Calendar at <http://www.azssar.org/state/calendar.html> for further information.

Saguaro Chapter to celebrate 50 years on April 11th

Our Chapter will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its Charter on April 11th. If you have an interest in helping with preparations please contact Chairman Allen Nash at nashal13@cox.net or phone 623-566-1784.

We're excited to prepare a wonderful event for all to enjoy so please step in and help to make this a memorable event.

History Corner



"Join, or Die" is a well-known political cartoon, created by Benjamin Franklin and first published in his *Pennsylvania Gazette* on May 9, 1754.

The original publication by the *Gazette* is the earliest known pictorial representation of colonial union produced by a British colonist in America.

It is a woodcut showing a snake cut into eighths, with each segment labeled with the initials of one of the thirteen American colonies or region. New England was represented as one segment, rather than the four colonies it was at that time. In addition, Delaware (then a part of Pennsylvania) and Georgia were omitted completely.

Thus, it has eight segments of snake rather than the traditional 13 colonies. The two northernmost British American colonies at the time, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, were not represented, nor were any British Caribbean possessions.

The cartoon appeared along with Franklin's editorial about the "disunited state" of the colonies, and helped make his point about the importance of colonial unity. This cartoon was used in the French and Indian War to symbolize that the colonies needed to join together with Great Britain to defeat the French and Indians. It became a symbol of colonial freedom during the American Revolutionary War.

February Chapter Meeting Learn More About The First Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery

SAR Compatriot Mark Scott will present information his grandfather conducted on the first (original) Unknown Soldier interred at Arlington National Cemetery. Join us on February 14th at 8:30 a.m. at the Five & Diner DeLux in Surprise.

Opportunities to be involved with Society Activities

15 February 2015: Color Guard - Annual State Society Meeting/Chandler. Contact Steve Miller.

21 February 2015: Color Guard - 70th Anniversary Iwo Jima Flag Raising Parade in Sacaton. Contact Steve Miller.

06-07 March 2015: Spring Leadership Meeting, Louisville KY. Call the Brown Hotel at 1-888-888-5252 for reservations.

11 April 2015: Color Guard - 50th Anniversary of the Saguaro Chapter Party, in Sun City. Contact Steve Miller.

18 April 2015: AZSSAR BOM Meeting. At The Property, 1251 N. Gila Bend Hwy, Casa Grande. 9:00 – 10:00 Arrival & Check In; BOM meeting 10:00 – 12:00; Lunch 12:00 – 2:00. *Chapter Presidents and Committee Chairs:

13 June 2015: 119th anniversary of our 1st Arizona Society Charter.

25 June – 1 July 2015: 125th Congress, in Louisville, The Hyatt Regency is where rooms are available 1-502-581-1234.

25-26 September 2015: Fall Leadership Meeting, Louisville KY. Call the Brown Hotel at 1-888-888-5252 for reservations.

We hope you enjoyed this edition of The Saguaro Patriot

If you have information you want to share with the Chapter send an email with your information to

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Thank You

