



TUCSAR BUGLE



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Message from the President



George Lipphardt

We had a great turn-out for our March meeting. Thank you all for coming, hope to see you and more Chapter Compatriots at our April 18th meeting.

Vice President, Scott Driver was recognized for his outstanding work with the Eagle Scout program, and was given a Certificate of Appreciation. He is this year's Eagle Scout Committee Chairman.

We had an excellent talk by Dr. Louis Fanning on Intelligence and Homeland Security. Our intelligence people are doing their best to protect us.

Compatriot Alter came up with a terrific gift idea for our speakers. He purchased some SAR Challenge Coins for the chapter to give our speakers as a thank you gift. These beautiful coins are about the size of a Morgan Silver Dollar, in a gold-finish. See the article on page 2 for further information.

You all should have been called to remind you of the meeting. You can expect to be called before each future meeting as well. Please consider volunteering to become part of our "calling tree" group. It only takes a few minutes of your time, and with more help, our callers will have fewer members to phone. Contact Compatriot Lyons to volunteer.



Please consider obtaining a SAR name badge from the SAR on-line store (<http://store.sar.org>). We don't meet that often and they make it so much easier for fellow Compatriots to know who you are. You can also order a name badge for your spouse. If you don't have a computer, you can order by calling (502)589-1779. We have some temporary badges that can be used. Ask Secretary John Lyons for one before the meeting begins.

We have established some new chapter committees. One is called the Medals & Awards Committee – Warren Alter Chairman. SAR provides ways to recognize their members for tenure, good work, achievement and other categories. This committee will be researching awards

available and ways to recognize your involvement in SAR. Since many medals may only be awarded once, it is important that you let Compatriot Alter know what SAR medals & awards you already have, so that we don't duplicate anything. See his article found on page 3. We would also like to have additional participation in this committee, so let Warren or I know you are interested if you would like to be one of the committee members.

Color Guard Committee, Rudy Byrd Chairman; Have you thought about dressing up in an American Revolutionary uniform/clothing and being involved in color guard activities including parades and re-enactments; then this is the committee for you. There are numerous businesses where you can order the uniform. You may even want to buy a Brown Bess Musket? Let me know if you want to join this committee.

Public Relations Committee. We are looking for members that would like to get our organizations activities into the newspaper and other publications. Do you have an inside contact at the Arizona Daily Star perhaps? Any retired newspaper reporters out there?

Eagle Scout Committee, Scott Driver Chairman: Join Compatriot Scott Driver with this great scholarship award project.

ROTC/JROTC, Dick Zeilman Chairman: Join Compatriot Dick Zeilman and help select young men having a high degree of merit with respect to leadership qualities, military bearing and general excellence, for this award. Assist in making presentations at school awards' programs.

This is our organization. Your Board of Managers would like to have your input and participation. We only have a few meetings a year. Let's make the most of them. If you weren't at the last meeting, come to our next meeting and join us: new venue, new menu & a new time; meet old friends and make new ones.



Dr. Louis Fanning being presented his NSSAR Challenge Coin by Chapter President Lipphardt

April Chapter Meeting

Saturday, April 18th will be our next chapter meeting at Skyline Country Club, so please plan on joining us. The Chapter Board of Managers will meet at 7:30 a.m. and the regular meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. Reservations must be made as Skyline Country Club is a gated community and we must put your name on the guest list to gain entry. Reservations are due to Chapter Secretary John Lyons no later than April 14th. Cost is \$15.00 and guests are always welcome.

This month's guest speaker, Danna Koelling is well known to those in genealogical circles. A member of Daughters of American Revolution (DAR), Daughters of the American Colonists, and other hereditary and lineage organizations, she is a wealth of knowledge and a frequent speaker. She has held many offices with DAR and is currently the State Parliamentarian for AZ DAR. Come join us as she speaks to us about DAR and genealogical research. We are certain you will get some valuable information and perhaps some suggestions to help you through that "brick wall" in your genealogical research.

NSSAR CHALLENGE COIN

What is a challenge coin? According to NSSAR, the origin of the Challenge Coin, like many other aspects of military tradition, is a matter of much debate and many organizations and services claim to have originated it. Following is probably the most common believed history on this tradition.

During WWI, American volunteers from all parts of the country filled the newly formed flying squadrons. Some were wealthy scions attending colleges such as Yale and Harvard who quit in midterm to join the war. In one squadron, a wealthy lieutenant ordered medallions struck in solid bronze and presented them to his unit. One young pilot placed the medallion in a small leather pouch that he wore around his neck.

Shortly after acquiring the medallion, the pilot's aircraft was severely damaged by ground fire. He was forced to land behind enemy lines and was immediately captured by a German patrol. In order to discourage

his escape, the Germans took all of his personal identification except for the small leather pouch around his neck. In the meantime, he was taken to a small French town near the front. Taking advantage of a bombardment that night, he escaped. However, he was without personal identification.

He succeeded in avoiding German patrols by donning civilian attire and reached the front lines. With great difficulty, he crossed no-man's land. Eventually, he stumbled onto a French outpost. Unfortunately, saboteurs had plagued the French in the sector. They sometimes masqueraded as civilians and wore civilian clothes. Not recognizing the young pilot's American accent, the French thought him to be a saboteur and made ready to execute him. He had no identification to prove his allegiance, but he did have his leather pouch containing the medallion. They delayed his execution long enough for him to confirm his identity. Instead of shooting him, they gave him a bottle of wine.

Back at his squadron, it became tradition to ensure that all members carried their medallion or coin at all times. This was accomplished through challenge in the following manner – a challenger would ask to see the medallion. If the challenged could not produce a medallion, they were required to buy a drink of choice for the member who challenged them. If the challenged member produced a medallion, then the challenging member was required to pay for the drink. This tradition continued to survive throughout the war and for many years after the war while surviving members of the squadron were still alive. The NSSAR proudly continues this tradition today with the SAR Challenge Coin. Do you have yours? If not they are available for \$10 through the NSSAR Merchandise Department (SKU #5700). Or if you don't wish to order one, volunteer to be a speaker at one of our meetings; our chapter is awarding a coin as a thank you to speakers. We have even heard the President may award one or two to members for exemplary service to the chapter, so think about volunteering for one or more committees or activities – we need you.



Tucson Chapter Calling Tree

Willing to telephone 6-8 members prior to each meeting and remind them of upcoming events and encourage their attendance? If so, we could use your assistance. Contact John Lyons or Dick Zeilman and let them know you are interested in helping with the Chapter Calling Tree.

April Birthdays	May Birthdays
4/2 Larry Nelson	5/6 Kay Curtis
4/4 Thomas Zeilman	5/7 Warren Alter
4/4 Patrick McGowan	5/10 Edwin Bruck
4/12 Frank Hall	5/13 Stephen Harrington
4/23 Scott Driver	5/17 Charles Harrar
4/25 Charles Stup	5/17 Allen Church
4/26 Ron McCreery	5/17 Eric Curtis
	5/22 James Williamson
	5/26 Frank Holloway
	5/27 Albert Niemeyer
	5/27 David Alter

HAPPY BIRTHDAY COMPATRIOTS!

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 2009

4/18/09 Tucson Chapter Meeting – Skyline Country Club

7:30-9:00 a.m. BOM Meeting

9:00-11:00 a.m. Breakfast Meeting

Speaker: Danna Koelling, DAR

RSVP Reservations to John Lyons by 4/14/09 –Cost \$15.00 – Check payable to “Tucson Chapter, SAR”

4/25/09 AZSSAR BOM Meeting – Casa Grande

Holiday Inn 777 N. Pinal Avenue

09:00 a.m. 2012 Congress Planning

10:00 a.m. BOM Meeting

10:00 a.m. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting

1200-1:30 p.m. Luncheon

RSVP Reserv/Menu Choice to Warren Alter by 4/21/09 – Cost \$27.50 per person – Check payable to “AZSSAR”

MAY 2009

5/16/09 Tucson Chapter Meeting –Skyline Country Club

7:30-9:00 a.m. BOM Meeting

9:00-11:00 a.m. Breakfast Meeting

Speaker: Compatriot Jim Williamson speaking on Elder Abuse and Fraud.

JUNE 2009

No Tucson Chapter Meeting

JULY 2009

No Tucson Chapter Meeting

7/4/09-7/8/09 National Congress, Atlanta Georgia

AUGUST 2009

No Tucson Chapter Meeting

SEPTEMBER 2009

9/19/09 Tucson Chapter Meeting-Skyline Country Club

7:30-9:00 a.m. BOM Meeting

9:00-11:00 a.m. Breakfast Meeting

Speaker: Professor Irvin, U of A History Dept.

October 2009

10/17/09 Tucson Chapter Meeting-Skyline Country Club

7:30-9:00 a.m. BOM Meeting

9:00-11:00 a.m. Breakfast Meeting

Speaker: Lt. Joshua Arnold

Tucson BOM Contact Information

Members are welcome to contact any BOM member with suggestions or questions. Remember it is your chapter and they are there to serve you. See list below:

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Tucson Chapter WEBSITE LINK:

Your chapter's website has a great deal of information. Visit it at: <http://www.sar.org/azssar/html/700tucson.html> Copy this address to your favorites' page on your web browser and visit it often as we hope to update it frequently.

Registrar Needs YOUR Help

State Membership Chairman J. Michael Jones is forwarding the names and contact information for potential new members to each chapter registrar. Our chapter registrar, Warren Alter, is in need of members willing to assist in helping potential members do their research and prepare their applications. If interested in helping, please send an email or phone Warren Alter (warrenalter@cox.net or 886-1980) and let him know you are interested. We have several potential members right now in need of our assistance.

Tucson Chapter Awards Committee

We are creating a Chapter Awards Committee to ensure our chapter recognizes those compatriots and citizens of our community who deserve recognition. There are a variety of awards from longevity to merit to recognition of military service for compatriots. There are also numerous awards available to recognize those outside our organization including our ladies, members of the public, and youth of our community. Are you interested in serving on this committee – contact Warren Alter or George Lipphardt.

Additionally, since many awards may only be awarded once by a Chapter or Society, it is important that we know what awards members may already have earned. Please send an email, or letter to Warren Alter listing all NSSAR Awards that you have previously been presented, date of award (approximate), and who presented it (Chapter, State, or National). Warren will coordinate with the State Awards Chairman to get this information added to the NSSAR database. See form next page for information requested.

Tucson Chapter Medals and Awards Survey Form

Name:	National #:	State #:
Membership Approval Date (For Longevity Awards):		
AWARDS/MEDALS RECEIVED (Please list any medals/awards recvd from SAR, If None indicate None)	DATE	PRESENTED BY CHAP/STATE/NSSAR
SAMPLE: Meritorious Service Medal	July 2004	Tucson Chapter
SAMPLE: Certificate of Appreciation	Feb 2000	AZ Society
SAMPLE: No Medals or Awards Received	N/A	N/A

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Cut or Photocopy and send to Warren Alter 6743 E Rosewood Place Tucson, AZ 85710 or email information to warrenalter@cox.net

BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING RESERVATION FORM
(All SAR members, Ladies Auxiliary, and guests welcome)

Holiday Inn 777 N. PINAL AVENUE CASA GRANDE, AZ 85222 Cost: \$27.50 per person Reservations no later than Tuesday April 21, 2009	SATURDAY 25 APRIL 2009 9:00 AM.....2012 Congress Committee Meeting 10: 00 AM.....Board of Managers Meeting 10:00 AM.....Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 12:00 PM.....Luncheon
Menu Choices HOLIDAY HOUSE BURGER 8 oz. of special select lean ground beef flame broiled to your liking on a Kaiser Roll. With American cheese Swiss Cheddar or Monterey Jack w/French Fries	OR SOUTHWESTERN CLUB SANDWICH Turkey, Ham, Bacon, Swiss, cheese, tomato, lettuce and ancho chili mayo piled high on sourdough bread w/Fresh Fruit

Please Cut and Mail-

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Make checks payable to Arizona Society, SAR or AZSSAR

Name _____

Holiday House Burger _____ @\$27.50 per person \$ _____

Southwestern Club Sandwich _____ @\$27.50 per person \$ _____

Guests _____

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