



# TUCSAR BUGLE



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## Message from the President



Scott Driver

Our State Society meeting some 2 weeks ago went quite well. Our Chapter Compatriot, Al Neimeyer stepped down as State President. One point that stood out very clearly from the din of various items of routine business -- the State Society has a successful Color Guard that appears regularly at public functions. This high profile group has done a great deal to bring attention and focus on our organization. In fact, at this meeting, a photographer from the Arizona Republic Newspaper captured several photos of our Color Guard including George Lipphardt and Rudy Byrd. An article, with accompanying photographs appeared in both the main AZ Republic and the Chandler edition of the AZ Republic. **Tucson is not only a vital member of this group, but has expanded this past year into its own, viable Chapter Color Guard.** We owe a debt of gratitude to Compatriots Byrd, Lipphardt, and Lyons for their dedication to outreach. Most recently, at the Tucson viewing of the Declaration of Independence, they were seen in uniform by some 5,500 history enthusiasts and lauded by the event organizers. It's probably not much of an exaggeration to say that they rivaled the Declaration itself for the attendees' attention! I'm sure Tucson Chapter Color Guard Commander Lipphardt would welcome participation or inquiries from other interested Compatriots. If you've ever thought about getting yourself a uniform, be assured that there's ample opportunity to put it to good use!

Most of us, if we know anything at all about POWs during the Revolution, might know a bit about Ethan Allen's treatment in English dungeons or have heard of the prison ship "Jersey". As rich as those stories are, they don't begin to do justice to the very significant issue of prisoners of war in the Revolution. Because one of the Patriots I represent in SAR was a Continental officer who spent most of the War as a POW, I've made a point to learn what I could about this issue. For many years, the only broad treatment of the subject was "American Prisoners of the Revolutions" by Danske Dandridge (1910). Though the book was an adequate primer on the subject, it was rather sensationalistic and relied heavily on transcription and summary of primary narrative with little critical analysis. Several of Dandridge's

specific assertions have been discredited by later scholarship.

Though there's long been an unmet need, it wasn't until 2008 that a thorough, rigorous treatment of the entire issue of POWs in the Revolution was released. "Forgotten Patriots" by Edwin Burrows (Basic Books, 384p), finally fills that need.

In contemporaneous European conflicts, the soldiers and officers of the various sovereign nations knew what to expect as POWs. Though no treaty or accord governed the issue, the etiquette was fairly consistent from nation to nation, war to war. In the case of America's Revolution, the Patriots served no sovereign nation and were frequently held in slight regard by their English adversaries. Consequently, in spite of America's consistently decent treatment of its prisoners, Americans who fell into British hands often died in captivity, of neglect or worse. Burrows relies on reasoned discussion to cull through the lore, pointing out what could not, and what must, be true. He also supplies much-appreciated background discussion of relevant issues, when such wouldn't necessarily be otherwise understood by a general audience. Considering that the prisoner issue was such a large portion of the total American sacrifice, it's a wonder that the issue has been left on the back burner for so long.

I'll point out one fault: I believe that the Continental Army's failure to exchange its captured officers was less attributable to the reasons suggested by Burrows, and more to do with a problem universal to wars of all time -- a tendency to blame the vanquished. The few officers captured at Ft Washington (for example) who were quickly released or exchanged, largely found themselves frozen out of further assignments in the Continental Army. I believe that the much larger number of officers, who languished for years as POWs, did so as scapegoats for the defeats they suffered. I would have welcomed a discussion of this issue by Burrows.

Generally, there's uncanny resonance with certain unresolved issues of America's current conflicts -- poorly supervised prison warders indulging sadistic inclinations, the suspension of the usual POW protocols for soldiers not employed by a sovereign nation. Though the author treads lightly when drawing contemporary parallels, few readers will be able to resist.

I'll look forward to seeing some of you at the March 20 meeting.



## February AZSSAR Annual Meeting



(Dan Heller Presents Al Niemeyer Meritorious Service Medal)

Tucson Chapter did not hold a chapter meeting in February in order that members could attend the AZSSAR Annual Meeting in Chandler on February 20<sup>th</sup>. This meeting marked the end of a very successful year by our own, Albert Niemeyer as AZSSAR State President. Minutes from the Annual Meeting will appear in the next month on the AZSSAR Web Site. Highlights of his outstanding year included a growth in membership for the State, the addition of a new chapter in the Payson area (Rim Country Chapter . Sep 2009), and attendance at various chapter, state, and national meetings including two trips to Louisville for Leadership Meetings and Atlanta for the National Congress. President Niemeyer was recognized for his accomplishments by being presented the State Meritorious Service Medal, Past President's Pin, and Past President's Certificate.



(Rudy Byrd Receives Color Guard Medal)

Three other chapter members (all three, along with Al Niemeyer are past Tucson Chapter Presidents) were recognized for their efforts and accomplishments this past year on a State level. Our past Chapter Color Guard Commander, Rudy Byrd was awarded the Bronze Color Guard Medal for his three years of service in the chapter and state Color Guards. Past State President, Past National Trustee, and current Alternate National Trustee Richard Zeilman was awarded the Patriot Medal for his dedicated and long service to AZSSAR.



(Dan Heller presenting Dick Zeilman the Patriot Medal)

And Past State President, Past National Trustee, Past Alternate Trustee, and current State Secretary/Treasurer was awarded the State's highest award, the State Distinguished Service Medal by President Niemeyer.



(Warren Alter receives the Distinguished Service Medal from Pres. Niemeyer)

Congratulations to all our medal winners . you are a credit to Tucson and AZSSAR.

Installation of State Officers was held with Tucson Chapter again being well represented.

- AZSSAR President: Walter Seaton (PV)
- AZSSAR Vice Pres A. Ruddell Byrd III, MD (TUC)
- AZSSAR S/T Warren Alter (TUC)
- AZSSAR Asst. S/T Daniel Heller, MD (PV)
- AZSSAR Registrar: William Hearter, MD (PHX)
- AZSSAR Genealogist: Paul H. Duffey, MD (TUC)
- AZSSAR Historian: A. Ruddell Byrd III, MD (TUC)
- AZSSAR Chaplain: H. Robert Young (BMG)
- AZSSAR Publicist: John W. Harrill (PV)
- AZSSAR Chancellor: Dennis Kavanaugh, Esq (PV)

National Officers to be installed at Congress in July  
National Trustee Warren Alter (TUC)

National Alt Trustee Richard Zeilman (TUC)

Rocky Mt District VPG Daniel H. Heller, MD (PV)

The next meeting of AZSSAR is scheduled for April, date and location to be announced but tentatively set for April 24 in Casa Grande. Plan on attending.

## UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### March 2010

3/4/10 -3/7/10 NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting  
Brown Hotel, Louisville, KY

3/20/10 Tucson Chapter Meeting–Skyline Country Club

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

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

Chapter Awards Presentations

Guest Speaker: Jeff Whitbeck ~~Did~~ we have Military Intelligence in the Revolutionary War? and What is Civilian and Military Intelligence today?+

### April 2010

4/17/10 Tucson Chapter Meeting-Skyline Country Club

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

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

Guest Speaker To Be Announced

4/24/10 AZSSAR Board of Managers Meeting

Location Tentative – Casa Grande

Times and location to be announced

### May 2010

5/15/10 Tucson Chapter Meeting–Skyline Country Club

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

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

Guest Speaker to Be Announced

### June 2010

No meeting of Tucson Chapter

6/26 – 6/30 120<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress

Marriott Renaissance Hotel Cleveland, OH

### July 2010

No meeting of Tucson Chapter

### August 2010

No Meeting of Tucson Chapter

### September 2010

9/18/10 Tucson Chapter Meeting–Skyline Country Club

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

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

Guest Speaker to Be Announced

9/23/10-9/26/10 Fall Leadership Meeting

Brown Hotel, Louisville, KY

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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; thanks to Rudy Byrd we hope to update it often.



### Tucson Chapter Birthdays

March Birthdays

April Birthdays

3/14 George Lipphardt Jr	4/2 Lawrence Nelson
3/17 Randolph Jenks	4/3 Roy Christiansen
3/17 Richard Hudgins	4/4 Thomas Zeilman
3/18 Roger Johnson	4/12 Frank Hall
3/19 Theodore Bowen	4/19 Grant Jenks
3/21 Wallace Hanes	4/23 Scott Driver
3/25 Rolland Arnold	4/25 Charles Stup
3/28 Andrew Church	4/26 Ronald McCreery

HAPPY BIRTHDAY COMPATRIOTS!

### Historical Quote

In my many years I have come to a conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm, and three or more is a congress.

**John Adams** 2<sup>nd</sup> President  
(1735 - 1826)



(Compatriots George Lipphardt and Rudy Byrd guarding the Declaration of Independence Broadside)



(Compatriot John Lyons at the ready)

### **Arizona Historical Society Hosts the Declaration of Independence Broadside**

On February 21 and 22, 2010, a very rare original copy of a Declaration of Independence Broadside was on display in Tucson, at the Arizona Historical Society. This document was typeset on July 4-5, 1776 by printer John Dunlap, and is only one of 26 original first printings of the Declaration of Independence known to exist.

There is more to this story: As of 1989, only 24 copies of the Dunlap Broadside were known to exist, until a flea market shopper bought a framed painting for only four dollars. While inspecting a tear in the painting, the owner discovered this folded Dunlap Broadside behind it. This 25th copy of the Dunlap broadside was authenticated by Sotheby's and an independent expert. In June 2000, the document was purchased by renowned television and film producer Norman Lear and a friend on Sotheby's online auction. Of the 25 surviving copies of the Dunlap Broadside, 21 copies belong to universities, historical societies, public libraries and city halls. The remaining four are in private hands, although promised to public collections. The Lear's now own the document outright, and are having the document tour the country so that all may enjoy a viewing of this piece of history.

Attending this historic event were Arizona Congresswoman Gabby Giffords and Tucson Mayor Walkup. Helping add some history and color to this event from the Tucson Chapter Color Guard, were Compatriots Dr. Rudy Byrd, John Lyons and George Lipphardt. Members of D.A.R. and C.A.R. were also present on both days, dressed in Colonial costumes. All of them were very popular with the visitors, which included a very large number of local area school children among the visitors. The event sponsors recorded 5,420 visitors during the two day event. Our thanks and congratulations to all the volunteers who made this event possible.



(Compatriot Lipphardt educating the school children)

(Compatriot Byrd training a future Color Guard recruit)



## Tucson Chapter March 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting

The next Tucson Chapter Meeting will be March 20<sup>th</sup> at Skyline Country Club. The Chapter Board of Managers will meet at 7:30 a.m. and the regular meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. Reservations forms have been sent out or may be found on the last page of this newsletter.

We will have an exciting and packed program at that meeting. Longevity Awards will be presented to Tucson Chapter Members. Those present will receive their certificate or award in recognition of 5 years or more of active membership in the SAR. Members unable to make the meeting will be mailed their certificate or award. In addition to longevity awards, several other awards or certificates will be presented in recognition of service rendered to Tucson Chapter.

In addition to presentation of awards, our guest speaker for March will be Tucson Chapter's own Jeff Whitbeck speaking on the topic of: "Did we have Military Intelligence in the Revolutionary War? and What is Civilian and Military Intelligence today?+ Intelligence has been and continues today to be an important function to our Country. Our speaker will be our Tucson Compatriot Jeff Whitbeck who has over 23 years of experience in Military Intelligence operations (both active and reserve duty) and is currently assigned as a Counterintelligence Technician in the USAR and is a member of the Pima County Sheriff's Department in Criminal Investigations Division. This will be the first part of a two part presentation. Our second presentation to be scheduled later this year will be on information on the intelligence community as described by spies that have been caught and disclosed their operation.

## Tucson Chapter Medals and Awards

The Tucson Chapter Board of Managers has approved and is presenting Longevity Certificates to those Tucson Chapter members having five, ten, fifteen, or twenty years of active membership in NSSAR; and a certificate and pin for those with twenty-five years or more. These awards are in five year increments and a member must have completed the five years increment by 12/31/10 to be eligible this time. Active service is defined as a member in good standing and paying dues. While there may be breaks in service, any years that a member did not pay his annual dues will not count toward his longevity award. Any questions should be directed to Tucson Chapter Medals and Awards Chairman, Warren Alter.

### Five Year Certificate

(5-9 years of active membership)

Robert Walter Vint	5 yrs
Theodore Bowen	5 yrs
Joseph McGowan III	5 yrs
Edward Walker	5 yrs
Thomas Zeilman	5 yrs
Mark Blanchard	6 yrs
A, Rudy Byrd	6 yrs
Jack Clark	6 yrs
Charles Miller	6 yrs (transferred to TX)
Robert Walker Vint	6 yrs
Jeffrey Whitbeck	6 yrs
Gene Fenstermacher	7 yrs
Robert James Vint	7 yrs

Ed Boyles	8 yrs
William Hurt Jr.	8 yrs
Donald Connelley	9 yrs
Lance Dickinson	9 yrs
Paul Niemeyer	9 yrs
Paul Duffey	9 yrs
Eugene Riebling	9 yrs
Joseph Rose	9 yrs
Bruce Zimmerman	9 yrs

### Ten Year Certificate

(10-14 years of active membership)

William Aurand	11 yrs
Stephen Harrington	11 yrs
Charles Aurand	11 yrs
Warren Alter	12 yrs
Frank Hall	12 yrs
Phillip Pettett	12 yrs
Vernon Foote	13 yrs
Frank Holloway	13 yrs
Ivan Toler	13 yrs
Wallace Hanes	13 yrs
Roger Anderson	14 yrs
Edwin Bruck	14 yrs

### Fifteen Year Certificate

(15-19 years of active membership)

James McBain	15 yrs
Richard Zeilman	15 yrs
Clifford Platt	16 yrs
Thomas O'Bannon	17 yrs
John Weiss	17 yrs
Raymond Stafford	19 yrs

### Twenty Year Certificate

(20-24 years of active membership)

Albert Niemeyer	20 yrs
Grant Jenks	21 yrs
Richard Crawford	22 yrs
Kenneth Hales	22 yrs
Michael Pratt	22 yrs
Charles Goddard	23 yrs
Andrew McCreery	23 yrs

### Twenty-Five Year Certificate and Pin

(25-29 years of active membership)

William Lincoln	26 yrs
Lawrence Nelson	27 yrs
Howard Shenk	28 yrs

### Thirty Year Certificate and Pin

(30-34 years of active membership)

Nicholas Ruman	30 yrs
Werner Harsch	30 yrs
Richard Hudgins	34 yrs

### Thirty-five Year Certificate and Pin

(35-39 years of active membership)

Charles Harrar	35 yrs
Randolph Jenks	36 yrs
Russell Crane	36 yrs
Daniel Gnau III	36 yrs

### Forty-five Year Certificate and Pin

(45 years of active membership)

Ronald McCreery	45 yrs
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**DATE:** Saturday 20 March, 2010

**TIME:** 9:00 AM ó Meeting, Breakfast and Program.  
7:30 AM ó BOM Meeting for chapter officers

**PLACE:** Skyline Country Club. 5200 E. St Andrews Drive  
Go 1.1 Miles North of Sunrise Dr on Swan Rd. Stop at the  
Guard Shack give them your name and the guard will give  
you directions.

**PROGRAM:**

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**MENU:** A buffet breakfast will be provided

**PRICE:** \$15.00 per person. Guests, as always are welcome

**RESERVATIONS:** Please detach the coupon below and mail with a check  
Payable to the Tucson Chapter SAR, by 16 March 2010.  
Mail to **Rolland Arnold, 6891 N. Casas Adobes Dr.**  
**Tucson, AZ 85704**

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RSVP BY: 16 March 2010

SAR Member \_\_\_\_\_

Guest #1 \_\_\_\_\_

Guest #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Total number attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_