



# TUCSAR BUGLE



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## Message from the President



Scott Driver

Like many members of SAR, I've long had a significant interest in the Revolution. Books on topics relevant to the Revolution have occupied my reading list for much of my life, even long before I became aware of my Revolutionary ancestry. Also like many SAR members, I discovered, in the course of unearthing my Patriot roots, other ancestral lines which touched or even heavily influenced other pivotal events in early American history. As rewarding as I've found my SAR involvement, it's not stopped me from pursuing membership in other historical and genealogical societies and organizations.

I'm a bit conflicted whether to sheepishly admit or to proudly proclaim that my hobby has caused me to accumulate membership in nine hereditary societies and several other organizations devoted to specific historic and genealogical interests -- a number I'm quite sure is nowhere near a record. In an early stage of my addiction, I discovered that a significant number of fellow enthusiasts accrue multiple memberships and routinely serve as officers of their respective organizations, comprising a sort of hereditary society leadership cadre. They tend to be well educated, accomplished, and dedicated, with extensive contacts --people who SAR should make sure to have as allies, if not as members and leaders.

Dr. Ralph Crandall, the Executive Director Emeritus of the New England Historic & Genealogical Society, paid me an office visit during a recent trip to Tucson. We'd not met before and have lives separated by decades of age and thousands of miles, but quickly established common ground by comparing notes on our mutual friends through our various organizational affiliations -- resulting in a very cordial visit with both of us looking forward to getting to know, and look out for ways to help, one another. I'm not accustomed to making such a positive connection so quickly with an apparent stranger, though Dr. Crandall clearly does so regularly. Such is the potential of networking in the community of hereditary, historical, and genealogical societies.

I've gradually come to believe that SAR may not always get its

fair share of respect from this cadre of hereditary society leaders, and thus not always get the full potential of their support, such as recruitment and other ancillary benefits. Very possibly, the fact that many SAR members don't participate as members and leaders of other groups is to blame. Though I'll say nothing to persuade anyone to diminish their SAR involvement, increased involvement in other organizations may, paradoxically, be a fine way to help SAR.

For these reasons, I'm particularly pleased that we're hosting a Past President of the Arizona Genealogical Society as this month's guest presenter. Our presenters don't merely educate and entertain our meeting attendees -- they also take away their own impressions of SAR. This gives us, monthly, the opportunity to seek out our common ground, to make connections, and to look for ways to get to know, and look out for, one another. My recent visit with Dr. Crandall helped cement my understanding of how easy this can be, and how much there is to gain.

Incidentally, the next time Dr. Crandall plans a visit to Tucson, I'll be sure to remember to compare his itinerary to our meeting dates.

I'll look forward to seeing many of you this Saturday.

## Past President Richard Zeilman

Our wishes for a speedy recovery go out to Past Chapter President and Past AZSSAR State President Richard Zeilman. On April 27<sup>th</sup>, Dick was admitted to Northwest Hospital after suffering a broken hip from a fall in front of his home. Fortunately, the surgery went well, and Dick has now been transferred to Sabino Canyon Rehab Facility. The address is: 5830 E Pima Street, Tucson 85712 ... Phone 722-5515. I am certain Dick would appreciate contact from his SAR Brethren. Our chapter sends its wishes for a complete and speedy recovery.





(Tucson Chapter New Members Daniel Singleton (joined last year . just returned from Active Duty), James Christian, and David Christian)

## Tucson Chapter April 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting

The April 17th meeting was once again packed with activities. The Chapter Board of Managers met at 7:30 a.m., followed by the regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. Warren Alter, Chairman of the Chapter Medals and Awards Committee presented Past President Rudy Byrd a Chapter Meritorious Service Medal for his many years of service, including two years as Chapter President. Current President Scott Driver initiated three of our chapter members. One, Daniel Singleton has been a member for over a year, but has been gone serving active duty in the military. We welcome Daniel back and thank him for his continuing service to our nation. President Driver also initiated our newest members, James and David Christian. Congratulations to all three, and we hope to see you at many chapter and state activities.

Following the presentation of awards, and a wonderful Skyline Country Club Breakfast Buffet, we were treated to a return to Tucson's Old West Days with a visit from Sheriff William Sanders Oury (portrayed by our very own Abraham Rudy Byrd). Sheriff Oury was Sheriff of Pima County from 1873 to 1876. The Sheriff presented a fascinating glimpse into the life of William Oury, and what Tucson and Pima County were like in the mid to late 1800s. We suspect with the success of Sheriff Oury's presentation, members of the Arizona Society may see him again at some future events.



(Sheriff Oury receives an NSSAR Challenge Coin from President Driver)



(Sheriff William Sanders Oury. aka Abraham Rudy Byrd, III MD)

## April Meeting Tucson Chapter

May 15th, come join the members of the Tucson Chapter at our monthly meeting. The BOM meets at 7:30 a.m. (all members welcome) and the regular chapter meeting begins at 9:00 a.m.

ROTC/JROTC Chairman John Lyons will be introducing and recognizing Cadet Bradford Miller. Cadet Miller has been selected as the Tucson Chapter and AZSSAR's JROTC Silver Medal Award Recipient. He is now being entered into the National competition. We wish him well in this competition. Please join us in congratulating Cadet Miller.

We are honored to have D.A.R. member, Barbara Baldwin Salyer, charter member and five-time president of the Arizona State Genealogical Society as our guest. She is a professional genealogist with 50 years experience in genealogical research. Barbara was awarded the first Arizona State Genealogical Society Lifetime Achievement Award on April 13, 2010 for her many contributions to genealogy. She is the author of many journal articles, has transcribed Arizona historical records and is the co-author of the Arizona Genealogical and Historical Research Guide. She is a nationally sought-after genealogical lecturer and teacher. She has donated untold hours to genealogical and historical organizations. As our guest speaker, her presentation will focus on Tracking Down that Arizona Homestead. In looking at early homesteading in Arizona, Barbara will focus on her grandfather's homestead (near Florence Junction) from early homestead records. We are fortunate to have a speaker of her caliber presenting to us, and look forward to hearing her talk.

## UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 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 Barbara Baldwin Salyer

### 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**

### October 2010

**10/16/10 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

### November 2010

**11/20/10 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

### December 2010

**No Meeting of Tucson Chapter, however, we are planning a Holiday luncheon that month – all members, spouses, and guests invited.**

**12/12/10 Tucson Chapter Holiday Luncheon – Skyline Country Club**  
 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m.

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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

#### May Birthdays

#### June Birthdays

5/6 Kay Curtis	6/3 Lane Simons
5/7 Warren Alter	6/14 Joshua Arnold
5/8 Nicholas Ruman	6/19 Steven Alter
5/10 E. Kergan Bruck	6/23 John Lyons
5/13 Stephen Harrington	6/27 Wilbur Taylor III
5/17 Charles Harrar	
5/17 Allan Church	
5/17 Eric Curtis	
5/22 Dale Hodge	
5/22 James Williamson	
5/26 Dick Holloway	
5/27 Al Niemeyer	
5/27 David Alter	

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY COMPATRIOTS!**

### Historical Quote

*"History is a guide to navigation in perilous times. History is who we are and why we are the way we are."*

**David C. McCullough**

*American Author (1933-)*



## AZSSAR Color Guard Participates in Pegasus Parade

This year for the second time, the NSSAR Color Guard was invited to participate in the Pegasus Parade, one of the lead-off events for the Kentucky Derby in Louisville. The call went out for Color Guardsmen to come. And we came! The Arizona Society and the Tucson Chapter were represented by George Lipphardt, Commander of the Tucson Chapter Color Guard, and Dr. Rudy Byrd, who went to Louisville and participated in the parade on April 29, 2010, as part of the National Color Guard.

The Pegasus Parade is a major event as part of Derby Week and this year drew an enthusiastic crowd of 235,000. Over thirty members of the National Color Guard marched, lead by National Color Guard Commander, Joe Dooley. Also in the parade were Secretary General David Sympton and his wife, and compatriots portraying George Rogers Clark and George Washington. Our Arizona representatives traveled the furthest, and our participation was appreciated.

This was a very successful undertaking, and left our two Arizona Color Guard members tired and footsore but happy to have participated in this major national event.

## **National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution**

Proclamation  
to be read at  
Memorial Day Ceremony  
May 31, 2010

This Memorial Day remembrance of our nation's veterans is an important reminder of the sacrifices our men and women have made to preserve our freedom. It is not a time to give political speeches of why we should or should not continue to defend those freedoms, but rather to honor our service men and women who are willing to serve their country by placing themselves in harm's way.

The origins of Decoration Day, as this celebration was once known, are lost to history. A group of women in the South began decorating veterans' graves before the end of the Civil War. This day became official in May 1966 at Waterloo, New York by President Lyndon B. Johnson.

We Americans who are here today are the beneficiaries of that legacy, regardless of our own heritage and ethnic origins. It would be fitting of us to remember a loved one or perhaps an ancestor who made the sacrifice that brought honor and peace to our nation.

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution continues its efforts to mark the graves of our Revolutionary War patriots, wherever their final resting place is located. The ceremony today represents one of over 350 locations across the nation where Americans have gathered together to honor our fallen heroes. We are proud to be a part of all Americans who have come here today to remember these patriotic men and women.

God bless America,

Hon. Edward F. Butler, Esq.  
President General (2009-2010)



# Sons of the American Revolution

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**DATE:** Saturday May 15, 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:**

#### Tracking down that Arizona Homestead

In the survey we all took last year about what we would like to hear in our Chapter meetings, one of the first topics was history (both Revolutionary War and Southwest US). We are fortunate to have Barbara Salyer as our speaker. She is a professional genealogist with 40 years in genealogical research. She is a DAR member and Past President of the AZ State Genealogical Society. In looking at early homesteading in Arizona, Barbara will focus on her grandfather's homestead (near Florence Junction) from early homestead records.

**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 11 May 2010.  
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SAR Member \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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