



TUCSAR BUGLE



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Message from the President



Scott Driver

The winter encampment at Valley Forge is easily one of the most mythologized elements of the Revolution. The average person's understanding is something to the effect that: A somewhat amateurish Continental Army, following a series of defeats, spent the winter drilling with Baron von Steuben while suffering mightily from harsh conditions and deprivations, somehow emerging in the spring as a professional army. And the aforementioned is more or less true, as far as it goes. But the far more interesting and more momentous forging that took place that winter was Washington's relationship with the Continental Congress and his various critics, rivals, and enemies. By the conclusion of the winter encampment, Washington was more firmly established as the leader of the Continental Army, with his various opponents mostly silenced or discredited.

In "Washington's Secret War" by Thomas Fleming (Smithsonian Books, 2005, 350 pages), the play-by-play of various schemes, conspiracies, and intrigues levied against Washington are analyzed, as are his counter-attacks. For a person accustomed to thinking of Washington in terms of his principled, dignified character, somehow always above the fray, his pragmatic side is a bit hard to digest. But Washington had, by the time of the Valley Forge encampment, spent many successful years in the House of Burgesses, in private business, and as an officer in the colonial militia. Inevitably, he achieved the many successes of his life with many hard fights, but thinking of Washington in such terms doesn't come naturally. But in the end, seeing Washington and the adversity he overcame that winter with a fuller (and more realistic) perspective only adds basis for admiration.

Other recent scholarship on Valley Forge, discussed by Fleming, dispels long-held and cherished beliefs. For example...

- It was an unusually **mild** winter. Aside from an isolated incident when hospital orderlies neglected the fires, deaths by exposure to freezing temperatures were rare.

- Though caloric needs weren't satisfied every single day, and the quality and variety of food could have been better, it's unlikely that many soldiers died of starvation or malnutrition.

Disease accounted for most of the deaths at Valley Forge, smallpox not the least of them. Most of us know that Washington famously vacillated on his policy regarding inoculation, but Fleming is completely silent on the issue of smallpox. Fortunately, much other recent scholarship has advanced our understanding of the role of smallpox in the Revolution, including its relevance to Valley Forge. Our October speaker will be sure to bring us up to date.

In other news, I received a memo the other day from the National Society, explaining that an agreement has been struck with ancestry.com to make many SAR record copies for deceased members available online to all subscribers. SAR Headquarters has concurrently announced that record copies will no longer be created for applications numbered 48800 and earlier. Those early applications will remain available via ancestry.com.

Past Presidents George Lipphardt and Rudy Byrd, the leaders of our Chapter Color Guard, have a number of exciting appearances lined up in coming months. The considerable effort that they've made in the past year or so to arrange appearances has raised our Chapter's profile significantly and inevitably will aid recruitment. On behalf of the Tucson Chapter, thank you George, Rudy, and all other compatriots who've participated in Color Guard functions.

Finally, I'd like to thank Past President Warren Alter for, among many other things, his hard work on the TUCSAR Bugle. For two years now, he's personally done all of the layout, all of the distribution, and a significant amount of the content. Undoubtedly the Bugle has aided our Chapter's communication and also helped keep the leadership of other Arizona chapters aware of Tucson's accomplishments and goings-on. If any chapter member is in a position to assume the editorship of the Bugle, please contact Warren to discuss.

I'll look forward to seeing you after our summer hiatus at our next Chapter meeting on September 18.



(Cadet Bradford Miller awarded Tucson Chapter JROTC Award and AZSSAR Silver JROTC Silver Medal Award from John Lyons, Tucson Chapter ROTC/JROTC Chairman)

Tucson Chapter May 15th Meeting

May 15th was the date of our last meeting before the summer break. We were honored to present our Chapter, and State Winner of the JROTC Silver Medal Award his medal and certificate, along with a check from AZSSAR for \$200.

Our guest speaker was D.A.R. member, Barbara Baldwin Salyer, charter member and five-time president of the Arizona State Genealogical Society as our guest. 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". Her presentation was "Tracking Down that Arizona Homestead." She gave a delightful and informative presentation with specific examples of the search for her grandfather's homestead (near Florence Junction) from early homestead records. The talk was fascinating and we thank her for having shared her valuable time and expertise with us.



(Barbara Salyer receives an NSSAR Challenge Coin from President Driver)

Sept Meeting Tucson Chapter

September 18th, come join the members of the Tucson Chapter at our first Fall meeting. It has been a long summer, and we know the members have been missing our

fabulous monthly breakfast meetings at the beautiful Skyline Country Club. Reservations must be made with Secretary Roland Arnold. The Board of Managers meets at 7:30 a.m. (all members welcome) and the regular chapter meeting begins at 9:00 a.m.

Our guest speaker for the meeting will be William Kalt. The grandson of a local railroad accountant, William Kalt, grew up in a proud pioneer Arizona family. History lessons began early for the bilingual Tucson native, as relatives shared tales of the rough and tumble days of their youth. Following a career in public education, Kalt captured oral histories and more than 400 photographs from railroad men and women for his book ***Tucson Was a Railroad Town: the Days of Steam in the Big Burg on the Main Line***. Kalt's "Epes Randolph: Railroad Man of the Southwest," won the Arizona Historical Society's James F. Elliot II award for the best article by a non-professional historian during 2006.

Join local historian and author William Kalt for a photograph-filled journey through the days when Tucson was a railroad town. The dusty adobe pueblo, only recently removed from Mexico, shook to its core when the first train arrived in Arizona's "ancient and honorable pueblo" on March 20, 1880. Her history forever changed, the town grew and prospered around the railroad and its people, fostering a fascinating tale of life on the Western frontier.

Illness and Distress

Wonderful news, Past Chapter President and Past AZSSAR State President Richard Zeilman is back home. On April 27th, Dick was admitted to Northwest Hospital after suffering a broken hip from a fall in front of his home. It was a long and challenging summer for Dick with stays at Northwest Hospital, Sabino Canyon Rehab Facility, St. Mary's Hospital and then back to Sabino Canyon Rehab. Fortunately, thanks to modern medicine and determination and hard work on Dick's part, he is now back home. He is still recovering, so please keep him in your thoughts, and give him a phone call or arrange with him for a visit; it would mean a lot. Thanks go out to those Chapter members who visited Dick at the various medical facilities, this summer; particularly, Dr. Rudy Byrd, Al Niemeyer, and Bill Aurand. Dr. Byrd, you will just have to find a new stop to make on your daily running route! Dick, we hope to see you back at our meetings soon.

Speaking of Past State and Chapter Presidents, I have learned that Compatriot Larry Nelson has relocated to "My Family Assisted Living Home" 3708 W. Gailey Dr Tucson, AZ (520) 577-5674. It is reported that he is not in good health, so our thoughts and prayers go out to him.



In Memoriam

As many of you know, Michael Greaterix Pendleton "Mike" Pratt, passed away 6/24/10. A past Tucson Chapter President, and past State Committee Chairman, Mike is survived by his wife, Suzanne, his children Michael Paul Pratt, Nancy Jasper, and Phillip Pratt. Memorial Services were held in Tucson, and were attended by several Tucson Chapter members. Our condolences to the Pratt Family.

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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
Speaker: William Kalt “Railroads – The Greatest Impact on Technological Advance in Arizona

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
Speaker: Ariel Driver – The Role of Smallpox in the Revolution.

10/30/10 Color Guard Event – White Elephant Parade
Green Valley – Contact G. Lipphardt for details

November 2010

11/5-7/10 Annual Tucson Celtic Festival – Chapter SAR
Booth will be set up by Dr. Byrd – all members encouraged to attend/assist

11/6/10 Color Guard Event – Veteran’s Day Parade
Casa Grande Contact G. Lipphardt for details

11/11/10 Color Guard Event – Tucson Veteran’s Day Parade – Contact G. Lipphardt for details

11/12/10 Banquet for President General Sympson
Time and Location to Be Announced Phx Area

11/13/10 AZSSAR Board of Managers Meeting
Time and Location to Be Announced Phx Area

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

Speaker: Martha and J. Michael Jones – 2012 NSSAR Congress – Spain’s Contribution to the American Revolution

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

Tucson Chapter Birthdays

Sept Birthdays

Oct Birthdays

09/06 Charles Aurand	10/13 Robert Rentschler
09/08 Wilbur Taylor Jr	10/18 William Aurand
09/08 Joseph Rose	10/20 Roger Anderson
09/09 Clifford Platt	10/22 Phillip Pettett
09/09 Daniel Sharp Jr.	10/26 William Singleton Jr
09/16 Jeffrey Whitbeck	10/31 Lance Dickinson
09/24 Jason Lipphardt	
09/29 William Hurt Jr	



HAPPY BIRTHDAY COMPATRIOTS!

Historical Quote

“How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in your life you will have been all of these.”

George Washington

1st President of United States



(L-R: Michael Pavlich, Jim Kimbrough, Dr. Rudy Byrd, George Lipphardt Sr.) (L-R: Salute being fired by George Lipphardt, Dr. Rudy Byrd, and Jim Kimbrough)

Tucson Color Guard Participates in Memorial Day Ceremony

The Tucson Chapter Color Guard, represented by Commander George Lipphardt Sr, Dr. Rudy Byrd, Jim Kimbrough, and Michale Pavlich; attended the stirring Memorial Day Ceremony in Evergreen Cemetery in Tucson. The Ceremony started with the Color Guard brining in the colors and ended with them firing a salute to the honored dead. Past Chapter President Albert Niemeyer and Michael Pavlich presented the Chapter Memorial Wreath in Remembrance. Want to be part of the Color Guard? All members are welcome and encouraged to attend events, Uniform or not. Color Guard activities are updated frequently on the Tucson Chapter calendar of activities on our web site (<http://www.sar.org/azssar/tucson/calendar.html>) so feel free to contact our Color Guard Commander, George Lipphardt, and attend.

(Reprint of Editorial from NewsManatee, Manatee County, FL)



Why NewsManatee Supports The Sons of the American Revolution

Got an e-mail recently from someone wondering why we run articles from The Sons of the American Revolution.

Well, one reason is, they honor the best and brightest of JROTC cadets. Another reason is, they also honor good cops. More importantly, The Sons of the American Revolution embody the essence of America's founding freedoms and the War of Independence that achieved those freedoms. So, we print those articles.

Why is that important to NewsManatee readers, you ask? That they recognize our present and future warriors who protect those freedoms is equally as essential as honoring those who got us here. The eight-year American Revolutionary War (1775–1783) or American War of Independence began as a war between the Kingdom of Great Britain and thirteen former British colonies in North America. It ended with America's official final separation from Britain with the Treaty of Paris in 1783.

During that war, according to statistics, over 200,000 men actively served in our military under General George Washington. Nearly 4,500 lost their lives in the line of duty. Many more lost their lives from disease, such as scurvy and smallpox. (But that we won the war is a miracle, considering the weapons the soldiers had to use were mainly single shot flintlock rifles, which, on a good day, took 20 seconds to reload between shots, taking 13 steps, with British and other troops advancing all the while.)

The Sons of the American Revolution are direct lineage descendants of those men and women who were Patriots of the American Revolution. Today the SAR consists of 28,000 members in over 500 chapters in the United States, Canada, France, Germany, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. Almost 165,000 descendants of the men and women Patriots of the American Revolution have been admitted since their founding. The Saramana Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution is the local group.

This past Friday, Carole Law Atkins, NewsManatee's loyal Executive Vice President and myself were invited to attend the SAR final luncheon of the year before the summer months' hiatus. I was honored at that gathering with a commendation for Good Citizenship. Actually, it was an honorarium for NewsManatee's work on their behalf. You see, their publicity chairman, Billie Lowe, had won first place for publicity this year among SAR chapters for excellent reporting of chapter activities in recognizing others, such as the JROTC cadets and police officers. Billie's award was due in no small part to NewsManatee's coverage

But a Good Citizenship commendation for me and NewsManatee? I'd like to turn it around. The Saramana Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution deserves the Good Citizenship commendation, as do all chapters and members. For without them, we would be inclined to forget the hardships and losses that beset those who won our freedom to exist, unencumbered. As stated in our Declaration of Independence:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

The members of The Sons of the American Revolution, Saramana Chapter, staunchly defend those truths. And that's why we support them. They're very good people with a very worthy cause.

That's in my opinion.

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