



TUCSAR BUGLE



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Message from the President



Scott Driver

It's human nature to sympathize with underdogs, particularly when they're tenacious, resourceful and ultimately successful. If their success proves to be a pivotal moment in history, so much the better. Hannibal's ambitious assault on Italy, crossing the Alps with elephants, is an easy example. William I at the Battle of Hastings also comes to mind: His homeland had little maritime expertise, yet he built and acquired ships to carry a large army, including cavalry, to England to engage a slightly superior number on their own turf. And Benedict Arnold's valiant expedition up Maine's Kennebec River to attempt a surprise assault on Quebec would easily qualify, but for the expedition's failure. Regardless, it's one of the greatest American adventures ever undertaken. If not for Arnold's later disgrace, I suspect the attempt would be a celebrated American moment, rather than a somewhat obscure footnote.

A surprising number of journals were maintained by the officers and soldiers of the expedition, particularly considering the wet and physically demanding conditions. Though luck was against them at every turn, there's a large body of surviving primary evidence to help us understand the event. Possibly the participants understood the potential for their efforts to become a pivotal historic moment, motivating them to expend precious energy to memorialize their roles.

"Benedict Arnold's Army" by Arthur Lefkowitz (2008, Savas Beatie, 380 pages) tells the story of the Canada Campaign from the perspective of Arnold's command. In spite of his shameful end, Arnold began the War as a dedicated Patriot with significant talents and qualities. Though the character flaws which led to his undoing were discernable (in hindsight) from the very beginning, the strengths that caused his rapid

advancement to brigadier general are also apparent in his leadership on the path to Quebec.

Lefkowitz furnishes significant detail about Arnold's early life and his leadership of earlier actions in the War, providing a valuable context. Several others who later achieved prominence participated in the expedition -- Aaron Burr, Daniel Morgan, and Henry Dearborn. Lefkowitz discusses their respective lives, roles, and conduct in as much detail as possible. In addition to faithfully telling the factual story of the expedition, he reasons through many points of disagreement among historians. Additionally, he very convincingly interprets the various dynamics at work. Last but not least, he's an extraordinarily thorough researcher, appending over 100 pages of footnotes to the primary text!

It's amusing to me (though admittedly useless) to speculate how things would have been different if our Continentals had succeeded in Canada. Would the French have allied with America sooner? Would we have relinquished Canada back to France as a bargaining chip? If Canada had become the 14th colony, how would American culture have evolved differently? Lefkowitz speculates about none of those things, which is arguably to his credit. However, there's one question which I fault him for not speculating upon -- If Arnold had been successful in Canada, would he still have betrayed America?

Our guest presenters this month will be J. Michael Jones and his wife Martha. They will be sharing information and plans for the upcoming 2012 Congress being hosted by Arizona and New Mexico Societies in Phoenix, July 7-11th. Additionally, they will be presenting information on Spain's influence in the Revolutionary War. See this month's meeting review for further details.

I look forward to seeing many of you there for this exciting presentation.



(Ariel Driver – Guest Speaker)

Tucson Chapter Oct 16th Meeting

October 16th meeting was well attended to hear the informative presentation by Ariel Driver and the impact of Smallpox during the Revolutionary War. Ariel, an expert in pandemics, provided detailed and interesting facts unknown to most of us. Germ warfare was used even back then, but fortunately General George Washington and others took efforts to thwart the threat. We give our thanks to Ariel for the extensive research and preparation necessary for this detailed topic.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Chapter President Scott Driver presented his wife with an SAR Challenge Coin and kiss.



(President Driver showing his appreciation on behalf of the chapter)

Nov Meeting Tucson Chapter

November 20th, come join the members of the Tucson Chapter for our next meeting. As usual, the Board of Managers will begin their meeting at 7:30 a.m. and any member is invited to attend. The regular meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and as always, Skyline Country Club will provide a fabulous breakfast and a scenic view second to none. Reservations must be made with Secretary Roland Arnold.

Our guest speakers for the meeting will be well known to SAR, J. Michael Jones and his lovely wife, Martha. Compatriot Jones, former AZSSAR State President, Former Librarian General, SAR Minute Man Award Recipient, and Current Chairman of the 2012 Congress Planning Committee will be presenting information on the upcoming Congress. Martha Jones, former DAR National Officer, together with Mike, will share information on the Spanish influence in the Revolutionary War. The Congress in Phoenix will have as its theme, Spain's Influence and impact on our history. Come learn what is new in the Congress Plans and how you can be part of this historic event.

Southeast AZ DAR Cluster Luncheon

November 6, 2010

Compatriot Bill Aurand and his wife Marcia attended the Southeast DAR Cluster Meeting. The seven DAR chapters in our SAR Tucson Chapter area converged on Willcox Railroad Avenue Park for a great gathering with gunfighters, a tour of Railroad Avenue, and a western style women's quartet during our lunch. Dry Lakes Regent, Vonnie Hedges led the gathering with her sister, Linda Clifton. Everyone was in 1880's period garb to get into the spirit. The purpose of the gathering is to allow the district chapters to meet and greet in a fun environment more than to hold business. As is typical of my past cluster meeting, I received a lead for two SAR prospective members while visiting with members. DAR members have provided our chapter with dozens of new members and prospects. We appreciate their efforts and look forward to helping their endeavors.

2011 Dues Notices

Compatriots, your 2011 Dues notices have been sent and are now due to Warren Alter, AZSSAR S/T. A large number have already paid, have you? If you don't have a 2011 Dues Card yet, send your check in and stay current. We are also seeking donations to the CAAH in order to meet the National Challenge of \$250 per member. Won't you please help?



(Dr. Rudy Byrd and George Lipphardt giving demonstration to Hermosa Montessori School)

Hermosa Montessori School

Color Guard Presentation

Oct 18, 2010

Once again, the Tucson Chapter Color Guard was busy entertaining and educating our community. This time, Color Guard Members Commander George Lipphardt, Dr. Rudy Byrd, John Lyons, and Al Niemeyer took the long trek to Hermosa Montessori School to make their presentation. Following a 45 minute presentation to a large audience of students, teachers and parents, the Color Guard demonstrated their muskets for the group. The knowledge and participation of the students was extraordinary. Their responsiveness to questions impressed each of the color guard members. Tucson Chapter member, Warren Alter was also present, representing the Sheriff's Department.

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 2010

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

11/12/10 Banquet for President General Sympson
6:00 -9:00 p.m Palo Verde Room
Embassy Suites Hotel
4415 E. Paradise Village Parkway
Phoenix, AZ 85032

11/13/10 AZSSAR Board of Managers/ Ladies Aux Meeting
8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Set up/Registration Cont Breakfast
9:00-11:45 a.m. BOM
9:00-11:45 a.m. Ladies Aux Meeting
12:00 – 2:00 p.m. Lunch – Guest Speaker PG Sympson
2:00 – 3:00 p.m. 2012 Congress Planning Meeting

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.

January 2011

01/15/11 Tucson Chapter Annual Meeting / Law Enforcement Awards Banquet
6:00 – 10:00 P.M. Skyline Country Club

01/29/11 Annual Massing of the Colors,
10:00 AM at the Nogales High School in Nogales, Arizona. Sponsored by the Military Order of the World Wars.

February 2011

02/14/11 HAPPY BIRTHDAY ARIZONA (Statehood Day)

02/19/11 George Washington Parade in Laredo, TX
Tucson Color Guard will be participating

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: To Be Announced

02/26/11 AZSSAR BOM of Managers Meeting
Location to be announced

July 2012

7/7 - 7/11 NSSAR Congress in Phoenix

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Your chapter's website has a great deal of information. Visit it at: <http://www.sar.org/azssar/tucson/index.html> Copy this address to your favorites' page on your web browser and visit it often; thanks to Rudy Byrd and George Lipphardt we hope to update it often. Want to check the latest calendar events, go to: <http://www.sar.org/azssar/tucson/calendar.html>

Tucson Chapter Birthdays

Nov Birthdays

Dec Birthdays

11/3 James Kerr	12/1 Robert W Vint
11/6 Ed Boyles	12/4 Mark Blanchard
11/11 Paul Niemeyer	12/8 Christopher Southcott
11/12 William Lincoln	12/8 John Agner
11/24 Raymond Stafford	12/13 Stuart Foote
11/30 George Lipphardt Sr	12/15 Donald Connelley
	12/20 Lee Lovorn
	12/21 David Christian
	12/24 Richard Crawford
	12/28 Russell Crane



HAPPY BIRTHDAY COMPATRIOTS!

Historical Quote

Advertisements contain the only truths to be relied on in a newspaper.

Thomas Jefferson Thomas Jefferson. (n.d.). BrainyQuote.com. Retrieved November 7, 2010, from BrainyQuote.com Web site: http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/authors/t/thomas_jefferson.html



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DATE: Saturday, November 20, 2010

TIME: 9:00 AM – Meeting, Breakfast and Program.
7:30 AM – 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 Post and give them your name and the guard will give
you directions.

PROGRAM:

Our guest presenters this month are Mike and Martha Jones of the AZSSAR. They will be presenting information and details on the upcoming 2012 Congress being sponsored by the Arizona and New Mexico Societies July 7-11. The emphasis of this Congress will be Spain's influence in the American Revolution, with guest speakers and information being shared. Mike and Martha will give you a sampling of the information on our Spanish ancestors and the impact they had on the American cause. Please join us for an informative talk that will enrich your understanding not only of the Revolution, but of the role of Spain in shaping our heritage.

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 Nov 2010.
Mail to: **Rolland Arnold, 6891 N. Casas Adobes Dr.
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SAR Member _____

Guest #1 _____

Guest #2 _____

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