



TUCSAR BUGLE



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Message from the President



Scott Driver

Nathan Hale, the Connecticut soldier alleged to have famously said "my only regret is that I have not more lives than one to offer in (my country's) service", has been revered by Americans since at least 1827, when the first narrative of his final days was published. His first biographer, a lateral descendant, ensured that Hale's story gained critical mass in the collective memory. The first serious scholarship of Hale was two books by George Dudley Seymour in 1933 and 1941. However, discoveries relevant to our understanding of Hale continued to surface throughout the 20th century. One discovery even happened in this century!

"Nathan Hale: The Life and Death of America's First Spy" by M. William Phelps (2008, St. Martin's Press, 306 pages) does a credible, though not impeccable, job of synthesizing most of the recent discoveries and pointing out which long-held assumptions lack evidence and/or plausibility. Among the more interesting points:

- Hale provided formal instruction for young women at his New London schoolhouse, in a time when this was not only rare, but nominally illegal.
- There's no evidence that Samuel Hale, Nathan's Loyalist cousin, had any role in his apprehension, as long believed. However, there's compelling evidence that British Lt. Col. Robert Rogers deserves the credit.
- There's no evidence, other than bald assertions by distant ancestors many years later, for a long-supposed romance between Hale and his stepsister. They probably were barely acquainted.

William Cunningham, British General Howe's notorious, sadistic, and corrupt provost marshal for prisoners of war, is discussed in some detail by Phelps. Cunningham oversaw Hale's brief confinement as well as his hanging, so an understanding of his character and reputation is essential to an understanding of Hale's final hours. Unfortunately, Phelps relies on dubious assertions from a 1910 reference regarding Cunningham and ignores far more rigorous and plausible contemporary scholarship. Because Cunningham was Hale's principal tormentor during his final hour, it's inevitable that he influenced Hale's final utterance. A more complete and accurate overview

of research on Cunningham can be found in "Forgotten Patriots" by Edwin Burrows. However, Burrows does not discuss Nathan Hale.

I'm greatly looking forward to the Tucson Chapter's first-ever Christmas party, this Sunday at the Skyline. Vice President John Lyons as devoted a great deal of time to organizing the event. Also, special thanks are due to Chuck Aurand for arranging entertainment.

Chapter Officers elected for 2011

The 2011 Tucson Chapter Officers were elected at the November meeting. We all thank you for your service to our chapter.

President	John W. Lyons
Vice President	James Williamson
Sec/Treas	Jim Kimbrough
Registrar/Genealogist	Warren Alter
Genealogist Emeritus	Charles Harrar
Chaplain	Mark Blanchard
Historian	Bob Vint (The Younger)

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William Aurand
Rudy Byrd
Lance Dickenson
Albert Niemeyer
John Niemeyer
Richard Zeilman
George Lipphardt

State Board of Managers

Scott Driver



New Editor Starts at the Bugle

This holiday edition is the start of my tenure as the Bugle Editor. I encourage you to submit any SAR related information or photograph so that there is plenty of news in our newsletter. I expect my "Bugle playing" will improve with time, so let me know what you find that is great or what needs to improve with the newsletter. Thanks, Bill Aurand

Tucson Chapter Nov 20th Meeting

J. Michael Jones and his wife, Martha were very well prepared for their presentation of the Southwest Spanish influence on the American Revolution. They brought up the peso per soldier contingent at the Tucson Presidio and how other things such as the weapons and clothing, that were conveyed through the Spanish in New Orleans.

Mike and his wife also talked about the upcoming 2012 Congress in Phoenix. We have a need for members to work in various fields to make the convention go off without a hitch. He recommended that as many people as possible attend the 2011 Winston/Salem NC Congress to see how conventions are run. He answered specifics about different jobs at the 2012 Congress. Vice-President John Lyons then awarded Mike and his wife, Martha the Challenge coins for coming as our guest speakers.

George Lipphardt was presented a plaque and photograph from the Casa Grande parade committee for having the best marching unit in the parade. The plaque and photograph were presented to George by Jim Kimbrough.



(Former State President and Minuteman J. Michael Jones talks on the Spanish influence in the Revolutionary War and the 2012 Congress.)

December Holiday Luncheon

December 12 will be the date of our first annual Holiday luncheon. The start time will be at 1:00 p.m. and as always, Skyline Country Club will provide a fabulous meal and a scenic view second to none. Reservations must be made with Secretary Roland Arnold.

We will have live entertainment; Compatriot Chuck Aurand has arranged a group of musicians to play a composition of songs. The medley they will be performing is titled: Four Holiday Songs, written by Peter Cornelius. The songs are short; however they are very nicely arranged for voice, clarinet and piano. The vocalist will be Betty Allen, a fine soprano with lots of personality. The pianist will be Kathryn Conner and the clarinetist is Chuck Aurand himself. Let's give them a good showing of support and our Chapter. I hope to see many of you at the Holiday Party.

Flag Certificates awarded recently

On Monday, November 22nd, at the Tucson Fire Department Headquarters, John Lyons and Al Niemeyer, on behalf of the Tucson chapter, SAR, awarded a total of 21 Flag Certificates to the Fire Department's four Battalion Chiefs (Baxter, Burke, Paul and Fischback.) The certificates will be given individually by the Battalion Chiefs to their respective Fire Stations, all of whom had to meet the required SAR standards to receive this award."



(Battalion Chief Baxter Receives Flag Certificates for his Fire Stations)

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?

Tucson SAR out and about



(Al and John Niemeyer, host greeters, were out supporting the ALS walk, Nov. 13th at Reid Park. The walk raised over \$44,000.)

Law Enforcement Dinner - Jan 15

It's time to think about the Law Enforcement Dinner. This is our big "to do" each year and is our appreciation to the men and women who protect and serve. Arrival time is 6:00pm and dinner is served at 7:00pm. The menu is either Filet Mignon with Roasted Shallot Sauce or Herb Crusted Chicken with Mushrooms, Peppers and Spinach Stuffing. Look for the invite in your in box soon!

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

02/19/10 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

March 2011

03/19/11 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

3/10-3/12 Spring Leadership Meeting in Louisville, KY.

July 2011

7/09-7/13 121st Annual Congress in Winston-Salem, N.C.

July 2012

7/7 - 7/11 NSSAR Congress in Phoenix

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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/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

Dec Birthdays

Jan Birthdays

12/1 Robert W Vint	01/2 Tristan Eric Curtis
12/4 Mark Blanchard	01/19 Joseph McGowan III
12/8 Christopher Southcott	01/21 Paul Duffey
12/8 John Agner	01/23 Daniel Singleton
12/13 Stuart Foote	01/30 Robert James Vint
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

Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each New Year find you a better man.

Benjamin Franklin Benjamin Franklin. (n.d.). quotegarden.com. Retrieved

December 04, 2010, from Quotegarden.com Web site: <http://www.quotegarden.com/new-year.html>



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WHAT: First Annual Holiday Party
DATE: Sunday, December 12, 2010
TIME: 1:00 to 4:00 pm
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.
ATTIRE: Attire- Casual with Sport Coat or Polo Shirt
MENU: Skyline Pear Salad with Honey French & Raspberry Vinaigrette
Filet Mignon with Bearnaise Sauce
Pear Potato
Asparagus
Assorted French Rolls
Beverage Service
Chocolate Decadence with Fresh Berry Tarnish
PRICE: \$35.00 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 8 Dec 2010.
Mail to: **Rolland Arnold, 6891 N. Casas Adobes Dr.**
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Mail To: **RSVP BY: Dec 8th**
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SAR Member _____

Guest #1 _____

Guest #2 _____

Total number attending _____ X \$35.00 = \$ _____