



TUCSAR BUGLE



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Message from the President



John Lyons



Compatriots, we had a wonderful turnout for this month's meeting. We received an award from National for our \$500.00 donation to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage Capital Campaign. It was signed by President General David Simpson. Our guest speaker this month was Dr. Paul Duffey. He spoke about his forefather Jedediah Foster of Massachusetts. It was very informative and included a photo of Capt. Foster. Not many of us have a photo of our Patriot Ancestor. He spoke of the many posts that his forefather held in society from Justice of the Peace to Judge. He was an important figure in George Washington's Army. It was written that he was his most important partner in the Northeast. He wrote the Constitution for Massachusetts which the Continental Congress based our Constitution on. All in all it was a great presentation and we all enjoyed it. After the presentation we gave Dr. Duffey a Certificate of Appreciation and a SAR Challenge Coin.

We had a good Board of Managers meeting with a good turnout of BOM members. In May we will be giving out awards for some of our compatriots. Our Eagle Scout Scholarship applicant did not win the state competition. He can apply again next year. Thanks to Mark Blanchard we have a full slate of speakers for the rest of the year. Thanks Mark.

CAR has a rendezvous some of us will be attending to support them. All DAR and SAR members are welcome to attend. It is located in Mission San Jose de Tumacacori, Tubac, AZ on 2 April 2011 at 12:00 Noon. It could be a fun day for some of our Green Valley members as they are right down the road.

Arizona State President Dr Rudy Byrd was here (as usual) and presented a Bronze Medal to Margo Caylor the AZ State CAR representative. She was very appreciative of the award and thanked the Tucson Chapter for inviting her and her husband Rob.

Now for the Color Guard. As usual, they have been very active in the past month. I will mention a few things they have done. We went to Ironwood Elementary School for a presentation on the American Revolution to about 100 kids. Rudy Byrd, George Lipphardt, Al Niemeyer and I were there. We went outside to fire our weapons Rudy's fired mine did not. Even the Principal fired Rudy's musket, what a great time we had. We also did a Color Guard event at the UofA it consisted of welcoming guests to Centennial Hall for a Sousa concert.

Rudy Byrd, Al Niemeyer, George Lipphardt, and I were there. The guests gave us a large round of applause for our effort. On 20 March we attended the Railroad Silver Spike Festival in uniform. Al Niemeyer, John Niemeyer, Rudy Byrd, Jim Kimbrough and I were present. Once again, a good time for all of us.

Just a reminder, our 16 April 2011 Chapter meeting is cancelled due to a state meeting taking place on the same day. If you are interested in attending give me a call and we can work out some transportation to Casa Grande. My phone number is 520-834-5784 my email is listed on the following pages.

Dr. Rudy Byrd was endorsed by the nominating committee to a National position. He will stand for election at the National Congress in July as the endorsed candidate for Surgeon General for the SAR 2011-2012. Congratulations Dr. Byrd!

A few of us from the Chapter attended the National Spring Leadership Meeting in Louisville, KY. Warren Alter, Dr. Rudy Byrd and I went to Louisville on 10 March and stayed until the weekend. We attended many committee meetings and brought back some valuable information for the Chapter.

No April Meeting – Please come to the State Meeting in Casa Grande

Please mark your calendar for the State SAR meeting, April 16th at The Property in Casa Grande. The 2012 Congress meeting starts at 8:30 and the Board of Managers meeting starts at 9:30 with the Luncheon at 12 noon. Everyone is invited to come and participate. Refer to the invitation reservation form on the back page. The next Tucson Chapter meeting is May 21st.

Tucson Patriots Wanted

Have you got a story about your Patriot ancestor? If you do we would like to hear about him or her either in writing in the Bugle or better yet, do a presentation at one of our meetings. If you have a story please contact either Bill Aurand at wraurand@cox.net for the TUCSAR Bugle or Mark Blanchard at mb62illini@yahoo.com for a presentation at one of our Chapter meetings.



The Laredo Liberty Bell Story

I spoke about the replica, Liberty Bell that was at the huge parade in Laredo, Texas. Here is the history of that bell. It was a DAR project in 1970. This Liberty Bell is one of more than 50 Liberty Bells to be sold by each state DAR Society; this one was sold to the city of Ft. Worth, Texas. *The story is that the plan was to erect the Liberty Bell outside Ft. Worth City Hall, but the Chamber of Commerce office was also in that area and they objected to the constant ringing of the bell, so it was placed in storage and forgotten over the years.* An individual named David Hall found the bell, gained ownership of it and placed it on a trailer and began taking it to veteran funerals and other events. He now brings this beautiful bell to Laredo each year, for George Washington's Birthday celebration. Thanks to Tom Green, Texas Society for providing this history.

About the "other", replica Liberty Bell: each state was given a replica Liberty Bell in 1950, by our government. This was part of a savings bond drive from May 15 to July 4, 1950 with the slogan "Save for Your Independence". Many of these bells are now unaccounted for. But Bell #14 that was given to the state of Arizona is still around. *It was in the rotunda of the State Capitol. But has since been moved to the main outside courtyard. Since 1962, the old State Capitol building was converted to a museum. Update Summer 2006: the Arizona replica has been removed and is being refurbished as part of a beautification project at the Capitol Mall.* George Lipphardt
Tucson Color Guard



(Mark Blanchard at his Patriot's grave in New York)

GREEN MOUNTAIN BOYS AND AZARIEL BLANCHARD

How would you like to have a Patriot, Azariel Blanchard, described as a small bodied, dark eyed and hot headed man that loved a fist fight. He was the great-grandson of a Huguenot who left France. And, he was referred to as "little Frenchy-Yankee Azariel". However, we all know we can't choose our 4th Great-Grandfather. Azariel was in the French and Indian War and fought under General John Stark. Before the Revolutionary War, he was part of the Green Mountain Boys and saw action against the "Yorkers" (described later) under Ethan Allen. During the Revolutionary War, he helped capture Fort Ticonderoga and stormed Quebec with Benedict Arnold. And, finally as a sergeant under General John Stark (again), Azariel took part in the Battle of Bennington.

After Ethan Allen was captured by the British, Seth Warner assumed command of the Green Mountain Boys. Raymond J. Rodrigues' book "Memoir of a Green Mountain Boy" mentioned Azariel by name and identified him as a scout that worked directly for Seth Warner.

The Green Mountain Boys were first formed before the Revolution as a loosely organized militia-type unit. Their organization became necessary to combat the Sheriff of Albany who was under orders from the British-appointed Governor of New York (NY). The origin of this conflict begins with the need for increased income on the part of the British-appointed Governor of New Hampshire (NH). At that time the area, now known as Vermont, was an unsettled wilderness and the Governor of NH started selling "Grants" to families that wanted to move to the territory. As it turned out, control of the wilderness was supposed to be under the Governor of NY; but he had no initial interest in the territory. Once he found out about the income that these "Grants" were producing in this forgotten area, he sent the Albany Sheriff and posse (Yorkers) to collect the funds or run off the settlers. Ethan Allen and these farmers resisted and as it escalated, the Green Mountain Boys became a force to be reckoned with. (This entire topic will be covered in detail in our Tucson SAR November Meeting.)

A critical battle of the Revolutionary War, Battle of Bennington, was fought by the Green Mountain Boys and other units. The Battle played a major role in defeating British General Burgoyne's forces attacking toward Albany to take all the Northeast Colonies. The Bennington defeat weakened the British forces and led to their surrender to General Gates at Saratoga.

Sergeant Azariel Blanchard died in 1818 and is buried in Keeney Settlement, NY. This is near his property provided to him as part of his War pension. In visiting his grave, I was able to copy the following from his grave stone:
"Death is a debt to nature due which I have paid and so must you here we must lie beneath the tombs till Jesus Christ in glory comes". "Little Frenchy" must have been quite a guy.
Submitted by Compatriot Mark Blanchard

Silver Spike Ceremony

The Tucson Chapter Color Guard experienced a little bit of the old west on March 20th, 2011, when they participated in the Railroad Silver Spike Festival at the Historic Downtown Tucson Railroad Station. The Festival celebrated the 131st anniversary of the first train arrival into Tucson. After a Cannon Salute by the El Presidio Trust Cannoneers the Tucson Color Guard fired a return Musket Salute. All was not ceremony however, as the guard mixed in with some of the "old Tucson wild west" characters.

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 2011

04/16/11 Tucson Chapter Meeting—Cancelled for State Mtg.

04/16/11 AZ Society Meeting—The Property, Casa Grande

8:15-9:30 a.m. 2012 Congress Planning Meeting

9:45-11:45 a.m. AZSSAR Business Meeting

12:00-1:30 p.m. Luncheon

Speaker: To Be Announced

May 2011

05/21/11 Tucson Chapter Meeting—Skyline Country Club

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

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

Speakers: To Be Announced

05/30/11 Memorial Day

June 2011

06/14/11 Flag Day

July 2011

07/04/11 Independence Day

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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Of General Interest

Attention WWII History enthusiasts;

The Wings of Freedom Tour of the WWII Vintage Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress, Consolidated B-24 Liberator and North American P-51 Mustang Announce Unique Display in Tucson at the Marana Regional Airport from April 15 to April 18.

15th: 2PM to 5PM

16th & 17th: 9AM to 5PM

18th: 9AM to Noon

If you would like more information, contact George Lipphardt:

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Tucson Chapter WEBSITE LINK:

Web Site: <http://www.sar.org/azssar/tucson/index.html>.

Want to check the latest calendar events, go to: <http://www.sar.org/azssar/tucson/calendar.html>

Tucson Chapter Birthdays

April Birthdays

May Birthdays

4/2 Lawrence Nelson	5/6 Kay Curtis
4/3 Roy Christiansen	5/7 Warren Alter
4/4 Thomas Zeilman	5/8 Nicholas Ruman
4/12 Frank Hall	5/10 Edwin Bruck
4/19 Grant Jenks	5/13 Stephen Harrington
4/23 Scott Driver	5/17 Charles Harrar
4/25 Charles Stup	5/17 James Christian
4/26 Ronald McCreery	5/17 Allan Church
	5/17 Eric Curtis
	5/22 Dale Hodge
	5/22 James Williamson
	5/26 Dick Holloway
	5/27 Albert Niemeyer
	5/27 David Alter
	5/28 Reginald Bland



HAPPY BIRTHDAY COMPATRIOTS!

Historical Quote

Believe you can and you're halfway there.

Theodore Roosevelt

"Theodore Roosevelt." BrainyQuote.com. Xplore Inc, 2011. 26 March. 2011. <http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/t/theodorero380703.html>



Arizona Society
Sons of the American Revolution

BOARD OF MANAGERS' MEETING
(ALL SAR AND THEIR LADIES INVITED)

THE PROPERTY
1251 WEST GILA BEND HIGHWAY
CASA GRANDE, AZ 85193
PHONE: (520) 836-1101

SATURDAY 16 APRIL 2011

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM 2012 CONGRESS PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
9:30 TO 11:45AM: BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING (ALL SAR INVITED)
9:30 TO 11:45AM: LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING (ALL LADIES WELCOME)
12:00 TO 1:30PM: LUNCHEON AND GUEST SPEAKER
THERE WILL BE COFFEE/ICE TEA/LEMONADE IN MORNING (NO FOOD)
LUNCH MENU IS NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME

Chef's Selection Lunch Buffet

The menu does include dessert, coffee, iced tea and lemonade
Any Members with Special Dietary Needs, Please notify me in advance

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN
Wednesday, 13 April 2011

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Guests: _____

Lunch Buffet _____ @ \$20.00 Per Person \$ _____
TOTAL \$ _____

Please make checks payable to the "AZSSAR"