



TUCSAR BUGLE



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Message from the President



John Lyons



Compatriots, since our last meeting we attended the AZSSAR state meeting on 16 April 2011. It was very informative and most items on the agenda were addressed. Al Niemeyer gave a report on Americanism which the Tucson Chapter was leading the way on events that were eligible for Americanism. Some of the items in this category were Color Guard events which we do regularly. Dr. Rudy Byrd is the state President and conducted the meeting in an excellent manner. The state ROTC Chairman, Bob Young and Dr. Byrd presented the Silver Medallion and Medal to Tyler Brady of Sahuarita High School. Tyler read his essay on “How JROTC has prepared me to be a better citizen of the United States”. It was inspiring to hear how JROTC has inspired this young man. He is definitely a quality applicant for the National Award for “Outstanding Cadet” for JROTC. His NJROTC Military Science Instructor, CDR Brad Roberson was also at the luncheon.

The 2012 Congress meeting was very productive. We will be hosting the Congress in July 2012 with many opportunities to for us members to be active in the process. We still need volunteers for many positions for the Congress. Don't be afraid to volunteer for our Society. “We need You”. There are many wonderful excursions for members and spouses to enjoy. Things are really coming along well; we have an Official Congress pin that is going into production soon. It has a cactus and chili pepper on it with Red White and Blue colors in the background; it is excellent.

We need delegates for the 2011 Congress in Winston-Salem NC. If you are interested in attending the Congress this year please contact Warren Alter as soon as possible. The Congress is from 9-13 July 2011.

NSSAR Magazine is now available on line at sar.org and go to the link for magazine.

There is a job hunt going on at National for an Executive Director; Joe Harris is retiring.

The Color Guard has been active again this month with two Naturalization/Immigration ceremonies at the Federal Court House. Al Niemeyer, Jim Kimbrough, George Lipphardt and I participated. It is an inspiring day when we see the excitement

on their faces it really puts a lump in your throat.

The ROTC medals and certificates are being distributed by the Color Guard also. We have given out awards at the UofA, Flowing Wells HS, Nogales HS and Desert View HS in April. With five more High Schools in May to be given out. The young men and women really appreciate the awards. If you want to come along with us to these events contact me at 520-834-5784 and I will let the Military Science Instructors know who is coming. Some of these events include a dinner and breakfast. If you want to see the website just go to azssar.org/Tucson and click on the JROTC/ROTC tab.

The cost for a Junior membership in the SAR on existing SAR/DAR/CAR application is now only \$35.00 for the entire application. Let's get your kids and grandchildren into the SAR soon. The benefit is the child will be given a National Number and will be eligible to join the SAR at whatever age he becomes interested. I.e., he isn't interested as a young man but at age 40 he decides he wants to join. All he has to do is look up his National Number and he is in.

My email account was compromised last month. You may have received an email asking you to send me money in Scotland. If this caused you any grief I extend my apology to you. I don't know how they accessed my account. My new email address is lyonsj5267@yahoo.com I closed out my old email. I assure you I was not in Scotland and was in no need of funds. Once again my sincere apology.

I am still looking for Patriot Ancestor stories for a book I am compiling on the Tucson Chapter Patriot Ancestors. You can email your story to the email address above. It doesn't have to be extensive a paragraph is fine and appreciated.

The next meeting is on 21 May 2011 at 9 AM at Skyline Country Club. Our speaker this month is Bill Aurand and is written by Charles (Chuck) Aurand. He will be speaking on their research of Henry (Johann Henrich) Aurandt. Our Board of Managers meeting is at 7:30 AM. All members are welcome to attend to see how we manage the club. Your input will be welcome.



Fly the Flag

Holidays during the summer when unfurling old glory is appropriate.

3rd Saturday in May; Armed Forces Day
Last Monday in May; Memorial Day
May 30th; Memorial Day – Traditional
June 14th; Flag Day
July 4th; Independence Day
1st Monday in September; Labor Day
May 8th; V-E Day
2nd Sunday in May; Mother's Day
3rd Sunday in June; Father's Day
August 7th; Purple Heart Day
August 14th; V-J Day
August 19th; National Aviation Day

Charcoal, Iron, the Revolutionary War and Adonijah Strong

My Patriot's name is Adonijah Strong. He was raised and died in Salisbury CT located in the Northwest corner of the State. This area and its people had a profound impact on the outcome of the War of Independence. The following is its story.

Historical accounts have it that when George Washington assumed command of the Colonial Forces, he discovered that the entire Colonial Army had a mere 4 cannons. While he soon received nearly 60 more from the newly captured Fort Ticonderoga, this was hardly enough to face the world's most powerful army (most of these cannon were recaptured by the British in the Battle of Long Island). Salisbury would soon fill this breach.

In the early part of the 18th Century, Colonists pushing west discovered the rich iron ore deposits of the Salisbury area. Mother Nature also provided deposits of limestone, ideal for fluxing, and hardwood forest for conversion to charcoal. Conditions were supportive of a sustained output of iron. By the 1730's several forges had sprung up in the area. Demand for this iron grew rapidly and with it, the skill of the area's iron workers. There was money to be made from the construction of a charcoal blast furnace to melt the ore and cast it into useful products and iron bars. In 1762, 4 men headed by Col. John Hazeltine and including Samuel and Elisha Forbes and Ethan Allen purchased property and mineral rights from Leonard Owen and constructed the first blast furnace. Ethan was born in Litchfield village and raised in Cornwall, both just down the road from Salisbury. For his help in securing the land, Ethan was granted 1/8 ownership in the Furnace which he was actively involved in until he sold his interest in 1765.

Later, in pursuit of land speculation opportunities, he moved to Vermont where he would eventually lead the Green Mountain Boys.

By 1775, the Furnace was owned by Richard Smith , a suspected Tory. When war broke out, he fled to England and Connecticut Governor Jonathan Trumbull took over the Furnace and appointed Col. Joshua Porter to superintend its' operation. Samuel Forbes also came out of retirement to lend his expertise. Smith did not sabotage the Works when he left. Soon they were readied for the manufacture of cannons and shot. Lemeul Bryant was retained as cannon founder and David Carver, Zeb White and Davis Oldman as cannon molders. Originally, the works produced 18 pounders but was modified by 1778 to produce up to 32 pounders. These were 1 to 2 ton cannons. The Furnace was operated around the clock by 60 iron workers except when bad winter conditions hampered the delivery of charcoal.

The Works produced over 850 cannon during the War and countless cannon balls and other projectiles. It was the principal supplier of cannon to the Continental Army and Navy. No other foundry came remotely close to this output. Washington felt so strongly about its importance that a garrison was stationed there to protect the furnace and village from British or Tory attack.

The unheard of heros who worked the Furnace or supported the workers includes names such as Benejah Williams, Amos Hanchet, Nathaniel Gilbert (teamsters). Master colliers Capt. John Welch and Simeon Strong (Adonijah's half brother). Ore digger John Pudney. Pattern makers Medad Parker and Joel Camp. John Owen ran the boarding house for all the hands and Ebenezer Fitch and Ben Eggleston cut and carted wood. Daniel Forbes was the foundry's banksman and Edward Whitcomb a skilled iron worker.

The Salisbury Works had a clear and profound impact on the outcome of the War. As B.W Powell wrote in his 1997 article in Foundry Magazine, the success of Salisbury "lay not so much in some mysterious component of its ore...but more in the skills, intelligence, loyalty and patriotism...of its ironmasters and citizen laborers". Epilogue Adonijah joined Col. Benjamin Hinman's 4th CT Regiment as Commisary. This regiment relieved Ethan Allen and Benedict Arnold at in June 1775. They marched from the Fort Fort Ticonderoga with General Richard Montgomery ,in late August, in the Invasion of Canada Campaign. Its numbers were so decimated that it was disbanded and sent back to CT in December 1775, Adonijah was subsequently commissioned 1st Lt. in Capt John Bigelow's 1st Artillery Co. in January 1776. Adonijah's 1st Cousin ,Elizabeth Strong ,married Richard Hale on May 27, 1746. Their 6th child was Nathan Hale born in 1755. Adonijah's grandson, William Strong, was appointed Justice to the U.S. Supreme Court by U.S. Grant in 1870. He served until his retirement in 1880. Another grandson, Theron Strong, served in the U.S. House of Representatives from NY District 25.

Sources:

Salisbury in the Revolution. Salisbury Chapter DAR
Ethan Allen. Salisbury Cannon Museum
How George Washington used Connecticut Cannon to Win the Revolutionary War. John Carter
Connecticut Iron for a Nation. John Carter
The Cannon Founders of Salisbury ,Connecticut. B.W. Powell

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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
Speaker: Compatriot Bill Aurand

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

September 2011

09/17/11 Tucson Chapter Meeting–Skyline Country Club

7:30-9:00 a.m. BOM Meeting
9:00-11:00 a.m. Breakfast Meeting
Speaker: TBD

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New State/District Web Sites

(Update your links)

AZSSAR Web Site: <http://www.azssar.org/>

Rocky Mt District Web Site: <http://www.rmdistrictsar.org/>

October 2011

10/15/11 Tucson Chapter Meeting–Skyline Country Club

7:30-9:00 a.m. BOM Meeting
9:00-11:00 a.m. Breakfast Meeting
Speaker: TBD

November 2011

11/19/11 Tucson Chapter Meeting–Skyline Country Club

7:30-9:00 a.m. BOM Meeting
9:00-11:00 a.m. Breakfast Meeting
Speaker: TBD

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.

Tucson Chapter NEW WEBSITE LINKS:

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

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

Tucson Chapter Birthdays

May Birthdays

June /July Birthdays

5/6 Kay Curtis	6/14 Joshua Arnold
5/7 Warren Alter	6/19 Steven Alter
5/8 Nicholas Ruman	6/23 John Lyons
5/10 Edwin Bruck	6/27 Wilbur Taylor
5/13 Stephen Harrington	7/3 Michael Greenlees
5/17 Charles Harrar	7/6 Daniel Gnau
5/17 James Christian	7/13 James McBain
5/17 Allan Church	7/14 Andrew McCreery
5/17 Eric Curtis	7/28 John Niemeyer
5/22 Dale Hodge	7/29 Bruce Aiton
5/22 James Williamson	7/30 Werner Harsch
5/26 Dick Holloway	
5/27 Albert Niemeyer	
5/27 David Alter	
5/28 Reginald Bland	



HAPPY BIRTHDAY COMPATRIOTS!

Historical Quote

A traitor is everyone who does not agree with me.

George III

"George III." BrainyQuote.com. Xplore Inc, 2011. 2 May, 2011.
http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/authors/g/george_iii.html



Sons of the American Revolution Tucson Chapter

Monthly Meeting May 21, 2011

Time: 9:00 AM—Meeting, Breakfast, & Program

7:30 AM—BOM Meeting for Chapter Officers

Place: Skyline Country Club, 5200 E. St. Andrews Drive, Tucson

Go 1.1 Miles North of Sunrise Dr. on Swan Rd. Stop at the guard house and give them your name and the guard will give you directions to the clubhouse.

Program: Our speakers will inform us about Johannes Aurandt who was a member of the Pennsylvania Ranger Company who fought the English and Indians. Johannes immigrated to Philadelphia in 1753 from Ewersbach, Germany. He demonstrated his aggressiveness and adaptability by learning English, becoming an iron worker, moved to Exeter and then Louisburg, Pa. to build a grist mill and sawmill. He did all this prior to becoming a Ranger. We are confident that you will find Johannes' experiences interesting and inspiring.

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 May 19, 2011

Mail To: Jim Kimbrough, Sec/Treas 601 N. Avenida Cipres, Green Valley, AZ 85614

SAR Member _____

Guest #1 _____

Guest #2 _____

Total Number Attending _____ X \$15.00 = \$ _____