



TUCSAR BUGLE



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Message from the President



John Lyons

Compatriots, we had our second annual Christmas Party on 11 December 2011. We all had a great time with Michael Claridge as our entertainment. He sang his noted song "We the People" and many other wonderful songs. He wrote a song for the Arizona Statehood coming up this year and it was also a great treat. Karen Lipphardt and Christopher Francis won the door prizes. The meal was also done very well and we all enjoyed our day.

We went to the Kelland Elementary school for their history class of fifth graders. Dr Byrd did most of the talking with his innate knowledge of American history. The Color Guard members who were present were Al Niemeyer, James Williamson, Dr Rudy Byrd and myself. We were able to fire a few volleys at the school. What a great time was had by all present. This is our second visit to Kelland and I hope we will be welcome again next year.

We voted in our new Board for 2012 at the Christmas Party. It was 100% in the vote with no objections or corrections. We will see all of them get installed on the 21 January 2012 dinner.

Al Niemeyer received a new Bunker Hill Sword from the Color Guard for all of his hard work and dedication to the Color Guard. He was a key figure in all of the Immigration and Naturalization ceremonies. He also was instrumental in us getting the new Lapel Pins; which are wonderful for presentation and wear. Thanks again Al.

The Lapel Pins are for sale right now. We are asking \$5.00 each for them. This is one of our fundraisers for the year. Two members donated the cost of the pins. Thanks to each of them for their donations.

The Color Guard also attended a Court of Honor for Eagle Scout, Kirk Aurand. His father and grandfather were also in attendance Bill Aurand and Chuck Aurand. The Color Guard presented Kirk with the Eagle Scout Certificate and wished him well. The ColorGuard that attended were Dr Rudy Byrd, Al Niemeyer, James Williamson and James Kimbrough.

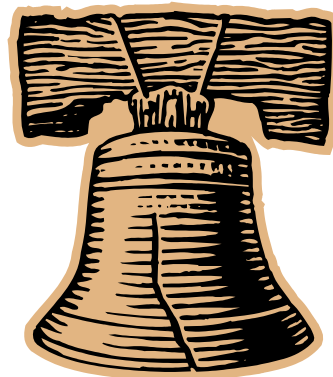
On 10 December 2011 Dr Rudy Byrd, James Williamson and Theresa, Al Niemeyer attended a DAR meeting with the Old Pueblo Chapter. They were all in period dress including Theresa.

We did our last Immigration and Naturalization ceremony for the year on 2 December 2011. We will resume the ceremonies in January 2012.

Our next meeting is the Law Enforcement and Installation of Officers dinner on 21 January 2012. We will be there at 6 PM for Happy Hour and 7 PM for dinner. We hope to see you there.

2012 Congress is this Year

If you haven't yet volunteered to help out – Now is the time! Please check out the 2012 website regularly as well. The address is (<http://www.sar2012congress.com/>) which is also linked off of our Arizona state website (www.sar.org/azssar)



Law Enforcement Dinner

The upcoming Tucson Chapter Annual Meeting and Law Enforcement Awards Banquet will be held at the Skyline Country Club on Saturday Jan 21, 2012. Please make your reservations early (due Jan 16) and let's have a good turnout for the installation of our new chapter officers for 2012 and to honor our Law Enforcement Award Recipients. This is an evening event so hope to see many of you there. Reservations should be sent to our current Chapter Secretary, James Kimbrough.

Tucson Chapter Holiday Party

Thank you to all who came to the Holiday Party. We all had a great time with good food, good people, The speaker was singer Michael Claridge, who sang several songs including "We the People" and holiday numbers. Our Genealogist Emeritus, Charles Harrar and his wife stopped by to add to our part. Good food and good people with a great program is always a winning combination.

Al Niemeyer becomes an officer

At the Tucson Chapter Christmas party held at Skyline Country Club, Al Niemeyer was presented an officer's sword for his tireless work for the Tucson Chapter Color Guard. Compatriot Al is the Color Guard's senior member as well as being one of the most active. Way to go!



(Al Niemeyer being presented with his officer's sword)

2012 Dues Notices

Compatriots, your 2012 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 2012 Dues Card yet, send your check in and stay current. We are also seeking donations to the CAAH.

US Constitution Lesson

The effort to adopt the constitution was one of much discussion and debate. This extract about Patrick Henry concerning the process to amend the constitution is an excellent example of this. – editor.

Patrick Henry clearly saw that this lack of adequate provision for amendment was destructive of democracy. In the Virginia convention held to ratify the Constitution he said:

"To encourage us to adopt it, they tell us that there is a plain,

easy way of getting amendments. When I come to contemplate this part, I suppose that I am mad, or that my countrymen are so. The way to amendment is, in my conception, shut[Pg 45] ..." After quoting Article V (the amendment feature of the Constitution), he continues:

"Hence it appears that three-fourths of the states must ultimately agree to any amendments that may be necessary. Let us consider the consequence of this.... Let us suppose—for the case is supposable, possible and probable—that you happen to deal those powers to unworthy hands; will they relinquish powers already in their possession, or agree to amendments? Two-thirds of Congress, or of the state legislatures, are necessary even to propose amendments. If one-third of these be unworthy men, they may prevent the application for amendments; but what is destructive and mischievous, is, that three-fourths of the state legislatures, or of the state conventions, must concur in the amendments when proposed! In such numerous bodies, there must necessarily be some designing, bad men. To suppose that so large a number as three-fourths of the states will concur, is to suppose that they will possess genius, intelligence, and integrity, approaching to miraculous.... For four of the smallest states, that do not collectively contain one-tenth part of the population of the United States, may obstruct the most salutary and necessary amendments. Nay, in these four states, six-tenths of the people may reject these amendments.... A bare majority in these four small states may hinder the adoption of amendments; so that we may fairly[Pg 46] and justly conclude that one-twentieth part of the American people may prevent the removal of the most grievous inconveniences and oppression, by refusing to accede to amendments.... Is this an easy mode of securing the public liberty? It is, sir, a most fearful situation, when the most contemptible minority can prevent the alteration of the most oppressive government; for it may, in many respects, prove to be such."^[36]

Extract from the book, *The Spirit of American Government - A STUDY OF THE CONSTITUTION: ITS ORIGIN, INFLUENCE AND RELATION TO DEMOCRACY* by J. ALLEN SMITH, LL.B., PH.D., PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON. Published in 1907 and part of the Gutenberg Project.



UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 2012

02/14/12 HAPPY BIRTHDAY ARIZONA (Statehood Day)

01/21/12 Tucson Chapter Meeting–Skyline Country Club

Law Enforcement Dinner and Installation

6:00 p.m. Happy Hour

7:00 p.m. Dinner and program

February 2012

02/14/12 HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY ARIZONA

(Statehood Day and Valentines Day)

02/18/12 AZSSAR State Meeting

Place and time TBD

02/22/12 George Washington's Birthday

02/25/12 67th Anniversary Iwo Jima Flag Raising Parade

Ira Hays Post 84, Sacaton, AZ. Color Guard event

March 2012

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

03/17/12 Tucson Chapter Meeting–Skyline Country Club

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

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

Annual Awards Meeting

April 2012

04/21/12 State BOM meeting at the Property in Casa

Grande.

Time TBD

May 2012

05/19/12 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

05/30/11 Memorial Day

June 2012

06/14/12 Flag Day

Color Guard event at Saddlebrook

July 2011

07/04/12 Independence Day

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>

Want to check the latest calendar events, go to:

<http://www.sar.org/azssar/tucson/calendar.html>

Tucson Chapter Birthdays

Jan Birthdays

Feb Birthdays

01/06 Joseph Coogan	02/01 Edward Walker Jr.
01/09 William Clark	02/01 Charles Alter
01/18 Trevor Lipphardt	02/02 John Weiss
01/19 Joseph McGowan III	02/03 Timothy McGowan
01/21 Paul Duffey	02/03 Gene Fenstermacher
01/23 Daniel Singleton	02/03 Ty Lipphardt
01/25 John Lyons Jr.	02/14 Howard Shenk
01/30 Robert Vint Sr.	02/16 Jacob Arnold
	02/22 Donald Clark
	02/28 Bruce Zimmerman



HAPPY BIRTHDAY COMPATRIOTS!

Historical Quote

Few men have virtue to withstand the highest bidder.

[George Washington](#)

"George Washington." BrainyQuote.com. Xplore Inc, 2012. 6 January. 2012.
http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/authors/g/george_washington.html



Tucson Chapter
Sons of the American Revolution
**INSTALLATION OF CHAPTER OFFICERS AND
LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARDS DINNER**

**SKYLINE COUNTRY CLUB
5200 EAST SAINT ANDREWS DRIVE
TUCSON, AZ 85718**

SATURDAY 21 JANUARY 2012

HAPPY HOUR: 6:00 P.M.

DINNER: 7:00 P.M.

**PRIME RIB ROAST BEEF
OR
PISTACHIO ENCRUSTED CHICKEN BREAST
WITH LINGONBERRY COMPOTE
MASHED POTATOES
ASSORTED VEGETABLES
ROLLS AND BUTTER
TEA AND COFFEE
CHOCOLATE DECADENCE**

Skyline Country Club is a gated community.

Reservations must be accompanied by names or attendees will not be admitted.

**ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN
MONDAY 16 JANUARY 2012**

Please Detach and Mail-

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GREEN VALLEY, AZ 85614-3466

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Name: _____
Prime Rib @ \$45.00 Per Person \$ _____
Pistachio Chicken @ \$45.00 Per Person \$ _____
TOTAL \$ _____

Guests: _____

Please make checks payable to the Tucson Chapter, SAR.