



# TUCSAR BUGLE



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## Message from the President



**James A. Williamson**



Compatriots;

Just a thought or two: While discussing history with a friend, who by the way, is working on his genealogy, he commented “I wish I had know this when I was a child. My entire life would have been different”.

This set me to thinking. A true sense of history, both as a people and as an individual, is necessary for a person and a people to know who they are and what they are capable of.

“History is what teaches us to hope”. (Robert E. Lee)

I notice that several groups, including the Sons of the Revolution, are proposing to Congress that the Medal of Honor be issued to George Washington. I am on board with this for several reasons as detailed by John White, USN retired.

It would properly recognize Washington’s sacrifice and documented bravery in battle. His putting himself in harm’s way, for the benefit of others without regard for his own safety, is the essence of the concept, “Hero”.

It will bring public attention to that fact, which would encourage greater public awareness of American Revolutionary history.

Third, it will elevate Washington as a role model for young people, showing them the courage that defines a true hero as opposed to sports and entertainment figures.

The thoughts on this subject, the possible involvement of the Tucson Chapter, would be appreciated.

On Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup>, Jim and Theresa Williamson spoke to the congregation of Pilgrim’s Rest Missionary Baptist Church on the involvement of African Americans and women in the Revolutionary War. We did so in period costume as

representatives of Tucson Chapter, S.A.R., in recognition of Black History Month.

We were extremely well received and several requests were made by representatives of various schools and organizations for full color guard presentations. We also received several requests for assistance with genealogical research that will hopefully result in new members.

This event was photographed by a professional photographer who has promised pictures. I will share them as soon as they are received.

Until next time: May God bless you and may He continue to bless the United States of America.

Jim

## 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](http://www.sar.org/azssar) )



## French Opportunity Calls

The SAR France Exchange. Any questions regarding the program should be directed to the Chairman of the Exchange Program Committee, John Dodd of California. His email is: [JohnLDodd@earthlink.net](mailto:JohnLDodd@earthlink.net). Compatriots, I write to remind you of our youth exchange with France. At present, we have one French youth, age 15, and expect several more French applicants before the April deadline. Wouldn’t it be great if your child or grandchild could experience a few weeks in France this summer (or next), and could also host a French youth, showing them what your corner of America has to offer? Please review the guidelines on the NSSAR website (“exchange program” under the “education” tab), complete the application and get back to me at your earliest opportunity.

## SAR in the Ira Hays Parade



(Parade showing the Tucson SAR grouping)

On February 25th, 2012, the Arizona Society SAR Color Guard had the honor of participating in the annual Ira Hayes parade in Sacaton, AZ. Ira Hayes was a Pima Native American and an American Marine who was one of the six men immortalized in the iconic photograph of the flag raising on Iwo Jima during World War II. Color Guard attendees were: George Lipphardt, John Lyons, Gerry Lawford, Rudy Byrd, Albert Niemeyer, John Niemeyer, Chris Francis, Steve Miller, Chuck Howey and Bob Alling. Also participating by keeping the Color Guard in step was honorary color guard drummer John Patla. "



(John Lyons and Gerry Lawford prior to the parade)

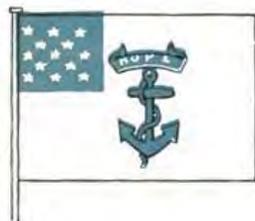


Fig. 1



Chris Francis at a model of submarine, USS Tucson.

## The True Story of the American Flag by John Fow, published 1908

As time as space allows, I plan on looking at several war era flags. Here is part of the introduction. Enjoy.

So far as regards the adoption of the combination of stars and stripes, the same assertion can be safely made. As to the origin of each this research, it is hoped, will prove conclusively, first, that colored stripes representing a combination for a common purpose were used nearly two hundred years before the Declaration of Independence; second, that stars were used in the union of a flag in November, 1775, on a flag raised on a Massachusetts privateer commanded by Captain Manley (see [Fig. 1](#)), and that they were also used in the design of the book plate of the Washington family along with three stripes. There can be no doubt that the stripes were made thirteen as a mere matter of sentiment to represent the colonies engaged in the Revolutionary struggle. As a matter of fact, the number thirteen appeared in a large number of instances during the Revolution, and was apparently used as an object lesson to remind the colonists that they were united in a common cause. The colors of the stripes have no special meaning or significance, except that which anyone may apply who desires to make use of his imagination, or who may become sentimental upon the subject. Many have written and commented upon it; some have said that the red stripes mean courage, others war, daring, determination, and so on, and that the white stripes mean purity, peace, justice, or equity. As a matter of fact, the idea of stripes in a flag to represent a combination for a common purpose originated in 1582 in the Netherlands, and symbolized the union of the Dutch Republic in its struggles against the power of Philip and the persecutions of Alva.

In a paper read before the New Jersey Historical Society by a Mr. Haven in January, 1872, he suggested "that the combination of our flag, the stars and stripes, were favored as a compliment to Washington, because they were upon the book plate of the General's family." He further stated "that the stars on the book plate were of Roman origin," and in support quoted from Virgil "Redire ad astra," meaning and inferring that a return to the stars meant a future home of peace and happiness for the human race, and that is what this nation would eventually become. Assertions and statements similar to the above may be quoted by the score, wherein reasons are given based upon theory and imagination as to the origin of the devices which compose our national banner.

## UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 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



Fig. 8

FLAG CARRIED BY THE FIRST CITY TROOP OF PHILADELPHIA IN ESCORTING WASHINGTON ACROSS THE JERSEYS ON HIS WAY TO TAKE COMMAND AT CAMBRIDGE

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

### Tucson Chapter Birthdays

#### March Birthdays

#### April Birthdays

3/14 Kenneth Pease	4/3 Roy Christiansen
3/14 George Lipphardt, Jr	4/4 Thomas Zeilman
3/16 Jason Greenlees	4/5 Gerard Lawford
3/17 Richard Hudgins	4/19 Grant Jenks
3/18 Roger Johnson	4/23 Scott Driver
3/19 Theodore Bowen	4/25 Charles Stup
3/25 Rolland Arnold	4/26 Ronald McCreery
3/25 James Coogan	
3/28 Andrew Church	



HAPPY BIRTHDAY COMPATRIOTS!

### Historical Quote

Among the natural rights of the colonists are these: First a right to life, secondly to liberty, and thirdly to property; together with the right to defend them in the best manner they can.

### Samuel Adams

"Samuel Adams." BrainyQuote.com. Xplore Inc, 2012. 3 March, 2012.  
[http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/authors/s/samuel\\_adams.html](http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/authors/s/samuel_adams.html)



## *Sons of the American Revolution, Tucson Chapter*

Monthly Meeting March 17, 2012

- Time: 9:00 AM-Meeting, Breakfast, Program  
7:30 AM- BOM Meeting for Chapter Officers
- Place: Skyline Country Club, 5200 E. St. Andrews Dr., Tucson  
Go 1.1 miles north of Sunrise Rd. on Swan Rd. Country Club entrance is on right. Stop at guard house for check in and directions to clubhouse
- Program: Mr. Ed Keeylocko will discuss a very unique and informative topic:  
"Action, Support and Involvement of Blacks in the American Revolution."  
This will provide a lot of new information that most Americans are not aware of and we're confident that you will find this very interesting.
- Menu: A buffet breakfast will be served
- Price: \$15.00 per person
- Reservations: Please detach the coupon below and mail with a check payable to the Tucson Chapter, SAR by March 15, 2012

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