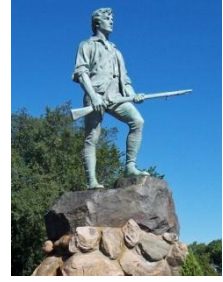




# TUCSAR BUGLE



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## Message from the President



**James A. Williamson**

Compatriots;

The past month has been a busy one; it is difficult to comprehend where the time goes.

The Venture Scout project has been a rousing success. The students are advancing at a rapid pace, some showing an elevated degree of talent.

I have elicited the assistance of Jeff Snyder, another instructor with vast experience in coaching small-bore shooters and he is doing yeoman's work. He has provided each scout with an Anschutz target rifle, sling, glove, jacket, spotting scope and shooting mat at his expense. In addition, Mr. Snyder invited Alexandra Provine to coach the scouts, which was an incredible opportunity.

Alex, as she prefers to be called, is the reigning National Champion air rifle and small-bore rifleman. She gave an excellent lecture, spent personal time with each scout as well as a parent or two, and demonstrated her prowess, all in 103-degree heat. This young lady gave us a full day of her time even though she must report to West Point Academy July 1<sup>st</sup> and is an Olympic hopeful to boot. Alex asked for nothing and thanked us for the chance to mentor other young people. It is young people such as Alex who make this the greatest nation on earth.

I have attached a picture of Alex, as well as one of the scout group and one of her coaching our very own State President, Dr. Rudy Byrd. Dr. Byrd was an apt student and turned in quite respectable scores, as can be gleaned from his picture perfect form.

I have been in contact with the Honor Flight organization here in Southern Arizona and am working with their representative on several ideas whereby our chapter may be of assistance to this very worthy organization. I plan on contacting the Phoenix chapter to learn how they are assisting Honor Flight as well.

For those of you who have been wanting to join the color guard, or are just interested in period clothing and accoutrements, I have attached a short document that will answer many questions as to cost, and period correctness. That is all for now.

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



( Alex Provine Shooting her rifle )



( Alex Provine and the Venture Scouting Post )

## Our 2012 Congress

Tucson Compatriots,

By now you should have received your Winter 2012 publication of the SAR Magazine. Inside on pages 5-8 you'll see the announcement & registration form for the 122<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Congress being held in Phoenix at the Arizona Biltmore from July 6 to July 11. There will be another article in the Spring 2012 issue of the SAR magazine. You have paid \$5 extra on your annual dues for 5 years to help pay for the Host Society Reception. You'll never be able to attend a congress closer than one right here in Arizona.

Remember to sign up for the Rocky Mountain District Breakfast. We seldom have the attendees to have a breakfast so this is important to get us all together (AZ/NM/CO SAR members).

See the web sites [www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org) or [www.sar2012congress.com](http://www.sar2012congress.com) for more details.

If interested in helping, please contact:

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## Black Powder Class, to be held on Saturday, May 12 in Casa Grande

Corection: The Date is Saturday, May 12. Please notify George Lipphardt if you would like to part of a black powder safety class (muzzleloader rifle) to be held in Casa Grande. This is important for anyone interested in the Color Guard. The class will begin sometime around lunch time. The test is free.

The exam will cover the information in the Range Rules & Regulations.



(Alex Provine improving our State President's aim)

## Tucson has a Fifer!



(Compatriot Bill Aurand as a Pennsylvania State Regiment fife player)

One of our Color Guard Commander George Lipphardt's desires is to have a fife and drum to compliment our excellent color guard. John Patla has been serving as the (excellent) drummer, but where to get a 13 to 21 year old to be a fifer? Well... He's not 21, more like 50 year old, but Compatriot Aurand has agreed to play fife for the color guard. His ancestor, John Aurandt, was in the Penn State Regiment of Foot ( Penn 13<sup>th</sup> Regiment) that did spend some time in Valley Forge according to the Valley Forge Muster Roll. Therefore, Bill Aurand's uniform was modeled after a musician's uniform that John Aurand would have seen in his regiment. The coat is reverse colors (Red with blue trim) to show that the fifer was a non-combatant. The pewter coat buttons have PSR printing on them just like the real coats at the time. Inside the coat is a special musician's pocket (thin and a foot deep) to hold a fife, or drum sticks, when not playing.

The musician's sword was occasionally worn. As a musician, after the battle signals were played, they went onto the field to retrieve the fallen wounded soldiers. Since the front lines could - and did - change, the musicians sometimes found themselves in the active battle. The sword was to fight with to get to "safe ground" since they didn't have pistols or rifles to protect themselves or they could use them to help fashion a litter to drag wounded off the field.

Fifers signaled many times during the day. For reveille, to get the drummers ready, for alarm, to gather the troops to call the roll, for entertainment, retreats for sunset or for duty and reading the orders of the day, a fatigue party, to "drumming a rogues soldier out of camp", for funerals, for "soldiers to repair to their tents, where they must remain till reveille the next morning". Marches were play with drums (working tunes may or may not have drums). Marches were played in ensembles of at least one fife and one drum. For daily reviews and ceremonial parades, all the fifers and drummers of a regiments would play together for uniform movement and the psychological lift that music brings. Just like oboes before them (used up until 1720s) and bugles after them (about 1830s); fifers brought the needed movement signals to the troops and could pierce the noise of battle with their high pitch.

## UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 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: Bill Islas – Alta California

Colonizing Expedition, including Arizona.

### 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 at The Biltmore in Phoenix

#### 09/15/12 Chapter Meeting

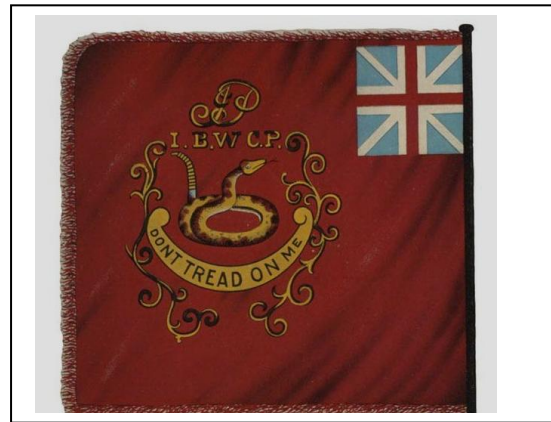
Skyline Country Club, BOM 7:30, Mtg 9:00am

#### 10/20/12 Chapter Meeting

Skyline Country Club, BOM 7:30, Mtg 9:00am

#### 11/10/12 Chapter Meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday due to El Tour

Skyline Country Club, BOM 7:30, Mtg 9:00am



Flag carried in the revolution by the Westmorland Protectorate Flag. Note thirteen rattles with one forming (The province of Canada?)

John Henry Fow. The True Story of the American Flag ,  
a Gutenberg Project book

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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

#### May Birthdays

#### June Birthdays

5/6 Kay Curtis	6/14 Arnold Wayne
5/7 Warren Alter	6/19 Alter Allen
5/8 Nicholas Ruman	6/23 John Lyons
5/10 Edwin Bruck	6/27 Taylor James
5/13 Stephen Harrington	
5/13 Justin Warniment	
5/16 James Kimbrough	
5/17 Charles Harrar	
5/17 James Christian	
5/17 Allen Church	
5/22 Dale Hodge	
5/22 James Williamson	
5/26 Dick Holloway	
5/27 Albert Niemeyer	
5/27 David Alter	
5/8 Reginald Bland	

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY COMPATRIOTS!

#### Historical Quote

True republicanism is the sovereignty of the people. There are natural and imprescriptible rights which an entire nation has no right to violate.

[Marquis de Lafayette](#)

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*Sons of the American Revolution Tucson Chapter*  
Monthly Meeting May 19, 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:** Bill Isles, VP of Living History for the Tucson Presidio Trust and the Nat'l Park Service Juan Bautista de Anza Historic Trail will speak to us about the 1775-76 Alta California Colonizing Expedition from Tubac to San Francisco led by Juan Bautista de Anza II. The talk will include the discovery of San Francisco Bay, the urgency of settling the area and some of the native people who helped out.

**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 May 17, 2012

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**Total Number Attending** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

