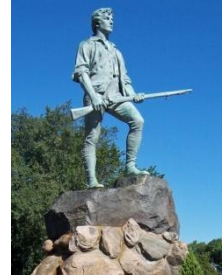




Winner of the NSSAR 2012
Carl F. Bessent Award

TUCSAR BUGLE



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Message from the President



James A. Williamson

Join the Flintlock Shooting Contest that Tucson Chapter is sponsoring!

A Proclamation:

For the Promotion of Marksmanship to all Honorable
Gentlemen and their Ladies.

You are hereby encouraged to exhibit your skill at arms
by competing in the first ever annual Tucson SAR Postal
Match. All proceeds shall be for the benefit of the ROTC
Scholarship Fund!

The coveted Tucson Chapter SAR Marksmanship Medal
shall be awarded to the three high scoring patriots in each
chapter. These distinguished champions are then eligible to
compete for State and National Recognition.

All competitors must use period correct firearms, either smooth
or rifle bore. Flintlocks only. Originals or reproduction arms
are acceptable.

Standard NMLRA targets and rules apply. Just download the
attached target, fill out the information as printed on the target,
witnessed by an honorable gentleman, and return it along with a
check for \$10.00 made payable to Tucson Chapter, SAR.

All proceeds will benefit the Junior ROTC Scholarship Fund.
25 yard smooth bore target - Must be shot offhand with patched
ball. Use the above target.
50 yard rifle target - Must be shot offhand. Use the above
target.
100 yard rifle target - May be shot from a rest. Use standard
NMLRA 100 yard target.

Best scores from each chapter will receive recognition, Tucson
AZSSAR pin, and entry into the competition for the title of

National Champion and a hand made powder horn by local
Tucson artisan Dale Drew.

Please direct questions about forms and details to:
Jim Williamson at creedmoor20024@gmail.com

Tucson Veteran's Day Parades

Tucson will be holding Veterans Day Parade on Monday 12
November 2012 at 8:45 am. We are inviting all members who
wish to march to contact John Lyons at 520-518-5688 or email at
lyonsj5267@yahoo.com

We encourage your participation to honor our forefathers as the
first Veterans of this great country. Come on down it will be
fun, the more the merrier. You do not have to have a uniform
for this.

Don't forget there is also a parade in Casa Grande on Nov 10th.

November State Meeting is Medal Nominations Time

Please remember the November BOM is also the meeting that
any state award nominations need to be presented and voted
upon. So if your chapter has someone they wish to recognize on
a State Level, award nominations need to be submitted prior to
the meeting to our AZSSAR Awards
Chairman, Daniel Heller (danheller@cox.net) or the State
Secretary, Warren Alter (warrenalter@cox.net)

Tour de Tucson is Nov. 17th

Please be aware that the annual Tour de Tucson is on Saturday,
November 17th. Driving on the tour route streets will be very
difficult and slow. Plan ahead and drive safe, over 8,000
bicyclists will be on the road! Our State Meeting will be in Casa
Grande on that day, please plan ahead. The tour starts at 7AM
and goes until 4pm or later.

October Chapter Meeting Highlights

The Tucson Chapter welcomed seven new members during its October 20, 2012th meeting. As shown in the photo, they are: Andrew (adult), Brayden and Josiah Ford, Richard Williamson with Mrs. Williamson, Dale Drew, Mary Ann Boher accepting for Gregory Preston Burger who passed away recently, and Richard Arndt. Robert Vint was awarded a Supplemental for his ancestor Thomas Waring. A very good presentation was made to those assembled by Ron Stenstrom.



(Pres. Jim Williamson and Speaker Ron Stenstrom)

Book Review Signing Their Lives Away

by Denise Kiernan & Joseph D'Agnese

I picked this book up during a recent visit to Monticello. It's a wonderfully easy yet fascinating read about the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence. The book provides a brief biography on each Signer, that yields great insight despite it's brevity. Each Biography is 3-5 pages with Jefferson and Franklin's a tad longer. The Signers are organized by Colony. Thus one is offered a variety of ways to read the work. You can skip around, read by Colony, or read cover to cover. Whatever way you choose. Most of us know well of the lives of Jefferson, Franklin and Hancock but the lives and contributions towards the pursuit of Independence, by the other 53, is no less worthy. It's also full of little known facts...at least to me. Signer George Ross, of Pennsylvania, was Uncle to Betsey Ross's husband, John. Betsey was credited with designing the first U.S. flag when it was; in fact, another Signer, Francis Hopkinson of New Jersey who designed it. There were 2 brothers who signed, Francis Lightfoot and Richard Henry Lee of Virginia. The latter had but 6 fingers. George Wythe, of Virginia, was poisoned by his nephew and it seemed that most had the gout.

There's also a great appendix with some real nuggets. For example, the first printed Broadside of the Declaration bore only 2 names, John Hancock and Charles Thomson who was the Secretary of Congress. Thomson is sometimes referred to as the 57th Signer. Also, in 1989 a man bought a \$4 frame at a flea market. He discovered hidden in the frame an original Dunlap Broadside that would fetch \$8.14 Million at auction.

An extra bonus is that the book's jacket unfolds to a 16 by 20 inch facsimile of the Declaration.

The book is in the Pima County Library system and is well worth your time.

Submitted by Gerry Lawford

October Treasurer's Report

September Ending Balance \$2564.63

Deposits:

Interest	00.03
Chapter Meeting	618.00
Chapter Lapel Pin Sales	35.00
Total Deposits	653.03

Expenses

Skyline Meeting Payment	688.00
Secretary Supplies	144.98
Total Expenses	832.98

October Ending Balance \$2384.68

Rebels and Red Coats, Oh My!

In what is hoped to be a new and continuing feature for the Southwest area, a Rebels versus Redcoats reenactment was held November 2nd through 4th in Anthem, AZ.

Participating in the actual reenactment on the 2nd was Gerry Lawford and on the 3rd was Dr. Rudy Byrd. Gerry Lawford, Al Niemeyer and Honorary member Theresa Williamson were on hand the first day to give presentations on colonial life and weaponry to several hundred school children. The second day was attended by John Lyons, Al & John Niemeyer and Rudy Byrd. Cannon fire and Flintlocks blazing were the order of the day during the second day battle.



(Jerry Lawford and Theresa Williamson at the Anthem Gathering)

Our New Chapter Members!



(Registrar Warren Alter and Richard Arndt)



(President Jim Williamson with John and Mary Williamson)



(President Jim Williamson with Andrew Ford and sons, Brayden & Josiah)



(Pres. Jim Williamson and Dale Drew)



(Pres. Jim Williamson and Bob Vint for his Supplemental)



(For Veteran's Day - The Bunker Hill Monument in Boston, MA)

