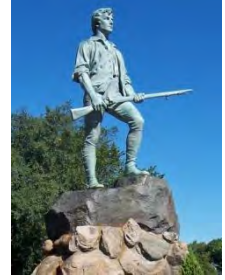




Winner of the NSSAR 2012
Carl F. Bessent Award

TUCSAR BUGLE



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Message from the President



Jim Kimbrough

Last month I outlined some of our Color Guard opportunities for our members. This month I want to let you in on a well kept secret. Before each breakfast meeting, there's another meeting. It's called the BOM (Board of Managers) Meeting where the current officers, past presidents, committee chairpersons, and current BOM members meet to discuss the operation of our Tucson Chapter. As SAR members you can attend this meeting and get a better understanding of your Tucson Chapter.

These BOM meetings are where the committee chairpersons report on activities, issues and opportunities. The committee's are as follows: Awards & Medals, Color Guard, Eagle Scout, Public Relations, JROTC & ROTC, Constitution & Bylaws, DAR Liaison, CAR Liaison, and Americanism. All of our committee's are currently staffed with Chairpersons, but we can always use additional help. If you have an interest in any of the aforementioned committee's let me know.

An SAR State Society meeting was held recently, and each Chapter President was asked to report on the activities of their Chapter. That's always an easy job for the Tucson President because we do so many activities. We could do more. All we need is more participation.

Color Guard visits Ironwood Elementary School

In what has become a yearly tradition, the Tucson Chapter Color Guard visited the 5th Grade Class of Ironwood Elementary School giving talks and demonstrations of Colonial Life in the Revolutionary War Period. The April 18th, 2013 Guard consisted of Dr. Rudy Byrd, Al Niemeyer, Jim Williamson and honorary member Theresa Williamson. The children,

teachers and school principal Eric Abrams were enthralled with the presentations. The young girls were particularly interested in the talk given by Theresa Williamson on the many contributions of women in colonial life. Submitted by Al Niemeyer.



(Jim Williamson demonstrates hand to hand combat)



(Theresa Williams with young ladies and Rudy Byrd Speaking)

Lexington & Concord

April 19, 1775

by Compatriot Gerry Lawford

With the end of the Seven Years War in 1763 (French & Indian War to us), England was deeply in debt. Beginning with the Stamp Act 1765 it began to impose a series of tariffs and taxes on their American Colonies. This plus the closing of the Western frontier to settlement fanned the flames of resentment across the next decade. The enactment of the Intolerable Acts, meant to punish the colonies after the Boston Tea Party, added to the tensions. The First Continental Congress was convened in September 1774 and stockpiles of arms began to take place. Word had it that one such stockpile was in Concord MA.

General Thomas Gage was instructed by the Secretary of the Colonies, William Legge, to seize the arms and arrest the leaders. He arrived with some 700 Regulars early on the morning of April 19, 1775. Upon seeing armed militia, an advance guard under Lt Jesse Adair detoured to Lexington. Major John Pitcairn soon arrived and ordered the militia (under Capt. John Parker) to disperse. Before they could, a shot rang out and a battle was on. One British soldier was wounded and 8 militia were killed with another 9-10 wounded. The British then marched to Concord where few stores were found since they had been moved some time before due to rumors of impending British action.

Colonel Smith began the 20 mile march back to Boston, harassed all the way by a militia force that had grown to over 3000. An estimated 75000 rounds were expended by the militia resulting in 273 British casualties. The Americans suffered just over 90 casualties. 20,000 militia gathered outside of Boston. There was no turning back; the War of Independence had commenced. Boston was under siege. Bunker Hill took place on June 17 and General Howe would ultimately evacuate Boston on March 17, 1776.

Three High School Students receive ROTC Medals

Cholla High School Cadet Jason Howell received the Bronze JROTC medal from the John Lyons of the Tucson Chapter Color Guard on May 1st 2013. The Air Force ROTC Silver Medal was awarded to David Forsythe on Tuesday, April 30th, 2013. The Navy ROTC Silver Medal was awarded to Lawrence Hill on Wednesday, May 1st, 2013.



(Cadet Jason Howell with SAR Color Guard Commander John Lyons)



(Cadet Lawrence Hill with Jim and Theresa Williamson, John Lyons, and Al Niemeyer)



(Cadet David Forsythe with Jim and Theresa Williamson)

April Treasurer's Report

March Ending Balance	\$3187.99
April Deposits/Interest	\$ 42.02
April Withdrawals	\$ 538.37
April Ending Balance	\$2691.64

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 05/18/13 Chapter Meeting**
Skyline Country Club, 9am (BOM at 7:30am)
- 07/05-10/13 NSSAR Congress**
Kansas City, MO
- 9/27-28, 2013: Fall Leadership Meeting, Louisville KY**
- 09/21/13 Chapter Meeting**
Skyline Country Club, 9am (BOM at 7:30am)
- 10/19/13 Chapter Meeting**
Skyline Country Club, 9am (BOM at 7:30am)
- 11/16/13 Chapter Meeting**
Skyline Country Club, 9am (BOM at 7:30am)
- 12/21/13 Chapter Meeting (Tentative Christmas Party)**
Skyline Country Club, 9am

Memorial Day – May 27th

Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day, which started just after the Civil War, to honor the war dead of both sides, Union and Confederate. Memorial Day is now a holiday to commemorate those who have died while serving in the Armed Services. Memorial Day is not to be confused with Veteran's Day which is commemorating all veterans, living or dead.



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Your chapter's website has a great deal of information. Visit it at: <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 Birthdays

5/6 Kay Curtis	6/14 Joshua Arnold
5/7 Warren Alter	6/15 William Clarke
5/8 Nicholas Ruman	6/19 Steven Alter
5/10 Edwin Bruck	6/21 Frederick Newton
5/13 Stephen Harrington	6/23 John Lyons
5/16 James Kimbrough	6/24 Gregory Clarke
5/17 James Christian	
5/17 Allan Church	
5/22 Dale Hodge	
5/22 James Williamson	
5/26 Frank R (Dick) Holloway	
5/27 Al Niemeyer	
5/27 David Alter	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY COMPATRIOTS!

Historical Quote

On what rests the hope of the republic? One country, one language, one flag!

[Alexander Henry](#), Mayor of Philadelphia

Alexander Henry." BrainyQuote.com. Xplore Inc, 2013. 5 May 2013.
<http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/a/alexanderh195125.html>



Sons of the American Revolution
Tucson Chapter
Monthly Meeting May 18, 2013

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: Connie Lopez Romero, of the Department of Homeland Security- U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Service, will speak to us regarding the Naturalization Process; its' requirements, steps and costs.

Menu: A buffet breakfast will be served

Price: \$16.00 per person (PLEASE NOTE PRICE CHANGE)

Reservations: Please detach the coupon below and mail with a check payable to the Tucson Chapter/SAR by May 14, 2013

Mail To: Mike Moore, 10311 N. Oak Knoll Lane, Oro Valley 85737

SAR Member: _____

Guest #1 _____

Guest #2 _____

Total Number Attending _____ \times \$16.00 = \$ _____