



TUCSAR BUGLE



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A Message from the President



Lance Dickinson

Bette and I traveled to Greenville, South Carolina last month to attend the Society's 124th Annual Congress. As you will see and read elsewhere in the Bugle, we enjoyed ourselves. Fellow Tucson compatriots, Warren Alter and Nancy Alter, Rudy and Gayle Byrd, Gary and Ginny Pettett, and Al Niemeyer and John Niemeyer, joined us at the Congress. Four of us from the Chapter Color Guard participated in every Congress Color Guard activity. You will see Rudy Byrd, Al Niemeyer, John Niemeyer and me in the picture. Our Tucson Color Guard represented the Chapter well.

Every day was full. We learned a great deal about the health of our fellowship and its patriotic traditions. We made new friends. We look forward to seeing them again at future SAR national events. The fellowship is thriving. Under the direction of President General Dooley and his leadership team, the SAR received over \$1,300,000 in new donations by the end of the Congress to support our mission, goals and activities. We heard many examples throughout the Congress of our historical, patriotic and educational values coming to life. What a joy to learn our Society prospers and continues to grow.



(President Lance Dickinson, Al Niemeyer, Rudy Byrd, and John Niemeyer)

Memorial Day, May 26th at Purple Heart Park

Lifetime Purple Heart member Lance Dickinson led a delegation of the Tucson Chapter Color Guard as they placed the Purple Heart Memorial Wreath on a Tucson Purple Heart Park wall. The stirring ceremony occurred on Memorial Day, May 26th, 2014. Among those giving honor to our valiant veterans was County Supervisor Ray Carroll. Color Guard attendees were: Bill Aurand, Lance Dickinson, George Lipphardt, Jim Williamson and Ladies Auxiliary members Marcia Aurand, Bette Dickinson and Theresa Williamson. Bronze ROTC Medal by Bill Aurand and Al Niemeyer.



(The Purple Heart Park in Rita Ranch Memorial)



(George Lipphardt, Bill Aurand, Ray Carroll, Lance Dickinson, Jim Williamson, Marcia Aurand, Bette Dickinson, and Theresa Williamson)

St. Elizabeth Senior Group gets a Broadside Reading

Dr. Rudy Byrd read a Declaration of Independence Broadside to a Senior Group at the Saint Elizabeth Ann Seaton Catholic Church on Sunday, July 6th, 2014. Theresa Williamson gave a talk on the participation of the Revolutionary era women in the war effort. Color Guard members attending were: Dr Rudy Byrd, Al Niemeyer, John Niemeyer, Jim Williamson and ladies auxiliary Theresa Williamson.



(Rudy Byrd announcing the Independence of the former colonies.)



(Rudy Byrd, John Niemeyer, Theresa and Jim Williamson.)

Flag Day at Saddlebrook

Lance Dickinson and Al Niemeyer represented the Tucson Chapter Color Guard at the annual Flag Day Ceremony at SaddleBrooke on Thursday, June 12th, 2014. Compatriots Dickinson and Niemeyer participated with other members of the community in presenting different era U. S. Flag to the assembled audience. Speakers for the event were Golder Ranch Fire District Chief, Randy Karrer and Pinal County Sheriff, Paul Babeu.



(Lance Dickinson and Al Niemeyer with other Flag Carriers in Saddlebrook for Flag Day)

Tucson Chapter C.G. wins on Mt. Lemmon again in 2014

The Color Guard participated again at the July 4th Mt. Lemmon Day Parade winning the first place award for Most Patriotic. They had a great, although wet time on the mountain. Early preparations for the Summerhaven July 4th 2014 parade were under cool temperatures and overcast clouds. At the very start of the parade these clouds decided to open up and soak the assembled visitors and paraders. Everyone seemed to enjoy the rain and it made for an easy, though soggy, journey along the parade route. The Color Guard not only started the parade in the number one position but finished the parade as the 'First Place Patriotic Entry.' Those marching were: Rudy Byrd, Rick Collins, Lance Dickinson, Al Niemeyer, Jim Williamson, Drummer John Patla and Bette Dickinson and Theresa Williamson.



(Color Guard getting ready to start the Parade)

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

09/20/14 Tucson Chapter Meeting

Skyline Country Club, Tucson, AZ.
Meeting time at 9am / BOM at 7:30am

09/26/14 to 09/27/14 Fall Leadership Meeting

Louisville, KY, NSSAR Headquarters

10/18/14 Tucson Chapter Meeting

Skyline Country Club, Tucson, AZ.
Meeting time at 9am / BOM at 7:30am

11/15?/14 AZSSAR BOM Meeting

Date and Location TBD

11/11/14 Tucson Veterans Day Parade

Location TBD

Rick Collins was the speaker at May Meeting

Tucson Chapter's final meeting (May 17th, 2014) before the summer break featured an excellent power point presentation on "Life and War in Spanish Colonial Arizona" by Rick Collins, President of the Tucson Presidio Trust and Tucson Chapter member. Preceding Compatriot Collins' talk, the Chapter inducted Zakaria Lamri and Nicolas Sacco into the SAR. The ceremony was conducted by Dr. Rudy Byrd using the rarely used long form ceremony. This was followed by the awarding of the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal to Warren Alter, William Aurand, Abraham R. Byrd III, John Lyons, Albert Niemeyer and Richard Zeilman. This newly designed medal and award is in recognition of faithful services in the Sons of the American Revolution. Richard Zeilman was unable to receive his award in person because of ill health. The Meritorious Service Award was given to Richard Hudgins for his service to the SAR. Compatriot Hudgins was out of town and unable to accept in person. Not to be left out are Nancy Alter and Theresa Williamson, who were awarded the Lydia Darragh Medal in grateful recognition for their long support for the Sons of the American Revolution.

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

Tucson Chapter Birthdays

July Birthdays

August Birthdays

7/3 Roger Greenlees	8/1 A. Rudell Byrd
7/6 Daniel Gnau	8/3 Lauren Alter
7/13 James McBain	8/5 Brendan McGowan
7/14 Andrew McCreery	8/8 Charles Goddard
7/14 Grant Zoeteman	8/10 Eugene Riebling
7/17 Scott Pettett	8/12 Richard Zeilman
7/18 William Moore	8/15 Marshall Wolf
7/28 Richard Collins	8/17 Steven Burger
7/28 John Niemeyer	8/18 Richard Arndt
7/30 Werner Harsch	8/21 Michael Fogle
7/31 Chet Zoeteman	8/23 Daniel Clarke
	8/25 Brayden Ford
	8/26 Jack Clark
	8/26 Michael Pavlich
	8/29 Ryan Lipphardt
	8/31 Jeffery Kimbrough

HAPPY BIRTHDAY COMPATRIOTS!

Historical Quote

When the casualty lists for Guilford Courthouse reached London, Charles James Fox, leader of the Parliamentary opposition to the war, exclaimed on the floor of the House of Commons: "Another such victory would ruin the British army!"

Quoted from Thomas E. Baker, Another Such Victory (Philadelphia: Eastern National Park and Monument Association, 1981), 77-78.

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