



TUCSAR BUGLE



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A Message from the President



Lance Dickinson

Most people are familiar with the last sentence of Patriot Patrick Henry's speech to the Virginia House of Burgesses Convention at St. John's Church in Richmond, Virginia on March 23, 1775. In it, he sought to energize the delegates' to begin to arm themselves to raise a militia from every Virginia County. For, he prophesized, "The war is begun". Both George Washington and Thomas Jefferson served as delegates' that year. They likely were in the audience. He summarized the speech in his final paragraph and then closed with the familiar line. The speech worked. The Virginia House of Burgesses passed a resolution to begin recruiting a militia. Patrick Henry closed the speech with this paragraph, "It is in vain, sir, to extenuate the matter. Gentlemen may cry, Peace, Peace--but there is no peace. The war is actually begun! The next gale that sweeps from the north will bring to our ears the clash of resounding arms! Our brethren are already in the field! Why stand we here idle? What is it that gentlemen wish? What would they have? Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!" I wonder what my patriot ancestors heard in their call to arms. Had any part of this prophetic speech gone as far as Massachusetts and New Jersey? It would be fascinating to know what motivated them to serve. Sgt. Lemuel Wells served with the Massachusetts Line, and Pvt. Guisbert Sutphin served with the New Jersey Line. I wonder what call to arms each of our ancestors heard.

Gerry and Sandy Lawford meet with President George Washington

Chapter Vice President Gerry and his wife Sandy were privileged to be chosen to lay a wreath in the crypt of Gen. and Mrs. George Washington during their recent visit to Mt. Vernon in September. Talk about goose bumps!



(Vice President Gerry and Sandy inside the crypt)



Volunteer for Chapter Office

Your Chapter needs you. The life blood of your chapter are those who volunteer. Without them, your chapter would cease to exist. We are now seeking officer and committee volunteers. Please consider volunteering. Contact John Lyons at lyonsj5267@yahoo.com or any board member. We are especially looking for members to take the Vice President and the Assistant Secretary/Treasurer positions.

The Cooper Brothers of the Revolutionary War

by Compatriot Peter Cooper Mike

Thomas, Alexander, Nickolas, and John Cooper were privates in the sixth battalion of York County Militia, organized in 1776. It was composed of eight companies. It was commanded in 1777-8 by Colonel William Ross with David Miller as major. The particular company they belonged to was led by Captain Laird, First Lieutenant William Reed, and Ensign David Steelt. *Continental Congress at York, Pennsylvania and the York County in the Revolution, by George R. Prowell, York PA, York Printing Co., 1914.

The brothers were the sons of John Cooper and Alice Gill. John immigrated to America in 1720. Thomas is the Patriot of Peter Cooper Mike, Stephen Andrew Mike, Matthew Dean Mike, and Stephen Andrew Mike Jr., National SAR members installed on September 20, 2014 (father, sons, and grandson). Andrew's Certificate was received by his father Stephen Andrew Mike as Andrew is a freshman attending the University of Florida. Patriot Thomas Cooper's grandson Thomas J. Cooper fought in the Civil War. *Civil War Draft Registration Records 1863-65.

John and Alice's first home was said to be a cave or a dugout built near a spring. Their furniture was made of split logs. They lived in this makeshift home for one winter and then built a house, presumably of logs in the spring. It is written that the oldest brother John was the first white child born in York County, Fawn Township, PA. That townships name was adopted, because in the early times deer were so plentiful. *Descendents Of John Cooper and Alice Gill, by Ruby Pannoni, October 2003, York County, PA Heritage Trust Library Archives, 250 E. Market St., York PA Also; History of York County, PA, by John Gibbons, Chicago, F.A. Battery Publishing Co. 1886.

Secretary/Treasurer

Gentlemen, your new Secretary / Treasurer was duly installed at the September Chapter Meeting. Please make note that John F. Bird is the current Secretary for Tucson Chapter. His contact information is johnfbird@tds.net and is on the chapter webpage and on the Officer contacts section of this new letter. Welcome aboard, John.

Tucson Color Guard at September Naturalization Ceremony

Judge James A. Soto presided at the afternoon Naturalization Ceremony on September 18th, 2014 as the Tucson Chapter Color guard presented the colors and greeted new citizens as they left the Federal courtroom. Jim Bly gave a welcoming speech to the newly sworn in citizens.

Color Guard members attending the afternoon ceremony were Jim Bly, Gerry Lawford, John Lyons and Al Niemeyer.

Submitted by: Al Niemeyer, Tucson Chapter Color Guard



(New Citizens sans the Color Guard)



(Our new Tucson Chapter Members – see article for names)

September Chapter Meeting Highlights

by Al Niemeyer

The Tucson Chapter, AZSSAR, started the fall season off on Saturday, September 20th, with the Chapter Color Guard presenting the colors. The Chapter installed a new Secretary/Treasurer, John Bird. Rudy Byrd, Jim Williamson, Theresa Williamson and Al Niemeyer gave brief talks about the Color Guard school visits and Warren Alter swore in several new members. It should be noted Compatriot Alter was personally responsible for bringing in these new members. New members are: Stephen Mike Sr, Peter Mike, Matthew Mike, Mathew Sacco, Mike Sacco, (youth) Jaden Goodman (held by unknown individual), Brian Goodman and (youth) Aden Goodman. Also joining the SAR but unable to attend was Stephen Mike Sr's son, Stephen Junior. Matthew Sacco also received a supplemental and Jim Williamson received two supplementals. Warren Alter accepted one supplemental for himself and one each for two family members.

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

10/18/14 Walk for ALS with Color Guard

See Al Niemeyer for details
Meeting time at 9am

10/25/14 Tucson Chapter Meeting

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

11/8/14 Casa Grande Veteran's Day Parade

Meeting time: TBD

11/11/14 Tucson Veterans Day Parade

Meeting time: TBD

11/15/14 Tucson Chapter Meeting

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

11/22/14 AZSSAR BOM Meeting

The Property, Casa Grande, Time TBD

How do I Find our Calendars!

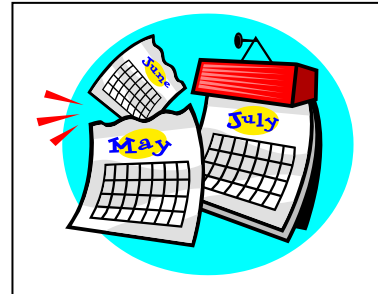
If you have problems remembering where our activity calendars are, here are the URLs! You can always access these calendars from the WWW.SAR.ORG website, under Membership/State webpages /Arizona/ Chapters/ Tucson/ Calendar tabs.

For Tucson Chapter:

<http://www.azssar.org/tucson/calendar.html>

For Arizona State Society:

<http://www.azssar.org/state/calendar.html>



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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

October Birthdays

November Birthdays

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| 10/7 Jerry Bowen, Sr. | 11/1 Darrell Mills |
| 10/13 Robert Rentschler | 11/7 Jason Shroyer |
| 10/18 Bill Aurand | 11/11 James Bly, Jr. |
| 10/20 Roger Anderson | 11/11 Paul Niemeyer |
| 10/22 Phillip Pettett, MD | 11/12 William Lincoln |
| 10/24 Brayden Arndt | 11/16 Alexander Brock |
| 10/27 Harry Saunders, Jr. | 11/18 Braden Weiss |
| 10/31 Lance Dickinson | 11/24 Raymond Stafford |
| | 11/26 Kevin Sharp |
| | 11/30 George Lipphardt, Sr. |
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY COMPATRIOTS!

Historical Quote

Someday, following the example of the United States of America, there will be a United States of Europe.

[George Washington](#)

"George Washington." BrainyQuote.com. Xplore Inc, 2014. 4 October 2014.

http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/authors/g/george_washington_2.html



Sons of the American Revolution
Tucson Chapter
Monthly Meeting October 25, 2014

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: TBD

Menu: A buffet breakfast will be served

Price: \$16.00 per person

Reservations: Please detach the coupon below and mail with a check payable to the Tucson Chapter/SAR by Oct 20, 2014

Mail To: John Bird, 2507 E. Sky Creek Dr., Green Valley, AZ 85614

SAR Member: _____

Guest #1 _____

Guest #2 _____

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