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December and the Bill of Rights

From your editor

The Bill of Rights Day (December 15) is a little known civil holiday. The ratification of the Bill of Rights on December 15, 1791 profoundly changed our country forever.

The country's early years under the Articles of Confederation, which was ratified on March 1st, 1781, quickly showed us that a new "revision" of the Articles was needed. Votes in both 1781 and 1786 to allow the Congress the power to tax failed insuring that a year later, in 1787, the Constitution Convention was held in Philadelphia.

The resulting Convention started in May 1787 at Independence Hall with George Washington as the Convention President. In September, the final draft was written after copious debate by the "Framers of the Constitution" as the delegates were later called. Our three branches of government, with their checks and balances is their great achievement. Ratification started on December 7, 1787 and on June 21, 1788, New Hampshire became the ninth state, allowing a start date of using the Constitution of March 4, 1789. By the way, Rhode Island was the last state to ratify the Constitution on May 29, 1790.

The Bill of Rights

Madison introduced the amendments known as the Bill of Rights to the House in 1789. Of the original 19 amendments submitted, the Congress approved twelve on September 25, 1789 and sent them to the States for ratification. Article 1 and Article 2 were not ratified by the States so Article 3 became Article 1 and only ten amendments were added to the constitution on December 15, 1791.

What were the defeated amendments? I hear you ask. Amendment 1 was the Congressional Apportionment Amendment. If ever ratified, this amendment would allot one representative for every 50,000 citizens. (Currently, we allot one representative for about every 650,000). We would certainly need a bigger chamber to hold them! The second

amendment was about the Compensation pay for Congress. This amendment WAS passed on May 7, 1992; a mere 202 years, 6 months and 12 days after being sent to the States and is our last amendment – Amendment 27. Five States still have not ratified Amendment 27.

This is why our Bill of Rights starts with an amendment talking about Congress not making any law respecting establishment of religion (The individual States, of course, are unaffected by this and Massachusetts and Connecticut did have state religions, but that is another topic for another newsletter), a free press, free speech, the right to assemble peaceably, and the right to petition the government to redress grievances.



2015 Law Enforcement Dinner

Tucson Chapter Annual Meeting and Law Enforcement Awards Night is set for Saturday January 17, 2015.

Just a reminder to all members and friends of Tucson Chapter, SAR, to save the date! We will be having our Annual Meeting and Law Enforcement Awards Night, Saturday evening, January 17, 2015. A no host happy hour will begin at 6:00 pm, with dinner starting at 7:00 pm. The evening will include voting and installation of our 2015 Chapter Officers, followed by the recognition and presentation of Law Enforcement Commendation Medals to many of our Southern Arizona Law Enforcement Agencies. These include Local, State, and Federal Agencies and is our opportunity to recognize many of our local public safety heroes. Come out and show your support of these dedicated men and women in law enforcement. So mark your calendars and plan to attend. Reservation forms will be sent out with the January edition of the TUCSAR Bugle.

- Compatriot Warren Alter

Tucson Chapter Nominated Slate of Officers for 2015

The following were voted on and approved at our November meeting.

Chapter Officers elect for 2015

President	Gerry Lawford
Vice President	John Niemeyer
Secretary	John Bird
Asst Secretary	Jerry Bowen Sr
Registrar/Gene	Warren Alter
Chaplain	John Agner
Historian	Bob Vint

Mgrs At Large	William Aurand
Mgrs at Large	Rick Collins

State Bd of Mgrs	Lance Dickinson
State Bd of Mgrs	Jim Kimbrough

SAR State and Chapter Dues

2015 Dues Reminder

This is just a reminder to all Tucson Chapter Members, 2015 Dues are now due and must be paid prior to December 31, 2014 in order to remain active. You should have received your dues notice by email by now (being sent out by our State Asst Secretary Treasurer Ed Steinback). Dues are the same as last year and payment (payable to "AZSSAR" should be mailed to:

Warren Alter
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6743 E Rosewood Place
Tucson, AZ 85710-1217

Dues amounts (which include National, State, and Chapter) for 2015 are:

Regular Tucson Chapter Member (Adult): \$55

Junior Tucson Chapter Member (under 18 as of 1/1/15): \$5

If you are a National Life Member (previously paid your life membership dues and issued a life membership certificate) you only owe AZSSAR and Tucson Chapter dues (\$11+\$14): \$25

This year, you also have the option of paying for your dues by credit card through PayPal. There is a \$1.50 fee for this option. If interested in paying your dues that way, go to the AZSSAR Website at: <http://azssar.org/> and go to the bottom of the first page, click on the PayPal icon;

Click on "Buy Now" to pay your annual dues with PayPal. Don't forget to add \$1.50 for the PayPal fee.



For those who might be interested in the Life Membership

option:

If you are interested in obtaining a National Life Membership, the cost is dependent on your age (one time membership costs from \$1,040 at age 1 and steadily decreasing to \$30 at age 99, free for anyone 100 or older). The advantage is that you will never again have to pay National dues (you must still remain current with State and Chapter dues each year). Since it seems inevitable that National dues will increase one of these years, this is your way to avoid that increase. Please note, the fees for National Life membership are continually reviewed and future life applicants could see a change in the amounts. This has no impact on current Life Members once you obtain your life membership. See the application form at:

<https://www.sar.org/sites/default/files/docs/nssar-forms/Nat-Life-member-2014-09-23.pdf>

Form needs to be completed and send along with a check for the appropriate amount (based on your current age, see form) to me at the above listed address. You may also use the PayPal option to pay for your National Life Membership fee, but you must mail the completed form to me. Whether paying by check or credit card, I process it and forward it to National. Upon approval you will receive a certificate and Life Membership Number.

Any questions on dues, email me at warrenalter@cox.net

Tucson Chapter Meeting

Tucson Chapter VP Gerry Lawford's ancestor, Nathan Hale, was the topic of a very informative talk at the Skyline Country Club on November 15th, 2014. Gerry highlighted the facts and fiction of one of the Revolutionary War's most famous heroes. Afterwards VP Lawford was given a Challenge coin for his talk by Chapter President Lance Dickinson.



(Gerry Lawford speaking at the November Meeting)

Save the Date for the Feb Meeting

For the February 21, 2015 Chapter meeting, we're very honored to have Judge Leslie Bowman, U.S. Magistrate Judge, as our featured speaker.

Tucson Color Guard wins award at Tucson Veterans Day Parade

The Tucson Chapter entry in the Tucson Veterans Day Parade won the award for Senior Marching Unit. Congratulations!



(Rick Collins, James Bly, Chet Holland, John Patla, Bill Aurand shown)

Liberty Festival at Pusch Ridge

by Compatriot Al Niemeyer

The Tucson Chapter Color Guard attended and made demonstrations at the Liberty Festival at Pusch Ridge on October 24th & 25th, 2014. The Festival features lectures on the Revolutionary War patriots, period medical procedures, early writing inks and paper, etc, and recreations of battles between the British and the Colonial Army. Chapter members attending were: Chris Francis, Al Niemeyer, Jim Williamson and Ladies Auxiliary member, Theresa Williamson.



(Al Niemeyer and Revolutionary Nurse in front of Medical Equipment and Medicines)



(Zak Lamri with musket at the Veterans Day Parade)

Children's Memorial Park

The Children's Memorial Park, located near Oracle and River, was the site of a Veteran's Day Ceremony on Saturday, November 8th, 2014. The Tucson Color Guard, consisting of Rudy Byrd, John Lyons and Al Niemeyer, with the able assistance of Ladies Auxiliary Theresa Williamson, posted the colors to start the ceremony. Two veterans demonstrated the ceremonial folds of the American Flag with a speaker narrating to the audience the meaning of each fold. A late lunch followed the ceremony.



(Al Niemeyer, Theresa Williamson, Rudy Bird, John Lyons)

Treasurer's Report October 2014

	Jan - Oct 14
Income	
50/50	250.00
Chapter Sales	40.00
Donation	270.00
Event Income	4,701.00
Membership Dues	1,782.00
Total Income	7,043.00
Gross Profit	7,043.00
Expense	
Advertising	30.00
Event Expense	5,059.00
Membership Expense	1,169.40
Total Expense	6,258.40
Net Income	784.60

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

01/17/15 Tucson Chapter Law Enforcement Dinner

Skyline Country Club, Tucson, AZ.
Meeting time at 6PM

02/15/15 AZSSAR Meeting and President General Visit

Chandler – Phoenix Hilton, Chandler, AZ.
Registration time 3:30 to 4pm, Meeting 4-6pm,
Reception 6-7pm, and Dinner from 7-9:30pm

02/21/15 Tucson Chapter Meeting

Skyline Country Club, Tucson, AZ.
Speaker: Judge Leslie Bowman, U.S. Magistrate
Meeting time at 9am / BOM at 7:30am

03/6-7/15 Spring Leadership Meeting

Louisville, KY

03/21/15 Tucson Chapter Meeting

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



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Tucson Chapter WEBSITE LINK:

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

December Birthdays

January Birthdays

12/1 Justin Arnold	1/1 – Dale Drew
12/1 Robert Vint	1/6 – Joseph Coogan
12/4 Mark Blanchard	1/9 – William Clarke
12/8 John Agner	1/18 – Trevor Lipphardt
12/14 Christopher Francis	1/19 – Joseph McGowan
12/15 Donald Connelley	1/21 – Paul Duffey
12/19 Ash Lyons	1/23 – Gregory Burger
12/24 Richard Crawford	1/25 – John Lyons-Baral
12/24 Richard Williamson	1/30 – Andrew Ford
	1/30 – Robert Vint (elder)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY COMPATRIOTS!

Historical Quote

A Bill of Rights is what the people are entitled to against every government, and what no just government should refuse, or rest on inference.

[Thomas Jefferson](#)

"Thomas Jefferson." BrainyQuote.com. Xplore Inc, 2014. 30 Nov 2014.
http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/authors/t/thomas_jefferson.html

