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A Message from the President



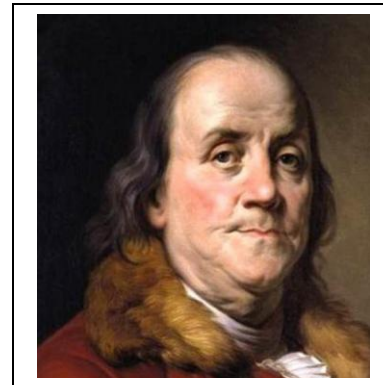
Lance Dickinson

Recently I watched the 2004 movie *National Treasure*. Yes, I am a Nicolas Cage fan. He is the star in the movie. He plays a cryptologist, "Benjamin Franklin" Gates. While the story is implausible, it does offer several pieces of historic information that are authentic. I had forgotten about the wonderful Silence Dogood letters written by Benjamin Franklin when he was a teenager. The film presents a series of riddles leading to treasure buried by the founding fathers in Colonial days. To continue toward the treasure each step requires finding the clue to solve a riddle. At one of the steps, he finds the key to the step by interpreting the meaning of the words, "The key in Silence". Present day Benjamin finds the next riddle and next step in Colonial Benjamin Franklin's Silence Dogood letters.

I had not thought about the Silence Dogood letters in a long time. Mrs. Silence Dogood is a pen name Franklin used as a teenager for a number of newspaper letters. His brother's newspaper, *The New-England Courant* was his target. He was working in his brother's printing shop at the time. Franklin asked his brother several times if he could publish under his own byline. His brother refused. Therefore, Franklin at age 16 assumed the persona of a middle-aged widow named, Mrs. Silence Dogood. He published 15 letters under her byline every two weeks. Colonial Franklin left them under the front door of the printing shop. His brother ultimately caught him. This ended Franklin's early newspaper writing career. If you have not looked at this story recently, please take a look. It is a good one.

It seems like yesterday I became President of your board of managers. As we close this year, you are financially sound. Our annual patriotic, educational and genealogical programs have grown. As chair my good fortune lies in the fact that of the presently serving seventeen board of managers members, five served in more than one role this year. Others served in the larger state and national Society too. I want each of this year's board of managers to know how very grateful I am to you. You will always have my deepest respect and admiration for your service to our Society and Nation. Shortly Compatriot Gerry Lawford will become your chair for next year. You have

elected a very strong group of men with diverse backgrounds and interests as your leadership team. We could not be in better hands.



(Statesman Benjamin Franklin)

2015 Dues Collections

Tucson Chapter Members: This year we tried a new format for sending out dues notices (Quick Books) and I am being informed by some they did not get their notices. If you have not already sent in your 2015 dues payment, it is due by 12/31/14 but I can still get your dues included in the report to National if you have it to me by 1/15/15, so please send them in.

Dues are the same as last year: Regular Member (18 and older) \$55 total (NSSAR 30, AZSSAR \$11, TUC \$14)
(Junior Members = 17 and younger) Dues = \$5.00
(Life Members) Only pay state and chapter = \$25
Checks payable to "AZSSAR" and sent to me at:

Warren Alter
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Tucson, AZ 85710-1217

Any questions, email me at warrenalter@cox.net

Thanks to all of you that have already sent in their dues payments. SAR appreciates your continuing support.

Color Guard at Wreaths Across America Ceremony

During heavy skies that alternated between a drizzle and a moderate rain, the Tucson Chapter Color Guard presented the Colors and later fired a flintlock salute to the honored dead at the Wreaths across America Ceremony in Evergreen Cemetery. Several speakers were featured in the Saturday Morning Ceremony as the guard stood at ease in the rain. The Guard retired the colors as the ceremony was dismissed with visitors fanning out and placing ceremonial wreaths on veteran's graves though out the cemetery. Everyone attending felt it was a very satisfying, albeit very wet, morning. Photos were by Sandy Lawford. Article by Al Niemeyer.



(Helmet & Boots with Wreath)



(Commander Rick Collins with Lance Dickinson, Gerry Lawford, and Rudy Byrd)



(Color Guard and the Ladies Auxiliary pose in a steady rain. Shown: Front Row (L to R) Theresa Williamson, Bette Dickinson, Sandra Lawford and Dr. Rudy Byrd. Back Row (L to R) Gerry Lawford, Al Niemeyer, Jim Williamson, John Niemeyer, Rick Collins and Lance Dickinson.)

Color Guard members Gives Talks and Observe Civano Middle School Activities

A rather unique approach was taken by the Civano Middle School in teaching the Revolutionary War life and times to its pupils. The students listened to talks by Dr. Rudy Byrd and Theresa Williamson on Colonial life on Wednesday, December 3rd. On Monday, December 8th, with Al Niemeyer, Jim and Theresa Williamson acting as observers and asking questions, the students were required to take pen and pencil in hand and listen and talk to students at different tables representing different colonial individuals and aspects of Colonial Life. There were also living tableaus presented on some of the same subjects. The students would later have to report on their observations. The originator of this idea was Humanities teacher, Marcus Whitaker. Article written by Al Niemeyer.



(Jim Williamson with Middle School Student)



(Left to Right: Al Niemeyer, Civano Middle School Humanities teacher, Marcus Whitaker, Theresa & Jim Williamson)

Kachina C.A.R.

Kachina Society held a mini meeting at Chantilly Tea House on December 13th and was the 4th business meeting. They attended the Tucson Chapter DAR Christmas and Holiday tea and President Carly presented on her State Project, ITK. Donations of DVDs, CDs, and books were also collected from C.A.R. for the Veterans at the VA Hospital.

Integrative Touch For Kids™ (ITK) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose purpose is to enhance well being, minimize suffering and facilitate healing for families with children with developmental disabilities, genetic conditions, cancers, and other chronic, acute and life limiting illnesses and the greater community. Submitted by Margo Caylor



(CAK members at Chantilly Tea House)

Tucson Chapter Gives Presentations at Wilson School

On 18 December 2014 Tucson SAR color guard members Rudy Byrd and Jim and Theresa Williamson gave back presentations to Wilson School second graders, reaching approximately 150 children and five teachers.

As can be seen from the photos, Dr. Byrd's and Theresa's lectures were well received, including many surprisingly cogent questions from the audience, especially the sequence when Dr. Byrd, cleverly playing the part of a canon fires a round shot through Molly Pitcher's skirt. Meanwhile, Jim answered countless questions about the wondrous and mysterious contents of his rifleman's pouch. The crowning glory of the afternoon was Dr. Byrd firing his musket. As can be seen, all teachers took a try at it, one twice, much to the wonderment and delight of the children. Article written by Jim Williamson.



(Jim Williamson and friends with Rudy Byrd giving a Pre-firing safety briefing to a teacher in the background)

Treasurer's Report December 2014

By Sec-Treas John Bird

	Jan - Nov 14
Income	
50/50	250.00
Chapter Sales	40.00
Donation	274.00
Event Income	5,037.00
Membership Dues	1,782.00
Total Income	7,383.00
Gross Profit	7,383.00
Expense	
Advertising	30.00
Event Expense	5,395.00
Membership Expense	1,169.40
Total Expense	6,594.40
Net Income	788.60

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

01/17/15 Tucson Chapter Law Enforcement Dinner

Skyline Country Club, Tucson, AZ.
Happy Hour: 6 PM , Dinner time at 7 PM

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.
Speaker: Jean Baxter, Director of Education,
Tucson Presidio
Meeting time at 9am / BOM at 7:30am

Happy 50th Birthday Tucson Chapter!

On December 12, 1964, the Tucson Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution was chartered. We are the oldest continuously functioning chapter in the state.



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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

January Birthdays

February Birthdays

1/1 – Dale Drew	2/1 – Charles Alter
1/6 – Joseph Coogan	2/1 – Robert Bartoszek
1/9 – William Clarke	2/1 – Edward Walker, Jr
1/18 – Trevor Lipphardt	2/2 – Timothy McGowan
1/19 – Joseph McGowan	2/2 – John Weiss
1/21 – Paul Duffey	2/3 – Gene Fenstermacher
1/23 – Gregory Burger	2/3 – Ty Lipphardt
1/25 – John Lyons-Baral	2/4 – Howard Van Deinse
1/30 – Andrew Ford	2/14 – Howard Shenk
1/30 – Robert Vint (elder)	2/16 – Jacob Arnold
	2/21 – Josiah Ford
	2/22 – Donald Clark
	2/23 – John Lindstrom
	2/28 – Bruce Zimmerman

HAPPY BIRTHDAY COMPATRIOTS!

Historical Quote

The Constitution only gives people the right to pursue happiness. You have to catch it yourself.

[Benjamin Franklin](#)

"Benjamin Franklin." BrainyQuote.com. Xplore Inc, 2014. 27 December 2014.

http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/authors/b/benjamin_franklin.html



*Tucson Chapter
Sons of the American Revolution*

**ANNUAL MEETING, INSTALLATION OF CHAPTER OFFICERS AND LAW
ENFORCEMENT AWARDS DINNER**

**SKYLINE COUNTRY CLUB
5200 EAST SAINT ANDREWS DRIVE
TUCSON, AZ 85718**

**SATURDAY 17 JANUARY 2015
HAPPY HOUR: 6:00 P.M.
DINNER: 7:00 P.M.**

**CHICKEN PICCATA
COMPLETE PLATED DINNER
(VEGETARIAN OPTION AVAILABLE)**

*Skyline Country Club is a gated community.
Reservations must be accompanied by names or attendees will not be admitted.*
**ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN
TUESDAY 13 JANUARY 2015**

Please Detach and Mail

Send to: John Bird, Secretary-Treasurer
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Name: _____
Regular Dinner Entree _____ @ \$45.00 Per Person \$ _____
Vegetarian Entree _____ @ \$45.00 Per Person \$ _____
TOTAL \$ _____

Guests: _____
Please make checks payable to the Tucson Chapter, SAR.