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A Message from the President



Gerald Lawford

Compatriots, 2015 has already shaped up to be an active year for your Chapter. We kicked off the year, officially, on January 17 at our Law Enforcement Awards banquet where we honored 8 Officers from 8 Southern Arizona Agencies. It was attended by 91 people. We have already visited 3 schools as well as several Naturalization and Veterans events. It was our privilege, on February 22 (George Washington's Birthday), to attend and support the Tucson Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution's 100th birthday celebration. By the way, did you know that our Chapter was chartered on December 12, 1964 with our 1st President, Dr. William B. Steen taking the gavel in 1965...50 years ago. We are the oldest continuously functioning SAR Chapter in the State.

On February 21, we hosted our 1st Breakfast meeting of the year featuring U.S Magistrate Judge Leslie Bowman. During this meeting, we inducted a new member, Jon Hitchcock, bringing our total membership to 130. Although we continue to see some new members not renew their membership, your Chapter has grown by 34 % in the last 3 years.

Our next meeting will be Saturday March 21 when Jean Baxter, Educational Director for the Presidio and noted storyteller will address us. Her topic will be: Presidio San Augustin Del Tucson: Past and Present. Hope to see you then.

NOTE: The March Meeting is at the Old Pueblo Grille on North Alvernon.

Compatriots, we were only recently advised by Skyline Country Club (now a part of Arnold Palmer Golf Group) that a rather substantial increase to our Breakfast cost would take effect with our March meeting. This increase would result in a 50% increase in our price to you. Your Board and I felt that this was not an increase that could be justified nor passed along to you. This has set us on a whirlwind search to locate a new meeting site. We believe we have found such a site in the Old Pueblo Grille on N. Alvernon. Details are in the attached invitation

from Compatriot John Bird. The cost will remain at \$16. We also hope that it's central location will enable more of you to join us. It's important to note that we part with Skyline on the most amiable of terms. They have been a wonderful host for many years. In fact, they will continue to host our annual Law Enforcement Banquet in January 2016. We hope to see you at the March Meeting.

Color Guard Goes to Davidson Elementary School

Tucson Chapter Color Guard members talked about different aspects of Colonial Life and times to preschoolers through 5th graders at the Davidson Elementary School. Fife music, songs and many, many questions were the order of the day as the students embraced the guard talks on February 20th, 2015. The Guard visited two pre-school classes, 3rd Grade class, and a joint 4/5 grade class. New school Principle, Jason Weaver, even stopped by. Gerry had a ball with the pre-schoolers showing them a period style biscuit and Bill played the Grand Old Duke of York while the children sang and acted out the song.



(A young scholar, Al Niemeyer, Gerry Lawford, Pre-school teacher Marcia Aurand with Bill Aurand fifeing in the back)



(Bill Aurand, Davidson Teacher Terry Rillos and Gerry Lawford)



In Memoriam - Theodore Bowen

Theodore Bowen, a compatriot of the Tucson Chapter. He passed away peacefully on 2/19/15, at the Cascades Memory Care Unit. He was 86 years old, would have been 87 in a month. He was a George Washington Fellow, a Life Member of NSSAR, and a contributor to the CAAH. His patriot was David Davis Bowen, Private Pennsylvania Army. His information: born 3/19/1928 died 2/19/2015 He joined NSSAR and the Tucson Chapter on 5/2/2005. Theodore was the Father-in-law of Compatriot Warren Alter.



(Jim Bly, Bill Aurand, new Citizen, Gerry Lawford, Al Niemeyer outside the new Courtroom)

The Immortal Chaplains Remembered by Tucson Veterans and our Color Guard.

The early Fog burned away and the sun shined bright as the Tucson Chapter Color Guard laid a wreath at the 72nd Annuals Four Chaplains Memorial Service on Sunday, February 1st, 2015 at Kino Veteran's Memorial Park. For those that may not know, the Four Chaplains gave up their life jackets and consequently their lives so that servicemen could be saved after the U. S. Dorchester was torpedoed by a German U-Boat on Feb. 3rd, 1943. The Dorchester sank within 30 minutes. In 1988 an annual Four Chaplains Day was established for February 3rd. – submitted by Al Niemeyer



(Gerry Lawford, Congresswoman McCally, & Chris Francis)



(3cent U.S. Postage Stamp - Interfaith in Action)

Naturalization Proceedings are now in a New Courtroom

Judge Eric J. Markovich presided over the Naturalization of 46 new citizens at the Federal Courthouse on February 20th, 2015. The Color Guard participated in the presentation of the colors and Jim Bly spoke in a new venue, the second floor Special Proceedings Courtroom. It is our understanding that all future ceremonies, morning and afternoon, will be held in this courtroom. – submitted by Al Niemeyer

Sahuarita Sun Newspaper covers the February Law Enforcement Dinner.

Check out their article from this URL link:

http://www.sahuaritasun.com/news/sahuarita-officer-honored-for-exemplary-work/article_7470da40-a8e4-11e4-a558-e3ecd7b86a26.html



(The Color Guard at the 2015 Law Enforcement Dinner)

Musing from the Ranks

by Color Guard Commander, Rick Collins

One of the interesting things about the Tucson SAR Color Guard is the variety of situations in which we find ourselves. Most of the “performances” we are asked to participate in are unrehearsed, and if scripted, we generally aren’t made aware of the timing. No two events ever seem to work the same way. At times this can call for some quick reactions.

Recently the Guard was asked to fire a volley for a flag retirement ceremony. Things happened much faster than expected and I suddenly found the emcee looking my way, indicating readiness for our salute. The Guard was situated to aim right toward the crowd.

In a quick moment we did an about face and fired our volley, that sweet, acrid smoke blowing to the rear and covering the crowd (it’s a wonderful smell). It occurred to me then that no one was going to know if we were done. Another about face put things right, and Taps was played perfectly by our own George Lipphardt while the Guard went to “present firelocks”.

That incident gave me pause to think how really good our Guard is. The enthusiasm of our troops is most notable. And from a new leader’s point of view, the crew is very able to improvise, adapt, and overcome; something that is mandatory if you are going to be in front of crowds.

I have been impressed with the willingness of each member to work towards creating a professional organization. When someone arrives a tad bit late and needs to be run through the manual of arms, everyone falls back in and joins in the practice. Each compatriot will loan another his weapon and assist in any way he can.

There is always a sense of importance to what is being accomplished; a sense of the debt owed our ancestors. Next time you see the Guard in action, either educating school children or posting the colors, I hope you can appreciate the dedication and thoughtfulness of this select group of SAR members.

Treasurer’s Report

December 2014

By Sec-Treas John Bird

Monthly Report

Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Statement of Cash Flows

January 2015

	Jan 15
OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Net Income	-369.00
Net cash provided by Operating Activities	-369.00
Net cash increase for period	-369.00
Cash at beginning of period	2,958.91
Cash at end of period	<u>2,589.91</u>

C.A.R. News from Kachina Society



(The ASCAR Membership Drive Trophy)

The CAR State Membership Committee awarded Kachina Society the Membership Drive Trophy for NINE new members this past year, edging out the Hallie Orme Thomas Society who had eight new members. We are informed that the prize money will be used toward a celebration party. Way to Go Kachina!

Mrs. Bev Giordano is the new Senior President of Kachina Society, replacing Margo Caylor. This editor wishes to express his deep gratitude to Margo Caylor for her excellent term as Sr. President and wishes Mrs. Bev Giordano all the best during her tenure.

Kachina recently made Valentine Day cards for the VA Hospital and made up ten “CARE” boxes for Margo’s nephew Roy and his troop in Africa.

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

03/6-7/15 Spring Leadership Meeting
Louisville, KY

03/21/15 Tucson Chapter Meeting
Old Pueblo Grille, Tucson, AZ.
Speaker: Jean Baxter, Director of Education,
Tucson Presidio
Meeting time at 9am / BOM at 7:30am

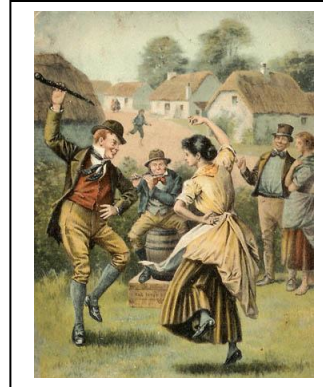
04/18/15 AZSSAR BOM Meeting
The Property, Casa Grande, AZ.
Speaker: Merrilyn Ridgeway, Father Kino
Check in time at 9am / BOM at 10am / Lunch from
noon to 2pm

04/25/15 Tucson Chapter Meeting
Old Pueblo Grille, Tucson, AZ.
Speaker: Amy Fee, Veteran's Programs
Meeting time at 9am / BOM at 7:30am

05/16/15 Tucson Chapter Meeting
Old Pueblo Grille, Tucson, AZ.
Speaker: Major (Ret) DeWitt, ROTC
Meeting time at 9am / BOM at 7:30am

Happy St. Patricks Day!

Top o' the day to Colonel Hugo O'Connor, the Irishman who on the 20th of August, 1775 selected the place for "San Agustin del Tucson" as the new site of the Presidio for Spain. He was known as "The Red Captain" (El Capitan Colorado). There is a statue of O'Connor downtown by the Manning House.



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

Tucson Chapter Birthdays

March Birthdays

April Birthdays

3/2 - Robert Clarke	4/3 - Roy Christiansen
3/2 - Johann Lindstrom	4/4 - Gary Smith
3/7 - Robert Bobar	4/4 - Thomas Zeilman
3/10 - Mark Conley	4/5 - Gerard Lawford
3/14 - George Lipphardt, Jr	4/13 - James Kimbrough
3/16 - Jason Greenlees	4/22 - Glenn Fogle
3/17 - Richard Hudgins	4/23 - Scott Driver
3/18 - Roger Johnson	4/26 - Ronald McCreery
3/21 - John Bird	
3/25 - James Coogan	
3/28 - Andrew Church	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY COMPATRIOTS!

Historical Quote

You say to your soldier, 'Do this' and he does it. But I am obliged to say to the American, 'This is why you ought to do this' and then he does it.

- Baron von Steuben

http://www.famousquotesandauthors.com/authors/baron_von_steuben_quotes.html



**Sons of the American Revolution
Tucson Chapter
Monthly Meeting March 21, 2015**

Time: 9:00 AM-Meeting, Breakfast, Program

7:30 AM- BOM Meeting for Chapter Officers

Place: NEW NEW OLD PUEBLO GRILLE NEW NEW

Directions: 60 N Alvernon From south just north of Broadway on the east side of Alvernon. From north it is 1/3 mile south of 5th St. Turn left on E Elmwood (just past the La Quinta Inn) and turn right into the parking lot.

Program: Jean Baxter, Educational Director and period storyteller at the Presidio San Augustin Del Tucson, will speak on the topic of "Presidio San Augustin: Past and Present"

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 Mar 17, 2015

Next Events: Monthly Meeting April 25, 2015
Missing in America Project Sat March 28, 2015

The earlier the better I do need to know who is attending.

Mail To: John Bird 2507 E Sky Creek Dr Green Valley AZ 85614 johnfbird@tds.net

Member: _____ NOTE NEW PLACE

Guest #1 _____

Guest #2 _____

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