



TUCSAR BUGLE

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A Message from the President



John Niemeyer

As we start the new year off. I want to thank all of you for entrusting me as your chapter President. We just finished up last month with the Law Enforcement Banquet. It was another great successful Awards banquet. Sahuarita Police Dept. Chief John Noland was the guest Speaker. We awarded nine officers each with the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and certificate. This was a good turn out with 87 attending. Our own Warren Alter did a great job with the ceremony. We will miss him as our Registrar/Genealogist and wish him luck on his candidacy for National Treasurer General.

Our Color Guard under commander, Rick Collins, has been getting lots of requests. At Wreaths across America last December, we had a pretty good program. A horse, lots of flags and a six firelock volley. And all our firelocks fired. We look forward to being involved with MIAP at the new Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemetery at Marana in March.

I also got to participate in a Naturalization Ceremony last year too. It was such a moving experience. I do recommend everyone to try to participate. You don't have to be on the color guard.

I started a Facebook page last year at [facebook.com/tcssar](https://www.facebook.com/tcssar). Check it out.

Tucson Chapter, Law Enforcement Banquet a Success

The Tucson Chapter held it's annual installation of Officers and Law Enforcement Awards Dinner at the Skyline Country Club on Saturday, January 16th, 2016. The Color Guard started off the evening with the posting of the colors followed by the invocation and pledge of allegiance. President Gerry Lawford presented the Distinguished Service Medal to Rick Collins for his outstanding contributions to the Chapter and also awarded the Lydia Darragh Medal to his wife Sandra Lawford for her

outstanding contributions to the chapter in the past year. Past State & Chapter President Albert Niemeyer then installed the Tucson Chapter Officers for the 2016-2017 year. The Chapter Officers are:

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| President - | John Niemeyer |
| Vice President - | Rick Collins |
| Secretary-Treasurer - | John Bird |
| Genealogist | A. Ruddell Byrd |
| Registrar - | Gerard Lawford |
| Chaplain - | John R. Agner |
| Historian - | Robert W. Vint |
| State Board of Managers - | Lance Dickinson & Gerard Lawford |
| Board of Managers at Large - | Bill Aurand & Tom Sorenson |
| Past President - | Gerard Lawford |

Albert Niemeyer then had the honor of presenting his son and newly installed President, John Niemeyer, with the Chapter gavel. Immediately following this, former Chapter President Lawford gave President John Niemeyer the Tucson Chapter President Ribbon and Medal and John Niemeyer, in turn, gave Gerry Lawford the Past President Pin.

The speaker for the evening was Sahuarita Police Department Chief John Noland. Law Enforcement Commendation Medals were later awarded to nine local Law Enforcement Agency Officers/Agents.

The awardees were:

- Officer Joseph Bianculli, Marana Police Department
- Detective Stephen Bunting, Sahuarita Police Department
- Special Agent David Crofts, U. S. Drug Enforcement Administration
- Special Agent Kathryn M. Gamble, U. S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
- Officer Kristofer Knapp, Oro Valley Police Department
- Sergeant Erick Maldonado, Pima County Sheriff's Department
- Officer Sean Payne, Tucson Police Department
- Border Patrol Agent Adam J. Sulli, U. S. Customs & Border Protection
- Special Agent Michelle Terwilliger, FBI.



(The 2016 Law Enforcement Award recipients)



(Law Enforcement Awards Presenter, Warren Alter.)



(Posting of the colors with Gerry Lawford, John Niemeyer, and Rudy Byrd)



(Chapter officers for 2016/2017)



(Sandra Lawford receives Lydia Darragh Medal from Pres Lawford)



(New Chapter President, John Niemeyer receives Chapter President Medal from Past President Gerry Lawford)



Marana Veterans Memorial Cemetery – March 26th

The Marana Veterans Memorial Cemetery Dedication will take place on Saturday, March 26. Our own Color Guard will be participating. Please come out and support the dedication, if you can.

Directions to the Cemetery: Take Exit 236 off of I-10. Go to Marana Road. You can't miss it, it sides the Circle K which can be seen from I-10. Turn right (west) on Marana Road, go 1.9 miles to Wentz Road. Turn right on Wentz, go 1.4 miles at which time Wentz turns into a deeply rutted dirt road so be careful. Go 1 mile on the dirt road and you will be at the cemetery which is on your left.



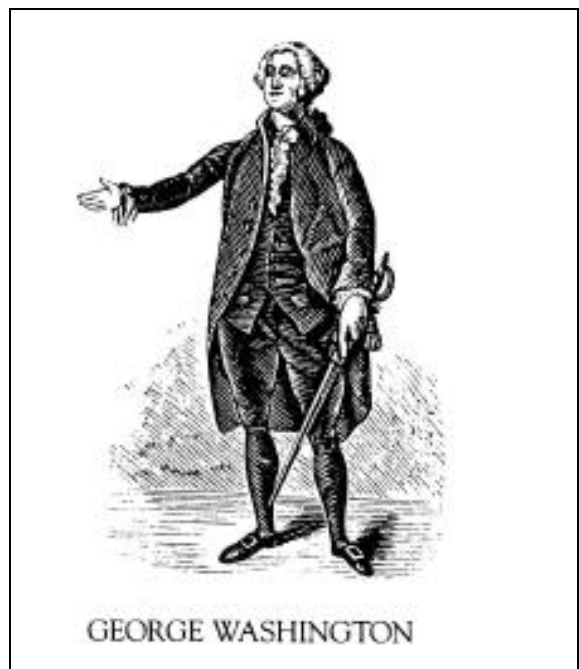
Four Chaplains Memorial Service February 7th at 1pm

Again this year, the Tucson Chapter will be participating in the Four Chaplains Memorial Service at Kino Vets Memorial Park in Tucson. The Four Chaplains commemorate the selfless sacrifice of clergy of all faiths as demonstrated by the four on the doomed ship, the Dorchester: Those chaplains were Lt. George L. Fox, Methodist; Lt. Alexander D. Goode, Jewish; Lt. John P. Washington, Roman Catholic; and Lt. Clark V. Poling, Dutch Reformed.



February, 1778 – Von Steuben Arrives in Valley Forge, PA

Baron Wilhelm Ludolf Gerhard Augustin Steuben arrived in Valley Forge on February 23, 1778 with his letter of introduction. He didn't know English. Von Steuben will go on to train an elite group of troops (47 soldiers) our troops using his training manual (after Alexander Hamilton and Nathanael Greene translated it into English). He cleaned up the condition of the camp and gave spirit to the men to create a fighting force that will eventually beat the world's greatest country. Later, Baron Von Steuben became Inspector General of the Continental Army. Von Steuben eventually becomes an American Citizen later, after the war.



UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

There is no February Tucson Chapter Meeting

- 02/20/16 The 120th Annual SAR State Meeting**
The Property, Casa Grande
 Meeting Time 9:30 am Lunch at Noon.
- 02/22/16 George Washington's Birthday**
- 02/25-27/16 The Spring Leadership Meeting**
Louisville, KY
- 03/19/16 Tucson Chapter Meeting**
 Sabbar Shrine Temple, Tucson, AZ.
 Meeting time at 9am / BOM at 7:30am
- 03/26/16 Marana Vet Memorial Cemetery Dedication**
 10am
- 04/16/16 Tucson Chapter Meeting**
 Sabbar Shrine Temple, Tucson, AZ.
 Meeting time at 9am / BOM at 7:30am

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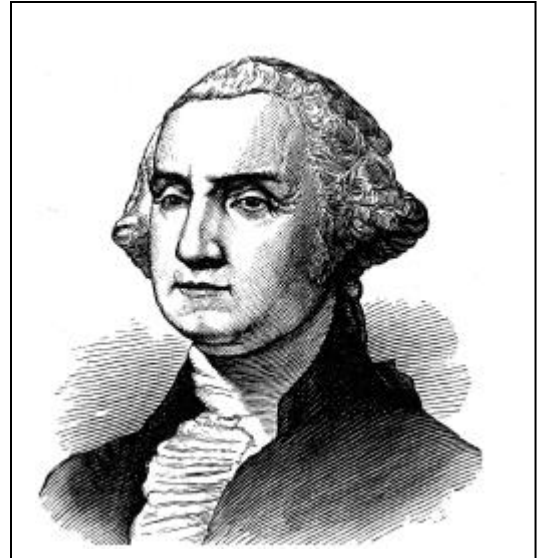
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Your chapter's website has a great deal of information.
 Visit it at: <http://www.azssar.org/tucson/index.html>
 Want to check the latest calendar events, go to:
<http://www.azssar.org/tucson/calendar.html>

February 22 Washington's Birthday



Tucson Chapter Birthdays

February Birthdays

March Birthdays

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| 2/1 Charles Alter | 3/2 Robert Clarke |
| 2/1 Edward Walker | 3/2 Brigham Diquattro |
| 2/2 Timothy McGowan | 3/2 Johann Lindstrom |
| 2/2 Duffus Weiss | 3/7 Robert Bobar |
| 2/3 Gene Fenstemacher | 3/9 Brian Goodman |
| 2/3 Ty Lipphardt | 3/10 Mark Conley |
| 2/4 Howard Van Deirse | 3/13 Steven Landreville |
| 2/11 William Spears | 3/14 George Lipphardt, Jr |
| 2/14 Howard Shenk | 3/15 Jon Hitchcock |
| 2/16 Jacob Arnold | 3/16 Jason Greenlees |
| 2/22 Donald Clark | 3/17 Richard Hudgins |
| 2/23 Joshua Doss | 3/18 Roger Johnson |
| 2/23 John Lindstrom | 3/21 John Bird |
| 2/25 Nicholas Sacco | 3/25 James Coogan |
| 2/28 Bruce Zimmerman | 3/28 Andrew Church |
| | 3/28 John McElroy |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY COMPATRIOTS!

Historical Quote

"Was I in your condition...I think the more extensive service would be my choice. Our holy Religion, the honour of our God, a glorious country, & a happy constitution is what we have to defend."

Quote from Benjamin Tallmadge to Nathaniel Hale
<http://www.americanminute.com/index.php?date=09-22>. Used with permission from American Minute. Thank you to Michael Morgan.



Sons of the American Revolution
Tucson Chapter

**NO CHAPTER MEETING THIS
MONTH.**

**WE'LL SEE YOU AT THE
STATE ANNUAL MEETING
ON FEBRUARY 20TH.**