



The Arizona and New Mexico Societies will be the hosts for the National Congress on July 7-12, 2012 in Phoenix, Arizona. We need your help to make us proud!

If we go by the Mayan Calendar, this may be the last NSSAR Congress we'll have, so volunteer! Make it the best ever.

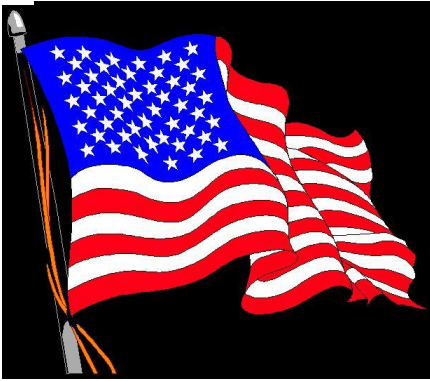
ARIZONA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

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SAR-IZONA NEWS

January 2012 IF YOU CAN READ THIS, THANK A TEACHER! -- IF IT IS IN ENGLISH, THANK A VETERAN!!



FLY YOUR FLAG PROUDLY

Any day is proper. Jan. 1- New Year; Jan. 16- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Feb. 6- Ronald Reagan's 101st Birthday; Abraham Lincoln's Birthday-Feb. 12; President's Day-Feb. 20; George Washington's Birthday- Feb. 22- Saint Patrick's Day- Mar. 17; Army Day-Apr. 6. Apr. 15-American Legion Formed; Easter-Apr. 8; US Army Founded- April 30, 1789.

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

AZSSAR ANNUAL MEETING FEBRUARY 18, 2012
 8:30 to 9:30 AM 2012 Congress Planning Committee Meeting
 9:30 to 11:45 am: Board of Managers Meeting (All SAR Invited)
 9:30 to 11:45 am: Ladies Auxiliary Meeting (All ladies welcome)
 12:00 to 1:30 pm: Luncheon and Guest Speaker

APRIL BOM MEETING is set for "The Property" in

Casa Grande from 0800-2:00 pm. Dates later.

2012 NSSAR CONGRESS IN PHOENIX!

July 7 thru 12 at the Arizona Biltmore Resort & Spa, Phoenix, Arizona. Activities start July 5, 2012.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Compatriots:

I am happy to report that we have had a successful holiday season and that plans are proceeding well for our upcoming Congress in July.

We hosted President General Larry Magerkurth and his wife Barbara, and NSSAR VP General Ed Karr during the PG's visit to Arizona on November 11-14.

Early in the morning on the 12th I took the liberty of 'borrowing' PG Magerkurth and Barbara from our State meeting and took him for a tour of the Tucson Presidio, where my *soldado companeros* and I helped him fire the Presidio cannon.

If you download this video: <http://youtu.be/JbTbUDv8kgc> you

will see me showing SAR President General Magerkurth how to fire an 18th century cannon and then, him firing it. I loaned him my uniform coat and hat for authenticity.

The cannon (a replica) is true to the Spanish Presidio of Tucson where we do living history as part of the Presidio garrison. If you haven't visited the Presidio of Tucson, be sure to put it on your "bucket list".



At the State Luncheon at the University Marriott, the PG and First Lady were given a bolo tie and a vase. The PG addressed the meeting about the Spanish influence of the Revolutionary War by protecting our "back door" and the need to increase Spanish descendent membership in the SAR. From there, the PG went to the Biltmore to tour the

resort and meet with members of the 2012 committee.

We had a good and fruitful state meeting and dinner, and on the 13th and 14th they stayed at, and toured the Biltmore, where we will have our National Congress in July.

Also in November, our State and Chapter Color Guards participated in Veterans Day parades in Casa Grande, Tucson, Sun City, (and others?) We won some awards." Many thanks to the Phoenix, Casa Grande and Tucson color guardsmen who travelled to make this possible! In addition, our State Color Guard, under Dr. Perry's able leadership also participated in the Pearl Harbor Day ceremonies at the State Capitol.

On December 10th I had the pleasure of inducting the new slate of officers for the Saguaro Chapter, and dashed back to Tucson to be there in time for a Tucson Presidio event. Which turned out to be in plenty of time as it was not until the next week-end (organization is not one of my better developed skills...)

And on December 28th, coinciding with a trip visiting family in Utah, I had an excellent meeting in Orem with the Utah State President, Lyle Gingery, who intends to come with several of the Utah compatriots to our Congress in July. Great!

Our annual state meeting is on February 18th in Chandler, and I am hoping that many of you can be there. Although Chairman Mike Jones and all our wonderful planners have done an enormous amount, there are still lots to do to prepare for the Congress, and your advice and assistance will be greatly appreciated.

At Casa Grande, we also made contact both figuratively and

literally with the Akimel O'odham (Pima) Indian tribe when we helped them get their parade entry - a beautifully trimmed motorcycle - upright on its carrier. Our kind deed brought an invitation: on February 25th, our Color Guards will be participating in the annual Iwo Jima Flag Raising Military Parade in Sacaton, presented by the Gila River Indian Community.

We continue to be involved both locally and state-wide in an increasing variety of activities in our communities.

Keep up the good work!

Abraham R. Byrd III, M.D.

Color Guard Wins Award for Veteran's Day Parade

For the second year in a row, members of the Arizona Society Color Guard marched in the annual Veterans Day Parade in Casa Grande. This parade was held on Saturday, November 5th, so that they would not compete with the bigger parade in Tucson, on the 11th. Participating this year were: Color Guard Commander Dick Perry, Steve Miller, Dr. Rudy Byrd, Al & John Niemeyer, Scott Driver, Christopher Francis and Tucson CG Commander, George Lipphardt. Not in photo but participating in the parade: John Lyons, Pres. Tucson chapter.

The Tucson Chapter parade banner was used instead of our State Society banner, only because of a logistics issue.

And once again, we won the award for the Best Marching Unit.

The plaque awarded reads "5th Annual Casa Grande Veteran's Day Parade - Best Marching Unit, 2011"



**THE MAYAN CALENDAR ENDS
DECEMBER 21, 2012**

By John Harrill SAR-izona News Editor

The Mayans were skilled mathematicians, and this shows in their elaborate calendrical system where it is evident that it evolved in complete isolation from those of the old world. The Maya did not synchronize their calendar with the sun that Old World civilizations did; moreover, having a concept of zero, they also had a firm grasp of modular arithmetic.

The Maya Long Count calendar was inscribed in stone 1,300 years ago near modern-day Tabasco, Mexico. It covers a 5,125-year period of time and is extremely accurate. Even by today's computer measurements, it is slightly more accurate than the Gregorian calendar. The Mayan calendar stops counting time as of December 21, 2012. The significance of this *end of time* on the Maya Long Count calendar is that it ends exactly on the Gregorian calendar date of the winter solstice.

The Maya end-date and its actual significance are debated among academics and theorists. There are hundreds of books on the subject and probably hundreds of theories. Some believe it predicts the END OF THE WORLD! If this proves true, *as I said at the top of page one*

of this newsletter, 2012 will be the last NSSAR Congress, so volunteer to make this one the best ever.

The Mayan Calendar is very plain looking and is actually three calendars combined. It is often confused and substituted with the *Aztec Calendar Stone* which is much showier and is an adaptation of the Mayan calendar.



The *Mayan Calendar*, pictured above, uses three different dating systems in parallel: *Long Count* (Curved parallel bars on the far right) is the calendar that ends in 2012; the *Tzolkin* is a divine calendar; and the *Haab* is a civil calendar. Of these, only the *Haab* has a direct relationship to a year length. The *Long Count* was principally used for historical purposes, since it can define dates for millennia in the past and/or future. The *Haab* was a civil calendar based on a year of 360 days consisting of 18 periods of 20 days. Five days were added at the end of the *Haab* year to approximately synchronize it with the solar year.

The *Tzolkin* calendar was used for ceremonial purposes, which had 20 periods of 13 days. The *Tzolkin* calendar went through a complete cycle every 260 days. The significance of this cycle is unknown; some believe it may have been connected with the orbit of Venus, which has a period of 263. You can view an interesting video on how the Mayan calendar works: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BeE-3BBqG58>

The *Aztec Calendar Stone* is much showier and is often confused with and substituted for the Mayan calendar. The Aztecs adapted their calendar from the Mayan's calendar. It consists of a 365-day agricultural calendar, as well as a 260-day sacred calendar.



BASEBALL GAME AVAILABLE

Compatriots,

If you are planning to attend the 122nd Congress in Phoenix in July and are interested in attending a baseball game I need your attention and commitment. On Friday night, July 6th, at 6:40 pm the Diamondbacks are playing the Dodgers. I need to pre-sell 50 tickets before we book this tour. The package includes: round trip bus transport for 5 hours, water on busses, escort, the game tickets are bullpen reserve seats in right field (closest to bus drop-off/pickup location) **Handicap seats are available but request in advance.** Plus \$20 D-Bucks- (D-bucks can be used at Chase Field to buy concessions and merchandise anywhere credit cards are accepted). There may be fireworks after the game. Ticket price per person will be appx. \$74.00. If you are willing to commit to this tour, please reply to jjones3549@cox.net with an affirmative answer. If not interested no need to reply.

J. Michael Jones
AZSSAR BMG Chapter
AZ Congress Planning Chair

PREVIEW FOR 2012 CONGRESS

The Arizona and New Mexico Societies welcome you to Phoenix, Arizona for the 122nd National Congress. The official dates of the Congress are July 7-11, 2012. If you have never been to Arizona or New Mexico we encourage you to come early (or stay after) and learn about "Spain's Contribution to the American Revolution". If you are driving there are many places to see in New Mexico and Arizona. See the 2012 Congress web page:

(www.sar2012congress.com) for points of interest you may visit. Events prior to the Congress will start at 8:00 AM on July 6th with Info-Sessions on the Tucson and Santa Fe Presidio's so plan your flights or drive to arrive on July 5th.

July 7th will be a tour of the Heard Museum (www.heard.org) followed by the Host Reception. Please visit our web site directly or access it via the Arizona or New Mexico State web sites for more details.

If you are flying to Phoenix, the airport code is PHX. The Arizona Biltmore Resort & Spa, a member of the Waldorf Astoria Group (Hilton Honors), located at **2400 East Missouri Road**, will be your destination. Your accommodation & reservations can be made at the web site of http://waldorfastoria.hilton.com/en/wa/groups/personalized/P/PHXBM-WA-NSSAR-20120705/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG or by calling them direct at 1-800-950-0086. A Group Code of NSSAR has been established for our Congress.

There is no hotel shuttle service to the hotel but discount fares have been negotiated with *Super Shuttle Van Service* and with the *ExecuCar*.

See the Congress web site of www.sar2012congress.com for links and more details.

The Arizona and New Mexico Compatriots welcome you to come early and experience our famous "It's a Dry Heat" life style. Congress 2012 will be a "Casual Congress". Leave your suits at home. Bermuda style shorts or light weight slacks and collared short sleeve shirts are the accepted attire except for the Tuesday and Wednesday night Banquets. Minutemen will need white coats on Recognition night.

The Arizona Ladies Auxiliary needs your help prior to the 2012 Congress. They plan to collect as many telephone calling cards and Patriotic/SAR/ or blank "Thank You" cards as they can and send them to our troops at the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany. In the Ladies Hospitality Room they will address "Thank You" cards with a calling card inserted. As an individual, chapter or society, please gather the calling cards (preferably \$10.00 denomination) and "Thank You" cards and mail them to J. Michael Jones at 212 W. Country Gables Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85023-5250 if you prefer to make a donation send a check payable to AZSSAR and we'll buy the calling cards in your honor. All donations will be recognized at Congress.

122nd National Congress Schedule

July 6 (Friday) – Registration open (12:00 noon – 5:00PM)

InfoSessions / Spain's contribution to the American Revolution

Tucson Presidio (8:00AM – Noon)

Santa Fe Presidio (1:00PM – 5:00PM)

Ice Cream Social (5:30PM – 7:00PM)

If the 6:40PM D-Backs Game vs. Dodgers becomes available we'll shuffle activities.

We have requested that NSSAR National Color Guard present colors.

July 7 (Saturday) - Registration open (8:00AM – 4:00PM)

Optional Heard Museum Tour 8:30AM – 2:00PM

Host Reception (4:00PM–6:00PM)
Mexican appetizers-Mariachi Band

<><>Dinner on your own

July 8 (Sunday) - Registration opens (8:00AM – 5:00PM)

Committee Meetings
President General's Review of Color Guard

Memorial Service in Hotel (2:00PM – 3:00PM) Gold Room

<><>Dinner on your own

Rumbaugh Orations

July 9 (Monday) – Registration opens (8:00AM – 5:00PM)

Opening General Session of Congress

Youth Awards Luncheon – **A.S.C.A.R. Providing Center Pieces**

<><>Dinner on your own

Awards Recognition Night (8:00PM – 10:00PM)

July 10 (Tuesday) – Registration open (8:00AM – Noon)

2nd General Session of Congress w/ Committee Reports

Ladies Luncheon (11:00AM – 4:30PM)

Banquet - **NMSSAR Providing Center Pieces**

Speaker is to be determined

July 11(Wednesday) – Final Session of Congress

Ladies Shopping Tour to Scottsdale Fashion Park (10:30am – 2:30pm) (\$25)

Men's tour to be determined (Wednesday Evening) – President General's Banquet - **AZSSAR Providing Center Pieces**

Speaker is (to be determined)

July 12 (Thursday) - Travel home or stay and tour Arizona (see AZSSAR web site for additional tourist info.)

ARIZONA CENTENNIAL AND OUR FLAG

By David A. Swanson, S/T
Barry M. Goldwater Chapter

On February 14, 1912, the territory of Arizona officially became our 48th state and soon we will be celebrating our centennial. For quite some time now, I have heard and read that Arizona doesn't have an emblem or something to rally around like other states.

Take Texas—the Lone Star State. It seems that you can go everywhere in Texas, in houses or commercial establishments—and see the "Star" displayed. The metal star is for sale everywhere and it is a real symbol to Texans of their identity with their state.

Arizona, on the other hand, seems to still be searching for that emblem (the Grand Canyon is too big) and I think it has been in front of us for almost 100 years—our state flag! It's a beautiful symbol that represents a beautiful state and it's one we should all rally around!

I really believe that the citizens of this state should go out of their way to fly our state flag outside of their houses and businesses and rally around it during 2012. *AZSSAR compatriots throughout our great state can help lead the way—get our state flag and fly it!* (If you can't find one go to Amazon.com, through the NSSAR website.)

Hopefully, this will become a habit; that it will continue past 2012, and we will have the beginnings of our own state “Star.”

ROTC / JROTC NEWS

The AZSSAR Committee Chair for 2012-2013 ROTC /JROTC Program chairman is John Lyons email = johnlyons23@yahoo.com

John is the current president of the Tucson chapter and will also be the AZSSAR chair for Membership /New Chapters in 2012-2013.

We thank our past chair: Bob Young for his dedicated years of service in this position. He was the State ROTC /JROTC Committee Chair when, a few years ago, an AZSSAR Cadet won the NSSAR Outstanding JROTC Cadet award.

**DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS IS?
OR WHERE THIS IS?**

This statue currently stands outside the Iraqi palace, now home to the 4th Infantry Division. It will eventually be shipped home and put in the memorial museum in Fort Hood, Texas

The statue was created by an Iraqi artist named Kalat, who for years was forced by Saddam Hussein to make the many hundreds of bronze busts of Saddam that dotted Baghdad.

Kalat was so grateful for the America's liberation of his country, that he melted 3 of the heads of the fallen Saddam and made the statue as a memorial to the American soldiers and their fallen warriors.

Kalat worked on this memorial night and day for several months.



To the left of the kneeling soldier is a small Iraqi girl giving the soldier comfort as he mourns the loss of his comrade in arms.

DAR Liaison Report

The contest rules for the SAR/DAR Award contest have changed and therefore dictate that you use a revised DAR Finder Form when a DAR member has been involved with the recruiting of a NEW SAR member. **A copy of the new DAR Finder Form is in this newsletter.** Please review the contest rules at: http://www.sar.org/Committees/DAR_Liaison

DAR Liaison State Chairman
J. Michael Jones
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By Lezlee Alexander, Sr. President, H.O.T. Society

Greetings and wishes for a wonderful new year for our SAR friends! Hallie Orme Thomas Society has been busy reaching out to our community this fall. We began our “year” in September learning about our National and State C.A.R. Projects. Members enjoyed tie-dyeing t-shirts to proudly proclaim their C.A.R. affiliation.



October found members learning about military careers and uniforms, participating in breast cancer walks in both Phoenix and Wickenburg, and preparing decorations for the NSSAR Youth Luncheon July 2012.



Members in November were able to join Hohokam Society C.A.R. members for an annual Thanksgiving Potluck. This has grown to a nearly state-level event as members from Coronado Society were able to join the festivities as well! Members joined family and friends in their own Veteran’s Day tributes to honor our Heroes past and present. Two H.O.T. Society families found themselves supporting the Phoenix VA Veteran’s Day Parade in various ways – one assisting a Cub Scout troop, and another family assisting ASDAR’s volunteer effort.



December brought thoughts of our Heroes to the forefront as members made cards and art to send to deployed service members while at the Society Holiday Party. Members also joined with Hohokam Society to donate and



place wreaths at the National Memorial Cemetery in Phoenix.

Our many thanks for support of this year's Arizona State Projects to all of our friends in SAR, but especially Saguaro Chapter and President Huber! You can contact Mr. Huber for your Arizona Centennial pin or set of note cards displaying an H.O.T. Society member's ranch family to support the theme Children on the Arizona Range.

Contact us for information or if interested in joining. Lezlee-garthandlee@cox.net, 602-354-5224.

Orme Thomas Society, Phoenix, AZ
By Lezlee Alexander, Sr.
President, H.O.T. Society

Award for Veteran of the Year

Gary Barras sent this web site address to me. I hope you enjoy it.

Many people may have forgotten about his time in the U.S. Army. He is the son of an Air Force General, and an accomplished Golden Gloves boxer, in addition, he graduated from Pomona College with a B.S. degree, then became a Rhodes Scholar from Oxford University.

He joined the U.S. Army at the prompting of his father. After graduating from Officer Candidate School he attended and graduated from both Army Airborne and Ranger training in the very top of each class. He was selected for U.S. Army Special Forces Training but refused so that he could attend pilot training school where he earned his wings. He became an accomplished U.S. Army helicopter (gun ship) pilot and achieved the rank of Captain.

He was about to be promoted to the rank of Major, and appointed to teach at West Point when he resigned his commission from the Army to go into music and acting.

You can tell in the below video **that his time in the military means**

a lot to him. I'll bet you will be very surprised when you see who it is!

Treat yourself - copy and paste this address:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=PU-A7eqadho&feature=related



We need your chapter bulletin for our Society's state history. We also need any articles and pictures about your Chapter's happenings and data you think may be of interest to our members in the *SAR-izona News*.

If possible, each chapter should designate a Public Relations person to provide the *SAR-izona News* with its current and upcoming events and programs.

The next tentative deadline for articles will be:

April 14, 2012
This will be the last
newsletter before the
2012 Congress!

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NEWS FROM THE
CHAPTERS



Barry M Goldwater Chapter

The Barry M. Goldwater Chapter of the Sons of the Revolution was chartered on November 16, 2002, and currently serves those Compatriots living in North Phoenix, Scottsdale, Paradise Valley, Cave Creek, Carefree, and Fountain Hills, AZ.

Chapter officers installed for 2012

During the January 19, 2012, Barry M. Goldwater Chapter meeting, the following 2012 chapter officers were installed by NSSAR VP (and Barry M. Goldwater Compatriot) Ed Kart: President-Earl E. Atwood, Sr.; Vice President-Dennis E. Weiland; Sec/Treas-David A. Swanson; Registrar/Genealogist: William C. Orr; Public Affairs Officer-J. Michael Jones; Chaplain-Robert H. Bohannan; Sergeant@Arms-Michael D. Riggs; Chancellor-Gerald M. Richards; Congratulations all!

Compatriot Bob Young was elected as our representative to the State Board of Managers.



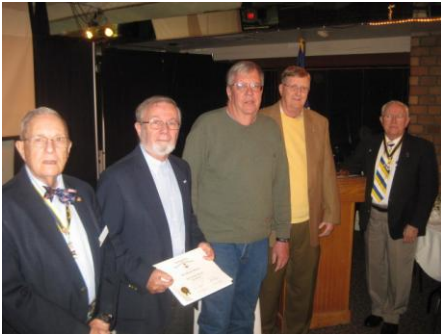
Far left to right: Ed Karr, Dennis E. Weiland, William C. Orr, Michael Riggs, David A. Swanson, Earl E. Atwood Sr., Gerald Richards, Bob Young, and escort for the ceremony Pete Peterson (not pictured are Robert H. Bohannan and Mike Jones)

NEW COMPATRIOTS INDUCTED

The following new compatriots were inducted by Barry M. Goldwater Chapter President Earl E. Atwood Sr.:

Charles M. Smith's patriot ancestor is Charles McLouth Smith, private in Captain Jacob Haskins' Company, Rhode Island.

Karl M. Johnson's patriot ancestor is Fenn Johnson, private in Captain Simon Walcott's Company, Connecticut.



From left to right: Compatriots Bob Young, Karl M. Johnson, Charles M. Smith, Bill Orr and Chapter President Earl Atwood Sr. Compatriot Young was the "first line signer" for Compatriot Johnson and Compatriot Bill Orr the same for Compatriot Smith.



Congratulations to both and welcome!

World War II Certificate of Patriotism

Compatriot James M. Bugbee and Robert C. Bohannon Jr. (father of Compatriot Rob Bohannon) were presented with the SAR World War II Certificate of Patriotism by Chapter President Earl Atwood and AZSSAR World War II State Adjutant Ed Karr. Congratulations and thanks for your service to our country!

Left to right: BMG Chapter President Earl Atwood, Robert Bohannon, James Bugbee & Ed Karr

Colorado River Chapter

Colorado River Chapter meetings are the second Saturday of each month, and locations rotate between Kingman Public Library, 3269 N Burbank Ave, Kingman and Lake Havasu City Public Library, 1770 McCulloch Boulevard North, Lake Havasu City.

Current rotation schedule is January –LHC, February – Kingman, March–LHC, April –Kingman, May–LHC.

Plan now to attend a meeting close to you!

Flag Certificate Presentation

Chapter President Don Rieghard made a Flag Certificate presentation to Ken and Cindi Dodd of Lake Havasu City in early October. This was the first Flag Certificate presented in some time, but recognition of those who fly our nation's flag is an important part of the SAR. Ken and Cindi's grandson just returned from a tour in Afghanistan in October.



Pictured (L to R) in the Dodd's front yard with Old Glory are Ken, Cindi and Don.

London Bridge Days Parade

On October 15th our chapter participated in the Lake Havasu City, London Bridge Days parade in downtown LHC. This large parade offers a good opportunity for the chapter to meet the public or the public to meet the SAR.

Tim Keith provided his decorated truck for our entry again this year.



Pictured having a great time riding in the Chapter entry are Don Reighard and Tim Keith.

Jimmie Bodenhamer
Registrar/Genealogist
Colorado River Chapter

Palo Verde Chapter

The Palo Verde Chapter was chartered on January 11, 1969. Serving the East Valley Communities of Gilbert, Apache Junction, Ahwatukee, Chandler, Mesa, Sun Lakes, and Tempe. **A HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!**

The Palo Verde Chapter meets at 8:30 AM on the second Saturday of each month (Oct. through May) at the Dobson's Restaurant, 2155 S. Dobson Road, Mesa, AZ... During June, July, and Aug. we meet once each month socially in the evenings at various restaurants. Each September we remember 9/11 and honor fire fighters at an evening dinner. Each October we honor outstanding law enforcement officers. Everyone is invited to our meetings. Contact Art Cantrall (480) 966-9837 for any questions and/or directions to our meetings.

In November we met on the 5th instead of our regular second Saturday of the month in order to relinquish it for NSSAR President General Larry J. Magerkurth's visit to Arizona. Our speaker was



Michael Claridge, who had written a song: *We the People*, and sang it for us. Michael is dedicated to collecting used or new US and Arizona flags, repairing them when needed, and trading them to individuals and businesses that have worn, torn or dirty flags. He also works with Scouts and other organizations to properly dispose of un-repairable flags. Michael entertained us with some antidotes about his flag mission.

We inducted new members Edward James Koeneman and Varnum Bowers Irvine. Wes Edgar and Vaughn Adams were first line signers.



(L2R) PV President Harrill conducting induction ceremony; Compatriots Koeman, Irvine, Edgars, and Adams.

We are regaining our membership. It now stands at 118. We are also attempting to restore our Color Guard to its past prominence. For some newer members that might not know, we announced that our chapter has budgeted funds to assist members in buying uniforms and accessories.

At our December 10th meeting, we were honored by a visit from our NSSAR VP Ed Karr. We enjoyed Christmas Carols by the Desert Vista High School Madrigal Choir Lead by Andrew DeValk. US Marine PFC Laurin was our guest and collected our contributions for the Toys for Tots program. The Nominating Committee reported their recommendations for 2012 Palo Verde Chapter Officers.

At our January 14th meeting we inducted new members: David Ellsworth Beach; David Brett Benedict; and William David Sharp. Wes Edgar scored a "hat trick"; he was first line signer for all three.



Genealogist Wes Edgar pinning SAR Rosettes on the lapels of our new members.



(L2R) David Simpson; Vaughn Adams; Mark Griffin; Ed Boyd; Mat Scott; Jon Lokensgard; Bob McKinley; Wes Edgar; James Skaggs. Limitation of the camera doesn't show Gary Barras.

We unanimously elected our 2012 Palo Verde Chapter Officers. Our own PNSSAR VP Dan Heller MD conducted the induction of:

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| President | Jon Lokensgard |
| Vice Pres. | Matthew Scott |
| Sec./Treas. | Robert McKinley |
| Genealogist | Wes Edgar |
| Registrar | Mark Griffin |
| Chancellor | Ed Boyd |
| Publicist | Vaughn Adams |
| Sgt. @ Arms | James Skaggs |
| Historian | Gary Barras |
| Chaplain | David Simpson |
| Past Pres. 1 | John Harrill |
| Past Pres. 2 | Robert McKinley |
| AZSSARBOM | Robert McKinley |
| AZSSAR BOM | Matthew Scott |

Phoenix Chapter

The Phoenix Chapter meets every Tuesday at noon at the Crown China Super Buffet (back meeting room) at 5505 N 7th St., Phoenix, AZ (NE corner of 7th St and Missouri).

The State Color Guard, under Dr. Perry's able leadership participated in the Pearl Harbor Day ceremonies at the State Capitol.



Steve Miller with Wreath for the December 7th Pearl Harbor Day ceremonies at USS Arizona memorial.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



(L2R) Matt Kahne; Steve Miller; Pat Kahne

Prescott Chapter

The Prescott Chapter meets on the 3rd Saturday of the Month at 12 noon, except no meetings are held in July and August. All meetings are at Plaza Bonita (formerly Casa Bonita) Restaurant, 1317 E. Gurley St. at Hwy. 89, phone 928-778-3716, except the November meeting is held at St. Michael's ballroom on Whiskey Row in downtown Prescott.

IN MEMORIAM

Richard H. (Dick) Proper passed away on December 2, 2011 at the age of 85. He served in the US Atlantic Fleet during WWII on Patrol Craft 484. He and his wife Leona moved to Prescott in 1951. They raised three boys Rod, Jeff, and Andy who survive him as well as his wife Leona, a brother, six grand children and six great grand children.

Dick served in several leadership positions in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and was

the founding President of the Prescott Chapter of SAR.

Prescott DAR and SAR Place Historic Plaque

The Daughters and Sons of the American Revolution joined together to place a special Historic Marker on the Lynx Creek Bridge on September 16th 2011. Lynx Creek Bridge is on the National and Arizona State Register of Historic Places.

The dedication during the Centennial Statehood Kickoff included guest speakers Ken Bennett Arizona Secretary of State, Mark Ziem, Cultural Resources Manager with the Yavapai County Public Works, the Prescott High School Air Force Jr. ROTC Color Guard led by Col. Denny Peeples, noted soloist Michael Nache, State DAR Regent Stephanie Troth, DAR State Corresponding Secretary Terri Mott, Sue Irwin, Regent for the General George Crook Chapter DAR of Prescott, Kathy Mochmer, Regent of the Yavapai Chapter DAR in Prescott Valley, Chuck Walker, President of the Prescott SAR and Julie Holst, Grave Steward for Angeline and also the Chairman of Citizens Cemetery.

The Lynx Creek Bridge was built in 1923 and is the only non-Federal aided bridge built in Arizona. It was constructed for \$15,000



(L2R) Chuck Walker, Steven Albert, Sue Irwin and Kathy Machmer



Ken Bennett, Arizona Secretary of State sang

Rim Country Chapter

The Rim Country Chapter was chartered on September 12, 2009. We serve the Rim Country of Arizona with members from the towns of Payson, Pine, Strawberry and Showlow.

Saguaro Chapter

The Saguaro Chapter meets at 8:30 am on the 2nd Saturday of each month except June, July, August, and September. It is a breakfast meeting at the Five & Diner Delux, 11340 W. Bell Road, # 125, Bel Mar Plaza, Surprise, AZ 85374.

The Saguaro Chapter met on Saturday, November 19, 2011. The highlight of the agenda was the induction ceremony for new member James Heller. The photo is of Jim and his wife, Anne, who presented him with the SAR Rosette. Jim presented a very



interesting summary of the life and service of his Patriot.



The election of 2012 Saguaro Chapter officers was held. They are:

- President: Jan Huber
- 1st Vice President: Whit Revell
- 2nd Vice President: Tod Hamilton
- Secretary: Manuel Rodriguez
- Treasurer: John McDonald
- Chaplain: Jon Miller
- Historian: Doug Pringle
- Sergeant-at-Arms: Whit Revell
- Parliamentarian: Don Castleman
- Registrar: Jan Huber
- Genealogist: Jan Huber
- At-large BOM members: Jon Miller; Ray Barkhaus; Rick Stahler
- AZSSAR Saguaro Chapter Rep.: Loren Littlefield; Whit Revell

Dr. Byrd presided at the installation of our Chapter officers for 2012.

Although it is not an elected position, special notice is made that Bob Archibald volunteered to take over chairmanship of the JROTC Awards Program. It became vacant because of the move of Compatriot Richard Hudnall to Oregon.

Submitted by Jan D. Huber

The Saguaro Chapter was host to Dr. Rudy Byrd, President of the Arizona Society Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) at its meeting Saturday, December 10, 2011. He traveled from Tucson to honor Donald Connelley of Surprise



with a Certificate of Patriotism for his service in World War II and his continued support for the ideals of our Founding Fathers. Connelley's honor is part of a nationwide campaign by the SAR to recognize and thank the men and women who answered our nation's call during World War II. Pictured are Compatriot Connelley, his wife Helen, and State SAR President Dr. Rudy Byrd.

Yeoman 3rd class Connelley served in the United States Navy aboard USS LST 755. He still remembers watching the lights of America fade as the ship left Gulfport, Mississippi on Labor Day 1944, heading for the Panama Canal and action in the Pacific. For the third consecutive month the Saguaro Chapter welcomed new members. Father and son, Fred LeVinus and Fred LeVinus II, were inducted together.



Fred LeVinus and son Chuck are the newest members of Saguaro Chapter SAR. With them are wife and mother Helen LeVinus and grandson Charlie.



Allen Nash was inducted as a new member at the January 14, 2012 meeting of the Saguaro Chapter. (L2R) Allen Nash; his wife Linda, and Jan Huber.

Besides being a superb Treasurer, John McDonald has volunteered to be our Public Relations Officer. As many of you know, he serves as the Chapter Photographer at our meetings and prepares and submits articles about our activities to local newspapers,

Tucson Chapter

The Tucson Chapter of the SAR was chartered on 12 December 1964. We are the oldest continuously functioning Chapter in the State. We currently serve all of Southern Arizona

IN MEMORIAM

Colonel Russ Crane's (USAF retired) final flight took place November 28, 2011. He was 93 years old. Compatriot Crane joined the Tucson Chapter, SAR on January 1, 1974.

A family memorial was held at the Patriot's Colony Chapel in Williamsburg and a future service and interment is planned at Arlington National Cemetery.

Russ is survived by his two sons, Barry (Cheri) and Jeffrey (Sheryl), his brother Emery (Janet), and his sister Gwen. He was beloved by his two Grandchildren and greatly beloved by his nine Great Grandchildren.

We especially celebrate his life as a veteran of World War II, the Berlin Airlift, and Commander of the largest Wing in Southeast Asia.

**KIRK AURAND RECEIVED
SAR EAGLE SCOUT CERTIFICATE**

Kirk Aurand, age 17, was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout on December 3rd at Immanuel Presbyterian Church in Tucson. The Tucson Color guard, participated in the Court of Honor with the flag ceremony. Kirk's father, Compatriot and Eagle Scout Bill Aurand, administered the Eagle Oath during the ceremony. Arizona State Society President, A. Ruddell Byrd, presented the SAR Eagle Certificate and talked about SAR and the Scouting program. Dr. Byrd noted that three Past Arizona Society State Presidents were in attendance (Al Niemeyer (2009), Dr. Aurand (2003), and Bill Aurand (2007)). Kirk is an SAR Jr. Member applicant.



(L2R)Al Niemeyer, James Williamson, Dr. Byrd, Jim Kimbrough with Eagle Scout and SAR Jr. member applicant, Kirk Aurand)

"The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants."

Thomas Jefferson

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DAR STATE SOCIETY MAKING REFERRAL

DAR FINDER REPORT FORM

Every year at the NSSAR National Congress the National Society presents a \$500 award to the DAR State Society that wins the DAR/SAR Award based on the guidelines of the contest.

It is essential that the information of this form be recorded at the chapter and state levels but the form **must** be forwarded to NSSAR HQ with the application. The Staff Registrar at HQ will use these forms to determine the winner.

See http://www.sar.org/Committees/DAR_Liaison for details.

Only one DAR Finder Form to be submitted with each SAR application.

THIS APPLICANT IS FROM THE _____ CHAPTER, AZSSAR.

NAME OF SAR APPLICANT _____

NAME OF DAR MEMBER MAKING REFERRAL: _____ **NSDAR#** _____

NAME OF HER DAR CHAPTER: _____ **DAR Chap. #** _____

FIRST LINE SPONSOR (SAR) _____ NSSAR# _____

It is imperative that we maintain an accurate record of the DAR members who assist us in obtaining new members into our society. We encourage them to do so because we reward their efforts by presenting them with SAR medals based on their level of participation. Individual SAR State Society guidelines may be different. An accurate record must be kept by Sponsors (first line signers), all chapters and at the state society level because a DAR Finder may assist with new members at multiple chapters or even in other state societies.

Medal of Appreciation



Martha Washington Medal



Dear Compatriot & Spouse,

Arizona and New Mexico State Societies are the Hosts Societies for the National Congress on July 7-12, 2012 at the Arizona Biltmore Resort in Phoenix. All planning must be completed by November 1, 2011! We have some work to do.

Various committees still need workers - members and wives.

Committee's that still need volunteers to work are as follows:

Ladies Hospitality Room, Host reception, Registration, Credentials, Banquet Decorations, Fund Raising, Attendee Bag Items & Assembly, Memorial Service, Music, Publicity, Protocol-Ambassadors

Help us make this Congress memorable and fun!!!

Respond to one of the three Compatriots listed below, please!

Submit one sheet for the member and another sheet for his lady. (PLEASE PRINT)

I, _____, am excited about the 2012 congress coming to Phoenix and would like to serve on the _____ committee and will volunteer to work prior to or during the Congress at the Biltmore Resort.

My cell phone number is _____

My telephone number is _____

My email address is _____

My mailing address is _____

Comments: _____

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**ARIZONA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
STATE ANNUAL MEETING
(ALL SAR AND THEIR LADIES INVITED)**

**PHOENIX-CHANDLER HILTON
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CHANDLER, AZ 85224
PHONE: (480) 899-7400**

SATURDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2012

**8:30 TO 9:30 AM 2012 CONGRESS PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
9:30 TO 11:45 AM: BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING (ALL SAR INVITED)
9:30 TO 11:45 AM: LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING (ALL LADIES WELCOME)
12:00 TO 1:30 PM: LUNCHEON AND GUEST SPEAKER
THERE WILL BE COFFEE/ICE TEA IN MORNING (NO FOOD)
LUNCH MENU IS NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME**

Any Members with Special Dietary Needs, Please notify me in advance

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN

MONDAY, 13 FEB 2012

***** PLEASE DETACH AND MAIL *****

Send to: Warren Alter, Secretary-Treasurer AZSSAR (520) 886-1980 warrenalter@cox.net
6743 E. Rosewood Place
Tucson, AZ 85710-1217

NAME: _____

GUESTS: _____

**LUNCH (INCLUDING MEETINGS)
MEETINGS ONLY**

_____ @ \$30.00 PER PERSON \$ _____
_____ @ \$15.00 PER PERSON \$ _____
TOTAL \$ _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE "AZSSAR"