



The Prescottonian Prescott
Chapter Newsletter
Summer/Fall 2024 Edition



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Watson Lake

Lunch Meetings Calendar
and Guest Speakers



All Lunch Meetings held at
Hassayampa Inn at noon
122 E Gurley St, Prescott

Saturday, November 9th

SAR/DAR luncheon meeting - Jim Bish (Saguaro Chapter)

Will discuss his book, "I Can Not Tell a Lie: Parson Weems and The Truth about George Washington's Cherry Tree, Prayer at Valley Forge, and Other Anecdotes."

Saturday, December 14th Cancelled

Saturday, January 11th 2025

Member/Business meeting, no speaker

President's Corner by Jack Berry



Fellow compatriots:

Fall once again means cooler weather, and the summer of 2024 rapidly closing. I do hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. Despite the chapter break, chapter members were actively involved in the annual rodeo funding raising, the 4th of July parade and planning for the 250th Anniversary celebration in 2026.

Arizona State President Rick Spargo held two summer Zoom meetings with the six-chapter presidents. Chapter topics included but were not limited to membership recruitment; low participation; how to maintain enthusiasm and increase engagement; lack of follow through; limited or no contact with local schools; local 250th ideas; Color Guard development; State and Chapter website development; and Chapter needs from the State.

To continue having an active and successful Prescott Chapter, every member should reevaluate what is wanted and expected out of chapter membership. In preparing for 2025, members should consider stepping forward into chapter leadership either as a board or committee member or as a participant in future fund-raising events. Coming together with active participation will mean the Prescott Chapter can achieve even higher goals.

Board changes and December elections

Due to the resignation of Steve Monez from the Prescott Chapter board in June, Alan White was approved as the Color Guard Captain, and Tim Prater as the Chaplain. They will serve until board elections in December.

Elections for the 2025 board will be held during the business meeting at the Hassayampa Inn on December 14, 2024. If any chapter member would like to be a candidate for the 2025 board or committee, please contact one of the current board members for information.

Currently the candidates for the 2025 board will be Jack Berry, Rob Berryman, Ron Castle, Alan Fitch, Paul Kerper, Tim Prater, Hal Reniger, Bill Waters, and Alan White.

Color Guard

Alan White as the new Color Guard Captain has submitted the application for the CG to participate in the annual Prescott Veterans Day parade on November 11, 2024. He will also arrange for CG participation at Wreaths Across American on December 14th. More information about the events will be forthcoming. Members who are interested in participating in the CG, please contact Alan White.

The SAR President General will be attending the Board of Managers meeting

President's Corner by Jack Berry (continued)

Color Guard)continued)

Tucson on November 2, 2024. State CG Commander Stan Marks will be sending out information to all CG members soon about participating in the presentation of colors at the meeting.

Fall leadership training and SAR National and Arizona Membership

Prescott Chapter President Jack Berry attended the fall leadership training in Louisville, Kentucky from October 3–5, 2024, in his position as ASSAR vice president. Also attending the training was ASSAR President Rick Spargo along with Past Vice President Generals/Past ASSAR Presidents Bill Barron and Stephen Miller, and Barry Goldwater Chapter member Rob Welch who was sworn in as ASSAR Trustee.

Jack attended meetings of the National Membership Committee, Council of State Presidents and National Trustee. The main topic during the meetings was the decline of SAR membership nationally. The national membership age average is 70. Recruitment has not been an issue. The main problem is the number of members dropping or resigning each year.

SAR nationally is not growing, despite a high level of recruitment. Some of the reasons for the number of drops and resignations included a) not residing near an SAR chapter; b) boring meetings; c) no one speaks to them; d) not engaged; e) doesn't have the time; f) only wanted a certificate.

For 2023, 4,900 members were dropped. For the past five years, a total of 21,000 members have dropped. During that same period, 6,400 members were reinstated. Total loss was 14,600. For the past 10 years, 40,000 members were dropped with 12,300 reinstated. Total national loss was 27,700. In 2019, SAR National membership was 38,087. Currently, the membership is 36,691. Total national loss was 1,396.

Arizona SAR membership is also declining. On 1/1/2023 ASSAR had 596 members. As of 1/1/2024 ASSAR had 492 members. Total loss was 104 members. Below are the current ASSAR Chapters membership numbers compared to 1/1/2023. Despite such dismal statistics Prescott has over the years grown in membership numbers and financially.

	1/1/2023	10/1/2024
Barry Goldwater	105	93
Palo Verde	107	88
Phoenix	85	63
Prescott	73	75
Saguaro	81	83
Tucson	145	126
Total	596	528

President's Corner by Jack Berry (continued)

America 250 – Prescott Non-profit

America 250 – Prescott was approved by the IRS as a 501© 3 non-profit in a letter dated July 23, 2024. The non-profit was created by members of the SAR Prescott Chapter and the DAR Yavapai Chapter to celebrate America's 250th Anniversary in 2026. The celebration event will be held at the Prescott Resort on Saturday, September 19, 2026. The keynote speaker will be former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee.

As part of the celebration, Earth Works, a Chino Valley nursery donated and planted a tree at the Veterans Administration in June 2024, which will be called "Liberty Tree in Celebration of America's 250th Birthday." The SAR Prescott Chapter board previously voted in favor of donating a total of \$1,000 to American 250 – Prescott once it was approved by the IRS to be a 501©3 non-profit. A yearly donation of \$333 is to be given for three calendar years beginning in 2024. Half of the total donation will be used to pay for a bronze plaque for the VA "Liberty Tree. The 250th Anniversary plaque will include "Sponsored by the Prescott Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution." The dedication will take place during Constitution Week in September 2025. More information about the 250th Anniversary celebration and plaque dedication will be forthcoming.

SAR/DAR luncheon

The annual SAR/DAR luncheon will be held in the Marina Room of the Hassayampa Inn on November 9, 2024. Doors will open at 10:30am with the meeting starting at 11:00am. The speaker will be Jim Bish. He is a dual member of the Saguaro Chapter and is president of his Virginia chapter. He will be dressed in the Culpeper Minuteman Uniform, which was the first Virginia Minute Battalion to fight in Virginia at Virginia's First Battle of Great Bridge in December 1775. He is a Museum of Culpeper board member, former teacher and local historian. Jim was honored by the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution in recognition of his book, "I Can Not Tell a Lie: Parson Weems and The Truth about George Washington's Cherry Tree, Prayer at Valley Forge, and Other Anecdotes." Constant Contact will be sent out to RSVP for the event. Payment will be at the door of \$35.00.

In Patriotism

Jack Berry

Revolutionary Trivia

Who famously declared that "all men are created equal"? Answer pg.17

SAR Applications Soar Do To Rate Increases

As most of you can expect, we are overwhelmed with application flooding in at the moment. My hope is to try to get all of last week's applications issued ACNs today. We have received approximately 900 applications in all compared to a normal month of 300-450. Do not be surprised if this has some impact on the backlog date with so much coming in so quickly. But our new genealogists are doing great and getting more confident as they learn our processes and policies.

At this point, all applications being submitted need to include the new application fee rates that went into effect Sept. 1st. I will work closely with Kelly and Birttany regard postmarked dates of incoming applications over the next week or so, making sure old rates coincide with pre-Sept. 1st postmarked dates.

All Reinstatements through 8/31 have been logged, running a reconciliation report in the online database should give you member records up to the Sept. 1st cutoff date. All New Member and Reinstatements processed this point on will have their dues cover 2024 and 2025.

Fall Leadership is coming up soon at a new location and I hope to see many of you there! Thank you all for everything you do for the Society. I hope I am able to help you as much as possible to make the work as bearable as possible.

Jonathan Toon

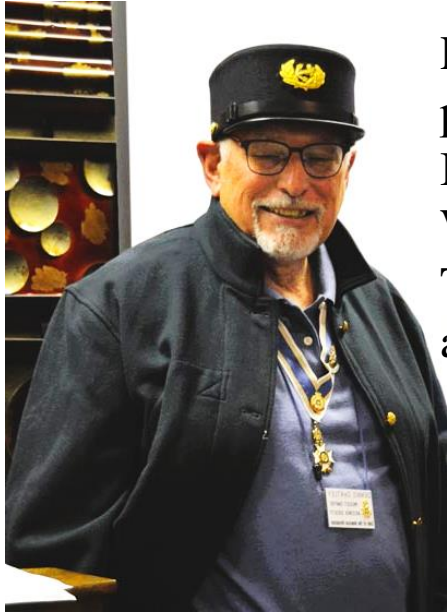
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National Society Sons of the American Revolution

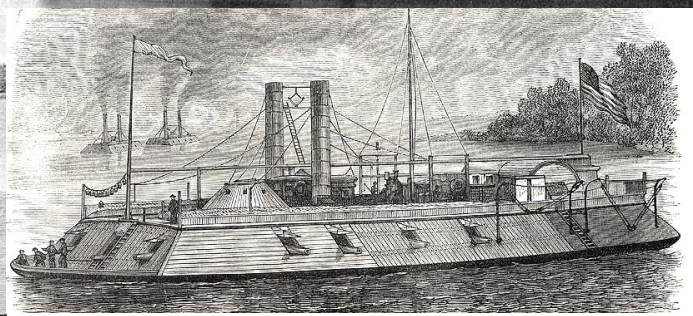
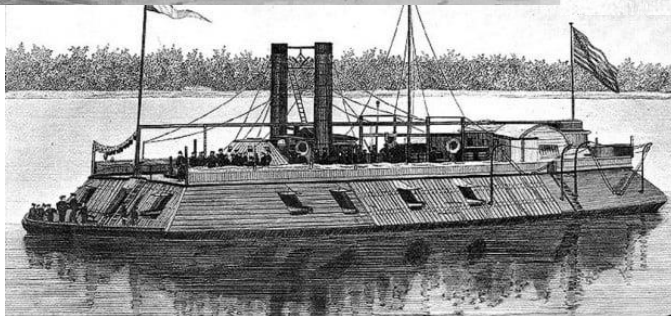
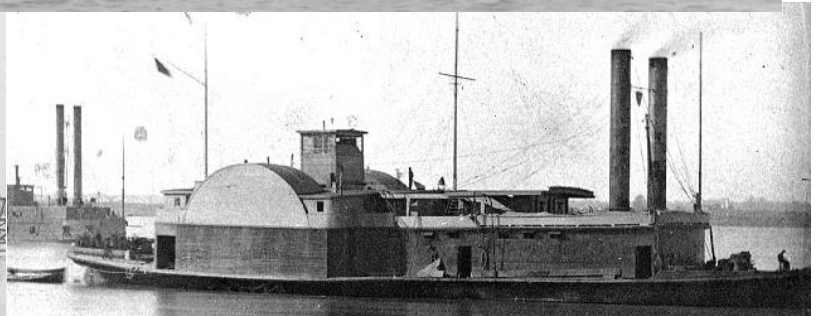
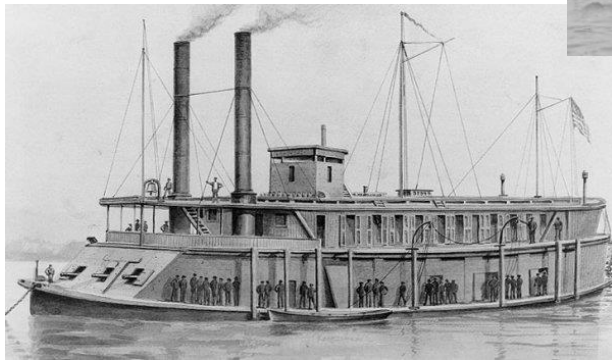
Current National Fees and Dues

Application Type	NSSAR Fees	NSSAR Annual Dues	Total
New Member Regular Application - Age 18 and Older	\$150.00	\$50.00	\$200.00
New Member Regular Application - Age 18 to Under 25 - Established Lineage	\$75.00	\$50.00	\$125.00
New Member Regular Application - Family Plan - Additional Family Member Applicant who is the son, grandson, brother, nephew, or grand-nephew of the initial applicant filed WITH initial application using same ancestor	\$75.00	\$50.00	\$125.00
Junior Member Application - Age Newborn to Under 18 - Established Lineage	\$75.00	\$5.00	\$80.00
Junior Member Application - Age Newborn to Under 18 - New Lineage	\$150.00	\$5.00	\$155.00
Youth Registrant converting to Junior Member - Age Newborn to Under 18	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
Youth Registrant converting to Regular Member - Age 18 to Under 29	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
C.A.R. converting to Junior Member - age Newborn to Under 18	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
C.A.R. to SAR Transfer - Age 18 to under 22	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Supplemental Application - all ages	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Supplemental Application - Family Plan - All ages	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$75.00
Memorial Application (One-Time Dues Collected)	\$150.00	\$50.00	\$200.00
Reinstatement (Regular Member)	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Reinstatement (Junior Member)	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
NSSAR Life Membership Dues - Consult NSSAR Life Membership Application located on NSSAR website.			

October 12th Dennis DeAtley – Civil War Brown Water Navy



Presenter Dennis gave most interesting presentation about import role the Unions' Brown Water Navy played in winning the Civil War. He explained the differences in Iron, Timber and Tin Clad shallow draft Steamboats and their role in the war on the inland rivers.



Awards



Charles Shorkey receiving the "Military Service Veterans Corps" certificate from Prescott Chapter President Jack Berry at the October 12, 2024 membership meeting.

October 5th National SAR Banquet at the Galt Hotel in Louisville, Ky



Left to right: ASSAR Vice President/Prescott Chapter President Jack Berry; Past Vice President General/ASSAR President Bill Baran, ASSAR Trustee Rob Welch; ASSAR President Rick Spargo



Color Guard presenting the colors with Stephen Miller and Jack Berry

September 28th Family Discovery Days



Prescott Chapter members Ron Castle (left) Hal Reniger and Alan Fitch promoting Sons of the American Revolution at the Family Discovery Days at 1001 Ruth St. Prescott

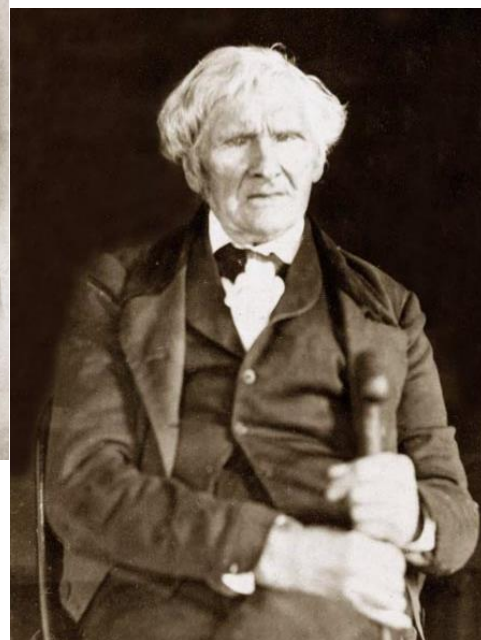
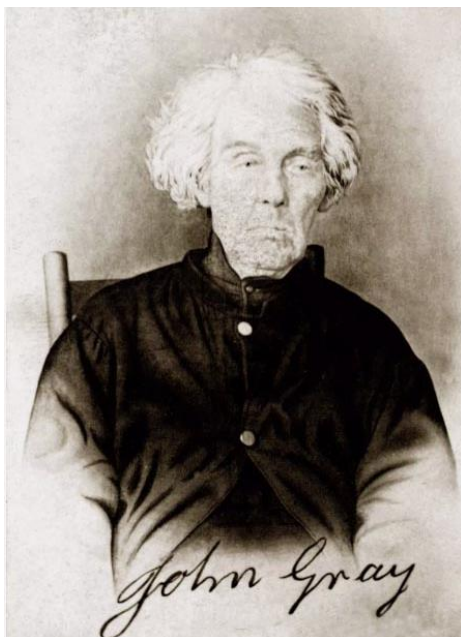
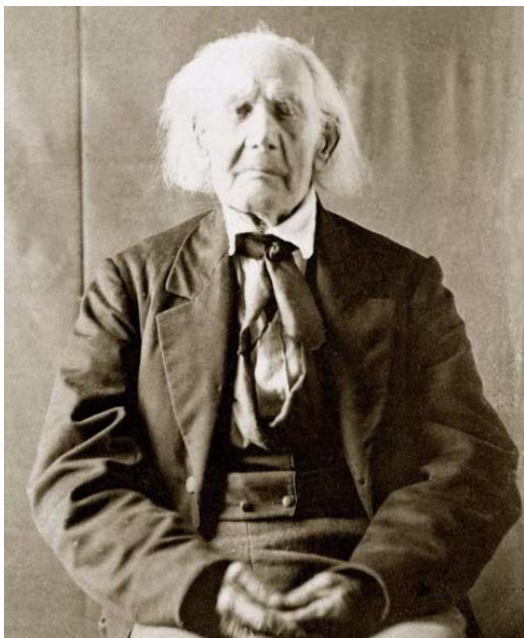
Family Discovery Day Attendees:

- Arizona State Library, Archiver and Public Records
- Black Family Genealogy and History Society
- Daughters of the American Revolution
 - General Crook & Yavapai Chapters
- Daughters of Utah Pioneers
- Family History Society of Arizona
- Family Search
- Northern Arizona Genealogical Society
- Sharlot Hall Archives
- Sons of the American Revolution
- Sons of the Confederation
- Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War
- Sons of the Spanish American War Veteran
- West Valley Genealogical Society

September 14th Mark Davis



Prescott Chapter President Jack presenting Mark Davis the chapter challenge coin for being a speaker at the membership meeting on September 14, 2024. Mark Davis has been a member of the SAR since May 5, 2011, and served as registrar of the Saguaro Chapter since February 2022. His presentation was about Revolutionary War Veterans in photographs like these shown below.



July 4th. Independence Day Parade in Prescott.



Members of Prescott, Phoenix and Tucson chapters gather before the parade.





For the fourth year, Prescott chapter members along with their family and friends bartended at four bars at the Prescott Frontier Days rodeo on July 7, 2024, as part of our chapter fundraiser. Despite the heat, everyone had a wonderful time. Their continued support is greatly appreciated.

June

June 8th. Speaker Homer Yancey, is the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office Volunteer in Protection, Volunteer of the Year. Mr. Yancey has been assisting the Sheriff's Office since 2006. He has been performing many of the positions in training and assisting Deputies in the field. Currently Mr. Yancey is their APG firearms instructor. He discussed the many facets of the program such as, patrolling, arrestee transport, crime scene protection and many more.



Black Powder Incidents – An article from ‘The SAR Color Guardsman’ 2 July 2024

I am going to address three incidents involving black powder that require attention of all NSSAR Color Guard members. The first I will call the Westford incident which occurred on 19 March 2023. No involvement of NSSAR members or Color Guard. A reenacting unit was conducting drill in Westford Museum in preparation for the April Battle Road re-enactment depicting the Revolutionary War battles at Lexington and Concord. During drilling, a reenactor put his musket at full cock, pulled the trigger and fired. Even though the gun had no powder in the pan, the spark from the flint ignited the main charge and fired a musket ball into the museum. It went through a 6x6 wood post, into the second floor, and lodged into a wall. There were children in the museum at the time.

Another visitor was narrowly missed by the ball. The State Police came, confiscated the musket, and then the news media showed up. As stated by the reenacting unit I belong to, “This is a wake-up call to all of us. Safety, safety, safety! Muzzle control and knowledge of the status of your own weapon are paramount to what we do.” My takeaway from this incident is the failure to do safety checks prior to the drilling. Second, when doing practice firing, remove the flint and replace with a wooden wedge. The unit had no Accident/Incident Plan and no Media Liaison or Media Plan. They had no response as the evening news cameras covered this incident. The Hillsborough Incident occurred on 6 April 2024 at a Revolutionary War Living History Day. A participant in this event did not remove his ramrod from his black powder rifle causing the ramrod to be propelled from the rifle and strike another participant resulting in a bruised leg.

Apparently, rumors were spread that this was a SAR Sanctioned event, and the shooter was a SAR member. This was not an NSSAR sanctioned event. Neither was the shooter an SAR member, this was some deflection by people attending this event. The individual shooting had no affiliation with any reenacting units, which is one question as to why he was permitted to shoot, he was ramming down cartridges which is not permitted at National Parks and many state historic sites, and it is not permitted in SAR Color Guard standards. From a photograph I was shown it appeared the shooter was also wearing a bullet board which I wrote about in the last issue with ball ammunition attached. The fact the site lets this individual walk on is questionable. The SAR State Color Guard Commander issued a stand down order till this situation was sorted out. Two things that would be useful to have assisted; there was no State Color Guard Accident/Incident Report available and there was no State Media Liaison or Media Plan. Something to consider as rumors spread quickly. Also having a Statewide training program that certifies and documents the State Color Guard black powder shooters is relevant for countering these incidents with a State Media response.

Having an Accident-Incident reporting procedure together with a Media Response Team (that can issue “holding statements”). This helps (1) to get info quickly (or at least to know what is known and what is not known). (2) To mitigate negative Public Relations and misinformation. If a State Color Guard does have a safety stand down, publishing lessons learned will be useful for the NSSAR Color Guard. The third incident happened at a Memorial Day Parade, the Malvern incident. This involved an SAR Color Guard participating in a parade event. There was an apparent public complaint filed at National Headquarters regarding unprofessionalism where weapons were pointed towards the public while the unit was participating in musket firing and bayonet charges.

Important to note, at the NSSAR Color Guard Committee meeting at the Spring 2024 Leadership meeting it was voted to stop All firing in parades. This will be updated in the NSSAR Color Guard handbook that is being revised.

While there can be fixed bayonets in outdoor events and there can be demonstrations, which are done at historic sites, consider the public safety concerns. This incident is being investigated by the NSSAR Commander, again the State Color Guard should do a Stand Down and review their color guard training standards. In this case no Accident/Incident Report was completed and there was no State Media response as this incident was reported directly to NSSAR Headquarters.

Let’s be safe out there Guardsmen!

Black Powder Incidents – (continued)

Update on Liability Insurance and Survey

Ever since I have been active with the color guard at the national level there have been questions on BLACK POWDER INSURANCE. But what we must realize is that potential liability goes beyond the color guard and black powder weapons. A guardsman or a member of the public can trip and fall on speaker cables, electrical cables, our equipment, etc. We concentrate on issues at commemorations and grave marker dedication ceremonies but there is also potential liability exposure every time we gather for a meeting. The risk is real. Incidents have happened at SAR events. If you believe that no one would sue your chapter, your state society, or the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, or you personally then you need to look at the state of liability litigation occurring in this country. Every state is unique and varies greatly in the coverage available and the cost of that coverage. In Georgia we carry our coverage at the state level which also covers our chapters. Our hope is that at some time in the future the coverage can be at the National level and would then flow down to the state societies and chapters. Many times, it takes several conversations with the insurance broker to make sure they understand the type of events your society undertakes and that you understand exactly what the offered liability policy will cover. In several states we have seen the renewal premium jump astronomically this year and this has also required conversations with the broker and the underwriter so that the renewal premium could be reduced to just a substantial jump. Each state society makes their own decisions but if you decide not to have insurance then please talk with a knowledgeable attorney on what can be done to minimize exposure. If a National Society SAR event is being held in a state where the society does not have liability insurance, then there cannot be any black powder activities at the national event. If your state society has insurance, then the National Society SAR needs to be named as an additional insured. As the National Color Guard Commander, I have been requested by the national headquarters to gather the following information:

- 1) State Society Name
- 2) Do you carry liability insurance? If so carrier and policy year
- 3) Number of members in the Color Guard
- 4) Number of Compatriots that attend at least one meeting or event each year (best guess, include color guard members)
- 5) Do you allow black powder firing? Number of events at which a black powder firing occurs
- 6) Outside of chapter meetings the approximate number of events in the state
- 7) Are there any events at which anything is placed in the barrel other than black powder? If yes please explain
- 8) If you do not allow black powder firings, then do any guardsmen carry operable weapons?
- 9) Are artillery pieces used at any events? Are artillery crews certified?

Please answer using the Survey Monkey link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7JWZKYG>



Patriot's Stories

by Wayne Hood III

Money of the American Revolutionary War



Before the Revolutionary War, there were few coins circulating in America. Gold and silver bullion was also extremely scarce. England did not supply its colonies with sufficient coinage and prohibited them from making their own. Although, some colonies minted limited coins and paper money, no one had enough cash to cover the value of all the available goods and services. This meant that both rich and poor colonist were bound up in webs of debt. Poorer colonists borrowed from wealthier colonists; and the wealthy borrowed from British merchants and one another. People could also simply barter or trade goods back and forth. Colonist counted money by the English system of pounds, shillings, and pence – twelve pence (pennies) per shilling, and twenty shillings per pound.



Eventually, some Spanish, German, Portuguese, and French coins appeared in the colonies because of trade with the West Indies and elsewhere. The most famous of these was the *Spanish Dollar*, also known as pillar dollars valued at 8 Reales, which served as an unofficial national currency for much of the 17th and 18th centuries. Both a distinctive design and consistent silver content made this coin the most trustworthy for colonists. However, to make change, the coin was sometimes cut into eight or fewer pieces or “bits.” Hence the term “Pieces of Eight” from these early times.

So, without sufficient coinage, how did the Americans pay debts incurred from fighting the Revolutionary war? The only feasible solution to raise money was for the Continental Congress to issue paper money. Colonial paper notes were used as currency, but mostly were bills of credit or short-term public loans to the government.

Beginning on May 10, 1775 paper money was released in a wide variety of denominations, ranging from one-sixth dollar to 85 dollars. Presumably, the idea was odd denominations would help make change. The notes were printed by local printers from New Hampshire to Georgia, including Benjamin Franklin and Paul Revere. Many of the *Continental Currency* notes had a similar appearance with an allegorical vignette on the face, regional emblems/slogans and various scenes, all framed within a scrollwork border design. The notes were to be redeemable later in Spanish Dollars or in some other precious metal specie.



This 1776 three-dollar note printed by David Hall & William Sellers (successors to Ben Franklin) in Philadelphia, PA is typical of the paper money issued by the Continental Congress. The legend shows an eagle attacking a crane with the Latin motto EXITUS IN DUBIO EST (The Outcome is in Doubt).

Image by Wayne Hood III (personal collection)

At first, the public readily accepted the Continental Currency, helping the notes hold their face value. But as the war unfolded, the worthiness of the notes started to plunge. To make matters worse, Congress over-issued the currency, far more than any potential metal reserves, while British counterfeiters further contributed to the inflationary spiral.

Money of the American Revolutionary War (continued)

By March 1779, Continental Currency was valued at a 10:1 ratio against the Spanish Dollar, and in 1781, the ratio had fallen to about 100:1. Thus the expression "not worth a continental" became slang to refer to anything having no redeeming value. Nonetheless, genuine Continental Currency notes that survive today are unique works of colonial art displaying exceptional technical printing skills, historically valuable, and worth hundreds to thousands of dollars in various grades. The notes are typically printed on acid free rag paper that is very sturdy, and may include water marks or blue and red threads and mica flakes blended into the stock.

Early on, the Continental Congress also recognized the need for more coinage. They planned to mint a *Continental Dollar* of various designs by Benjamin Franklin to symbolize American sovereignty, unity, and to serve as backing for Continental Currency notes.

This 1776 certified Continental Dollar reproduction by Robert Bashlow (c. 1960) in silver used a version of the original coin dies. The obverse shows the sun's rays striking a sundial. Obverse legend includes FUGIO (Latin for "I Fly") and MIND YOUR BUSINESS. Reverse has an endless chain, each link encircling one of the colonies & states: AMERICAN CONGRESS: WE ARE ONE.

Image by Wayne Hood III (personal collection)



Pattern Continental Dollars made of brass, pewter (most specimens), and silver were struck. Silver bullion from France, sufficient to produce large quantities of the Continental Dollars, was promised soon. Unfortunately, the silver shipments never arrived, so few Continental Dollars reached the general population. Genuine Continental Dollars that exist today are highly valuable easily worth five to six figures, depending on grade. Even modern restrikes, such as Robert Bashlow (c. 1960) and M. S. Dickeson (c. 1876) versions, are worth hundreds to thousands of dollars.

Although the Continental Currency system was plagued by many shortcomings, it was of great value to finance an American army during the Revolutionary War. Also, Continental notes and pattern dollars represent the first unified currency system to be established in America, leaving behind a fascinating legacy for us today. Also, paper money is uniquely American and was first created in early colonial times.

After the Revolution, the United States had to address its war-ravaged finances. From the end of the Revolutionary War in 1783, until the establishment of the U.S. Mint in 1792 in Philadelphia, a variety of coins were issued by private minters and individual states. In 1787, Congress authorized production of copper cents known as the *Fugio Cent*. This coin is the first regular-issue U.S. coin authorized under the Articles of the Confederation, and features a sundial on the obverse and a chain of 13 links on the reverse, representing the 13 original colonial states. The Fugio Cent for some variety types is several thousand dollars in VF grade.



Image of Fugio Cent by PGCS website

The following year, most states ratified the Constitution, establishing a new government along with continued debate over national coinage. Primarily due to Thomas Jefferson's advocacy, the Coinage Act of 1792 established the dollar as the unit of account in the United States. The dollar was subdivided into one hundred cents, making it the world's first decimal currency.

After about 175 years of money substitutes such as beaver pelts, musket balls, Spanish Dollars, and other coins, the United States of America issued its first official coins for circulation in 1793 including half cents and large cents struck in pure copper, that was soon followed by silver coins such as half dimes, dimes, quarters, half dollars, and dollars.

Send me your story: scratchthompson@msn.com

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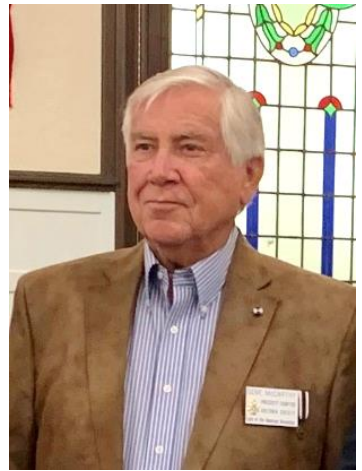
Trivia answer: **Thomas Jefferson**

Obits

Gene McCarthy

Gene was a fine gentleman. He was an artist. He took part in the club activities. He was a Vice President of our chapter in 2018. As a member of the color guard, he marched with us in Prescott parades and the Parada del Sol in Scottsdale in 2019. He We will miss you, Gene. Rest in Peace my friend.

Steve Monez



Honoring Eugene Victor “Gene” McCarthy

Past Prescott Chapter Vice President Eugene Victor “Gene” McCarthy died on June 24, 2024, at the age of 84, and was buried with military honors in the Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery west of Flagstaff, Arizona. He was born in San Francisco, California on June 4, 1940, but was raised by his grandparents in San Gabriel, Los Angeles County, California, after the death of his mother on April 1, 1942, at the age of 22.

Gene served in the U.S. Army 101st Airborne 24th Infantry Division, prior to joining the Los Angeles Police Department where he served three years before joining the Los Angeles County Fire Department. As a member of the department, Gene served as an Air Rescue paramedic, EMS paramedic coordinator and fireman. He retired as fire captain. Following his 29-year retirement, Gene became a contract consultant with the Los Angeles Field Division of the FBI, where he assisted in the weapons of mass destruction program. Upon moving to Sedona with his wife, Jackie, Gene was elected to the Sedona Fire Board.

Gene became a member of the Sons of the American Revolution on October 5, 2018. His contributions to the Prescott Chapter include serving in the Color Guard, as a Board of Managers representative, vice president, and participating in the chapter fundraising at the rodeo. He also made several watercolor paintings of Revolutionary War figures which he donated for fundraising opportunities, as well as making and donating the Revolutionary War recruiting poster to the chapter. Gene received the SAR Military Service Corps Certificate, Military Service Medal/Certificate, Fire Safety Commendation Medal/Certificate, and Certificate of Appreciation.

Gene was not only a friend, but also my cousin. While attending a Prescott Chapter board meeting in December 2019, I overheard Gene talking about his ancestor, Colonel Richard Callaway. I told Gene that my 6th great grandfather was a brother of Richard Callaway. Turned out that Gene and I were 8th cousins 1x removed. Afterwards, we affectionately addressed each other as “cousin.”

Gene will be greatly missed by family and friends. Rest in peace cousin.

Jack Berry

President - Prescott Chapter

Chaplin Chat with Tim Prater



Greeting to my fellow Prescott Chapter Compatriots. I am honored to be your Chaplain for the remainder of this year and look forward to serving you in 2025. I served as Chapter Chaplain in years past and thoroughly enjoyed it .I look forward to interacting with each of you in person, via phone or email in the days, weeks and months ahead.

With all the turmoil our nation is experiencing, not to mention the hurricanes in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and other Southeastern states, let us not forget how fortunate and blessed we are as individuals and as a Nation. Consider the incredible opportunities we are afforded each and every day as Americans. Let us keep in mind those less fortunate than ourselves and reach out to them. Acknowledge our Chapter friends and their families in their time of need and time of celebration. Let us reach out to our fellow Chapter members by visiting them at their home, calling or writing letters to them.

Our obligation as Prescott Chapter Compatriots extends beyond attending monthly luncheons and special events. I encourage each of us to offer ourselves in service to our fellow Compatriots. The success of our Chapter is not measured in membership numbers but in the individual commitment each of us extends to one another.

I hope to reach out to Chapter members and administer to their specific needs. If you would like to join me in my outreach efforts call me at 928-533-1478 or timprater86323@gmail.com .

With the holidays approaching, I wish each of you the opportunities to celebrate with family and friends and to reflect upon the blessing we are each afforded.

In Fellowship,

Tim Prater, Prescott Chapter SAR



America's 250th Anniversary

The 250th Anniversary is a celebration of our fight for Independence from the end of the French and Indian War in 1763 to the Final Treaty of Paris on September 3, 1783. This is highlighted by the Declaration of Independence in 1776. As members of the Sons of the American Revolution it is our responsibility to tell the stories about those times our patriots fought to gain freedom from British control over the 13 colonies, later called the United States of America.

This link takes you to a valuable tool that will help you set up your events and programs. Share these events with your chapter, DAR, Service Clubs, and the community. Share our story with as many groups as you can:

https://america250sar.org/_static/75c32156ec6f9e02ed1a7c913743f264/america-250-sarprogramtoolkitmar-23_22.pdf?dl=1.

This tool kit has a road map for our members to get the message to the people who may have never heard the story of our beginning. There are many ways you can participate. The color guard can participate, members can use the Patriot Chest with children in the schools. Members can dress in uniform if possible.

Schedule events in the community and invite all that would like to take part. Send out announcements in the newspaper. Make your event special. Hold it at a special venue.

The Declaration of Independence and Constitution can be given to each person. Make a handout that the community can take with them. You can pick a patriot and tell their story.

The National organization has examples of forms, letterhead, news releases, cards, and certificates to help each chapter.

Awards are based on activity and the awarding of points for each type of activity:

- a. Directing, chairing, or co-chairing an event or sub-committee for the duration of the event. (20 points)
- b. Participation in the planning, financing, promotion or conduct of an event other than directing, chairing, or co-chairing an event. Those that do direct, chair or co-chair an event and also serve as a regular member of a committee or sub-committee in a non-leadership role, may also earn points. (10 points)
- c. Attending an Event (3 points)
- d. Attending an event in Colonial Attire (5 points)

SAR Members may be awarded the Medals for achieving the following levels:

- a. Bronze Medal: 25 promotion points as certified by his chapter, state, district, or national society.
- b. Silver Medal: Compatriots who earn 60 promotion points as certified by his chapter, state, district or national society.
- c. Gold Medal: Compatriots who earn 150 promotion points as certified by his chapter, state, district, and national society. They will receive a letter authorized by Gary Gift Chairman 250th Gold Medal

Committee to purchase the medal. Steve Monez and Jack Berry have qualified for the Gold. Paul Kerper has qualified for the Bronze.