

### **Annual Business Meeting**

December 13, 2014

Our Color Guard led by Bill

Smith, Captain, Steve Monez, Ed

Steinback, and Wayne Hood

Presented the Colors.



Our Annual Business meeting was attended by our State President Arthur Cantrall and our Vice President George Lipphardt.
President Cantrall inducted three new members and installed the new officers.



President Cantrall inducting Edward Lipphardt..



New members Ed, William, Ed's son and sponsor George Lipphardt

# Sons of the American Revolution Prescott Chapter P.O. Box 10683, 86301 December 25, 2014

Merry Christmas

to you and your families

George Washington's troops were cold in the Christmas of 1776 see story in column 3

## Celebrate our 125 Year Anniversary

in Louisville KY on June 26<sup>th</sup> through July 1<sup>st</sup>. This plans to be a great time with the new headquarters building completed and on display. Make your reservations now at the Galt House Hotel. call the hotel at 1-800- THE GALT (1-800-843-4258). Then press "1" when prompted. Make sure you inform them you are with the SAR for



John Sterling is inducted into the Prescott Chapter. Welcome John



President Cantrall installs the new officers and Board of Managers. Tom Chittenden, President Wayne Hood, Vice President, Tim Prater, Secretary Steve Monez, Treasurer Bill Smith, Color Guard Captain John Thorne, Chaplain Bill Williamson, Info Notifications Ed Steinback, Registrar Tom Steinback Webmaster



"I have no lust after power but wish with as much fervency as any Man upon this wide extended Continent, for an opportunity of turning the Sword into a plow share." - General George Washington's Letter to Congress, December 20, 1776

#### President Cantrall passes the Gavel. Welcome President Chittenden



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## Washington's Troops cross the Delaware to the Battle of Trenton



After a long march through the snow, Washington led his troops across the partially frozen Delaware river on Christmas Day of 1776 to defeat the Hessian mercenaries and restore the fortunes of the American patriots.

Bloody footprints marked the ground where colonist soldiers had been walking in the white snow. Their aching feet did not have protection from the bitter cold, and now they were suffering the consequences.

The victory of the Battle of Trenton encouraged the Americans to push ahead in the fight for independence.

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#### Military & War Service Medals

The NSSAR has authorized the awarding of War Service and Military Service medals and certificates to SAR Veterans who meet eligibility requirements. The War Service Medal was first authorized in 1899 for Veteran members who had served in the War with Spain. Subsequently, a specific War Service Medals were authorized for WWI and WWII service. Subsequently, a generic War Service Medal was authorized for those who served in the armed forces of the United States and fought against a common enemy of the United States in a war or action that has been recognized by a branch of the United States and for which a campaign medal and ribbon are authorized. The Military Service Medal was authorized in 2006. SAR Veterans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces and who do not quality for the SAR War Medal are eligible for this medal. Finally, in 2012, President General Stephen A. Leishman announced the creation of the Korean Service Veteran Corps. SAR Veterans who served in the Korean War or served following the signing of the Korean War Armistice Agreement of 27 July 1953, are eligible for the Korean Service Veteran Corps and the Korean Service Veteran Medal. Our Chaplain, Tim Prater, graciously offered to assist any Veteran apply for the medal they are authorized. Tim will be contacting each Prescott SAR Prescott Veteran to explain the requirements for their respective medal and to help them submit an award application for approval. We wish to acknowledge all our SAR Veterans and thank them for their service to our country and the sacrifices they made, just an their ancestors did in the American Revolutionary War. Any Compatriot who

wishes to contact Tim about these award options please email him at tprater48@yahoo.com or callhimon(928)533-1478. Military Service Medal is available to any person that served in the military.

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The War service medal is available to any member of the military that served during a conflict. Compatriot Tim Prater, Army Lt. Colonel Retired, is the first Prescott member to receive this medal. Thanks Tim for your service, you are a real Patriot.





KOREA

John Thorne received the Meritorious Medal for his much deserved work throughout his SAR career. Thanks John



Chancellor Chuck receives the Roger Sherman medal for his support of the Chapter



Compatriot Ed is recognized for all he has done for the Chapter and the State.



Also remember Thomas Steinback, Joseph Jackson, and James J Johnson who were not able to attend yet are recognized for all they have done.

Wayne Hood Marched with the Color Guard, attended the MIA ceremony and was our Historian. Thanks You Wayne.



Thank you Bill Williamson for all those special notifications for each meeting.



Bill Smith our VP and Color Guard Captain was very much appreciated for his leadership. He Attended with us eleven events for the year and filled in for the President two times. Thanks Bill.



John Solomon, as Treasurer you faced many new challenges. A new computer system, Collecting all the money for the Honor Flight fundraiser, the joint Lunch, the Raffles and you kept up with it all. Your club owes you a big Thank you. I thank you too.



Thanks John Thorne and Tim Prater for taking the pictures

We marched in the Anthem Veterans Day Parade on November 8, 2014 with the Saguaro Chapter. Their President played the fife and we marched to Yankee Doodle Dandy.

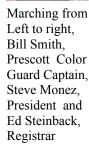




Saguaro Chapter members on float from left to right:
President Jan Huber, Secretary Manuel Rodrigues, Vice President
Whit Revell, Kenneth Reedy. Prescott Chapter members on
ground from left to right: Color Guard Captain, Bill Smith, President, Steve Monez, Registrar Ed Steinback.



Whit Revell added to the event with his revolutionary outfit and his long beard.





Thanks Tim Prater for taking the Parade pictures

#### Prescott Veterans Day Parade November 11, 2014



Michael and Sean Holmes carry our banner. From left to right Bill Smith, Color Guard Captain, Steve Monez, President, Ed Steinback III, Registrar and Wayne Hood our Historian.

#### **SAR- DAR Annual Luncheon**

November 15, 2014 we enjoyed the company of two DAR Chapters at our annual joint luncheon. We had lunch at the Stone Ridge Country Club and as usual the food was great. Cindy Reynalds was great to work with and served 91 lunches. We had a real treat with Lord Scott as our guest speaker. Embry Riddle presented and retired the colors.







His family traveled with him all dressed in period costume. One daughter was dressed as a Colonial Marine.

Lord Scott reenacted the speech made by General George Washington to the citizens of Williamsburg in 1781 just before the battle of Yorktown.



Lord Scott's three daughters, Lord Scott, his wife, Anna and Steve Monez

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Compatriots:

I thank you for allowing me to serve you as your president. This has been a very rewarding time. Allowing me to march in your parades and carry the flags of this great country have made me so proud. I can't express the emotion I have felt in words as we march past the crowds and people stand and salute our flags and cheer. They are cheering for our country and they know we live in a wonderful land of the free. You and I, we are the lucky ones and have so much to be thankful for.

Honoring our World War II Veterans and having them as our guests and hearing them speak about their experiences, again, we can only thank them for their service and letting them know how important they are to us. We can never give them enough gratitude for the sacrifices they have made for us. When you pass a veteran on the street make sure to thank them for their service no matter which branch or which time they served. They all are to be honored.

I thank each and everyone of you Board members for the time you have spent making this last year so special. You have given of yourself and come up with ideas to make this a very special Chapter. Your efforts have certainly made this chapter a huge success. Where would we be without our patriot ancestors who gave so much so we could live in a country so great.

#### **Merry Christmas and God Bless America**

Steve Monez, Past President

#### The Eye Witness Testimony of Isaac Potts

This story is well documented in the historical records. Isaac Potts, 26 years old, was a resident of Valley Forge, and as a Quaker was opposed to the war. He supervised the grinding of the grain which George Washington ordered the neighboring farmers to bring to his army. The fullest account of Potts' testimony is in the "Diary and Remembrances" of Rev.

Nathaniel Randolph Snowden, a Presbyterian minister and a Princeton graduate (Original Manuscript at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania; Call no. PHi.Am.1561-1568).

"I was riding with him (Mr. Potts) near Valley Forge, where the army lay during the war of the Revolution. Mr. Potts was a Senator in our state and a Whig. I told him I was agreeably surprised to find him a friend to his country as the Quakers were mostly Tories. He said, "It was so and I was a rank Tory once, for I never believed that America could proceed against Great Britain whose fleets and armies covered the land and ocean. But something very extraordinary converted me to the good faith." cause of the country, of humanity, and of the world.



"What was that?" I inquired. "Do you see that woods, and that plain?" It was about a quarter of a mile from the place we were riding. "There," said he, "laid the army of Washington. It was a most distressing time of ye war, and all were for giving up the ship but that one good man. In that woods," pointing to a close in view, "I heard a plaintive sound, as of a man at prayer. I tied my horse to a sapling and went quietly into the woods and to my astonishment I saw the great George Washington on his knees alone, with his sword on one side and his cocked hat on the other. He was at Prayer to the God of the Armies, beseeching to interpose with his Divine aid, as it was ye Crisis and the never heard from the lips of man. I left him alone praying. I went home and told my wife, 'I saw a sight and heard today what I never saw or heard before', and just related to her what I had seen and heard and observed. We never thought a man could be a soldier and a Christian, but if there is one in the world, it is Washington. We thought it was the cause of God and America could prevail."

Painting by Arnold Friberg This was his interpretation from the words you just read

#### 2015 Meeting Schedule with Speakers All meetings start at noon

#### Note our November and December meetings are moved to the second Saturday

- 17 Jan 2015- at Plaza Bonita. "Answers to Questions My Survivors Need to Know After I Am Gone" June Sherod
- 21 Feb 2015- at Plaza Bonita. "History of Mining in Yavapai County" Bill Hawes
- 21 Mar 2015- at Plaza Bonita. Hopi Culture and his profession as an artist, Filmer Kewanyama.
- 18 Apr 2015- at Plaza Bonita. "Who was the 1st President". Steve Monez
- 16 May 2015- at Plaza Bonita. "Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Matt Scott
- 20 June 2015- at Plaza Bonita. . East Coast Revolutionary War- era sites Compatriot Ed Steinbach

Our complete years schedule with speakers is on the website. http://azssar.org/prescott/index.html