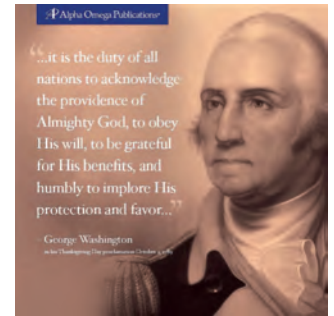




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General Thanksgiving Proclamation

This historic proclamation was issued by George Washington during his first year as President. It sets aside Thursday, November 26 as "A Day of Public Thanksgiving and Prayer."

While there were Thanksgiving observances in America both before and after Washington's proclamation, this represents the first to be so designated by the new national government. Signed by Washington on October 3, 1789 and entitled "General Thanksgiving," the decree appointed the day "to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God."

During the 1700s, it was common practice for individual colonies to observe days of thanksgiving throughout each year. A Thanksgiving Day two hundred years ago, was a day set aside for prayer and fasting, not a day marked by plentiful food and drink as is today's custom. Later in the 18th century each of the states periodically would designate a day of thanksgiving in honor of a military victory, an adoption of a state constitution or an exceptionally bountiful crop.

Such a Thanksgiving Day celebration was held in December of 1777 by the colonies nationwide, commemorating the surrender of British General Burgoyne at Saratoga.

Later, on October 3, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation calling for the observance of the fourth Tuesday of November as a national holiday.

Compatriot Bruce Winnie passed away this month.

Bruce was inducted in 2000 and served as Secretary in 2001, Vice President 2002, President in 2003 and 2008. His beloved wife , Pearl was always at his side. He served as Chancellor in 2009 and was active in the color guard and marched in many



parades and events. Last year he helped us pre-sell tickets at Las Fuentes. Bruce will be missed. Pictured in 2001 Daily courier Photo, from left to right Geneologist Jack Hanny, Bruce Winnie, and Past President and Co-founder of the

Prescott Chapter of the Sons of the America Revolution James Trowbridge. Thanks Vice President Wayne Hood for rounding up the information to complete this article.

"It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor" GW

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November December Birthday

Wishes to Compatriots, Tom Chittenden, Ron Bussie, Ed Lippardt, Frank Kennemur, Bill Hazen, & John Oakley, Dec. Tim Prater, Jack Smith. **Happy Birthday**

Prescott SAR Celebrtes its 20th Anniversary

on February 18th 2016. Save the date and plan to attend. Guest Speaker will be our own Warren Alter, Treasurer General. We were chartered on February 22nd 1997

Calendar

December 10, 2016 Busienss Meting no speaker

January 21, 2017 Victory at Princeton, Speaker Steve Monez

February 18, 2017 20th Anniverary, Speaker Warren Alter
National Treasurer General

Flag Certificates, Thanks Compatriot

Tim Prater, Chapter Flag Committee

Chairman for your continued effort to support this great campaign.

Our chapter has now presented 26 flag certificates this year. We are second in the state to Palo Verdes 35



Color Guard Report By Bill Smith Prescott Color Guard Commander

Members of the Prescott Chapter participated in many event this fall starting with the parade in Lake Havasuu on the 29th of October. Steve Monez led this one and members from Phoenix and Tucson came out.

Veterans Day events took place all over the state on November 6 and 11. On the 6th we presented Colors at St. Catherines Catholic Church in Chino Valley for the Veterans and guests. On the 11th Prescott had their annual Veterans Day parade. An event was held in Pebble Creek and our President General J Michael Tomme, was in attendance . Our color guard presented the colors and Steve Monez presented “Washingtons Christmas 1776 and the battle of Princeton as George Washington speaking to members in Congress in January 1777.He spoke to over 200 veterans and members from Pebble Creek. On the the 12th we presented colors at the Board of Managers meeting in Chandler Arizona. Pictures below are from those events.



St. Catherines, from left to right Bill Smith Color Guard Commander, Steve Monez, Ed Steinback & Michael Holmes. Thanks Michael Holmes for setting this event up, St. Catherines for the invite and Tim Prater for taking pictures.

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Lake Havasu October 29th. Pictured from left to right Dr. Bill Baran Palo Verde Chapter, Steve Monez Prescott Chapter, Steve Miller Phoenix Chapter , Al Neihmeyer and Dr. Rudy Byrd Tucson Chapter and Young Marines Nekalos Case and Jacob Jackson for carrying the Arizona Society's Banner. We received a two foot Trophy for second place.



Color Guard at Pebble Creek with President General Tomme on November 11, 2016. Pictured from left to right. Steve Monez, Dr. Bill Baran, Jan Huber, Kieth Hugus, Manuel Rodriguez, Treasurer General Warren Alter, State President Stephen Miller, Chuck Howey, Mike Tubbs, Thomas Steinback, PG J. Michael Tomme, Loren Littlefield, Cilla Tomme, Allen Nash, Edward Steinback III. Catherine and Elizabeth Young standing next to PG Tomme. Thanks to Suzanne Young for taking the picture.

Color Guard at the Board of Managers meeting on 11/12/2016 from left to right top row, Dr. Bill Baran, Palo Verde Chapter, Allen Nash Saguaro Chapter, Stan Garner Payson Chapter, Dr. William Hearter Barry Goldwater Chapter, Treasurer General Warren Alter Tucson Chapter, Edward Steinback III Prescott Chapter, Kneeling, Commander Bill Smith Prescott Chapter, Jan Huber Saguaro Chapter, Thomas Steinback Palo Verde Chapter, Dr. Abraham Byrd Tucson Chapter & Steve Monez Prescott.

State Board of Managers Meeting November 12, 2016

Honor our Veterans



J Michael Tomme and State President Stephen J. Miller recognize WWII Veteran Verne Kenneth Southworth with a certificate signed by the President General and a Military service Medal. Verne is a SAR member.

CAR President Gillian Alexander addresses the Board of Managers.



The Board of managers Meeting was held in the Chandler Hilton and attended by the Chapter Presidents and all BOM members. The emphasis was on serving our Veterans as well as carrying on the normal Business. President J. Michael Tomme and his lovely wife Cilla were able to join us and participated in the program. The agenda consisted of nominations for the coming year, honoring Veterans,, CAR President Gillian Alexander spoke to the group and general Business.

The nominations for the coming year are:

- President Steve Monez (Prescott)
- Immediate Past President Stephen Miller (Phoenix)
- Vice President TBD: *Listed Alphabetically:
 - William Hearter (Goldwater)
 - James Skaggs (Palo Verde)
- Secretary Dr. Bill Baran, (Palo Verde)
- Treasurer Edward Steinback, III (Prescott)
- Registrar George Stickney (Palo Verde)
- Genealogist Edward Karr (Goldwater)
- Historian David Swanson (Goldwater)
- Chancellor Dennis P. Kavanaugh, Esq. (Palo Verde)
- Chaplain J. Michael Jones (Goldwater)
- Compliance Judge Richard D. Hines (Phoenix)
- Publicist William R. Aurand (Tucson)
- Trustee A. Ruddell Byrd, III, M.D. (Tucson)
- Alternate Trustee Edward Steinback, III (Prescott)
- VGP Rocky Mt. District Walter G. Seaton (Palo Verde)



President Miller escorted the PG to the Lost Duchman Musuem and Superstition Mountains where they presented a Flag Certificate to the Curator. Pictured from left to right Walter Seaton our VP General, Stephen J. Miller, Curator, PG Tomme, TG Alter and Dr. Byrd. Superstition Mountains in background.



President Stephen Miller and President J. Michael Tomme



First Ladies, Jacque Miller and Cilla Tomme enjoy the moment.

Keeping in Touch Members mentor a new member. This should be a member that is willing to take a new member to the next BOM meeting and show him what SAR is all about. **Welcome new member, John Messersmith**