

Prescott Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution

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Merry Christmas



We are so lucky to have a President and his First Lady who do so much for our chapter and Arizona Society. Many thanks to you both.



Celeste Cates

Prescott SAR First Lady Celeste Cates has taken an active role in this year's chapter activities. She is an at large member of AZDAR. One of her patriot ancestors, Aaron Smith, served through most of the war, enlisting in December, 1777, just in time to enter the encampment at Valley Forge. He was fit for duty on each monthly roster. Back home in frontier Virginia, Celeste's 5th great grandmother, Sarah Allen Smith was left to deal with the rigors of frontier life, including a harrowing escape from marauding Indians with two babies bound up in her skirt to cross a stream on horseback.

During 2019 she has participated with the Color Guard at the Ira Hayes Parade in Sacaton, Sedona St. Patrick's Day Parade, Honor Flight AZ, Flagstaff Armed Forces Day Parade, Prescott National Memorial Day Ceremony, Sedona Flag Day Veterans meeting, Flagstaff

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Martha Dandridge Custis Washington. Image courtesy Morristown National Historical Park.

George Washington Married Martha Dandridge Custis on January 6th the twelfth day of the old Christmas.



"O Holy Night"

Annual Dues are Due

Annual dues are \$64. Make your checks payable to the Prescott Chapter SAR and send them to Treasurer Michael Holmes P.O. Box 10683 Prescott AZ 86305

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would be taking names after class, we would have had a line of young volunteers.

We started this year with 49 members. By the end of the year we will be over 60. Special thanks goes to Wayne Hood, our Registrar and Genealogist. I would like to thank all of your Board members who have worked countless hours to make our chapter the best that can be. All of us should be proud that Prescott SAR received more awards at the National Congress than any other in Arizona.

As we move into 2020 Tim Prater has enlisted a great group of speakers for our meetings. Many of you have enjoyed the Patriot Spotlight, a member's story of a Patriot. Please consider sharing the stories of your ancestors. Please consider joining the Color Guard or participating in one of our educational programs. The board is currently seeking help for the JROTC and ROTC awards program. In closing I wish each of you a wonderful holiday, Happy New Year to all.

Best Regards,
Jim Cates



Steve Monez, Past Arizona Society President installed the new officers for 2020, 1/r Michael Holmes Treasurer, Robert Berry Chaplain, Bill Smith Secretary, Thomas Chittenden Historian, Eugene McCarthy BOM member, Dennis DeAtley Vice President, James Cates President. Not in picture Wayne Hood Registrar, Chuck Walker Chancellor, Bill Williamson information, and Scott Iden Webmaster.

Celeste Cates

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Independence Day Parade, Prescott Rodeo Days Parade, Clarkdale OLLI meeting, and Prescott Veterans Day parade.

Celeste helped organize our D-Day Luncheon for WWII Veterans.

At Granville School Celeste made 12 Patriot Chest presentations on three consecutive Fridays with Compatriots Steve Monez, Gene McCarthy, Jim Laursen, and Jim Cates. At Camp Verde Middle School, she presented "Founding Mothers," American Women of the Revolution to the 7th and 8th grade classes. In Sedona she and Jim presented the story of the Constitution at the Sedona Library to children and adults for the Constitution Week event. When our speaker for the November luncheon fell ill, she presented the history, architecture, wildlife and plants, and trails of the Grand Canyon while giving door prizes for the luncheon. Written By Jim Cates

Speaker Dr. Bill Williamson



Dr. Bill did a fantastic presentation on his experiences as a boy on the 7th of December when Pearl Harbor was attacked. Thanks for the hard work you did to put this together for us Bill.



President James Cates gave Bill a personal gift. The box included a story of Washington Crossing the Delaware on Christmas Day in 1776. It also included a special pen made by Marc P. Dowdell in the United States. Marc makes these fine pens from fallen or trimmed branches at historic sites. He uses Cross refills. The pens are registered. The hardware is finished in 24 karat gold. What a special treasure.

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Wreathes Across America Prescott National Cemetery



Thomas Chittenden an Air Force Veteran and Edward Lipphardt a Navy Veteran carried and placed the Coast Guard Wreath.



Dr. Bill Baran came up from Chandler to lead the group. Standing with him President Cates and Celeste Cates



Robert Filler and our newest member Jack Berry a Veteran. Thank you all for participating and especially James and Celeste Cates for purchasing 70 Wreathes for this event. Our Chapter purchased a total of 101 wreathes. Thanks to all for making this event so special.

Wreathes Across America Evergreen Cemetery Tucson

On Saturday, December 14th, 2019 the Tucson Chapter Color Guard joined with all of America in a solemn tribute to our fallen veterans in the Wreaths Across America project at Evergreen Cemetery. A six man Color Guard team fired an opening ceremony salute to our fallen soldiers. Then the entire Color Guard, accompanied by the the DAR and Ladies Auxilliary, carried in the colors. The program ended with attendees placing wreaths on the veterans tombstones.

Submitted and pictures by Albert Niemeyer, Tucson Chapter.



Color Guard marches past Flags arrayed by Vets



Color Guard Fires Salute By Two

Wreathes Across America Evergreen Cemetery in Tucson



Color Guard presents Colors



Color Guard Retires Colors



Past Society President and Color Guard Commander George Lipphardt plays taps.



Evergreen Cemetery Tucson,
Never Forget our Fallen Heroes

Story with pictures and Subtitles by
Albert Niemeyer 88th President of the Arizona Society Sons of the American Revolution



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SAR-DAR Luncheon November



The Prescott Chapter Color Guard presented colors 1/r Dennis DeAtley, Steve Monez, Bill Smith, Tom Chittenden, Wayne Hood.



The SAR DAR luncheon was held at the Stone Ridge Country Club. Great dinner lots of raffle items and all had a good time.

Welcome New Members Inducted at the Luncheon



Robert Kratz & wife Aurilla



Robert (Jack Berry & wife Diane



Keith Knotek & wife Lilia

No picture, New member announced December 17, 2019 CHRISTIAN BENJAMIN LUGINBUHL III
CHRISTIAN's Patriot is Lt. JOHN LONGSTRETH was a member of the Flying Camp Col. Mifflin PA.



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After the Wreaths Across America at Evergreen Cemetery Tucson, Gerry Lawford presented Tucson Color Commander Guard Rick Collins with the Bronze Color Guard Medal. Steve Monez, Arizona Color Guard Commander, presented Richard Collins with the Silver Color Guard Medal. Pictures and Article written and submitted by Albert Niemeyer, Tucson Chapter.

Patriot Biography: John Cate

Submitted by James D. Cates, Prescott Chapter, Arizona, National Number 203841

John Cate was born in Barrington, NH in the Cate Garrison House built by his father Captain William Cate, Patriot (1698-1783) as a defense from attacks on the town by the French and Native Americans. His mother was Elizabeth Cotton (1705-1800) of Portsmouth, NH. The Cate family was active in town affairs. John's father William was one of the founders of the town of Barrington, established on land granted by the crown to citizens of Portsmouth who repaired HMS Barrington, a frigate damaged by a storm in the Caribbean. John married Mary Garland, daughter of John Garland, Patriot (1719-1805) and Molly Rand (1726-1769) on 11 Oct 1762 in Barrington. John served as Selectman for the town in 1771 and 1772 and again from 1774 to 1804. He signed the Association Test in 1776. John followed in his father's footsteps in the New Hampshire Militia. In 1775 he served as First Lieutenant in Captain Samuel Hayes' company on Pierce's Island at Fort Washington, one of the harbor defenses for Portsmouth Harbor erected after the British burning of Falmouth, MA in October. In 1776 he served again in Colonel Joshua Wingate's regiment in the defense of Fort Ticonderoga. From September to December, 1777 he served in Colonel Drake's regiment to reinforce General Gates at Saratoga. General Burgoyne disparaged militia forces for not having artillery. Colonel Drake combed the harbor defenses for spare cannon and equipped his men with artillery. The unit was involved in the battle including General Burgoyne's final defeat and surrender. From July to October, 1780 John served again in Colonel Bartlett's regiment for the defense of West Point during the time of Benedict Arnold's betrayal. John and Mary raised a family of seven sons and six daughters. Mary died in 1786 and John died in 1815. Both are buried on the old family farm in Barrington.



Sam Prather receives 5 year pin



It is with sadness that I have to inform you that our fellow compatriot **James Howard Skaggs** passed away on November 15th 2019. He was a member of the Palo Verde Chapter of Arizona SAR and Immediate Past President of the Arizona Society Sons of the American Revolution. He was very active with the DAR and C.A.R. organizations. He will be missed.

We send our condolences to Donna and his family.