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## Presidents Message



In my first address as president of the Prescott Chapter, I want to express my sincere appreciation to the membership for giving me the opportunity and honor of serving our chapter. The year 2020 was an extraordinary time in our country and for the world. With the corona virus vaccine being administered through out Arizona, I am looking forward to another great and productive year for the Prescott Chapter as we resume our normal life

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Our Chapter continues to meet at the Hassayampa Inn, 122 E. Gurley St. Prescott Arizona, in the Arizona Room. Meetings start at noon with gathering at 11:30. Social Distancing continues with tables 10 feet apart and 5 people to a 60 inch round table. We have had outstanding speakers and the camaraderie is great. Plan to join us at the next meeting on May 8. Our Guest Speaker will be Bill Williamson. His subject will be "Operation Redwing" 1956= South Pacific.

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The Diamond Necklace donated by Raskins Jewelers worth \$900, was raffled off at our February 13 meeting. Fifteen tickets were sold and our member Tim Prater was the lucky winner. Tim seems very Happy in this picture and what a nice gift on Valentines Day for his wife.



Tim Prater is a recipient of the Veterans Service Medal.



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activities. I will do my best to continue that success and keep the chapter moving forward. I recognize and appreciate that this success is due to the commitment, sacrifice and hard work of my fellow board officers, both past and present. Because of their leadership we have remained an active chapter in the state. My vision for this year is to continue to encourage and foster new members and promote public recognition. My goal for 2021 is to increase our membership, events and develop creative fund raising. The best means of achieving this goal is to place ourselves more into the public eye.

A) Publicity and awards: Since January the chapter has awarded three public safety awards: 1. A Fire Safety medal and certificate was awarded to a Prescott Fire Captain. 2. A Heroism medal and certificate was awarded to a Sedona Fire Captain. (Both awards were publicized in the newspaper). 3. In March, an

EMS commendation medal and certificate was awarded to a field training officer for Prescott Life Line Ambulance/American Medical Response.

B) Public Relations: On May 28th, Tim Prater and I are scheduled to be on the KYCA 1490 AM hour long radio show of Mary Ann Suttles, beginning at 8:00am. We will be talking about the SAR and how SAR is involved with the veteran community.

C) Veterans and speakers: Lieutenant Colonel Tim Prater, U.S. Army retired and Board Vice President Gene McCarthy will work together on a project that involves scarves honoring veterans and first responders. The Scarves are knitted by Christine James, the widow of Tim's former executive officer, Major Norman James. During the time her husband served in Afghanistan, Christine knitted a scarf for him. When he received the scarf, he asked her to knit additional scarves for his soldiers to remind them that they had not been forgotten. Tim and Christine came up with the idea of

giving scarves to veterans throughout the Prescott area. Over the past three years, Christine knitted hundreds of scarves that touched the lives of veterans and their family members. Prescott Chapter will continue that project and include first responders.

Thanks to Tim Prater, we have been able to schedule an interesting lineup of guest speakers for the rest of this year. A special presenter may be a 97-year-old a Second World War U.S. Army pilot who participated in both D-Day and the Battle of the Bulge. While he was assigned in England during the war, he dated Margaret Hilda Roberts. Forty years later, she was known by her married name, Margaret Thatcher, the prime minister of England. He may appear at our May membership meeting. Also, Steve Monez has been actively involved with the Visions of Veterans program.

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D) Fund raising and recruiting: c h a p t e r . Convertible driven by chapter Vice President Gene Wearing personally owned member Hal Reniger. The next McCarthy, a watercolor Revolutionary War attire for the day, the chapter color guard will artist has donated his art to the event is discretionary. Another participate in a flag certificate chapter fund raiser is through event at the Talking Rock the Amazon charitable program Community in Prescott. called Amazon.Smile. Gene F)ROTC committee: Dick Meli McCarthy has distributed ck has been very active in information about the program contacting the ROTC programs at our in Prescott and Northern membership meetings and on Arizona, including the Indian our Facebook Group page. reservations. Despite some During our March meeting, schools not having ROTC Vice President Gene McCarthy programs this year, he has and Chancellor Chuck provided 7 medals and Walker provided a draft on how certificates to seven different a non-profit organization can schools, including to three receive gifts through estate Junior ROTC programs. p l a n n i n g , G) Board: Vice President Gene wills and beneficiary designati McCarthy has been assisting ons on IRAs, 401(k)s, and other Tim Prater with flag certificates financial investment and the public safety awards. Treasurer instruments. Ron Castle has updated the E) Color Guard: The first chapter color guard activity for treasurer procedures by this year will be the Prescott eliminating spreadsheets, and by Frontier Days rodeo parade on going to electronic checks. Most July 3rd. Rocky Mountain Vice receipts will be electronic. The President General Stephen membership is now data based. Miller and AZSAR President Historian Paul Kerper Bill Barron are scheduled will scan all chapter documents to participate in the parade by and photos and place them on a riding in a red 1965 Continental hard drive. Due to the efforts

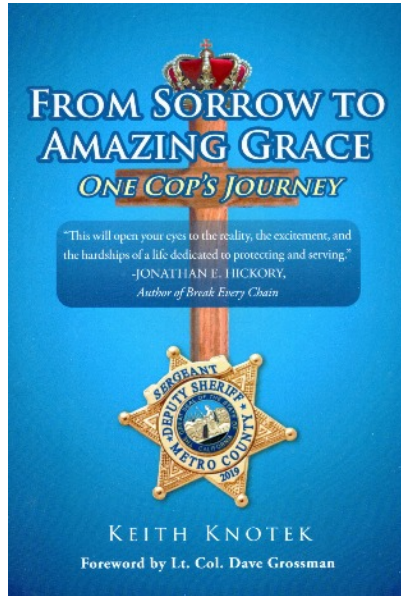
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of Registrar Wayne Hood, we now have 65 members currently enrolled in our chapter and of that amount, 23 are veterans. Three new applications are being processed at National with more applications being processed by Wayne. Chancellor Chuck Walker has continued to provide invaluable guidance and recommendations to the board. Lastly, Keith Knotek is perfect for the chapter position. He recently wrote a book, "From Sorrow to Amazing Grace." A movie script is now being written about his life.

On behalf of the Prescott Chapter, I ask for your continued support as we seek to strengthen our chapter for future generations. This year please consider asking friends and family members to join us. Sign up your children and grandchildren in the SAR or C A R .

This makes a wonderful Christmas or birthday gift, and

it lasts a lifetime. Hope to see you at our membership meetings.



Keith Knotek one of our members wrote this book. This is his life story. What a story and what a beginning of a new life. This story will soon be

made into a movie. Thanks Keith. Buy it now using our new <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/86-0934154> set up for us by Treasurer



Arizona Society Secretary Robbie Berryman presents the Patriot Service medal and certificate to Tim Prater on March 2, 2021. Tim has been an SAR member that has gone above and beyond to serve veterans, chapter, and State Society. Congratulations Tim from all of us in the Prescott Chapter.

## *Getting to Know You*

If I have not shared your history with our members please send your BIO to me. We would love to get to know you too. [smomez1@gmail.com](mailto:smomez1@gmail.com)

### Meet Martin Bennett



I am an Arizona native and was born in Flagstaff and grew up in Phoenix. Went to Arcadia High School in Phoenix and University of Arizona in Tucson. Still working as a sales manager for a semiconductor manufacturer. I have been married to Deborah for 47 years.

Members of my family have lived in Arizona towns such as Bisbee, Douglas, Duncan, Flagstaff, Tucson, Maverick and McNary. They have worked as miners, railwaymen, ranchers and farmers in Arizona.

Deborah and I moved to Prescott from California in October 2019 and will retire here. I have 2 children and 4 grandchildren. Hobbies include hunting, fishing, mountain biking, 4 wheeling and flying.

I am the great, great, great grandson of Micajah Bennett, who served in the navy during the revolutionary war and lived in Pittsylvania, VA.

### Meet Ron Castle



I was born on Feb 18<sup>th</sup>, 1958 in North Hollywood California. I was raised in Illinois in a blended family of 9 children.

I graduated from the local High School in Stockton Illinois. I attended the local Vocational School and won many awards in electrical and engineering.

After one year of college in Rockford Illinois, I enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. Served until 1980 as an Avionics Technician at Norton AFB in California. I spent one more year in the California Air National Guard as a radio communications technician.

Once my service in the military was over, I went to work for Arco Oil Company as an assistant engineer for the Alaskan Pipeline controls. I attended Los Angeles College and graduated in 1984 with an Engineering Degree.

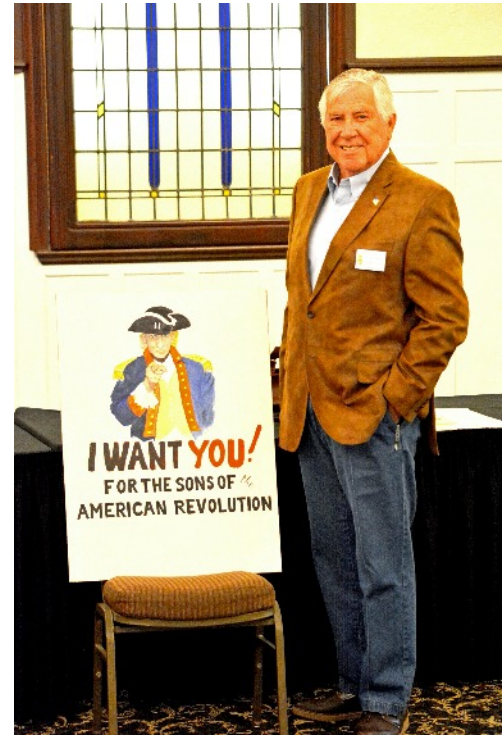
After that I worked at AT&T telephone company as a computer programmer for five years. Some of that time was spent servicing Lockheed Corporation as a telecommunications coordinator. This led to a full-time position with Lockheed as a communication IT technician. I stayed with Lockheed until 2001 and retired as a Senior Systems Programmer.

Once retired I moved to Prescott AZ and landed a job with Yavapai County as an IT technician and stayed for another 18 years, mainly servicing the Sheriff's Office computer needs.

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## Gene McCarthy is our VP and Artist.

He has made several paintings and pictures and has offered them as fundraising opportunities for the club.. He also sells them to anyone interested at shows. Click on the word Internet to see some of his work.



Gene did this painting to help us find new members. He is always looking for ways to increase our membership. Our president would like to see our membership grow to 70 this year.



Gene Spent 29 Years in the Los Angeles County Fire Department. He has a special feeling for this painting. This one is still available so contact Gene McCarthy [gmccarthy40@gmail.com](mailto:gmccarthy40@gmail.com) if you are interested.

THANKS RON CASTLE THE PC FACEBOOK PAGE. [CLICK HERE TO CHECK IT OUT.](#)



President Jack Barry has arranged for the chapter to do fund raising at the Rodeo on June 28. We will be able to wear our uniforms and sell beverages at a separate table. In the past this has been raised a minimum amount of \$500 however if tips are more this could be a considerable amount. We are looking at volunteers. Contact [Jack Barry](mailto:Jack Barry) if you would like to help out. [jackxfbi@aol.com](mailto:jackxfbi@aol.com)

## **The Frontiersmen by Gene McCarthy, Chapter VP**

The frontiersmen were a hardy lot, living between settled and unsettled lands, between civilization and the unknown wilderness. They often cleared the land and built shelters for themselves and for others, they raised children and grew crops and helped to establish new nation. Men like Jim Bridger, Kit Carson, Jedidiah Smith, Lewis and Clark and Daniel Boone fit the description of frontiersmen, and so did my 6<sup>th</sup> Great Grandfather Colonel Richard Callaway.

Writers like Patrick Spero and James Fenimore Cooper and others wrote about the adventures of those who dared to explore uncharted lands. According to an article published by R. Alexander Bate, M.D. in *The Filson Club History Quarterly* [volume 29, no. 1. January 1955, Louisville, Kentucky], “Probably no single man accomplished more than did Colonel Richard Callaway in laying the foundation that culminated in the admission of Kentucky into the Union on June 1, 1792”. Colonel Callaway was frontiersman, an adventurer, a militiaman, landowner, a builder and a member of the first legislature of Kentucky. They met under a tree.

According to a Richard Callaway bible entry, He was born June 14, 1717 to Joseph Callaway and Catherine Ann Browning somewhere in Essex or Caroline County Virginia. I don't have much information about young Callaway until 1745 when he married Frances Walton. To this union 13 children were born before Frances died. He later married Elizabeth Jones Hoy. To this union three more Callaway children were born.

Richard Callaway served with distinction during the period of the French and Indian Wars (1754 to 1763) and was promoted to the rank of Colonel of the Virginia Militia. He was tasked with the protection of three hundred and fifty miles of frontier wilderness and had command at Black Water Fort and became skilled at construction and defense of outpost forts.

Historical records indicate that Col. Callaway moved from Virginia to the Yadkin region (which is now north central North Carolina) where he became the neighbor and good friend to the famous explorer Daniel Boone. His association with Daniel Boone and with Col. Henderson of the Transylvania Land Company would eventually result in the founding of Boonesborough. He and about 28 other pioneers marked and cut out a road to the place of their destination - Boonesborough. They were attacked by Indians, one man was killed and another wounded, but they pursued on with their mission in what would one day become known as Kentucky.

On July 14, 1776, two of Colonel Callaway's daughters and one of Daniel Boone's were kidnapped by a Cherokee Shawnee raiding party near the fort. Both Boone and Callaway led two separate search parties and within two days the girls were rescued. This event is said to have been the inspiration for the book “The Last Days of the Mohicans, by James Fenimore Cooper and books and movies, and an oil painting, titled: “*The Abduction of Boone's Daughter by the Indians*”, by Charles Wimar. While working on a ferry with a companion, Colonel Richard Callaway was killed, scalped and burned on March 8, 1780 by Shawnee Indians. When it was founded in 1822, Calloway County, Kentucky, was named in honor of Richard Callaway. **RIP Grandfather.**

February 13 Meeting Highlights



Captain McCarty accepts prizes instead of money for his son who won the 50/50 Raffle.



President Jack presents Bill Smith with a Gold Leaf Cluster for his brother Jack Smith who has served over 15,000 hours serving Veteran's in Illinois.



VP Gene McCarthy presents Fire Chief Light with a special Fire Recognition Medal and Certificate for his exemplary work in the Prescott Fire



President Berry presents Steve Monez with a Bronze 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Medal and Certificate



# Terrie Frankel and Fred Shinn were speakers at our January Meeting



Terrie Frankel with Fred Shinn were presented Flag Certificates by Gene McCarthy.



Terrie placed her certificate on her wall with her memorabilia.



Terrie was our speaker at our January Meeting. She played her accordion and sang. Terrie and her identical twin sister Jennie were early Doublemint Twins before performing with the United Serviceman's Organization (USO) in Vietnam,



Wayne Halford made a nice presentation about his ancestors at our January meeting.



President Berry Presents Melissa Roughner, our Guest Speaker on February 13, a Arizona SAR Challenge Coin



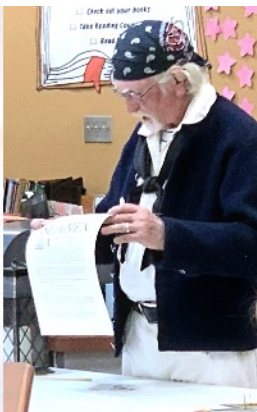
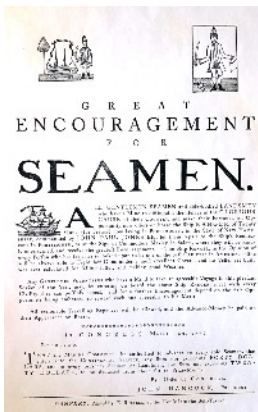
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## Honoring Jim Laursen

**James Norman Laursen Sr.** was born Jan. 4, 1940, in Oak Park, Illinois. James was veteran of the United States Navy. USS Missouri. He proud member the Prescott Chapter Gabriel Derr. He guard. He present-program at the



In the 80's James raised the flag on the was a Freemason, a proud father and a Prescott Chapter SAR. He joined the June 22, 2018. His Ancestor was Private was an enthusiastic member of the color ed a wreath at the Wreaths across America Prescott National Cemetery in 2018.



He represented the Navy with Gene McCarthy representing the Army. He also represented the Navy at our Patriot Chest presentation at the Granville school on April 26, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and May 10<sup>th</sup>. He read the request for seaman document requesting volunteers to sail with John Paul Jones in 1777.



He was also a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Grant Camp No. 3. He was so proud of his ancestors that fought not only in the Civil War, but all wars to keep our country free and safe. James passed away November 11, 2020, in Dewey, Arizona. James Rest in Peace.

Thanks Tim Prater for your information to honor Jim. James' three brothers served in WWII.





President Jack Berry presents the Chapter Past Presidents pin to Past President Dennis DeAtley.



President Jack Berry presents Bill Smith with a Distinguished Service Medal and Certificate February 13, 2021.



President Jack Berry presents Richard W. Melick with a Military Service Medal and Certificate and a Veterans Recognition Certificate. Dick flew helicopters in Vietnam.

Thanks Dick for your service.



Gene McCarthy Presents Captain McCarty with the Life Saving award for saving a patient who had heart failure.



## Leah Mount receives Emergency Services Award



President Barry presents Leah Mount with an Emergency Services Award. Leah was recently promoted to Lifeline Ambulance Field Training Officer. Since that promotion, she helped develop & train newly hired EMT's. Such training is the cornerstone of ensuring the public is served in a professional and safe manner. Her dedication to training does not end there, as she commits to helping when and wherever needed to train current employees. Earlier this year I needed personnel to give of their personal time to be deployed to New York and New Jersey to assist in their operations during the COVID-19 outbreak. She unselfishly took the assignment last minute and was deployed a few hours later. Leah was highly praised by New York and

New Jersey authorities for her dedicated service and work ethic. Leah put the health and welfare of others over her own, a truly admirable quality. Her commitment to the organization and dedication to duty reflect in her daily performance. Leah exemplifies the meaning of self-sacrifice for the good of the organization and community



Arizona Secretary Robbie Berryman presents Arizona Registrar Dennis DeAtley with the Silver Roger Sherman Medal and Certificate.



Arizona Registrar Dennis DeAtley presents Arizona Secretary Robbie Berryman with the Silver Distinguished Service Medal and Certificate.