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## Christmas, Christ in the manger



## Washington's Christmas 1776

George Washington's army fled New York miraculously through the fog in the middle of the night. His Army was chased From New York through New Jersey across the Delaware river into Pennsylvania. On Christmas Day he won the battle of Trenton and later Princeton.

## Past Presidents Message

Past President DeAtley  
Compatriots.

I hope you all and your families have had a wonderful, safe and healthy Thanksgiving Holiday and as we enter into the Christmas and Hanukkah Season, I pray that you and your families will find the Joy in the season despite the challenges we face as the year 2020 comes to a conclusion.

I am reminded of the trials and tribulations that our forefathers faced as they were engaged in the fight for independence. No one experience comes to mind more than the hardships faced by the Continental Army as it took up winter quarters in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania in the winter on 1777-1778.

Washington had ordered his men to build suitable housing for the men. Each 16 x 14 foot hut would house 12 men each. Most huts had only a sheet for a door. Food was especially hard to come by. The Continental currency was worthless and local farmers were reluctant to sell their goods to the famished army. Poor conditions, lack

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**Safeguard An Electoral  
College Story Trailer click  
link.** To watch the whole  
story go to amazon prime.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S5rUNba6kXg>  
thanks Chuck Walker.



“Don't  
interfere with  
anything in  
the  
Constitution.  
That must be  
maintained

for it is the only safeguard of  
our liberties. And not to  
Democrats alone do I make  
this appeal, but to all who  
love these great and true  
principles.”

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of adequate clothing and unsanitary conditions caused disease to be rampant in the camp. Typhus and dysentery were the cause of the loss of 2-3,000 men during that winter. To make matters worse, The Continental Congress failed to provide sufficient provisions and supplies to the suffering army despite numerous impassioned pleas by General Washington. Seeing little relief forthcoming, and facing the loss of his army from disease, desertion and expiration of their enlistments, General Washington turned to the Divine for salvation. We have all seen the painting of the General kneeling in the snow in prayer. How do we know that this event took place? The account comes from Isaac Potts, A Loyalist Quaker who happened to be riding through the woods when he spied General Washington kneeling in prayer, his sword by his side and cocked hat by the other. This scene stunned Mr. Potts, for being a Quaker, he was a pacifist and the thought of someone being a Christian and a soldier was not compatible. He did not disturb General Washington, but rather returned home and explained to his wife "Such a prayer I have never heard from the lips of a man." His wife was also astonished. They both thought it was the cause of God and that America would prevail. Isaac was so moved by this sight that he renounced his pacifism and joined the Continental Army to fight for Independence.

Let us all keep up the good fight and we will all prevail over our trials during this difficult time. As a reminder, December 12<sup>th</sup> is our annual business meeting and elections of officers for 2021.

DeAtley Continued

It has been an honor to serve as Vice President of the Prescott Chapter over the past 2 years and as President these past 4 months.

I have been exposed COVID 19 at my place of work so did not attend the December Meeting. Thanks Jack Berry for chairing the meeting. I hope you all have a Blessed Christmas and Hanukkah Season.

Dennis DeAtley, IP President



Vice President General Stephen J. Miller updated us on our National situation during COVID-19.



Secretary Bill Smith Presents Leo Scott and sons with 10 year certificates.

Chapter Fund Raiser

June 28, 2021

Prescott Frontier Days, also known as "The World's Oldest Rodeo," will hold their 134th rodeo beginning June 28, 2021 through July 4th. The Prescott Chapter of the SAR is scheduled to work the first rodeo from 4:30 pm until the rodeo closes, tending five bars, serving beer, wine, water and various types of soft drinks. A minimum of 17 people are needed. Family members and friends 21 and over are welcome to assist the chapter. The benefit to the Prescott Chapter is the \$500 minimum tip guarantee. Any tips from the combined five bars under \$500 will be made up by the rodeo. Tips \$500 and over are kept by the chapter. This past rodeo tips ranged from \$700 to \$1,900. A signup sheet and rodeo waivers will be at each of the chapter meetings beginning in January 2021. Any questions, please contact Prescott Chapter president, Jack Berry.

## American Crisis



**Our country is at a crossroad. Our constitution, our churches our way of**

**life.** "These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands by it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly: it is dearness only that gives everything its value. Heaven knows how to put a proper price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed if so celestial an article as FREEDOM should not be highly rated." The American Crisis, 1776 Thomas Paine



## Prescott Chapter Color Guard Marched in the Veterans Day



Thanks to Eagle Scouts Michael Morgan and Trevor Huber for leading with our banner. Followed by Steve Monez Prescott CG Captain, and Ed Lipphardt our Drummer, VPG Stephen J Miller supported us from Phoenix, Gene McCarthy came in from Sedona, Douglas Evans and Jack Berry from Prescott and Paul Westcott from Payson. Thanks to all for supporting our Veterans. Thanks Donna Morgan for your picture.



Remember all those that gave their all so we could have the Freedom we have today. Show your appreciation and buy a wreath today. Click the link below.

<https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/14731>

The Prescott National Cemetery will not lay wreaths this year because of Covid 19. The wreaths you buy now will go towards the 2021 total when it is hoped we will have enough wreaths to cover every grave.



## October 10. Meeting Guest Speaker Richard Rice, on Teddy Roosevelt



Richard spoke about Teddy's Rough Riders, his Presidency, and his hunting trips. He shared some of the rifles used at that time. Theodore got his nick name Teddy when he refused to kill a bear they had captured in Mississippi.





# Sons of The American Revolution Prescott Chapter Newsletter

December 2020

Our meetings have been held in the Arizona Room at the Hassayampa Inn. Plenty of social distancing was provided with 60 inch round tables and 4-5 to a table. Come join us for a good time at the historic Hassayampa Inn.

Paul Kerper guest speaker at November Meeting.



Martin Jack Bennett Inducted



Vice President General Stephen J. Miller inducts Martin Bennett on November 14.

Paul brought his Flintlock 1780. It had an octagon barrel 47 ½ inches long. The rifle and power horn hung over our mantel. His father joined the Navy in 1941. He was assigned to the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Raider BN and sent to Guadalcanal for 6 months. He shared a shadow box containing his fathers medals including his original Silver Star and a news article of Admiral William “Bull” Halsey awarding my father his Silver Star. He also displayed and discussed a Marine WWII KaBar dagger. There was also a shadow box with his grandfathers articles. He served in the Marines for 30 years. There was a newspaper article about my uncle Buddy who was 5’4”. He had been turned down because of his height and after bringing an article of a man 5’4” accepted in California he was accepted. He was killed by a Japanese sniper on Guam. He then shared a newspaper dated August 15, 1945



Martin Bennett with neighbor and Sponsor AZ SEC Robbie Berryman



A raffle is being held for this 14k Yellow Gold Diamond heart necklace .50 carat total diamond weight. It is valued at \$900. Tickets are \$50. Each. Only 20 will be sold. If you win you could surprise your sweetheart on Valentines Day February 14. The drawing will be held at our February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Send your checks to Paul Kerper Treasurer, PO Box 10683 Prescott AZ 86304.

Help fund our many children's programs, JROTC, High School Cadets, Brochure Contests 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students, Middle school children poster Contests and more. Buy a ticket today.

## Distant Cousins, by Gene McCarthy

While attending a Prescott Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution meeting, I shared a story about one of my patriotic ancestors with another member. I told him it was my plan to submit a supplemental for Col. Richard Callaway. Another member, Jack Berry overheard our conversation, and later told me that he too was related to Col. Richard Callaway. Our mutual ancestor Col. Richard Callaway was born June 14, 1717 in Essex County, a colony of Virginia and present-day Tappahannock County.

“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.” This is a quote by R. Alexander Bate in an article published in The Filson Club History Quarterly.

About 1745, Richard married Frances Walton, (my 6<sup>th</sup> GG) and to this union 13 children were born. Later in the year 1766, soon after the birth of their daughter, Theodosia, his wife Frances died, and within the next year Richard married his second wife, Elizabeth Jones Hoy. There were three children born to this marriage.

In 1755, the French and Indian Wars were being waged, lasting from 1745 to 1763. Richard Callaway served during this period with distinction, ultimately being promoted to the rank of Colonel of the militia. The protection of three hundred and fifty miles of frontier was the task of the Virginia militia with Col. Richard Callaway commanding Black Water Fort. Col. Callaway became acquainted with and gained experience in the construction and defense of outpost forts. This experience enabled him later to be of inestimable value establishing Boonesborough. After the French and Indian Wars, he moved from Virginia to the Yadkin region of North Carolina but returned to Virginia just before the American Revolution. While in the Yadkin region he became acquainted with the famous explorer, Daniel Boone. This relationship led to Richard's connection to the Transylvania Company and his participation in the founding of Boonesborough. It began when Daniel Boone, Colonel Callaway and about 28 other pioneers began to mark and cut out a road to the spot of their destination - Boonesborough. While enroute they were attacked by Indians twelve miles from Boonesborough and one man was killed and another wounded. None the less the men were successful and what was soon to become Kentucky, saw its beginning.

On the July 14, 1776, two of Col Callaway's daughters and one of Daniel Boone's, were taken captive near the fort by a band of Indians. The two fathers struck out with separate search parties, and within two days the girls were rescued and returned home. This adventure is said to have been the inspiration for “The Last of the Mohicans”, by James Fenimore Cooper, 1826 and a numerous television and movie scripts mostly focusing on Daniel Boone.

The Prescott Chapter President, Jack Berry and I now affectionately address each other as “cousins”.

## Board Meeting Held December 12, 2020

The Board came together at 9:30 just before the General Meeting. Jack Berry, Gene McCarthy, Paul Kerper, Steve Monez, Chuck Walker, and Keith Knotek were in attendance. Wayne Hood and Tim Prater were on the Internet. Dick Melick was a guest. Any member is welcome to attend the Board Meetings. The budget was discussed and a format was given for each member to come up with their thoughts to be proposed and adopted at the January 2021 meeting. Dick Melick will propose the JROTC-ROTC budget. The Bylaws were discussed and approved with corrections. They will be presented at the Business meeting for approval. The current Treasurer has provided a list of those members that have not paid. Tim Prater agreed to call those members. The screen purchase will be made by Steve Monez. Jack shared his plan for a 50-50 raffle change to add funds to the chapter. Plans for the rodeo were discussed as another fundraising plan. Members agreed to implement it. Tim Prater purchased the Presidential neck ribbon for Jack and Jack proposed purchasing it for the next President. At the general meeting the members voted to adopt the revised bylaws.



*“Getting to Know you”*

*Our club continues to grow. Meet our members.*

**Meet Steve Bigelow**



I was raised on a small 70 acre farm just north of Ada, Michigan (Home of AMWAY) and graduated from Forest Hills High School, Grand Rapids, Michigan in 1965. I lettered in football, wrestling, and baseball. I dodged the draft in October 1966 by enlisting in the in the United States

Air Force. On 19 January 1967, I went on active duty as an Airman Basic. After Basic Training at Lackland AFB, Texas, and Technical school at Amarillo AFB, Texas, the Air Force ordered me to Clark AB, the Republic of the Philippines for 18 months with temporary duty in The Republic of Vietnam, and Okinawa.

Next, the Air Force assigned me to Nellis AFB, Las Vegas, Nevada. I started working my way through college, and obtained an Associates and a Bachelor's degree from the Golden Gate University's Extension Program while attending night school.

After 9 years 10 months and 29 days, I left the Air Force and enrolled in the Western Michigan University's Graduate School. Upon receiving my master's degree, the United States Air Force commissioned me a Second Lieutenant on 29 November 1979.

As a Second and First Lieutenant, I worked in the Intelligence Systems Directorate, at Hanscom AFB, Massachusetts. As a Captain, I worked for the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, Office Special Projects operating spy satellites for the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) at a covert location(s) on the West and East Coast.

The NRO reported mission status to the Central Intelligence Agency, and the CIA presented mission status to President Ronald Reagan. My next assignment as a Major was to the Air Force Satellite Control Network (AFSCN) at the Space and Missiles Center, Los Angeles AFB, Los Angeles, California. I was then assigned to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, J-33,

**Meet Paul Kerper**



Paul was Born 11/28/1944 and raised in the Philadelphia area.

He attended Bishop McDevitt, local catholic High School, and graduated from Millersville State College in 1966, awarded BS degree in education. His graduate work was completed at Temple University. Paul taught high school Industrial Arts at

local high school, 6 years.

Paul moved to San Francisco bay area in 1972, Sales Engineer for Rapistan (material handling) for 2 ½ years. Then went to work in 1975 for King Bearing, Industrial Distribution in sales, Account Manager, Corporate Account Executive (moved to southern CA), General Manger Corporate and International Sales. Company purchased by LeRoy Summer then by Bearings Inc. Company name changed to Applied Industrial Technologies, Retired in 2010 after 35 years with the company.

Married to my wife Mary for 38 years. We have a blended family with 3 children and 5 grandchildren, We have traveled extensively from St. Peters burg, Russia to the French Polynesian Islands including many cruises.

After 30 years in Irvine, CA, we found Prescott and moved here in July, 2019. We currently own a home in Yavapai Hills.

My wife and I volunteer at YRMC. I am a member of the Prescott Vette Sette car club and the Prescott Astronomy club. I have a 1967 Corvette that I resorted with the help of a good friend who was an engineer.

It is my privilege to be a member of The Sons of the American Revolution.

“Getting to Know you”

Meet 2021 Officers

Steve Bigelow cont. from Page 6

Current Operations, and had an office at the Pentagon, and a covert office at the National Security Agency. Continued on page 7

The NSA did not know I had an office in their main building.

My boss said, “Major Bigelow is my spy spying on the spy’s at NSA.” As a major, I “. . . performed [my] duties at the direction of the Chairman.” I traveled to 25 worldwide locations in 33 months supporting the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Colin Powell. My trips included Korea, Panama, Europe, Bahrain, and numerous overt and covert locations within the continental US.

The Air Force promoted me to Lieutenant Colonel and ordered me back to the AFSCN, Space and Missiles Center in Los Angles. On 01 Jul 2000, after 32 years 9 months and 21 days, I retired from the United States Air Force as a Lieutenant Colonel.



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Jack Berry



Vice President & BOM  
Representative  
Gene McCarthy



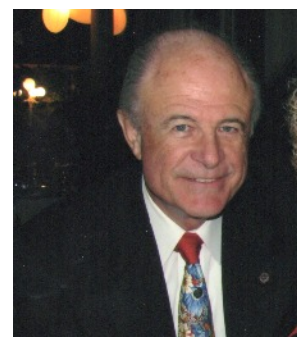
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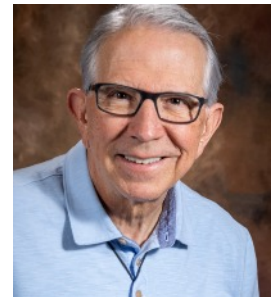
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New Members

Meet Martin  
James Bennett



Meet  
Ron Castle



Chaplin Keith Knotek



Angels at Jesus Birth

Merry Christmas  
and Happy  
Hanukkah.



## 2021 Chapter Schedule with Speakers

- January 9, My Life as a Patriot  
Terri Frankel, one of the Doublemint Twins
- February 13, American Revolutionary War,  
Melissa Ruffner, Prescott Historian
- March 13, The Faces of Prescott and Beyond,  
D.J. Fong Radio Personality
- April 10, Western History- Arizona Territory  
Bob Anderson, Re-Enactor
- May 8, “Operation Redwing” 1956  
Dr. Bill Williamson
- June 12, “Honoring our Heroes”  
Pete Walter, Private Veterans Advocate
- July 3, Reflections of WWII  
Fred Piper, WWII Combat Veteran B-17 Pilot
- August, Dark no Luncheon
- September 11, “The Future is Here”  
Bill Castle, Fliteline Aerospace
- October 9, George Washington’s Life  
Compatriot Steve Monez Re-Enacts GW
- November 13, Jamestown Our Beginning”  
Compatriot Richard Burke
- December 11, Business Meeting  
Election of Officers

Thanks Tim Prater for finding all these speakers and organizing these events.

### **Registrar-Genealogist Wayne Hoods Report Hello Compatriots,**

Attached please find my report for year end.

Key updates include: Paul Sangster's supplemental is finally approved (three cheers please); NSSAR review continues for regular membership prospects Rondle Castle approved, Willard Stalcup in progress, NSSAR review continues for a supplemental patriot for Jack Berry. Hal Reniger recently joined the Chapter via transfer from California. There are several new member applications that are ready for signatures including Michael Morgan & Robert Morgan of Prescott Valley. I'm continuing to research several new member applications & a supplemental application for Gene McCarthy. We have many new member prospects that are doing the initial research on their applications. Fraternally,

Wayne Hood

Thanks Wayne for continuing to do a fantastic job. We would not have the membership numbers without your continued hard work.





## Prescott Chapter Sons of The American Revolution celebrates its Twenty Fourth Anniversary on February 13 2021

### Melissa Ruffner to be Special Speaker



The Prescott Chapter is pleased to announce that Melissa Ruffner will be the quest speaker for the 24<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the charter to be held at the Hassayampa Inn on February 13, 2021. Melissa was born into an Arizona family that has roots in Prescott which date back to 1867. She has been an historical story teller for

the Arizona Jamboree and as the owner/operator of Prescott Historical Tours since 1981, Melissa has provided walking tours in authentic Victorian Costume of downtown Prescott. She is the founding president and member of the Prescott Victorian society and member of the Arizona Pioneers' Home Foundation Board. In addition, she serves on the Prescott Western Heritage Foundation Board, the Elk's Opera House Guild, and as a member of the Prescott Regulators and their Shady Ladies. Since Melissa has spent her life absorbing the history of the Prescott region and Arizona in general, local and national media frequently interview her about Prescott history. It is also in this capacity that she frequently travels the southwest speaking about the history of Yavapai County.

Melissa is the author of the 1981 book, "Prescott: A Pictorial History"; "Arizona Territorial Sampler"; "Food and Lifestyles of a Frontier," and other publications. In 2003, Melissa was the recipient of the Sharlot Hall Award for her teaching the "lore of her land," storytelling, and tour guiding which contributed to the understanding and awareness of Arizona History. Her mother, Elizabeth Ruffner, received the Sharlot Hall Award in 1993. Melissa also received the "Al Merito Award from the Arizona Historical Society in Tucson, and was honored as one of only 100 Arizona Culture Keepers for the states Centennial.

Terrie Frankel is a New York Times Best Selling Author, Producer and Songwriter. Terrie and her identical twin sister Jennie were Doublemint Twins in the late '60s, and Performed with the United Serviceman's Organization (USO) in Vietnam. She has served as an Honorary Commander of both the 944th Aero Medical Staging Squadron with the U.S. Air Force at Luke Air Force Base in Arizona.

### Mary Ann Suttles to receive a Certificate of Appreciation



Also attending the chapter's 24th anniversary will be local radio personality Mary Ann Suttles from KYCA 1490 AM radio. From 2003 to 2011, Mary served as a member of the Prescott City Council, and for over 20 years has continuously served as either a chairman or director of the Prescott Frontier Days rodeo. Mary

Ann will be receiving a "Certificate of Appreciation" for her support of the Prescott Chapter. Picture by Nanci Hutson Daily Courier

VP Gene McCarthy plans to give Flag Certificates to over 45 people this year for their patriotism by flying our American flag. These pictures below are two of his recipients. Terry Frankel and Fred Shinn



Fred Shinn is a long time resident of Sedona. He is known for his selfless volunteerism spirit in the community. He served in the U.S. Army as an intelligence officer.

