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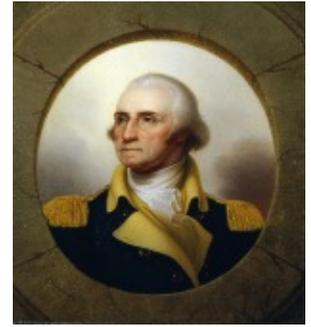
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Prescott Chapter and President Washington celebrate their birthdays on February 22



Prescott is 19 Feb 22 2016



The Prescott Chapter, Arizona Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (AZSSAR) was chartered on February 22, 1997, suitably, the day we

celebrate George Washington's birthday. The following is a summary of the formation of the Prescott SAR Chapter through the commitment and diligence of some exceptional individuals.

In 1989, Reverend Donald Dale and Colonel J. Phil Barnes of Dewey, a member of the Missouri SAR Society, discussed the need and prospects for a Prescott SAR Chapter. That early vision was adopted and promoted for seven years afterwards by Compatriots Robert Bohannon, Jr., AZSSAR New Chapter Chairman, and George Reece. Then on February 3, 1996, several Arizona SAR Society members including George Reece, L. Bernard Schmidt, Richard Fleek, and Eugene McCutchan met at Mrs. Frances Christian's home in Prescott to begin forming the foundation of a new Arizona SAR Chapter. Mrs. Christian was an active Prescott Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution member and advisor. She enthusiastically used her contacts to help assemble a Prescott SAR Chapter founding membership. Richard Logan, the Registrar-Genealogist of the Phoenix SAR Chapter, was then selected as the "Satellite Director" to recruit prospective members and to help them locate Revolutionary War

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The Prescott Chapter celebrated its 19th Birthday March 19 2016

The Chapter was formed on the 22nd of February in 1997. The Chapter Historian, Wayne Hood opened the meeting and passed out original copies of a document signed by the people that started the chapter. Two charter members, Robert W. Wixon, the second President and James W. Trowbridge the fifth President attended. They told their story of how it all began. Several awards were handed out and cake was served. The two charter members received special wooden containers with their names and charter members inscribed on brass plates.



Pictured left to right, Registrar, Edward Steinback III, Past President Robert Wixon, President Thomas Chittenden, and Past President Jams Trowbridge.



Cake was served thanks to Ed and Tim

George Washington was born on February 11 until the Gregorian calendar in 1752. His birthday is now celebrated Feb. 22nd.

Meetings and Speakers

16 Apr 2016: Noon
Plaza Bonita.
Falconing – John Bostwick

21 May 2016: Noon
Plaza Bonita.
Wreaths Across America Darren Driggs

18 Jun 2016: Noon
Plaza Bonita.
Whiskey Row – Brad Courtney

02 Jul 2016: 9 AM
Prescott Court House Joined by AZ Honor Guard marching in Frontier Days Parade. First year recognized as a National Parade by the NSSAR.

02 Jul 2016: Annual Ice Cream Social: 2 PM Las Fuentes Resort Continued .
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ancestors and complete the National SAR Society application process. On March 5, 1996, "The Prescott Chapter (In-Formation) Committee" was formed and interim officers were selected to work with Compatriot Richard Logan to prepare the Application for Charter and commence servicing the community as a patriotic, historic and educational organization in the tradition set by AZSSAR since 1896. The interim officers included Gene McCutchan, Richard Fleek, L. Bernard Schmidt, and Rev. Donald Dale. The committee generated: 1) a genealogy resource list of Prescott area, 2) a prospective membership list, (3) a nucleus of leadership candidates to network .The area comprised of Dick Proper, David Espy, John Johnson, and Col. J. Phil Barnes, Certified Genealogist, and 4) a schedule of future committee meeting dates.

Throughout 1996, Compatriot Richard Logan and that early committee strove to keep the ideals of the National SAR Society, established in 1889, vibrant by contributing community services such as food drives, presentation of ROTC awards to cadets of the Air Force and Army at Embry Riddle College, Ice-Cream Social fund raiser for local charities, several genealogical workshops, monthly meetings with programs of historical interest, and other events. On April 27, 1996, Compatriots Richard Logan and interim officers presented its project report and Application for Charter, containing 22 Compatriot signatures, to the Arizona SAR Society Board of Managers. At the time, there were about 45 members or prospective members. Ten months later, on February 22, 1997, the Prescott SAR Chapter was approved and chartered.

The first Prescott SAR Chapter Officers for the year 1997 were: Richard H. Proper – President, Kenneth W. Johnson – Vice President, David W.

Blood, Jr. – Secretary, Dwight D. Roach – Treasurer, Edward L. Blakslee – Registrar/Genealogist, Robert W. Wixon – Chaplain, and James R. Dowling – Representative to the State Board of Managers. A distinctive event occurred during the Bicentennial Year of George Washington's death in 1999. The Prescott SAR Chapter carried the Bicentennial flag in the Prescott Rodeo Parade and afterwards awarded it, along with a video on Washington's life, to Washington Traditional School. For many years the Prescott SAR Chapter has supported important causes including the Boy Scouts and the National SAR Society essay contest, ROTC awards to cadets, and has continued financial support to "Honor Flight Arizona," an organization that honors our remaining WWII veterans by assisting cost-free travel to Washington, D.C. to allow them to experience the WWII memorial. At parades and other events, the Prescott SAR Chapter also proudly showcases the only Revolutionary Naval Honor Guard in the nation.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne K. Hood, III
Vice President & Historian
Prescott Chapter, AZSSAR
February, 2016



The Doublemint Twins Tour Vietnam in 1968

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Aug 2016: Dark
No lunch meeting

From September on meetings will be held on the second Saturday of each month.

10 Sep 2016: Plaza Bonita. Jim McKie, Archeologist, Prescott National Forest

08 Oct 2016- Noon Plaza Bonita. Granite Mountain Young Marines, Mike Myers

12 Nov 2016 Noon Joint SAR/DAR lunch meeting- Stone Ridge.

10 Dec 2016 Noon Plaza Bonita. Business Meeting



Terrie Frankel was our January Speaker. Born in Chicago and graduated from Chicago Music College, Terri and her twin sister, Jennie were early Doublemint Twins. They toured Vietnam in 1968 with the USO.

Dr. John E. Oakley was inducted into the Chapter. This was a very special induction as his application had been pended at National and many people worked to get this application approved. Dr. Oakley had stage four cancer and was determined to become a member. Not only was he approved but his cancer is in remission. He had made a commitment to Joe Jackson, a member we lost last year that when he was inducted he would give \$1000 to the chapter for Honor Flight.

President Tom Chittenden Presented Medals and Certificates January and March for jobs well done and service appreciated.

January 16 Meeting



John Thorne awarded the Roger Sherman Certificate and Medal.



Steve Monez awarded the Medal of Distinguished Service



Dr. Oakley presents his \$1000 check to Treasurer Steve Monez for Honor Flight..



Rick Lemos receives a Good Citizen Certificate and Medal.



Tom Steinback awarded Certificate of Distinguished Service and Challenge Coin

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Tim Prater awarded a Roger Sherman Medal and Certificate



Steve Monez receives two Stars for his two Supplements



Johnny Dunn receives SAR Bowl for Military Service



Bill Smith receives a Meritorious Service Award and Certificate



Edward Steinback III awarded a Meritorious Medal and Certificate



Chuck Walker awarded a Meritorious Medal & Certificate

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State Board of Managers Meet February 20



Vice President Wayne Hood awarded Certificate of Distinguished Service



Thirteen members of the Arizona State Color Guard prepare to present colors at BOM



Arizona State President awarded Oak Leaf Cluster from Secretary Warren Alter



President George Lipphardt presents the Linda Darrow Certificate and Medal to Karen Lipphardt his wife.



Secretary Alter presents the Roger Sherman Silver Medal to Ed Koeneman, Steve Miller and Edward Steinback III



Captain Bill Smith Prescott Color Guard receives the Bronze Color Guard Medal From State CG Commander Matt Scott and Arizona State President Steve Miller

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Tim Prater, awarded George Washington Fellow by Michael Jones Arizona State Chaplain and George Washington Endowment State Committee Chair



Commander Matt Scott and President Steve Miller present the Bronze Color Guard Medal and Certificate to Steve Monez



Michael Morgan from Prescott is awarded the State Eagle Scout Trophy, check and certificate by Ed Koeneman Eagle Scout Committee Chair



Commander Matt Scott and President Steve Miller present the Bronze Color Guard Medal and Certificate to Edward Steinback III



Secretary Alter awards Roger Sherman Silver Medals to A. Rudell Byrd III, Robert B. Alling II, J. Michael Jones and Walter G. Seaton.



Arizona State Officers left to right, Michael J. Jones, Chaplain, David Swanson, Historian, Edward Karr, Genealogist, Edward Steinback, Treasurer, Warren Alter, Secretary, Steve Monez, Vice President, Stephen Miller, President. Find those not pictured at our website www.azssar.org/state/officers.html

Operation Ancestor Search is a program to help our veterans learn more about their ancestors and take their minds off their issues. This program was started by the Sons of the American Revolution partnering with Ancestry to help Veterans heal. They are given an Ancestry account that includes Ancestry.com, Ancestry World, and Fold 3 free. Chapter Secretary, Tim Prater, our Chapter Veteran Committee Chair leads this program. This program is held at the VA Domiciliary in Prescott alongside Cory Sanders, the Recreation Therapist. Thanks to the many who have helped in this endeavor, Ed Steinback, Wayne Hood, Sharon Atkins, Myrna Scott and Steve Monez. Through March we have signed up over 66 veterans.



The **SAR Prescott reenactment group**, Steve Monez, Ed Steinback, Ed Lipphardt were joined by Allen Nash from Saguaro Chapter gave a performance at the Bob Stump Veterans Hospital on February 16, Presidents Day. The Title was Washington's Life. There were about 20 Veterans there in the Community Living Center and some from the Domiciliary came over to help the Wheelchair Vets come to the event. Each person had a revolutionary part. Ed Steinback, General Nathanael Greene, Ed Lipphardt played his ancestor, Ebenezer Door and Steve Monez ancestor a Drummer Michael Biery, Allen Nash was General Knox, Steve Monez reenacted General Washington.



Fifth Grade Students studying Valley Forge at Buckeye Preparatory School in Buckeye.

On January 16, five Members of the Sons of the American Revolution reenacted Valley Forge for 105 Students at the Odyssey School in Buckeye AZ. Pictured from left to right, Jan Huber reenacting his ancestor Ephraim Polk who he believes was at Valley Forge. Mike Tubbs portrays Michael Biery a drummer (Steve Monez' ancestor). Steve Monez reenacts George Washington. Matt Scott reenacts General Nathanael Greene and Ed Steinback plays General Friedrich von Steuben. The reenactment starts with the battles of Brandywine and Germantown and the march to Valley Forge. The hardships and training that occurred there are described in detail. Then they march out chasing the British as they leave Philadelphia.



There were 105 students. We trained four of them to be part of the 12,500 Valley Forge Children's Army being formed this year. Small rifles were used and the children had a great time.

Valley Forge Live

Our Chapter met at Las Fuentes on February 13th for our normal meeting and included all the people and the Veterans living there. It was a very successful meeting with about sixty people in attendance. The program was Valley Forge Live. Our new Historian had recommended this program event and thanks to his contacts, Diane Ward and Don Naimoli at Valley Forge we were able to stream this program live to everyone.

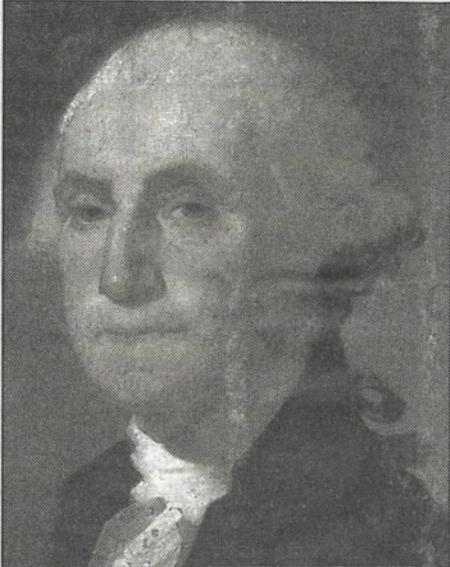


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Never forget

In February of 1778, when our nation was merely a fragile coalition of colonies facing the most formidable military power on earth, the commanding general of our Continental Line, George Washington, prepared to celebrate his birthday. His battered army, composed mostly of volunteers with little or no service or experience, had been encamped at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, for several months during one of the most savage winters in memory. His British opponents enjoyed the comforts available in occupied Philadelphia.

Washington's army was housed in tents during the late fall, and by January of 1778, some were living in log huts 16 feet square without floors; each housed 12 men. As a Connecticut enlisted man put it, "... our chimbley is made of wood and roof covered with tife and dirt (but we) find it much better the living than it was in tents these cold nights ... " By mid-February, "... the troops are destitute of meat, ... and the horses are dying for want of forage. The country in the vicinity of camp is wasted." On the 22nd of February, Washington's birthday, desertions had become increasingly frequent, and some of the troops had begun to contemplate mutiny. A frustrated and sometimes angry Washington wrote that "... this army must inevitably be reduced to one ... of three things. Starve, dissolve, or disperse ... " He was scornful of those in government, commenting that "it is much easier ... to draw remonstrances in a comfortable room by a good fireside, than to occupy a cold bleak hill, and sleep under frost and snow without clothes or blankets." That his army survived the winter of his



George Washington

46th birthday is remarkable; that it went on to victory is nothing short of miraculous.

As we struggle with the issues which presently confront us, let us never forget that without these revolutionary patriots and their commander-in-chief, we would not likely have the full freedom of debate and dissent which we continue to enjoy as Americans. No future generation should be allowed to forget the contributions of this man who became our first president, and of whom it was said: He was "first in peace, first in war, and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

Frank X. Hodalski, President
Saramana Chapter, National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution



Our Member,retired General Charles Red Scott talking directly to Don and Diane at Valley Forge.



Yarnell Days
April 14, 10 am

Memorial Day
Prescott National Cemetery May 30
11 am

Frontier Days
July 2 9 am

Color Guard Captain Bill Smith announced upcoming parades for our chapter.

Chino Valley Territorial Parade
September 2,
9:15 am

Thanks Historian Wayne Hood, Vice President and Historian for finding this in our old files and sharing it.

Now is the time to send the WWII Veterans to see their WWII Memorial in Washington DC. Please consider a donation in any amount. The time is short and these men and women deserve this before it is too late. The cost is about \$1000 per Veteran.

Thanks for your support in advance.



The Picture above is in July 1945 when our troops came home from the War. I believe it was taken in San Francisco California. If any of you can recognize the building and street please correct me if it is somewhere else.

Thanks to all of you that have helped our WWII veterans visit their WWII Memorial in Washington D.C. Through your gracious giving we have raised over \$27,000 and sent several veterans to see the memorial that was built and finished in 2004.

It's that time again to begin our quest to send as many as we can to their memorial. Won't you consider a gift today? Use the form below. Thanks for your contributions in advance. Let's beat our best contribution of 11,500 in 2014. We can do it.

We are writing Grant Requests and will write one for you if you send the company information to Sons of The American Revolution Prescott Chapter, Attn: Chancellor P.O. Box 10683 Prescott AZ 86301

Send WWII Veteran to see his memorial in Washington DC. Less than 1,000,000 WWII vets left. Please contribute today.

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