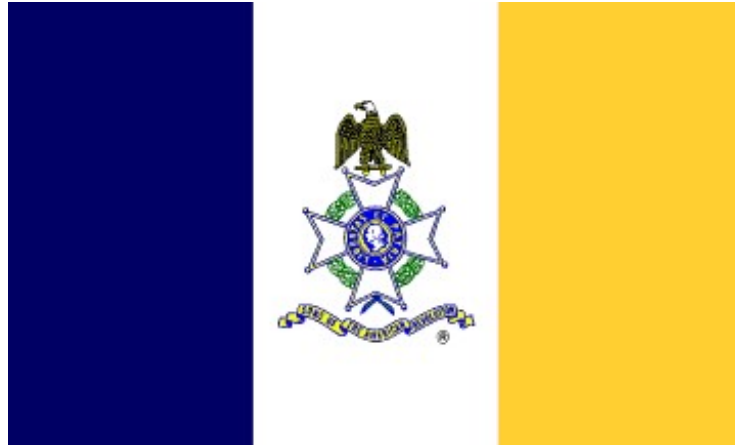




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History of Arizona SAR Chapters

The History of Arizona SAR Chapters

By David A. Swanson, Arizona SAR Historian

This history of Arizona SAR Chapters was prepared to preserve a record that, as far as I am aware, has not been comprehensively documented before.

The Arizona SAR was officially chartered on June 13, 1896, as a state (or in Arizona's case a territorial) organization without component chapters. Nearly three decades later, in 1925, members in Tucson initiated the first effort to establish a chapter

Over the course of its history, the Arizona SAR has established 13 chapters. Although seven are no longer active, all—past and present—have made valuable contributions to the Society.

This overview traces the formation and organization of those chapters in chronological order. It is not intended as an exhaustive account of each chapter's activities, but rather as a framework built from available records. In many cases, documentation is incomplete or missing; in others, the volume of material would overwhelm the scope of this summary.

To support this history, I have relied primarily on Arizona SAR newsletters (SAR-IZONA), most of which survive from 1987 onward, as well as SAR magazines, local Arizona newspaper articles, and the limited records contained in the Arizona SAR Historian's file.



First Attempt—1925

November 6, 1925—*Arizona Daily Star*

SONS OF REVOLUTION SEEK SOCIETY HERE

Petition is being made through local men for the establishing in Tucson of a local society of the National Sons of the American Revolution, Dr. Ralph S. Roberts, professor of education in the University of Arizona said yesterday. Main figures in the present petitioning are Ralph S. Roberts, member of the Louisiana society; Major John B. Johnson, cavalry officer on duty at the university and member of the Washington, D.C. society; Dean F. C. Lockwood member of the Los Angeles society; John B. Wright, Tucson lawyer, member of the Illinois society; and Harold Bell Wright, member of the Los Angeles society.

Permission to form a society in Tucson has been received by E. E. Ellinwood, president of the Phoenix society, according to Dr. Roberts, who returned from Phoenix a few days ago.

November 7, 1925—*Arizona Daily Star*

28 MEMBERS TO ORGANIZE SONS OF REVOLUTION

Six Present Members To Demit From Other Chapters, Get Charter

Twenty-eight charter members will form the local society of the Sons of the American Revolution being organized in Tucson, Dr. Ralph S. Roberts, professor of education in the University of Arizona said yesterday. With permission from the state society in Phoenix to petition to the national society, the results of nearly six weeks' work, has come to some good.

Six men around which the nucleus has been formed are members of other societies and will demit from the society to enter here. They are Major John B. Johnson, of the Washington, society; Dean F. C. Lockwood of the Los Angeles society; Dr. Ralph S. Roberts, of the Louisiana society; Dr. Oran L. Raber, of the Boston society; John B. Wright of the Illinois society; and Harold Bell Wright, of the Los Angeles society.

The following 22 men are listed to become charter members in addition to the above named: Dean Gurden [Gurdon] Butler, Archibald H. Caldwell Jr., Allen H. Connolly, Edward C. Clark, Dean Byron Cummings, Malcolm Cummings, Andrew E. Douglass, Ralph E. Ellinwood, Ramon H. Guthrie, Ira E. Hoffman, Judge Edwin F. Jones, Heman B. Leonard, Laurl W. Moffitt, Dr. Cloyd H. Marvin, Arthur H. Otis, Willis Calhoun Royall, Richmond A. Rosco, George E. P. Smith, Donald Still, Ernest C. Tuthill, and John S. Thornber.

The organization works quietly, and customarily there is a meeting held once a year on Washington's birthday, for the election of officers and general business. Special meetings are subject to call.

November 25, 1925—*Arizona Daily Star*

REVOLUTION SONS TO HAVE TUCSON UNIT

Meeting in the offices of Dean F. C. Lockwood at the university yesterday afternoon, Dr. O. L. Raber; Major J. B. Johnson; Dr. Ralph S. Roberts; Harold Bell Wright, and John B. Wright, all of whom are members of the Sons of the American Revolution, now demitting to the prospective new organization to be located in Tucson, perfected a temporary organization which will function until the charter from the national organization is received. A recent letter from Harold Baxter, secretary of the state society, said that the Tucson petition has gone to the headquarters of the national society with the state society's endorsement.

Dr. Roberts, who has been most active in carrying out the work relative to the petition, was elected president. No other officers were elected for the present.

The name selected for the new organization is Tucson Society, Sons of the American Revolution. The formal installation probably will occur at a banquet to be held on Washington's birthday, for which committees on arrangement will be announced later. Nearly thirty Tucson men will go in as charter members of the new organization.

A pretty impressive start for the Tucson chapter—the first local chapter in the state, but it wasn't to be. A check with the Arizona SAR membership listing shows that of the "Six men around which the nucleus has been

formed” only John B. Wright was a member and of the “28 charter members” only the following eight were, or would become, members of the Arizona SAR: Dean Gurden [Gurdon] Butler, Archibald H. Caldwell Jr., Andrew E. Douglass, Ralph E. Ellinwood, Judge Edwin F. Jones, Laurl W. Moffitt, Willis Calhoun Royall and John B. Wright.

So we march on to the next attempt which took place, once again in Tucson, in 1927.

Second Attempt—1927

February 25, 1927—*Arizona Daily Star*

SONS OF REVOLUTION WILL ORGANIZE HERE

Two University of Arizona faculty members have been elected to office by the Arizona society Sons of the American Revolution. The annual meeting was held Tuesday [Feb 22nd] in Phoenix.

Dr. G. M. Butler, dean of the college of mines and engineering was elected vice-president of the Arizona society and Dr. A. E. Douglass, director of the Steward Observatory, who is now on sabbatical leave, was named on the board of managers.

Steps are being taken to form a society in Tucson, Dr. Butler said yesterday. He has requested that any person in Tucson who is eligible to membership get in touch with him as soon as possible.

April 7, 1927—*Arizona Daily Star*

SONS OF REVOLUTION WILL ORGANIZE HERE

Organization of a Tucson chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will be started immediately, Dean G. M. Butler, vice present of the Arizona chapter announced yesterday. Although there are sufficient members of the national organization residing in Tucson to obtain a charter for the local chapter, application will not be made for about six weeks in order that all those who desire may become charter members, it was said.

To become a member of the Sons of the American Revolution it is necessary to prove direct descendant from a man who fought in the war for independence, either in the army or naval branches of the American forces. Those wishing to apply may obtain application blanks and information from Dean Butler at the university.

May 3, 1927—*Arizona Daily Star*

SONS OF REVOLUTION DELAY ORGANIZING

A petition for a charter in the society of the Sons of the American Revolution will not be made until after the first of August by those in Tucson who are fostering the establishment of a local chapter. Dr. G. M. Butler, who has stimulated the interest in the establishment of a chapter in Tucson, as vice president of the state organization and through whom the petition will be made, will sail for Belgium May 25. No action will be taken during his absence. Butler stated yesterday that there were several who would be able to finish their application blanks before the summer is over and could become charter members.

Well, the second attempt was a fizzle—we know that Dr. Butler made it back from his trip to Belgium—but a third attempt at organizing a chapter in Tucson would be undertaken until 1961.

Third Attempt—1961

February 25, 1961—*The Arizona Republic*

Dr. Shofstall Re-Elected

Dr. Weldon P. Shofstall, dean of students, Arizona State University, was re-elected president of the Arizona Society Sons of the American Revolution for a third term . . . Dr. Shofstall said the local group will endeavor to establish a chapter in Tucson this year. A large number of members or men eligible for membership live in that area, he said.

This third attempt was also a fizzle but on December 12, 1964—victory at last— sixty-eight years since the Arizona SAR was first chartered, the Tucson Chapter becomes a reality! Unfortunately, Dr. G. M. Butler

did not live to see it since he died in California in 1961, where he moved in 1954 after retiring from the U of A.

Forth Attempt—1964—Victory at last—Tucson is Arizona's 1st SAR Chapter

November 20, 1964—*Arizona Daily Star*

Chapter of Sons of Revolution To Be Formed

A Tucson chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will be formed on Sunday. An organizational meeting and election of officers will be held at the home of Col. Edwin R. Strong, 3432 E. Bunnell St. Capt Eugene Ryder, second vice president of the Arizona State Society, said the unit hopes to form with 25 members or more.

The group will attempt to trace lineage of prospective members in hopes of increasing the membership.

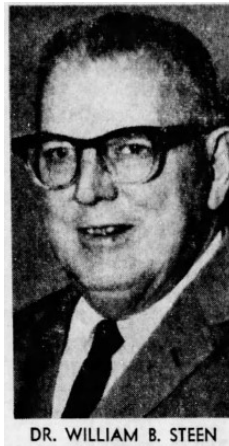
Membership requirements, according to Ryder, state that a person must be able to trace his lineage to an ancestor active in the Revolutionary War or the framing of the Constitution.

Interested persons are urged to contact the new chapter by writing P.O. Box 5255, Tucson.

December 12, 1964—*Arizona Daily Star*

Tucson SAR Chapter To Install Steen

Dr. William Brooks Steen will be installed as chapter president of the Tucson Chapter of the Arizona Society, Sons of the American Revolution, at a ceremony tonight at the Coat of Arms restaurant. Around 100 persons have made reservations. Installation to follow the 6:30 p.m. dinner will be conducted by Ralph M. Pabst, of Phoenix, president of the society.



DR. WILLIAM B. STEEN

Speaker at the ceremony will be Rear Adm. (ret) Morton C. Mumma whose subject will be “Acts of ‘‘Courage in Support of Independence.’’

The SAR is composed of men who fought in the American Revolution and descendants of those who signed the U. S. Constitution.

To be installed as a charter officer with Dr. Steen will be James E. Severn, vice president; William W. Pearson, secretary-treasurer; French V. Anderson, registrar; Sidney B. Brinkerhoff, historian; Albert E. Buehman, chaplain; and James G. Eyster, genealogist.

Horace R. McDowell, vice president general will represent the national organization at the installation. He will be here from Albuquerque, N.M. Robert J. Luckey, president of the New Mexico Society, will come from Albuquerque for the ceremony.

Representatives from the Daughters of the American Revolution in attendance will be Mrs. Ronald M. James, curator general of the national society; Miss Jane Mackay Anderson, president of the Arizona Society; and Mrs. Steven C. Leary, president of the Tucson Chapter.

January 1965—*SAR Magazine*

ARIZONA SOCIETY

The Arizona Society participated in the signing of proclamations in the principle cities of Arizona for the Constitution Day observances. Beginning in the governor's office, the signing ceremonies were conducted in the various mayors' offices throughout the state.

Due to the diligent work of State president Ralph M. Pabst and vice president Eugene M. Ryder, the new Tucson chapter will be a reality. Compatriot Edwin R. Strong, and Mrs. Strong, hosted the first organizational meeting at which the following officers were elected: William B. Steen, president; James E. Serven, vice president; William W. Pearson, secretary-treasurer; French V. Anderson, registrar; Sidney B. Brinckerhoff, historian; Albert R. Buehman, chaplain; and James A. Eyster, genealogist.

April 1965—*SAR Magazine*

ARIZONA SOCIETY

Rear Admiral Morton C. Mumma, USN. Ret. was the speaker at the Charter Dinner of the newly formed Tucson Chapter held December 12th at the Coat of Arms Restaurant. His subject was "Acts of Courage in Support of Independence."

President Ralph M. Pabst of the Arizona Society swore in the following officers: Dr. William B. Steen, president; William W. Pearson, secretary-treasurer; James E. Serven, vice president; French V. Anderson, registrar; Sidney B. Brinckerhoff, historian; Albert R. Buehman, chaplain; James A. Eyster, genealogist; and Cap. Eugene M. Ryder, Board of Managers.

Prominent out of town guests included vice president general Horace R. McDowell and Mrs. McDowell; president Robert J. Luckey, New Mexico Society, and Mrs. Luckey; Mrs. Ralph M. Pabst, wife of president Pabst, Arizona Society; Jeffrey D. Clark, secretary-treasurer, Arizona Society, and Mrs. Clark; Rev. Kline d'A. Engle, chaplain, and Mrs. Engle; Weldon P. Shofstall, national trustee, and Mrs. Shofstall. Members of the board of managers attending included Compatriots William E. Springer and John H. Eversole and their wives.

The Daughters of the American Revolution were represented by Mrs. Roland M. James, Curator General and her husband; Miss Jane M. Anderson, president, Arizona Society; Mrs. Steven C. Leary, president Tucson chapter; and Mrs. D. Edwin Gamble, past vice president general, and her husband.

Dr. John A. Carroll, professor of History at the University of Arizona, was the speaker at the Washington Birthday Dinner held February 19th at the Old Pueblo Club. He spoke on "George Washington and his Biographers" in which he separated myths from truths about our first president. Dr. Carroll was a Pulitzer Prize winner in 1958 for a study he authored in 1957 titled "Washington First in Peace."

The Tucson chapter will, in the near future, have more than 50 members.



The Tucson chap. was installed by the Arizona Soc. on Dec. 12, 1964. Present at the installation (l-r) were: R. M. Pabst, Horace McDowell, J. H. Eversole, W. P. Shofstall, and W. E. Springer.

Arizona's 2nd SAR Chapter—Saguaro Chapter in Sun City—Organized April 17, 1965

The Saguaro Chapter was the first chapter to be installed in the United States exclusively in a retirement community.

The Chartering Ceremony was held as an 11:30 AM luncheon on April 17th, 1965 at the Sun City Community Center. Ralph M. Pabst, President of the Arizona Society SAR, presided over the installation.

Charter Officers: President, Frank O. Garrett; First Vice-President, Warren A. Donaldson; Second Vice-President, Hugh Buxton; Historian, Chester J. Wright; Registrar, Van E. Wolcott; Chaplain, Garrit V. D. Cortelyou; Genealogist, Lewis K. Leonard; Secretary-Treasurer, Roy M. DeWitt.

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Compatriots & Guests: More than 70 Members & Guests were in Attendance
(Above information prepared by Compatriot Raymond Barkhaus, Saguaro Chapter Historian)

July 1965—*SAR Magazine*

ARIZONA SOCIETY

Compatriot Ralph M. Pabst, president of the Arizona Society, presided at installation ceremonies for the new Saguaro Chapter held April 17th at the Community Center, Sun City, Arizona.

The officers elected for the new chapter were: Frank O. Garrett, president; Warren Donaldson, 1st vice president; Hugh Buxton, 2nd vice president; Roy M. DeWitt, secretary-treasurer; Van K. Wolcott, registrar, and Lewis K. Leonard, genealogist. The office of chaplain was left open as work is being done to qualify an ordained minister into the chapter and to have this man serve as chaplain.

More than seventy persons, including members and guests, attended the luncheon and witnessed the ceremony. Many guests were from all over the state and the Tucson chapter was represented by Compatriot James E. Severn, vice president of that chapter, who brought a party up from Tucson. Many compatriots and their guests came from Phoenix.

Mrs. Cora Ferrell, regent of the Agua Fria chapter, DAR, was a guest, and announced that the DAR would present the new chapter with a flag.

Arizona's 3rd SAR Chapter—Scottsdale Chapter—Organized July 4, 1965—deactivated 1971

June 7, 1965--*Phoenix Gazette**

Sons of American Revolution Elect

Fred J. Trump Sr. [a relative of President Trump] has been elected president of the newly organized Scottsdale chapter Sons of the American Revolution. Other officers are David Greer, vice president; Royal Alderman, treasurer; Jeffrey D. Clark, registrar; Reg Manning, historian; Herbert Rogers, genealogist, and John Henry Eversole, chancellor. Among charter members is former Sen. Barry M. Goldwater.



Photo from Trump's 1956 Arizona gubernatorial campaign

July 1965—SAR Magazine

The State board of managers has approved the application for a Charter for the Scottsdale Chapter, which presently has ten new applications for members pending. Plans are underway for a large membership drive. The signing of Charter members was made by former Senator Barry Goldwater, R-Arizona, the first signer for the Charter application.

October 1965—SAR Magazine

President Ralph M. Pabst of the Arizona Society was in charge of the installation ceremonies at the Mountain Shadows Resort on the evening of July 4th for the new Scottsdale Chapter. A Barry Goldwater plaque was presented to the chapter for its membership drive, and president Pabst personally gave a framed coat-of-arms of the George Washington family to the chapter to be displayed at all meetings. Compatriots, Dr. William B. Steen, president of the Tucson Chapter, and Frank O. Garrett, president of the Saguaro Chapter at Sun City, extended greetings to the members.

Officers of the Scottsdale chapter are: Fred Trump, president; David P. Greer, vice president; Jesse B. Lee, secretary/treasurer; Jeffery D. Clark, registrar; Reg Manning, historian; Funston Clark, chaplain; Herbert Rogers, genealogist, and John H. Eversole, chancellor.

A committee was recently appointed to establish a chapter in Phoenix, [the Phoenix Chapter] and plans are being made to have the installation this year. The state Society's membership drive is ahead of last year's gains and the Arizona compatriots hope to surpass the record made in 1964. The Arizona Society is the largest state Society in the Rocky Mountain District, the first time in Arizona history.

*This article was published almost a month in advance of the actual organization date as shown in the October *SAR Magazine*. This, in all probability, was published soon after the Board of Managers approved the application.

Arizona's 4th SAR Chapter—Phoenix Chapter—Organized January 11, 1966

By Bernard Schmidt (*SAR-IZONA*) January 2004

“Founded by twenty Territorial citizens of the Phoenix area in 1896, the Arizona Society Sons of the American Revolution chartered the Phoenix Chapter January 11, 1966 as members statewide affiliated into local Chapters. A tradition of weekly Tuesday luncheons commenced at the Westward Ho penthouse Kiva Club forty-five years ago. Early longtime members included Francis Ryley, Sherman Hazeltine, John Eversole,

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Avery Olney, William Springer, Frederic Heineman, George W. Wood, Carl Hayden, Barry Goldwater and John Rhodes. . ." [SAR-IZONA was the name of the Arizona SAR Newsletter.]

In March 2025 I contacted Chuck Howey, current chapter secretary, to ascertain what their early records show and he responded: "Found in the oldest record book the founding Phoenix Chapter SAR list recording their dues collection in March 1966. Included are the Honorable Paul J Fannin, Thomas Heineman, and the Honorable John J Rhodes. We had [members] that just wanted a luncheon meeting every week on Tuesdays. Others wanted a formal meeting each month. The group split into two with half going to the Barry Goldwater Chapter and half staying with the Phoenix Chapter, probably in 2002. We still have our luncheons at the Miracle Mile Deli every Tuesday at 11:00 am. It appears, after looking at the dues book, that the first president was Avery Olney and L. R. Gardner was the secretary."

No. 1 Cash Receipts

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		L. R. Gardner	53559-422	C	Sec. Treas.	1000
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	22	John W. Stephens	73217-274	C		1000
		Carl J. Walters	79131-255	C	D	1000
	23	Read Mullan	33875-155	C		1000
		Walter B. Wedge	87310-309	C		1000
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		Frank B. Wallace	68256-180	C	D	1000
		Monroe O. Rand	93103-402	C		1000
		Thomas E. Heineman	93116-415	C		1000
	26	Stuart A. Enfield	83470-294	C		1000
		Alfred R. Hughes	76465-405	C		1000
	28	Phillip Maverick	55079-277	C		1000
	29	John V. Fels	87314-313	C		1000
		Charles M. Burton	75709-233	C		1000
Hon		John J. Rhodes - M.C.	90326-325	C		1000
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		Charles H. Walters	73337-211	C		1000
	31	Harold C. Hess	73334-208	C		1000
		Beverly P. VanDusen	93120-419	C		1000
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	2	Walter H. Coleman	68265-189	C		1000
	4	Harris L. Vowles	79130-254	C		1000
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Ralph Pabst

Before I continue with chapter history, the name Ralph Pabst sure came up a lot and he deserves some credit so let's look to the 1970 edition of the SAR Magazine under Arizona:

The Saguaro Chapter at Sun City was honored on August 4th by a visit from Pres. Gen. and Mrs. Walter R. Martin. Sixty-four members and wives attended the dinner at which the President General lauded the Chapter for its achievements and for acquisition of the President General's Cup plaque for the 2nd straight year. Comp. Martin also pointed out that this was the very first time that a President General had visited an Arizona chapter.



In sunny Arizona, Pres. Gen. Walter R. Martin (lt) presents the Gold Good Citizenship Medal to Past State Pres. Ralph M. Pabst, who is also a Past President of the top-notch Saguaro Chapter.

A feature of the program was the presentation of the Gold Good Citizenship Medal and certificate to Compatriot Ralph M. Pabst, a past Saguaro Chapter president and former Arizona state president. He was honored for his work for the SAR and his community. He has been an SAR in Florida and Arizona for 20 years, and received the Patriot Medal in 1964 when he was state president. He organized and installed the 1st SAR chapter at Tucson, and later organized the Phoenix, Scottsdale and Saguaro Chapters.

This Compatriot has personally issued and presented 485 Good Citizenship medals and certificates to pupils in Arizona schools.

Arizona's 5th SAR Chapter—Palo Verde Chapter—Organized February 22, 1969

On January 11, 1969, the Arizona SAR Board of Managers approved its charter application and the charter was signed on February 22, 1969, by Warren A. Donaldson, Arizona SAR President and William A. Pearson, Arizona SAR Secretary during the installation of the chapter.

The charter members (taken from the charter) were: Ernest M. Anderson, Virgil F. Anderson, Joe Lawrence Brown, II, Charles E. Buzzard, Robert G. Buzzard, Horace G. Campbell, Joseph H. Galloway, Jr., Kenneth H. Harbaugh, William E. Henrie, Charles B. Johnson, William B. Lyon, Ralph M. McGrath, Thomas H. P. Marshall, John Carter Moeur, Robert J. C. Osborne, Sr., George B. Peck, Harvey C. Plumsteel, Dalzell York Rice, Harold P. Wheeler Jr., Walter B. Wedge, and Theodore Wyckoff.

April 1969—*SAR Magazine*

ARIZONA SOCIETY

The Saguaro Chapter hosted the State Society meeting held in connection with the Chapter's annual George Washington Birthday Dinner on February 22. Approximately 125 compatriots and their guests were in attendance. The new State Society Constitution and By-Laws were adopted...The business session included the installation of the new Palo Chapter located in Tempe, Arizona.

President Harold P. Wheeler Jr. received his new badge of office from Arizona Society President Warren A. Donaldson.



Efforts to form additional Chapters—1995

In 1995 additional efforts were being taken by the Arizona SAR to form “satellite” Chapters that would eventually become chartered.

August 1995—*SAR-IZONA*

The AZSSAR President “Speaks Out” by George R. Reese.

Recruiting Efforts

On Saturday, May 13th, Compatriots Robert Baxter, Richard Fleek and myself travelled to Dewey, Arizona in order to represent AZSSAR at the Northern AZ Genealogical Society spring meeting. As a result of the SAR display we were able to obtain the names of eight prospective compatriots in the Prescott area. In addition, we have the names of several compatriots from other state societies who reside in the area. A copy of the April *SAR-IZONA* news was received by all prospects. Our next step is to set a date for the meeting of the SAR members and prospects interested in forming a Prescott Chapter.

While visiting the NAGS I visited Mr. Larry Wilson of Yuma. He has contacted me with the names of four people who are interested in forming a chapter in that city.

The *NSSAR Membership Directory, 1993* lists four compatriots who will be contacted.

Lake Havasu City has five SAR members listed in the *Directory*. In addition, Compatriot Moe Reiff’s wife, Mona, has provided the name of a prospect whose wife is currently Regent of a local DAR chapter.

With these potential chapter sites, we need volunteers who are willing to assist in chapter development. With a few volunteers we can get the job done.

Let’s get growing!

Satellite Chapters

Some Chapters of the California Society have had success in forming new chapters through the use of “satellites.” This has been used to allow SAR members who live or work in suburban areas to meet nearer home or work instead of travelling to the city center. Members of a satellite retain membership in their original chapter; but, they organize, elect officers and recruit members for the satellite. Once the satellite achieves sufficient size and develops SAR programs, it can be chartered as an independent chapter.

In Arizona satellites could be used to develop independent chapters in towns such as Lake Havasu City, Prescott and Yuma. All three of these towns have AZSSAR members who belong to one of our existing chapters. As an example, either Saguaro or Phoenix Chapter could sponsor Prescott as a satellite since both have members in the area. All Prescott area new members would initially join the sponsoring chapter. Once the satellite surpasses fifteen members and has developed an activities program that assures its survival, it can apply for a charter.

The satellite system has several advantages. It provides for an established nucleus of members in the area where the chapter is to be formed. These members can recruit within the area with a minimum of assistance from the sponsoring chapter. . . .

At present we need new chapters willing to sponsor satellites in Lake Havasu City, Prescott, and Yuma.

Arizona's 6th SAR Chapter—Green Valley Chapter—Organized April 3 1985—deactivated 2003

Green Valley Chapter was organized on April 3, 1985 and deactivated in 2003 (merged with Tucson).
August 1996—*SAR-IZONA*

Charles W. Meek 80, a resident of Green Valley, died 22 June 1996 at Tucson. He was the founder of the Green Valley Chapter, its president (1985-86) and a past president of the AZSSAR (1989-90).

In March 2022, I emailed Robert J. Vint who was a former member of the Chapter asking for information and here is his reply: "Hello David, I joined the Green Valley chapter in 2003 when Clifford Platt was its president. He sponsored my membership application. At the first (and only) meeting I went to, Clifford said it was time to elect new officers. At that time he was the only officer for the chapter. No one was willing to serve so I recommended closing the chapter and transferring all the members to the Tucson chapter. This was voted on and passed by everyone at the meeting. That's what happened to the best of my recollection."

Arizona's 7th SAR Chapter—Cochise Chapter—Organized December 5, 1987—deactivated 2003

Cochise Chapter organized December 5, 1987 and deactivated in 2003:
December 1987—*SAR-IZONA*

Cochise Chapter SAR Receives its Charter

At the installation meeting Dec. 5, 1987, Cochise Chapter received its charter and the following officers were installed: President Ronald McCreery, Vice President Ewing M. Steele, and Secretary Michael Montgomery. The 36th Army Band played, and Bart Barker, Representative from District 9 spoke on The Value of Patriotism. Meetings will be held on the second Saturday of the month. Contact Ronald McCreery for the place.

The precursor to the name of the Cochise Chapter was Sierra Vista.

April 1987—*SAR-IZONA*

Sierra Vista is now Cochise Chapter and is functioning with temporary officers.

April 2003—*SAR-IZONA*

This Chapter has turned in their charter to AZSSAR and most members have moved their membership to the Tucson Chapter.

Arizona's 8th SAR Chapter—Skyline Chapter—Organized November 16, 1996—deactivated 2001

Skyline Chapter, Tucson was organized November 16, 1996, and was deactivated effective December 31, 2001.

April 1997—*SAR-IZONA*

Skyline—President Charles E. E. Harrar

Summer 1999—*SAR-IZONA*

Skyline—Our chapter is less than three years old so we are still in the midst of growing pains and finding out who we are. During the winter months, we have had monthly meetings, generally on the first Wednesday of the month, at the Skyline Country Club. We have had a speaker at each . . .

Although we are still small, we added two new members during the year and have an inactive member from the East who has applied for transfer to our chapter.

Minutes from the November 10, 2001 Arizona BOM, state: "President Jones reported that the Skyline chapter has requested to be merged with the Tucson Chapter. Tucson Chapter president Zeilman reported that dues requests had been sent to Skyline members'. Motion made to formally dissolve the Skyline Chapter effective December 31, 2001. Motion carried.

Arizona's 9th SAR Chapter—Prescott Chapter—Organized February 22, 1997

April 1997—*SAR-IZONA*

Prescott Chapter
Richard A. Proper

Even before receiving our Charter, we were busily engaged in activities as group. On October 30, 1996, we held an Ice Cream Social for members, wives, guests, and visiting dignitaries from our brother Chapters in the Valley. Mrs. Trudie Kuhlman, Senior State Registrar of the A.S.C.A.R., along with our local DAR Regent, Lucia Magoon, and Associate Regent, Wilma Myrehn, were in attendance. . .

In January, we fulfilled the requirements for our Charter, and submitted our application to the AZSSAR Board of Managers, where it received approval. At the AZSSAR Annual Meeting on February 22nd, in Scottsdale, we received our Charter, and AZSSAR President LTC Frank C. O'Bannon, Jr., administered the Oath of Office to the first group of officers of the new chapter. How very proud we are.

A Brief History of the Prescott Chapter, Arizona Society Sons of the American Revolution

By Wayne K. Hood, III, Historian, Prescott Chapter, AZSSAR

February, 2014

The Prescott Chapter, Arizona Society 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. Phillip Barnes of Dewey, a member of the Missouri SAR Society, discussed the need and prospects for a Prescott SAR Chapter. The 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. Francis Christian's home in Prescott to begin forming the foundation of a new Arizona Chapter. Mrs. Christian was an active Prescott Daughters of the American Revolution member and advisor. She enthusiastically used her contacts to help assemble a Prescott SAR 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 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 serving the community as a patriotic, historic and educational organization in the tradition set by the AZSSAR since 1896. The interim officers included Gene McCutchan, Richard Fleek, L. Bernard Schmidt, and Reverend Donald Dale. . . .

On April 27, 1996, Compatriots Richard Logan and interim officers presented is project report and Application for Charter, containing 22 Compatriot signatures, to the Arizona SAR 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, Keith 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. . .

Arizona's 10th SAR Chapter—Colorado River Chapter—Organized September 23, 2000—deactivated 2023

October 2000—*SAR-IZONA*

The Colorado River Chapter was chartered on September 23, 2000 in Bullhead City, AZ. This chapter will provide SAR opportunities to all the cities located in the western portion of Arizona along the Colorado River.

Their meetings will rotate among those cities represented by the compatriots who are members of the chapter. There were 20 compatriots and guests at their organizing meeting.



Installation of officers by AZSSAR Pres. Platt



Charter members and their guests



Charter presented to Vice Pres. Richard Burnett (right) by State VP Mike Jones (left)

Unfortunately, there is no other information listed in the newsletter, however, the March 27, 2001, the Arizona SAR member roster for the chapter has the following officer information: President, M. Ray Lackey; Vice President, Richard J. Burnett; Secretary/Treasurer, Joseph C. Stevens; Registrar/Genealogist, Gerald P. McHale; Historian, William S. Garrett; Chancellor, William L. Armstrong. The member roster is: William L. Armstrong, Richard J. Burnett, George J. Ellis, Russell B. Ellis, Sr., Russell B. Ellis Jr., Merle Raeburn Lackey, Gerald P. McHale, Charles H. Patterson, MAJ Elisha A. Phillips, Ronald W. Smith, and Joseph C. Stevens.

On February 22, 2003, the Chapter was dissolved by the Arizona SAR Board of Managers.

Arizona's 11th SAR Chapter—Northern Arizona Chapter—Organized January 20, 2001—deactivated 2005

The March 27, 2001, Arizona SAR member roster for the chapter has the following officer information: President, Charles H. Aurand, Jr.; Vice President (Sedona), Walter L. Bache III; Vice President (Flagstaff), John G. Clouse; Secretary/Treasurer, David M. Benton; Registrar/Genealogist, Thron Riggs; Historian, Robert Dinegar; Chancellor, Kenneth Johnson; Chaplain, Vernon E. Morris. The member roster is: Charles H. Aurand III, Charles H. Aurand Jr., William R. Aurand, Walter L. Bache III, David M. Benton, John G. Clouse, John M. Dunford Jr., William L. Jackson, George D. Reall, Thron Riggs, and Lenzie E. Wilson.



Organizational meeting—Arizona SAR President Cliff Platt in uniform—others are unidentified

April 2005—*SAR-IZONA*

AZSSAR Annual Meeting was held February 19, 2005 at Skyline Country Club, Tucson, AZ. The Northern Arizona Chapter was dissolved

Arizona's 12th SAR Chapter—Barry M. Goldwater Chapter—Organized November 16, 2003

The Chapter is named after five-term Arizona Senator, 1964 presidential candidate, and Arizona SAR Compatriot Barry Morris Goldwater.

On Saturday, November 16, 2002, during the Arizona SAR Board of Managers meeting “A Charter for a New AZSSAR Chapter, the Barry M. Goldwater Chapter was presented. The Charter was approved. Rob Bohannon is the acting Chapter President.”

Charter Officers: President, Robert Hughes Bohannon; Vice President, Harold Robert (Bob) Young; Secretary/Treasurer, Robert L. McClow; Registrar, William Clinton Orr; Genealogist, Frank Clark; Chaplain John Crossen (prospective member), Historian, Anthony David Potts; Chancellor, Robert L. McClow; Sergeant-at-Arms, Earl E. Atwood, Sr.

Charter members: Robert H. Bohannon, Robert C. Bohannon Jr., Earl E. Atwood Sr., Anthony David (David) Potts, H. Robert (Bob) Young, Daniel L. Finch, Keith E. Ragsdale, William G. Barton III, Andrew J. Wheeler, Dennis E. Weiland, MD, Michael D. Weiland, Mathew A. Weiland, William C. Orr, Richard J. Henry, Robert L. McClow.

Robert H. Bohannon wrote the following history (in part):

In the fall of 2002 a new chapter was proposed which would meet in the North Phoenix or Scottsdale area and it would meet at night during the week, providing an opportunity for members for whom that time would be most convenient.

The first planning meeting took place at Mimi's Café at Desert Ridge on September 17th, 2002. At that meeting I volunteered to serve as president pro-tem. Several names for the new chapter were proposed, including names that were geographic in nature, and two names honoring prominent Arizonans: Senator and presidential candidate Barry Goldwater and Charles D. Poston. Poston, a 19th Century pioneer was named the Father of Arizona. He was the first delegate to the United States Congress from Arizona Territory in 1863.

The second organizational meeting took place on October 24th at Denny's restaurant at Tatum and Cactus. Eighteen current or prospective members were in attendance which constituted the charter membership of the new chapter. By unanimous vote the chapter was named in honor of Goldwater.

The application for membership was submitted to the State Board of Managers that met on November 16th, at which time the chapter was chartered. [End]

Senator John McCain was a member of the chapter—his first line signer was H. Robert (Bob) Young. Senator McCain’s application was approved on November 3, 2006, and he was inducted by SAR Secretary General Bruce Wilcox.

Arizona’s 13th SAR Chapter—Rim Country Chapter—Organized September 12, 2009—deactivated 2022

October 2009—*SAR-IZONA*

THE ARIZONA SOCIETY WELCOMES OUR NEW RIM COUNTRY CHAPTER IN PAYSON, ARIZONA

A charter was given to the new Rim Country Chapter, SAR of Payson, Arizona on Saturday, September 12, 2009. The ceremony of institution of the Rim Country was presided over by AZSSAR President Al Niemeyer with Historian Dr. Rudy Byrd acting as Sergeant-at-Arms. Secretary Warren Alter was also in attendance.

Bill Herzig was installed as the chapter’s first president and presented with the Chapter Charter by AZSSAR President Al Niemeyer [on the left in the picture below].



Ward Johnson is the acting Secretary/Treasurer. James David Patterson was inducted as a new SAR member. The historic meeting was attended by thirty individuals in Tiny’s Restaurant.



This picture shows all thirty attendees at the meeting



Rim Country Chapter Charter members plus the Arizona SAR Officers who attended the Charter Ceremony. [Rudy Byrd in uniform and Al Niemeyer on his right—unfortunately there are no names with either picture.]

On January 25, 2023, during an Arizona SAR Board of Managers meeting (after the chapter requested to be dissolved) the unanimous vote was for dissolution.

