

Prescott Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE PAST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow Compatriots & Friends – As Past President of the Prescott Chapter, I am grateful for your steadfast and wholehearted support during the past two years! Thanks to your excellent teamwork and good works, we have again this past year been very fruitful and contributed significantly to the overall SAR mission and local community. Most recently, our Veteran's Day Parade and joint luncheon with DAR was most successful in honoring and celebrating Veterans. Let us now give all our support to newly elected and installed Chapter President, Jim Cates, and the Board of Officers who will lead us in 2019! I greatly appreciate renewals of your membership dues and for the many ways you continue to contribute to the SAR. I am honored and look forward to serve you next year as the Registrar/Genealogist. Finally, please remember that our regular luncheon meeting schedule changes in 2019 to the second Saturday each month.

So, I'll see you on **Saturday, January 1 at Guacamaya's Mexican Grill.** Best wishes for a holiday

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Christmas Issue: Unto us a Child is given, O Holy Night. Merry Christmas!



2019 New Board of Officers

installed at the December 1st Business Meeting. Congratulations !!!

President Jim Cates
Vice President Dennis DeAtley
Secretary Bill Smith
Treasurer Michael Holmes
Color Guard Captain Steve Monez
Registrar/Genealogist Wayne Hood
Historian Tom Chittenden
Chancellor Steve Monez
Chaplain Chuck Walker
Communications/Website Scott
Information/Notification Bill Williamson
AZ Board of Managers Representative Bill Smith

Non Board Members

National Trustee 2018-2019 S.Monez
Special Advisor to President and Board Tim Prater
Programs Tim Prater and Jim Cates



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Vice Presidents

Message As 2018 nears its end and we look forward to next year I wish all of you a joyous holiday. This has been a great year for our Chapter. Wayne Hood and his helpers have brought in 7 new members. Wayne deserves gratitude from all of us for his two year service as President.

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Officers installed from page 1



New officers pictured from left to right, James Cates, Dennis DeAtley, Wayne Hood, Bill Smith, Michael Holmes, Tom Chittenden, Chuck Walker.



President Wayne Hood presents Tim Prater Meritorious certificate for his outstanding service to the Prescott Chapter.

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season filled with joy and peace, and a blessed New Year!

Fraternally,

Wayne Hood

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Prescott SAR was awarded the 2018 USS Stark Memorial Award for service to Veterans. For me the highlight of the year was our luncheon with DAR groups in the area. Despite a last-minute conflict with Prescott's parade we still had wonderful attendance. We honored four WWII Veterans as well as many others.

The Color Guard increased its visibility in northern Arizona by marching in the Armed Forces Day Parade and Independence Day Parade in Flagstaff. Color Guardsmen also welcomed an Honor Flight on its return to Sky Harbor in the Spring.

As we enter 2019 please remember that our meeting time has been changed to the second Saturday of the month at Guacamaya's in Prescott at 12:00 PM. Tim Prater has prepared an excellent speaker panel. I would like members who are willing to volunteer to speak for a few minutes about their Patriot ancestors to say a few words at our monthly meetings. Please contact me if you are willing and I will place it on the agenda. These stories are fascinating.

Finally, I ask each of you to provide Wayne Hood with information about Americanism activities for 2018. He is preparing the Chapter report.

Sincerely, Jim Cates

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Patriot Biography: My Ancestor George Brokaw by John Thorne

George Brokaw, my Revolutionary War Ancestor

George Brokaw, Sr. was born 29 Mar 1755 at Somerset Co., NJ. He was baptized 27 Apr 1777 at the New Brunswick Dutch Church, NJ. He died 27 Jun 1842 at New Athens, Harrison Co., OH and is buried at Crabapple Cemetery, Wheeling Twp., Belmont Co., OH. He married 10 Jun 1777 at Sussex Co., NJ., **Janetje "Jane" Custard**, the daughter of **William Custard** and **Sarah Swartwout**.



The author at the grave of George Brokaw. The original grave marker is on the right. A 1955 grave marker with a DAR emblem in front is on the left.

"In Memory of George Brokaw, 1755- 1842, great grandson of Bourgone Broucard: 1645 Huguenot migration arrived New York 1675. Soldier in the Revolutionary War from New Jersey. This memorial erected 1955 on his 200th anniversary in Recognition of a Rich Heritage."

George Brokaw was a Pvt. in Capt. Peter Vroom's Co., Col. Abraham Quick's Regt., 2nd Bln. Somerset Co., NJ Militia. His record is summarized as that he "lived in Sussex Cty., NJ at enlistment and later moved to Somerset Cty., NJ and enlisted there and had been born there 29 Mar 1755. After the war soldier moved back to Sussex Cty, NJ for 7 years then to Beavertown in Fayette Cty., PA for 5 years, then to Washington Cty., PA for 3 years, then to Jefferson Cty., OH for 6 years, then to Harrison Cty., OH. He died 10 Aug 1842 leaving a wife Jane who died 8 Sep 1850 leaving children." George Brokaw received a pension of \$26.67 per year, #R1232, for his military service. On 13 Oct 1832 he was living at Harrison Co., OH when he made his pension affidavit in which he states that he "enlisted Nov. 19, 1776, that he served five months in "the Flying Camp" under First Lieut. Rosegrant, in Capt. Chambers' Co., Col. Ephraim Martin's Regt., and that he marched from Sussex County, NJ, to New York City. On arriving at the Hudson River the British man-of-war Asa (Asia) was seen sailing up the river; the troops fired on it, whereupon one of its cannon burst and killed seven men. The company went to Long Island, to New York City, to Fort Washington, and to White Plains. He then crossed the North River to Fort Lee, NJ, and from there he was marched under George Washington "to a large field" and left in Col. Martin's Regt., which encountered the British Light Horse in a marsh. The regiment then "wheeled and rejoined the main army under Washington" who marched them to Elizabethtown, NJ."

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day & years aforesaid before me William Tongley Clerk of said Court
George Brokaw

Records of the U. S. War Department show that he served as Private in Capt. Peter D. Vroom's Co., Col. Abraham Quick's Regt. of Somerset Co., NJ. He was discharged in the spring of 1777 at New Brunswick, N. J., but was drafted again in December of that year and served for one month at Woodbridge, NJ, under Lieut. Henry Hoover. Later, in 1781, he was again drafted for a fortnight. The New Jersey records state that he enlisted in 1776, aged twenty years, as a Private in Capt. Abraham Shimer's Co., Col Ephraim Martin's Regt. of State Troops, for five

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months and that he was a participant in the Battle of Long Island Aug. 27, 1776.

George Brokaw received a land grant in Jefferson Co., OH on 12 Oct 1808. He appears on the 1810 tax list of Cadiz Twp., Jefferson Co., OH. In 1814 he was listed on the voting poll records of Cadiz Twp. 1, Harrison Co., OH. He appears in the 1820 census, Cadiz Twp., Harrison Co., OH. He appears on the 1830 and 1840 census records at Flushing Twp., Belmont Co., OH.

Jane Custard was born 1 May 1752 at Walpack, Sussex Co., NJ. She died 7 Oct 1850 at New Athens, Harrison Co., OH and is buried at Crabapple Cemetery, Wheeling Twp., Belmont Co., OH next to her husband. A verse on her gravestone states:

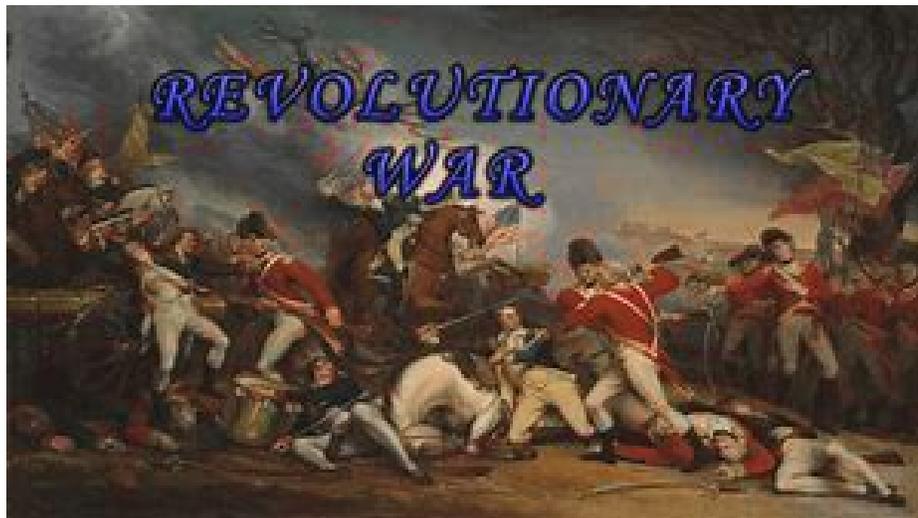
*"Soon shall I pass the gloomy vale,
Soon all my mortal powers must fail,
O may my departing breath,
His loving kindness sing in death"*

"Jane, wife of George, died Oct 7, 1850, 98 yr 2 mo 6 da. He was a Revolutioner"

There are many DAR and SAR approved applications based on Revolutionary War soldier George Brokaw; he had a large progeny including two members of the SAR Prescott Chapter, and also Tom Brokaw, the newscaster.

Submitted by John K. Thorne, SAR Prescott, AZ Chapter, 13 Jun 2017

On January 3 1777 General George Washington's troops move on to Princeton. . COL Mawhood attacks Washington's troops and a battle ensues. Washington's troops win and they move on to Princeton.



General Washington leads his troops in the battle of Princeton. After winning this battle His troops move on to Somerset Courthouse on there way to Morris Town for winters quarters.

General Mercer dies after he is bayoneted five times. The redcoats think they have killed General Washington.

Jim Laursen remembers his families military history

I had two brothers, one uncle, and my cousin chuck, at Normandy during the landing, thank God Almighty, they made it. Chuck went in with the gliders he was airborne trooper, older brother Billy, flying over in a B-24, brother Art, was on a destroyer shelling the fortifications, and dear god Uncle Frank was in the first wave in on Omaha beach that morning with the Red One, he was an old hand by then, having fought in North Africa, and Sicily. That's why I am so proud to represent the SAR and be a wreath presenter. And my Dad was a World War One veteran, who fought in France. God Bless, Best Regards, Jim Laursen

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Future events and Calendar

2019 Schedule, Programs, Speakers Upcoming events: all regular Chapter meetings at Guacamaya's Grille 1327 E Gurley St. Prescott AZ 12-1:30

- 1/12/2019 Yavapai Exceptional Industries Stored History" Brad Newman
- 2/9/2019 "The Tailor Unleashed! ~ Historic Wardrobe, Christopher Francis
- 2/28-3-2 Leadership Louisville KY
- 3/9/2019 "Cemeteries of Yavapai County" Parker Anderson
- 4/13/2019 "The Journey of My American Revolutionary Ancestor to My Tour in Vietnam to Chino Valley City Councilman" Mike Best
- 7/5-7/10 Congress in Costa Mesa CA <http://www.californiasar.org/2019-Congress/>

What is the SAR? If you want to learn more about our organization it is time you took a trip to Louisville Kentucky for the next leadership conference. Me education really began when I attended my first leadership meeting. Visit our Headquarters and Library meet the staff. They are doing a fantastic job. Visit our future museum.

Congress is in Costa Mesa California this year. It is usually across the country so this is a chance to become familiar with the Sons of The American Revolution closer to home. The event is from July 5th - July 10th 2019. Register for your stay at **Orange County Hilton at Costa Mesa**, the congress attentive schedule is

<http://www.californiasar.org/wp-content/uploads/SAR-2019-National-Congress-Tenative-Schedule.pdf>

To register follow this link.

User's Guide to Registering for Congress



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Wreaths Across America



From the Revolutionary War to present day conflicts, our veterans are devoted sons and daughters, fathers and mothers, sisters and brothers. They come from all backgrounds in life to place those lives on the line for our freedoms. There are millions of individual stories to tell. We understand we have Veterans Day in the fall and Memorial Day in the spring, but our service members sacrifice their time and safety every single day of the year to preserve our freedoms. Freedom is not Free.

Our Arizona Society was involved in many ceremonies across the state. Prescott National , Tucson Evergreen, and National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona in Phoenix. Members and their families laid took part in the laying of wreaths.



The Tucson Chapter turned out with Richard Collins, AZ CG Adjutant, followed by the rider less horse with the boots in backwards. Photo at right, Sandra Lawford and Barbara Collins holding flags, Al Niemeyer, George Lipphardt, John Bird in the wheel chair and Bill Aurand.



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Wreaths Continued



Rudy Byrd on the left and Gerry Lawford on the right Tucson Chapter Members with their Compatriots in the middle fire at Evergreen Cemetery in Tucson



The Robert Crittendon NSDAR Chapter in Arkansas placed these wreaths for our Sister DAR member Celeste Cates. It is her fathers grave. Celeste is Jim Cates wife.



Eugene McCarthy Army Veteran and Jim Laursen Navy Veteran present the wreath for the Veterans who have committed suicide at the rate of 22 per Day.



Prescott National Cemetery

These Color Guard members, from left to right Steve Monez, Bill Baran, James Cates, Bill Smith, and Richard Garsnett stood at attention throughout the ceremony.

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Education Outreach

We spend time in the schools to help the children see what the founding of this country was all about. The need for patriotism is also a main focus. We have done some major events in this year.



Tim Prater Presented a World Globe to Lisa Pasalich with her 70 students in attendance. Jim Laursen attended as well.

This was a great event. On November 9th at the Esperanza Elementary School in Phoenix our AZ Color Guard presenting colors for 600 students, 30 Veterans parents and school staff. The veterans were served breakfast. The program included the school choir singing patriotic songs, thanking the vets for their service and a climatic end. All the 600 students formed a two rows and all the veterans and CG went down the middle and touched each of the students hands. A never to forget event. The students in Arizona are our hope.



On November 8 at Canyon Ridge school in Surprise we presented colors for 600 elementary school children, school staff, parents and Veterans. Part of our color guard included our two Junior members, Brandon and Seth Nevers from the Saguaro Chapter



Freedom is not free and thanks to the teachers in these schools our children are learning to respect the value of this lesson.

Jan Huber played his Fife as we presented and retrieved colors.



Tim Prater presents a Flag Certificate to Touchmark-with Wayne Hood, Jim Laursen and Bob Fuller on November 8 which make Prescott total 16 this year.

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In Memory of our Arizona Compatriots who have passed on this year. God Bless them and be with their families

George Herbert Walker Bush, 41st President of the United States

William Robert Packard Palo Verde SAR Chapter

Welcome our New Members

Eugene Victor McCarthy, Robert Fuller, Jim Laursen, Frank Baker, Richard Garsnett transferred from Florida, and Dennis DeAtley transferred from Texas

Prescott Chapter and State Color Guard

Why do we show so many pictures of the Color Guard. They are the members who go out and represent us in the many communities around the state. They let the people know who we are. Many know the DAR however when you ask about the Sons of The American Revolution they have never heard of us.

Your Color Guard has been very active this year. The State has Participated in 38 events this year. The members of the Prescott Chapter have stepped up on so many occasions and traveled long distances to take part in these events. Richard Garsnett from Flagstaff, Gene McCarthy from Sedona, James and Celeste Cates from Sedona, and Dennis DeAtley from Prescott. Bill Baran from Palo Verde, Stephen Miller from Phoenix have also traveled to Prescott many times and around the state. I salute you all and thank you for there continued support.

Steve Monez Arizona Color Guard Commander



Juan Manuel Ortega was a Tubac Presidio soldier during the time of the American Revolution. His military service to the Spanish ally of the American colonies thus contributed to the success of the American Revolution. He is buried under St. Ann's Church at the Presidio.

Three of our members attended this event. James Cates, Dennis DeAtley and Richard Garsnett.



This national event took place on November 1, and was for the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers. It was held at the Sheraton Grand Hotel on Wild Horse Pass in Chandler. Jim and Celeste Cates attended this event all the way from Sedona.

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Prescott Chapter and State Color Guard



On November 6, we did a 2 hour expo for the the Veterans in Sun City West. About 30 veterans and wives came to the event. We Presented Colors and then each person did a presentation on battles for the Revolution. Jim Cates did an outstanding Power Point presentation on the battle of Saratoga.



This was our first time in the Surprise Parade on Veterans Day. This was the first parade we were able to see as we marched. The participants were coming back as we were marching forward.. Rather unusual.

SAR DAR Joint Meeting



The color guard presents colors as President Wayne Hood opens the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.



President Wayne Hood thanks Col Kula for his service to our country and an outstanding presentation.



World War II veterans are recognized for their Service by our chapter and CAR President Lauren Kobley.

Revolutionary War frigate USS Bonhomme Richard Found



During the closing stages of the battle, Bonhomme Richard's mast was hit above the top-sail, sending a large section of the mast and the ship's Colors crashing to the deck near Jones's feet. "Serapis called out, 'Have you struck your Colors?' Resoundingly, John Paul Jones exclaimed, 'Struck Sir? I have not yet begun to fight!'. The crew of Jones ship managed to board the Serapis and took it from the British.

Our Chapter Color Guard Carries the Serapis Flag.



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“Prescott Chapter” of the Arizona Society & the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution

Minutes of Board of Officers Meeting

Starbucks Coffee, 1861 East Highway 69, Prescott, AZ 86301

9:30 AM, Saturday December 1, 2018

Present: President and Registrar/Genealogist Wayne Hood, Vice President Jim Cates, Chaplain & Programs Tim Prater, Historian Tom Chittenden, Secretary Bill Smith

Absent: Chancellor & Color Guard Captain Steve Monez, Treasurer Michael Holmes, Information & Notification Bill Williamson, Communications/Website Scott Iden

President Wayne Hood called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Jim Cates led the Pledge to the Sons of the American Revolution. Tim Prater offered the invocation.

VP Jim Cates asked that we go over our dates for next year. Meetings will be the 2nd Saturday of each month except August (no meeting) and December, the 1st Saturday. Appears that the Rodeo/4th July Parade could be Saturday July 6th. If so, some could have a conflict with the National Meeting/Congress. It was decided for now, schedule the 6 July date for our meeting/ice cream social. In regards to November, Bill asked because of past SAR and DAR Saturday conflicts, is it better to have our joint luncheon on a Sunday? It could also be a better date for those that attend Sunday morning church. Jim said he would contact the DAR organizations for their comments. For example, is Sunday Nov 10 then a better date? Tim mentioned that firm dates help him in scheduling Speakers.

Secretary Bill Smith stated that latest minutes were provided by email to all. Tim motioned for acceptance with Tom second...passed unanimously.

The Treasurers Report, provided by email, was highlighted by Wayne. Admin ending balance of \$3,339.72 and the Dedicated Account ended at \$1,523.00. Dues payments have been good. Bill motioned for acceptance with Tom second...passed unanimously. Wayne will check with Michael to verify that our issue of dues cards is presenting no problems. Michael plans on being at the luncheon.

Registrar Wayne handed out his report. He added that as of now, for this year we've had 7 new members, 9 supplemental's, 15 ongoing with 9 not ready to start and 2 in process at State. Our Chapter total is now 51. We all complemented Wayne for the outstanding job he has done.

For Programs and Speakers, Tim handed out his report while asking us to flip the Jan & Feb Speakers because of one of them having a conflict. He added that Dec Birthdays will be recognized at the luncheon. We also decided that in the future, Board members birthdays will be recognized at the Board Meetings with no cards prepared for them. For the Flag Report, Tim stated that our goal this year was 15 and that we gave 15. He mentioned that the last one at Touchmark was great. Besides himself, Wayne, Jim Laursen, and Bob Filler were present and they had a very good lunch. Vision for Vets 7 Dec, donate to the History Channel Globe-Granville School in Prescott Valley. Wayne added that Ancestor Search will meet 8 Dec at the VA. We ended with all of us recognizing Tim for all the great work and time in coordinating all the events.

For the Color Guard, Steve asked Wayne to remind all of us about attending Wreaths Across America on Saturday 15 Dec.

Historian Tom will be talking with Wayne about members Patriotic Bio's.

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For our Website, “Go Daddy” had helped establish our domain. The cost to renew it for 5 years is \$125.80. We had a question about the State domain? It will be tabled till next month. Wayne will ask Steve if he could help brief us at the Jan meeting.

Jim informed us that Dennis DeAtley will be our VP for next year and Chuck Walker our Chaplain. Jim will be our President with the rest of the officers remaining as is. Of note, Tim Prater will hold a Special Advisory Position to the President and Board.

Americanism/Stark Report will be coordinated between Jim and Wayne. Jim Cates is the State Chairman for 2019. We were reminded to get our reports in.

State BOM Meeting 17 Nov 2018...Steve Monez was nominated for the State of Arizona Patriot Award...the highest award the State can give. The medal and certificate will be presented at the Annual State Meeting in Chandler on 16 Feb 2019. Bill mentioned that the States dues portion was approved for a \$9 increase. The new dues total will be \$64 starting in 2020. It was mentioned that AZ still has one of the lowest dues of all the SAR chapters in the Nation.

Jim added comments about the State of Iowa recognizing to AZ by a letter as to the death of SAR member John McCain and how Texas will now be honored in regards to the death of their SAR member George H W Bush. He also asked if Mike Fisch at State could be given information for SAR Arizona about our Jim Laursen’s service to this country. Jim Cates also asked if WWII Veteran Fred Piper of Cottonwood could receive some type of recognition for his service. Tim said that we have a local certificate that we can give him.

Wayne ended the meeting with a special request that we now have an SOP and he would like to see all Board Members get a clean copy of the ByLaws.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05am with Tim giving the Benediction and Wayne leading the SAR Recessional.



General George Washington Crosses the Delaware on Christmas eve 1776 and captures Trenton NJ