



Adams Hotel circa 1897

# 125 Years of Service

Arizona Society  
Sons of the American Revolution  
1896-2021



# Arizona Society

## Sons of the American Revolution

125th Anniversary of the Original Charter

June 13, 2021

### Luncheon Program

Call to Order 12:00 p.m.

#### Invocation

**Advance the Colors, Arizona SAR Color Guard**

Commander David Bonnett, Arizona SAR Color Guard

#### National Anthem

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the USA**

#### Post the Colors

#### **Sons of the American Revolution Pledge**

“We descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution, who by their sacrifices established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.”

#### **The American’s Creed**

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a Republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.

**Lunch Is Served**

12:30 p.m.

**Introductions and Recognitions**

**Honoring Past Society Presidents**

**Recognition of 125th Anniversary Committee Members**

**History of The Arizona Society**

Arizona Society Historian David Swanson

**History of the “Sons of Liberty 1775” Minuteman Statue**

Compatriot James Muir

**Awards**

Arizona SAR Color Guard

Special Presentation

**Seven Toasts**

**To Our Country, President and  
first Commander in Chief George Washington**

by Arizona Society President Baran

**To the Founders of the Arizona Society SAR**

by Vice President General Rocky Mountain District Miller

**To the Memory of our Dear Departed Compatriots**

by Arizona SAR Chaplain Davis

**To Our President General and his Officers**

by Tucson SAR Chapter President Sacco

**To Our Eight Chapters**

by Arizona SAR Secretary Berryman

**To Our Visiting DAR, C.A.R. and Guests**

Arizona SAR DAR Liaison Bonnett

**To All Our Compatriots where ever they may be.**

Arizona SAR Treasurer Miller

**Announcements**

**Singing of America**  
(My Country, 'Tis Of Thee)

My country, 'tis of Thee,  
Sweet Land of Liberty  
Of thee I sing;  
Land where my fathers died,  
Land of the pilgrims' pride,  
From every mountain side  
Let Freedom ring.

My native country, thee,  
Land of the noble free,  
Thy name I love;  
I love thy rocks and rills,  
Thy woods and templed hills,  
My heart with rapture thrills  
Like that above.

**Sons of the American Revolution Recessional**

“Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court and a nation of free men.”

**Benediction**

**Retire the Colors**

**Adjournment**



### **Arizona SAR Officers 2021-22**

President, William L. Baran, Ph.D.  
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Secretary, Robbie A. Berryman  
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Historian, David Swanson  
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Immediate Past President, Dennis Kavanaugh, Esq.

### **Arizona SAR Chapter Presidents**

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Prescott, Robert "Jack" Lee Berry  
Rim Country, Stan Garner  
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### **Living Former and Current Officers General**

Daniel H. Heller, MD, Surgeon General 2004-06; Rocky Mountain District VPG 2010-11  
J. Michael Jones, Librarian General 2005-06, Rocky Mountain District VPG 2007-08  
Ed Karr Jr, Rocky Mountain District VPG 2011-12  
Ruddell Byrd III, MD, Surgeon General 2011-2013; National Trustee 2020-21  
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Treasurer General 2016-17; Secretary General 2017-18; President General 2018-19,  
NSSAR Foundation Board 2019-22  
Walter G. Seaton, Rocky Mountain District VPG 2016-17  
C. Bruce Pickette, Treasurer General 2021-22  
Stephen J. Miller; Rocky Mountain District VPG 2019-21

### **Arizona SAR Committee Chairmen**

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## Arizona Society Presidents

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ON Saturday evening, June 13th, the Arizona Society, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, was formally organized at Phoenix. Over a year ago, Major H. F. Robinson was delegated by the National Society to organize in Arizona. A meeting called by him March 18, 1895, at the Court House in Phoenix was attended by a few interested gentlemen, and a provisional Society was organized. By hard work, and after many delays (being so far distant from all records of Revolutionary times, both public and private), seventeen gentlemen at last had their papers prepared and approved, and met for organization at the residence of Mr. W. H. Robinson. A Constitution and By-laws were adopted, and the following officers elected: President, Major H. F. Robinson; Vice-President, Harry R. Barden; Secretary, W. H. Robinson; Treasurer, Capt. Lewis W. Coggins; Registrar, Omar Asa Turney; Historian, J. Ernest Walker. The officers and the following constitute the Board of Managers: J. Frank Elwell, Lloyd B. Christy and James W. Benham. The meeting then adjourned to the broad, cool porches, and refreshments suited to the summer temperature were served by the hosts, the Messrs. Robinson, and at a late hour, after informal discussion on historical topics and others pertaining to the good of the Society, "America" was sung, and the meeting adjourned.

# State of Arizona Proclamation

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

## STATE OF ARIZONA ★ COMMENDATION

*Be it known to all that I,  
Douglas A. Ducey,  
Governor of the State of Arizona,  
do hereby offer my sincere congratulations to the*

### *Arizona Society Sons of the American Revolution*

*in recognition of its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its founding.*

*Herbert F. Robinson successfully and officially organized the Arizona Society Sons of the American Revolution on June 13, 1896 in the territory of Arizona.*

*On behalf of the citizens of Arizona, I offer my sincere appreciation for all you do for the community and congratulate you on 125 years of extraordinary commitment and service. Best wishes for success in all future endeavors.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand,  
done at the Capitol in Phoenix on this  
thirtieth day of December in the Year  
Two Thousand and Twenty.*

*Douglas A. Ducey*

GOVERNOR



