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Desert Wells Daughter Spotlight!



Jacquie Scherrer, Registrar 2024-2026

Jacquie grew up in Arizona. In college she initially majored in Clarinet Performance. She later switched her major to business, completing her BA and MBA at Western International University. She has worked for Wells Fargo Bank for the last 18 years in Financial Crimes, Executive Office and Human Resources roles.

Jacquie lives in Queen Creek with son Robert and husband Bill. She enjoys researching her family history and traveling to research and visit historical family sites including the graves of her ancestors. She is also a member of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. Prior to joining DAR in 2020, Jacquie was a member of the Arizona Wind Symphony for nine seasons.. She has 10 proven patriots, including Thaddeus Baker, a 1st cousin to Ethan Allen. Every generation of Jacquie's family has served in the US Army or US Navy starting with the American Revolution.

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Committee News



The **Education Committee** set up Constitution Week displays at two elementary schools. One was at Desert Vista Elementary School in Apache Junction where Kelly Fant is the principal. The committee will be pursuing a National DAR American Indian Grant this Fall which they hope will assist local groups address the alarming suicide rate of tribal young people. Chair Karissa Dunkley will be working on the grant. On September 11 treats were delivered to First Responders in our community.



Karrisa and family supported the 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb at Salt River Fields on September 13. Daughter, Izzy, and HODAR Trenton completed the 3,000 steps around the Salt River Fields. On September 14, they participated in the Running for Marines at the 9/11 Tunnel to Towers 5K, which is the distance that five brave firemen ran through the Brooklyn Tunnel to reach their ladder mates at the Towers on 9/11/2001.

The **Patriotism Committee** will host a **DAR Day of Service chapter project** after lunch on October 18. We will be entering Veterans' information into the FindAGrave website with laptops. The Veterans' information was gathered at our 2024 Day of Service at San Tan Memorial Gardens. We will **need four laptops** to enter the data collected and at least eight members: four to input data and four to read the data out loud. ****Please email the Committee Chair, Cynthia Woempner-Martin**, if you will be able to bring a laptop and stay to help enter the data. Woemardar@earthlink.net





The **Historic Preservation Committee** will present a Women in American History medal and certificate on **October 15** to the son of Faith Mather Sossaman. Regent Kathy Burgheimer and Committee Chair Linda Sundeen will present the award to James and Sue Sossaman at **3:00 PM** at the **Rittenhouse Museum**, 20425 S. Old Ellsworth Rd. Queen Creek. The San Tan Historical Society will conduct their monthly meeting immediately after the presentation.
All chapter members are invited to attend.



We would love to see every chapter member join a committee! Below is a list of our committees, with chair and contact info.

Education Kris Dunkley krisdunkley@yahoo.com
Historic Preservation Linda Sundeen lzfrmwscnsn@aol.com
Membership Midge Garrison midge.garrison@yahoo.com
Patriotism Cynthia Woempner-Martin woemardar@earthlink.net



If possible, please bring a bag of Trick or Treat candy to the October 18 meeting for the Halloween event at Clearwater Agritopia. The residents love seeing the costumed trick or treaters and giving them candy. This year they expect about 500 neighborhood kids.



If you have a friend or family member who might enjoy attending a chapter meeting to learn what the DAR is all about, please invite them! Let Midge Garrion know if you will be bringing a guest when your RSVP for the meeting and if you will stay for lunch.
Reminder: the buffet lunch at Clearwater Agritopia is \$15. We give a head count to the chef 3 days before our meeting and are committed to paying for that number of meals even if a member is a no show. If you are a gluten free member, please let Midge know when you RSVP so a gluten free meal will be available for you.

Flag of the USA

Minute

By Becky McMenimen



The first flag of the colonists to have any resemblance to the present Stars and Stripes was the Grand Union Flag, also known as the Cambridge Flag. Its design consisted of 13 stripes, alternately red and white, representing the thirteen colonies, with a blue field in the upper left-hand corner bearing the red cross of St. George of England with the white cross of St. Andrew of Scotland.

As the flag of the Revolution, it was used on many occasions. It was first flown by the ships of the Colonial Fleet on the Delaware River. On December 3, 1775, it was raised aboard Captain Hopkin's flagship Alfred by John Paul Jones, then a Navy lieutenant. Later the flag was raised on the liberty pole at Prospect Hill, which was near George Washington's headquarters in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The Grand Union Flag was the unofficial national flag on July 4, 1776, Independence Day, and remained the unofficial national flag and ensign of the Navy until June 14, 1777, when the Continental Congress authorized the official Flag of the United States of America.

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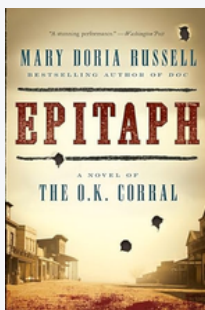
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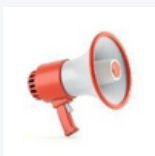
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Book Club

Please join the
Uniquely Arizona
State Book Club
reading Epitaph by
Mary Doria Russell
zoom on October 20th.



Upcoming Events for your calendar!



PLEASE NOTE THIS FALL'S CHAPTER MEETING SCHEDULE!

Some meeting dates
were rescheduled!
October 18, November 8,
December 6.



Please Save your magazines!

Chapter Librarian, Elaine Pulwer, will
deliver your old magazines to VA
Clinics, shelters, Assisted Living
facilities, etc., for others to enjoy. Bring
them to the next meeting.

When to fly your flag?

September 1

Labor Day

September 11

(half-staff)

Patriot Day

September 17

Constitution Day and Citizenship Day

September 18

Air Force Birthday

September 19

National POW/MIA Recognition Day

September 28

Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day

October 13

Navy Birthday

October 13

Columbus Day

October 13

National Indigenous Peoples Day

Sept & Oct Birthdays

September

1 Pat Nowak
6 Becky McMenimen
10 Cheryl Taylor
18 Shara Forrister



October

1 Kristin Jakubowski
10 Judy Dyster
15 Carrie Bruce Woempner
16 Judith Carmichael
20 Shirley Vega
26 Hannah Kapfer
29 Kelly Downard
31 Betty Hastings

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Upcoming Events for your calendar!

Garage Sale!! Trilogy Community Fall Garage Sale October 11th

This is our BIG fund raiser for the entire year!!



The Annual Desert Wells Chapter Garage Sale is October 11 in the Trilogy Community in Power Ranch. Please bring your donations and big folding tables to Midge Garrison as soon as possible. Our goal is \$600! We will be sorting and organizing on October 10 starting at 10 AM. A special Pre-sale Event for Friends and Family of the Desert Wells Chapter will be open from 3:30-4:30. Help with sales and public relations will be needed starting at 7:00 AM on Saturday October 11!



Please send your photos Kathy Sramek of your family members who served in the US Navy! kathy@hyconconstructors.com. They will be used for a special display at our October meeting commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the US Navy. The photos must be received by October 1st



October 25 3:00-5:00 PM "Meet and Greet" Wine and Cheese Social at Kathy Sramek's home

The Membership Committee will host a Wine and Cheese Social on October 25 from 3:00-5:00 PM at Kathy Sramek's home: 4521 S. Alamos Way, Gold Canyon. **PLEASE RSVP to Kathy by October 21: (970)596-2988 or kathy@hyconconstructors.com.** Please join us in this relaxed atmosphere in beautiful Gold Canyon to get to know the chapter members and prospective members.

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Upcoming Events for your calendar!



November meeting: 20th Anniversary of the Desert Wells Chapter!
Special presentations and luncheon.



20th Anniversary of the Desert Wells Chapter November meeting!
Please **contact Midge** if you have a **period costume** from the years 1890 through 2005 that you would wear to the **November meeting** and to model in a **fashion show** at our anniversary celebration!



December 13 : Wreaths Across America at San Tan Memorial Gardens. We will have a DAR table set up again as we did for Memorial Day.



The next meeting is October 18. The Greeter will be Cyndy Munday. There will not be no Voices hostess gift as C.A.R. will be our speaker with their own fund raising C.A.R. table. Please consider supporting their worthy cause this year.