

**STATUS REPORT OF
THE BATTLE BORN PATRIOTS CHAPTER (North), SIGNERS CHAPTER (South)
NEVADA SOCIETY, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
JANUARY 1 – OCTOBER 31, 2019**

WHAT'S NEW:

--The Fund For Young Patriots. The BBPC launched an ambitious education initiative in September called the Fund For Young Patriots. The history and ideals of the American Revolution are the foundation of our national identity. If they are forgotten, we will have nothing to hold us together. Future generations, unaware of the historic sacrifices that secured our liberty, will fail to value that liberty and sacrifice to preserve it. Our country, as it has been for more than two hundred years, will be lost. Younger generations are looking at Socialism as a viable option.

The BBPC resolved to do something about it. To that end, they are working to perpetuate the remarkable story of our Revolution and the ideals we hold most dear. Our goals are:

1. To inform American history education in northern Nevada, to ensure that the story of our Revolution, the accomplishments of the revolutionaries, and the legacy of the Revolution are widely recognized, understood, and appreciated;
2. Advocate for the memory, ideals and legacy of the American Revolution.
3. Offer at least one presentation a month during the school year.

BBPC put together a portfolio of six program presentations that can be tailored to all K-12 students. The presentations include: 1) A reenactment of the reading of the Declaration of Independence to the assembled troops of the Continental Army and militias. 2) Colonial Flags of America. 3) Patriot Trunk. 4) The Molly Pitcher Story (in partnership with our Ladies Auxiliary). 5) Music of The Revolution, and 6) Stories of Our Ancestors.

--Compatriots' Muster. The SC took a lesson from the northern BBPC and has revised its meeting format. They have gone from 12 formal monthly breakfast meetings a year to 6 formal breakfast meetings with speakers and every other month they meet at what they call a Patriot Muster (Boys night out) at a different local pub to share some lively conversation and comradery. This is being done in an effort to increase participation. The 2 initial meetings have been very successful. VPG Fosdyck and his wife attended our inaugural Patriot Muster.

--Fund Raiser. The SC participated in a Fireworks Booth Fundraiser this last July 4 and raised \$2300 to support our efforts to create a color guard. With a Color Guard we plan to go in to schools and tech programs along the lines of the northern BBP chapter. The SC goal for 2020 is \$5000.

CONTINUING ACTIVITIES.

--Color Guard.

The BBPC currently has 7 active Color Guard Members. All seven have been black powder certified by the NRA. Two more BBPC members have indicated an interest in participating and have ordered uniforms. This year the Color Guard has participated in 3 school events, 3 DAR opening ceremonies, 1 opening ceremony for the Colonial Dames, participating in the annual Flag Day ceremony at our State Capital, two performances for Presbyterian Church groups, Independence Day Liberty Bell ringing, Atria Assisted Living Center, Coast Guard Birthday observation, the Constitution Day weekend celebration in Nevada City California, and the Nevada Society SAR Annual Meeting. Upcoming events include: DAR opening ceremony, a school performance, Veterans Day Parade and Wreaths Across America.

The SC has no color guard but is looking for a Color Guard commander who will ignite a program. The SC has funds on hand that will be used to support this new effort and will be participating again in a 4th of July fireworks booth fundraiser for the Color Guard.

--Fifes & Drums of Nevada. The Fifes & Drums of Nevada was organized as a stand-alone organization in order to attract interested people who may not be eligible for membership. The Battle Born Patriots Chapter is the sole sponsor and we provide all their financial support. So far this year the F&DN has performed alongside the Color Guard at all events excepting Flag Day. We meet every week in a space provided by St. John's Presbyterian Church.

--ROTC/JROTC Awards Presentations.

The BBPC attended and presented medals to cadets at the University of Nevada, Reno ROTC awards ceremony and to JROTC cadets in every high school in Washoe, Carson, Storey and Churchill counties.

The SC presented 26 awards this last year. 2 ROTC awards at the UNLV and 24 to high schools in southern Nevada and southern Utah.

--George Washington Birthday Luncheon. The BBPC conducts a luncheon every February, as near to our first President's birthday as we can, to honor the man who is "first in the hearts of his countrymen." It is at this event that we induct new members, present awards to outstanding members and make special presentations to people in our community who have exemplified the purposes of the SAR.

--George Washington Birthday Dinner. The SC conducts a formal dinner every February as near to our first President's birthday as we can we honor the man who is "first in the hearts of his countrymen." This formal event features a guest speaker as well as the presentation of awards to

outstanding members and special presentations to people in our community who have exemplified the purposes of the SAR. We had 40 members and wives present.

--**Constitution Day Dinner.** The SC conducts a formal dinner every September as close to Sept 17 as possible, in celebration to the signing of the US Constitution. It is at this event that we present awards to outstanding members and make special presentations to people in our community who have exemplified the purposes of the SAR. We had 40 members and wives present.

--**Scholarships.**

The BBPC does not award scholarships.

The SC presented 2 each \$500 scholarships, the ladies auxiliary presented a \$500 scholarship and the State Society presented a \$500 scholarship in 2019.

DEVELOPING AN INVOLVED MEMBERSHIP

--**Boys Night Out.** Not many of our members were excited about attending a meeting where most of the time was taken up with following a set agenda. The situation called for a new format with new ideas. The name Boys Night Out sounds a bit rowdy, but we wanted to do something that echoed our historical roots. It was noted that in the Revolutionary War era many, of not all, of the important events that led to our independence were conceived and planned in taverns and ale houses. We figured that if it was good enough for our founding fathers it might work for us too. So, every odd numbered month we meet at a restaurant for fine food, a few drinks, and fine fellowship. Importantly, the meeting has no agenda, but it is amazing how much work gets done. The satisfying part is that we regularly have 25 or more members and guests in attendance. We make a point to invite all our applicants to attend, and, for those who come, we find they get involved in our growing portfolio of activities.

--**Nevada Society Annual Meeting.** This year the Annual Meeting of the Nevada Society was hosted by the Signers Chapter and held in Tonopah, Nevada, about halfway between Reno and Las Vegas. 40 people were in attendance.

BBPC had a record turnout of 13 Chapter members and their wives in attendance.

The SC had 27 Members and wives in attendance.

--**NSSAR National Meetings.**

The BBPC's Brian Worcester, past VPG-Western District, attended both the Leadership Conference and the National Congress in So. Calif.

The SC's Charles Smith and his wife attended both Leadership Conferences in 2019 as well as the National Conference. Dr. Randy Balice and his wife attended the National Conference along with Gary Parriott.

--Wreaths Across America.

The BBPC purchased and placed 23 wreaths.

The SC purchased and placed 93 wreaths in Dec 2018 and has set a goal of 200 wreaths for Dec 2019.

--NNSB Bus Tour. The SC put together a bus tour of the Nevada National Security Site for 54 intrepid explorers. This all day guided bus tour covered seldom seen areas of the old Nuclear Test site and had a stop at the JASPER facility where Compatriot Hotchkiss conducted a tour of this never before publically toured facility.

--Awards.

The BBPC presented 1 Certificate of Patriotism, 2 Law Enforcement Awards and 1 Fire Fighter Award.

The SC scrubbed and updated its membership roster and then presented all its members with their appropriate longevity awards along then presented all its veterans with either the War Service Medal or the Military Service Medal. In addition the chapter presented a number of Good Citizenship awards, flag certificates and DAR awards.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

1. BBPC states that as of the date of this report it swore in 9 new members, 4 submitted new member applications, 2 reinstements, 10 supplemental applications, and 17 new inquiries. In 2018 we dropped 14 members for nonpayment of dues, and one member transferred out. In 2019 we have not dropped any members. One member, Paul Washeleski passed away.
2. SC swore in 7 Regular Members and 2 Junior members. The chapter had TWO losses this year with the passing of Compatriot Stone in June and Compatriot Huntley in August.