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NEW MEXICO SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

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Third Quarter 2010

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President's Column

Eugene M. Tomlinson

The first six months of 2010 have included the BOM meeting with Tom Chavez as our speaker and an introduction of the NM Society Color Guard.

We have begun to put together our Education Program and received a fine reception by the Albuquerque Public Schools. We have provided flag awards in Las Cruces and in Santa Fe and presented and posted the Colors at SAR and civic events in ABQ and in Santa Fe. Our Chapters have met with ABQ and Santa Fe having monthly meetings and Gadsden having quarterly meetings.

Your representatives to the 2012 Congress have been at work with the Arizona Society to flesh out details for the event. Your president attended the Cleveland Congress and worked with the Ohio Society in Registration and Credentials. A full report with suggestions for our 2012 Congress has been produced and submitted to the AZ Congress Planning Committee and will be on our website. Jim Thornton, our Co-chair to the Congress attended the planning meeting in Phoenix. Periodicals describing New Mexico have been selected for the compatriots packets and can be obtained through New Mexico State and local government agencies at little or no cost to us.

Your President has been actively working to increase the activity of the New Mexico Society and to build an awareness in the State of who we are and what we stand for. I look forward to the visit of PG David J. Sympson in November and Color Guard activities increasing as we are asked to present and post colors for civic activities.

As we move into the fall meetings and activities there will be a need for more participation by all the members of the NMSSAR. I look forward to your involvement.

Secretary's Corner

Ray Alexander.

The quarter was rather non-eventful with no new members, though we have several prospective members working on the application. We have lost Curtis J Carley who passed away April 6th.

Treasurer's Report

John Farris

Our bank balance as of 25 April 2010 is \$ 9,622.06. This decrease from my last report is due to several activities. One of these was the payment of 2010 membership fees of \$2,460. Color Guard expenses totaled \$2,982. There will be an additional \$1,800 required to complete the first eight uniforms. Donations for Color Guard uniforms added \$500 plus \$1,400 from seven members of the Color Guard. Administrative and Award and Certificate costs including roster, website and newsletter printing, postage, copying and purchase of certificate and awards totaled \$738.69.

Obituary

Ashley D. Loftin, 96, of Albuquerque, passed away on Saturday, April 10, 2010. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Loneta, his son and family. Ashley was born in Tulia, TX, where he grew up, leaving to enter Texas Tech University. He earned a degree in electrical engineering in 1937. joined the U.S. Army and served with the U.S. Army Signal Corp during the WWII and continued to serve in the reserve until he retired with the rank of Lt. Col. In 1946. Ashley formed his company, A.D. Loftin and Associates, specializing in electrical power transmission and distribution, serving rural electrical cooperatives throughout the southwest. He retired in 1984, became active in the SAR.

Editor's Corner

This is the eleventh newsletter I have produced and sent out over the last 2 1/2 years. I have attempted to communicate with all the members of the New Mexico Society either by the website or snail mail. .

As your State President as well as editor, I am still looking for an editor to replace me. The NM Society will grow and develop as more compatriots join in to take on a position or just once in the year do a specific assignment of their interest.

The NMSSAR requires a strong and effective membership that works through its Chapters to carry out various projects and activities. The State organization co-ordinates these activities and sets some priorities for the Chapters.

One of these overall programs is to ready ourselves to support the 2012 Congress at the Biltmore in Phoenix, AZ. We are responsible for the Registration and Credentials Committee as well as being the co-hosts for all compatriots who attend.

It is my hope many of the New Mexico compatriots will join in and work at the Congress, especially if you have never been to an SAR Congress before. We support these activities at our own expense because we are dedicated to our patriot mission.

It may have been difficult to become a member. It was a lot of work and investigation. Now we can help others who need to complete their applications and join in our efforts. One might suggest that it is our duty to ourselves and our heritage that we join and that we serve.

This is why we need to be active in our Chapters and to reach out to the community and teach. It is our responsibility because we were somehow blessed to be descendents of those who gave us this country and our way of life and we want to insure that our children and grandchildren know and understand the great gift and ultimate sacrifice that our founding fathers gave to us

Gene Tomlinson, Editor

The SAR is a patriotic brotherhood that was formed to perpetuate patriotism, tell the story of our Revolution and the founding fathers and the documents that guide our country of free people with rights and responsibilities unlike most of the rest of this world.

The New Mexico Society Color Guard Begins to Make History

Your Color Guard has begun to be recognized. It has participated in several events in Santa Fe and Albuquerque that have been noticed and reported in the papers and is becoming known to the leaders of New Mexico. We are being asked to participate in State events, as well as in our own SAR and DAR activities.

To date we have been a part of the Flag Day and the Fourth of July celebration in Santa Fe and we will be at the Rotunda of the State Capitol for the 99th year of Statehood celebration and the presentation of the Wreaths Across America. We have been in the 10th Anniversary of the Hispanic Cultural Center parade and at the Genealogical Society meeting in Albuquerque. We have presented and posted colors for our own State Society Annual Meeting and our Veterans Day Celebration Dinner with PG David Sympson. We were visible at the New Mexico Historic Museum in Santa Fe viewing the documents from Spain, particularly those that discussed Spain's participation during our Revolution.

At this point we have nine compatriots in our Color Guard. We can have at least five more (two in Albuquerque and three in Santa Fe) to complete Color Guard units in these Chapters. We want to also build a Color Guard unit in Los Cruces area (our Gadsden Chapter) so we have a presence across the state. We are on the move, we are being noticed, and individuals are being attracted to the SAR as a result. Your Color Guard is making a positive statement in two of our major communities. It's a good beginning.



President General David Sympson was most impressed with our uniforms stating that he thought we had the best Color Guard Uniforms he has seen. That is quite an honor for us.

Chapter President Michael Barger Starts the Fall Season by Introducing New ABQ SAR Member John Robinson (9/25/2010) to ABQ Members



President Barger (above left) introduces John Robinson, who is transferring to the ABQ SAR chapter from a North Carolina (NC) chapter. John was very active in NC, where he was President of his Asheville Chapter as well as Registrar. He also served in a state capacity, having been elected as State District Vice President for the NC mountain region. Perhaps his most significant contribution was establishing the Gold Good Citizenship Medal. His efforts have allowed Jeff Miller to take some 40,000 deserving recipients to Washington, DC to visit the World War II Memorial. Most impressively, Miller takes the people to Washington on commercial air!

Chapter to Nominate 2011 Officers

In accordance with the Chapter Constitution, a Nominating Committee was appointed and the election will be by ballot at the Annual Meeting in January. Officers for nomination per Article 2 of the Constitution include: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar-Historian and Chaplain.

The current SAR Officers are: President, Barger; First Vice President: Almeter; Second Vice President: Harris; Secretary: Casias; Treasurer: Farris; Registrar-Historian: Alexander and Chaplain: Farris.

The Nominating Committee this year include: Compatriots: Garcia, Alexander, Yost, Barger and Casias.

ABQ SAR Chapter Secretary Vernon Casias Displays the New Poster Designed to Give SAR Enhanced Recognition



Vernon Casias holds a poster that he has designed to give SAR increased visibility. At the ABQ SAR meeting on 9/25/2010, members were stating that many in our nation don't even know about SAR. To alleviate this problem, Vernon has designed a poster that can be set on tables at various events to publicize SAR. He has also designed a flier that can be distributed in appropriate places. Vernon cautioned that these tools are still in draft form.

Former ABQ SAR President Will Hanrahan Pledges a Generous Sum to the Local SAR Chapter



Past President Will Hanrahan, shown in a recent picture receiving a certificate from Chapter President Michael Barger, has pledged a generous sum of money to the ABQ SAR Chapter. Will made his pledge during the 9/25/2010 meeting when President Barger was asking for suggestions on Fund Raisers. Sam Baty and Vernon Casias

NMSSAR Color Guard Forms Up to March in Recognition of the Hispanic Cultural Center's 10th Anniversary



Pictured above from left to right are: Compatriot Charles Martinez y Vigil carrying the American Flag; Compatriot Vernon P. Casias the New Mexico Flag; and Compatriot George Garcia the Spanish Flag.

The New Mexico SAR Color Guard marched in the parade to honor the 10th anniversary of the National Hispanic Cultural Center (NHCC). The parade occurred on October 10, 2010. The NHCC—located in Albuquerque, New Mexico—is dedicated to preserving and promoting the culture of the Spanish-speaking world. Since opening in 2000, the NHCC has staged over 20 art exhibitions and 400 programs in various areas and featured artists, scholars and entertainers from all over the world. NHCC's main mission is to provide venues for visitors to learn about the Hispanic culture from an international point of view.



Compatriots Martinez y Vigil, Casias and Garcia begin the march down Fourth Street to the Hispanic Cultural Center.

Sam Baty and Vernon Casias (Photos by Lucille Martinez y Vigil)

Santa Fe Chapter September Meeting

State Historian Rick Hendricks, Ph.D. spoke to the Santa Fe Chapter about Colonial New Mexico from 1772 to 1783, particularly about the Spanish and Native settlements, religious practices and the Presidio at Santa Fe. Rick has a wealth of knowledge about the Spanish in New Spain.

Speakers Background:

Rick Hendricks born in Waynesville, North Carolina received his B. A. in History at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and his Ph.D. in Ibero American Studies at the University of New Mexico.



He also attended the Universidad de Sevilla in Spain and was an editor of the Vargas Project at the University of New Mexico, a long-term, historical editing project that transcribed, translated, and annotated the papers of New Mexico governor Diego de Vargas.

Rick has been a historical consultant for Sandia, Santa Ana, and Picuris Pueblos in New Mexico and Ysleta del Sur in Texas. Rick worked in the Archives and Special Collections Department at New Mexico State University Library. While at NMSU Rick taught courses in colonial Latin America and Mexican history. He has written or collaborated on more than sixteen books and seventy articles on the Spanish colonial period in the American Southwest and Mexico. His most recent book, New Mexico in 1801: The Priests Report, was published in June 2008 by Rio Grande Books. Rick is an avid soccer participant and has served on the High Noon Soccer League board for ten years, six as president. He coached for ten years and is a referee, referee instructor, and referee assignor. Rick's wife, Lois Stanford, a cultural anthropologist, is an associate professor on the faculty at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces. Their son, William, is a high school senior and soccer player.

Rick was a very interesting speaker and has much more to provide us on the Revolutionary Period in New Spain. We need to hear more from him in the future.

COMPATRIOTS CAN AGAIN SUPPORT THE NEW MEXICO SOCIETY COLOR GUARD WITH THEIR DONATIONS.

Last year we asked New Mexico Compatriots for donations to purchase Color Guard Uniforms – Work Coats and Breeches. Color Guard members contributed \$200 each for hats, shirts, socks, garters and gloves. Your response was fantastic with over \$4,500 donated in about six months.

We outfitted nine members in Santa Fe and Albuquerque. This year we are again asking for your support to continue our program to outfit up to five more members and to initiate a unit in the Gadsden (Las Cruces and surrounding area) Chapter. The New Mexico Society owns the Work Coats and Breeches and will pass them to new Color Guard members as required. With proper care, these Uniforms should last a good number of years and be altered, to fit new members as they step forward.

Your Color Guard is being noticed as described elsewhere in this newsletter and prior ones. It is a major marketing tool to gain members and provide awareness to the people of New Mexico as to who we are and what we represent. It is a teaching tool for our education program and will be a major part of our participation in the 2012 Congress in Phoenix, AZ in July of 2012 as well as other State Centennial events in 2012. We need your support and we need your personal participation. **Let's do it again this year.**

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Please provide a generous financial donation to our Color Guard Uniform and Equipment Project:
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