



NMSSAR

NEW MEXICO SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

EUGENE M. TOMLINSON, PRESIDENT

Fourth Quarter 2010

Gene Tomlinson, Editor

President's Column

Eugene M. Tomlinson

This is my twelfth quarterly report and the last report to you as your State President. As of February 26, 2011 we will install a new slate of State Officers. It has been my pleasure to have served all of you this last year and, I hope, improved and expanded the activities of the NM Society. I was pleased that my efforts to define and produce a Color Guard Uniform that would best represent New Mexico was accepted, first by the National Committee and then by all of you, particularly, those who provided financial support so we could buy the work coats and breeches. These items belong to the State Society and can be passed on in the future. I was also pleased that we have been able to begin an education committee that is working in the Albuquerque Schools. Our Society continues to work with the Veterans Hospital in Albuquerque providing clothing for them. We also continue to honor our Eagle Scouts and our ROTC units.

We have received several awards as a State Society this year that all of the members who worked and/or donated to should take note. I had the pleasure with many of our members of honoring Senator Pete Dominici for his fine and faithful service to our state and our country. We honored several of our officers and members, particularly our Veterans (see article on page 5). We have begun to attract more members to the SAR. Our presence and discussion about the Spanish involvement in the American Revolution has been well received by the Spanish descendants and some are asking to join us. In New Mexico, if nowhere else in the country, the Spanish support should be noted and their efforts discussed in our schools and in our outreach to the general population. Others are noting that we exist and are active and want to join us. I believe we have begun a process and it should continue to help us grow in membership and in general acceptance.

A final note to my New Mexico Compatriots

As part of my efforts this year, we have completed the State and Chapter Constitution and By-Laws, an Officer and Committee Chair Handbook, updated our website and continued to provide these newsletters. All of this material is on the website and in hard copy. For the 2011 Officers and Committee Chairs and beyond, we have a basis to build on and we have provided documents to help all of you better fulfill your duties. To that end, new members will be able to quickly take on assignments (large and small) and move our Society and its Chapters forward. And so NM compatriots I have completed my year knowing that I can successfully hand off my duties to those that will follow. I thank all of you again for allowing me to serve you and the NMSSAR.

Secretary's Corner

Ray Alexander

On November 11th, 35 members, wives and other guests attended a short Board of Managers meeting and Veteran's Day Dinner at the Hotel Albuquerque where the guest speaker was SAR President General David J. Sympson.

We finished the year with 104 members and we continue to add new members to the society. We have several prospective members currently working on applications.

Dues Notices were sent out the middle of December along with membership cards and a Ballot for Election of Officers for 2011. All were due to be sent in by January 15, 2011.

Treasurer's Report

John Farris

Our bank balance as of 31 December 2010 is \$ 5,673.71. This is after payment of all Veterans Day Dinner and the expenses associated with SAR PG Sympson's visit. All other submitted bills have been paid.

Editor's Corner

This is the twelfth newsletter I will have produced and sent out over the last three years. This year we have added reporters in all our chapters to support the newsletter and to bring a local and personal flavor to our reports. This newsletter primarily covers the visit of SAR PG David J. Sympson and the Veterans Day Dinner. We have had two meetings of the Santa Fe and Albuquerque Chapters and one meeting of the Gadsden Chapter this quarter. **As both your State President and your newsletter editor, I am stepping down from both assignments.**

Your new officers need to find a replacement editor to carry on. This newsletter has had the same format and generally the same information for the past two years and some new approaches by other compatriots will freshen it for you.

I will continue to work with the Santa Fe Chapter and the 2012 Congress as a Committee Chair, as well as Past President of the NMSSAR. We have great input from Santa Fe and Albuquerque Chapters. I hope the Gadsden Chapter will be more active and responsive in 2011. Our web-master, William Baker has moved to Texas, married and taken a new job. We all wish William the best, but he leaves us with the need for a web-master to support the editor and help keep you up to date on the activities of your Society and its Chapters. William has been supportive up to now, but he has other activities on his plate. All the newsletters are available on our website at sar.org under membership and state websites.

Your Society will grow and become more involved as each of you give some of your time and talent to it. Some of the activities are one or two day a year projects. Others take more time and are more involved, but each of us should be willing to give some time, talent and funds to support the SAR. Many of you have stepped forward, more of you need to be active. The newsletter will provide a documentation of many of these activities and I applaud you for your contributions. I would hope all of the New Mexico Compatriots would become active in some way that can make our Society a fun and effective voice for patriotism and service to our members and our communities.

Gene Tomlinson, Editor

Annual Meeting of the NM Society Scheduled

On Saturday, February 26, 2011, mark your calendar, we will hold our annual meeting in Albuquerque including a BOM meeting in the late morning, lunch and induction of new officers. Officers and Committee Chairs should provide a written report of their activities to the President by Feb. 19th.

Details and agenda will be mailed around February 1, 2011

Gadsden Chapter inducts new member



George Biles installing his Father-in-Law, Captain Ralph W. Frame, Jr., USN-Retired into the Gadsden Chapter of the NMSSAR December, 2010. Compatriot Ralph lives in Coronado, California and was unable to travel to New Mexico for the ceremony so George went to him.

Ralph Frame is a descendant of Captain Elisha Riggs; Elk Ridge Battalion, the Maryland Militia. Ralph is a graduate of the US Naval Academy and as a naval aviator, he commanded various aviation squadrons, the Quonset Point Naval Air Station, and the USS Francis Marion. After his naval service, he became a hospital administrator in Alexandria, Virginia. He ultimately retired to Coronado, California where he was an extremely active volunteer in an array of organizations including serving as Chairman of the Board of the Coronado Hospital. He is also an accomplished musician.

Santa Fe Chapter Activities



October's meeting featured Brig. Gen. Jack Fox. He discussed the history and present status of the NM National Guard including the new assignment for the Tocos. This was the General's last official talk before retiring from active duty. Gen. Fox is a prospective SAR member and we wish him well in his activities following retirement.

On November 10th PG David Sympson was hosted in Santa Fe, shown here with Jim Thornton at the famed staircase of the Loretto Chapel.



PG Sympson with NM Color Guardsmen Martinez, Fennell, Garcia and Tomlinson

PG Sympson also toured the Spanish documents exhibit at the History Museum and saw those that pertained to the Spanish support to our Revolution.

On December 6th at the Rotunda of the NM State Capitol the Color Guard participated in the Wreaths Across America presentation:

Color Guardsmen Thornton, Tomlinson and Martinez at the NM Capitol Rotunda.



Color Guardsmen Martinez and Tomlinson with the NM State Wreath



Santa Fe Chapter honors Eagle Scouts

On December 20th NMS President Tomlinson Presented Eagle Scout Certificates to three young men at their Court of Honor.

Eagle Scouts Ian Aarons, Kyle and Luke Carboneau with President Tomlinson



On Veterans Day morning PG David J. Sympson

visited with Native American Veterans as they celebrated Veterans Day at the Native American Pueblo Cultural Center in Albuquerque.



Following the ceremonies, PG Sympson and President Tomlinson with the Veterans. More Native Americans serve in our armed forces, per capita then any other segment of our

Obituaries

Lewis E. (Ed) Emerick Jr. born July 21, 1954 and died October 1, 2010 after a massive stroke. Ed, born and raised in Las Cruces followed in his father's footsteps and became a respected developer and home builder, starting his own business in 1978.

George W. Randle, 87, born in O'Donnell, Texas, a resident of Placitas, New Mexico since 1960, died Monday, November 29, 2010. George was preceded in death by his wife of sixty two years, Madeline Ethel Randle. A citizen soldier, George served as a combat infantry officer in the Second World War and the Korean Conflict. George was Secretary for the NMSSAR.

Retired Air Force Col. Russell Bessom born in Lynn, Mass. Died on Jan 3, 2011 at age 92. A 1940 graduate of Norwich U, he served in the Army Air Force in the China-Burma-India theater. His service continued in Japan, the Pentagon and he retired in 1961 at Kirkland. He was a world history and JROTC teacher at West Mesa High School and worked at the Besson's Gardens nursery business.

society. The Kewa Pueblo Color Guard is among those pictured. Present was the granddaughter of a Navaho Code Talker, honoring her late grandfather. Only one Code Talkers remain alive today.

NMSSAR State Treasurer John Farris Awarded the Bronze Medal



(From left to right) President Tomlinson, PG Sympson, John Farris

PG Sympson pins the Bronze Medal on John Farris while President Tomlinson watches. President Tomlinson praised John for his years of flawless bookkeeping.

NMSSAR State Secretary Ray Alexander Awarded the Liberty Distinguished Service Medal



(From left to right) President Tomlinson, PG Sympson, Ray Alexander, and ABQ Chapter President Michael Barger

Compatriot Ray Alexander was awarded the Liberty Distinguished Service Medal for years of outstanding work as NMSSAR State Secretary. President Tomlinson stated that the secretarial job was the hardest, and those of us who know Ray understand just how hard he does work!

NMSSAR Color Guard Presented with the Admiral Furlong Award and a Banner for the State Flag



(From left to right) President Tomlinson, PG Sympson, George Garcia, Teddy Adams, Charles Martinez y Vigil

The award for flying the flag properly is presented to Color Guard co-captains George Garcia, Teddy Adams and Charles Martinez. The award means that the banner (shown above) can be placed on the state flag. It will be done so proudly!

Compatriots Garcia and Jim Thornton were given an aide-de- camp pin by PG Sympson for all that they had done during the PG's visit to New Mexico. Jim and wife Mary Ann took charge of the PG's activities on Wed. and George and his wife were his guide and driver in Albuquerque on Veterans Day.

DAR Members Welcome PG Sympson to New Mexico



(From left to right) Patricia Patton, Patricia Barger, Mary Ann Thornton, Jane Biles, and Caroline Rael

PG Sympton Speaks to the NMSSAR



PG Sympton's covered little known facts about the SAR. He stated that there were 17 former Presidents of the United States who were members of SAR. He also said that there were a number of recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor who were members. Five Star General Douglas MacArthur was one of them. Also –and perhaps known by even fewer members – Winston Churchill was a compatriot. Although Churchill was British, his mother was American and her ancestry traced to patriot forefathers. PG Sympton stated that King Juan Carlos of Spain is a member of SAR and the Spanish Society was installed just last year.

Veterans Honored on Veterans' Day



First Vice President Teddy Adams presented each veteran with a certificate and PG Sympton with a Vietnam cap in honor of their service.

Sympton Given Three Books by President Tomlinson



(from left to right) President Tomlinson and PG Sympton

At the conclusion of the festivities, President Tomlinson recognized PG Sympton for the NMSSAR by presenting him with three books. The books were on armaments –a favorite topic of the PG–and about Mountain Men. These books were from Bill Canup's library. Bill was a Santa Fe Chapter member who passed away last year and was interred at Arlington last April.

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Andrew S. Lyngar Jr. Gadsden Chapter Member

Born in Carthage, Missouri in May 1935, Andrew holds an BS in Chemistry and a MBA in Marketing. He served in the USMC/USMCR from 1955 to 1989, particularly in Embarkation/Logistics and held the rank of Master Gunnery Sergeant.

He was a Quality Control Manager in the Meat and Food Industry for 10 years and a Food Safety Inspection Service for the US Dept of Agriculture for 22 years.

We want to welcome him to the NMSSAR and honor him as a veteran for his many years of service.



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