

From the President's Desk

I would like to thank all the compatriots that have helped me during this transition period. I also inherited the ROTC program from Jim Hesse and received many volunteers to help present the awards. I also wish to thank the Gadsden chapter for making our first Board of Managers meeting a success.



I have said that we are bound by and have only one commodity: **pride**. I read a list of things that each individual can do to show their pride and create exposure for our society. Just wearing an SAR cap could provoke inquiries. There are many other ways to make our society known. The flag certificates, ROTC awards, and color guard advertise our organization but we need additional awareness. We can volunteer to tell our story to other organizations in the community or the local media. I know there are many more creative ideas within our group. We have a

I have tasked the Albuquerque Chapter President Mike Barger in his capacity as DAR liaison to coordinate with the State Regent of the DAR for the installation of a bronze plaque at the Governor's Palace in Santa Fe to honor the Spanish soldiers that donated to the American Revolution.

As I write this on Memorial Day, I wish to thank all that served and remember those who made the supreme sacrifice. And finally, pray for all our troops who remain in harms way.

I continue to live by the motto of the 1st Infantry Division, my first combat unit:

No mission to difficult,
No sacrifice to great,
Duty First.

Teddy A. Adams, President, NMSSAR

Secretary's Report

On May 14th we had 9 members and several wives attend a very enjoyable and successful Board of Managers meeting in Las Cruces, at the Sunset Grill at the Sonoma Ranch Golf Course.

We currently have 96 members and we continue to add new members to the society. We have four applications being processed at National and have several prospective members currently working on applications. National SSAR is currently struggling with a backlog of applications and as a result they are currently taking about 3 ½ months to process applications.

I hope to have a directory of current members out in the near future.

Ray Alexander, Secretary, NMSSAR

2012 National Congress

Arizona and New Mexico Societies are hosting the 2012 National Congress. This congress will be held at the Biltmore Hotel in Phoenix, Arizona on July 6-11, 2012. The theme for this congress is "The Spanish involvement in the American Revolution". The New Mexico Society has agreed to put on a workshop on the Santa Fe Presidio Friday afternoon, July 6th. We also have the responsibility for the Resignation and Credentials Committees plus supplying the



table decorations for the Tuesday Banquet. All New Mexico Society Compatriots are encouraged to attend and volunteer to work on these committees. We are selling ticket for a wall tapestry honoring the anniversary of Arizona and New Mexico statehood. The proceeds from this raffle will be used to cover some of the society's expenses.

For current information see:

www.sar2012congress.com.

Contact Jim Thornton; 505-466-7146 or jthornton12@comcast.net , if you can help.

Daughters of the American Revolution State Convention

by Teddy Adams

The Daughters of the American Revolution invited the New Mexico Society of the Sons of the American Revolution along with our Color Guard to participate in the Sate Convention in Las Vegas, New Mexico. President Adams made an opening speech and the color guard, including Compatriots Jimmie Fennel, George Garcia, Lionel Rael, Jim Thornton, and

President Teddy Adams presented the colors several times during the Convention. The New Mexico State Regent Gigi Parker presented President Adams and the NMSSAR color guard a certificate for their participation at the Convention.



NMSSAR Color Guard : President Teddy Adams, Jimmie Fennel, George Garcia, Lionel Rael, Jim Thornton (right to left).



Regent Parker presents to NMSSAR Color Guard Jimmie Fennel, Lionel Rael, George Garcia, Jim Thornton (back), and President Adams (front).

Albuquerque Chapter Addresses Key Issues at the April 2011 Meeting

by Sam Baty and Vernon Casias

SAR ABQ Chapter President Michael Barger prepares to lead the Chapter in dealing with the many business issues that needed to be addressed at the April meeting. Included in the agenda were items of Old Business, Committee Reports, and New Business. President Barger also introduced the outstanding guest speaker, Dr. Davis Begay, Honorary Counsel of Japan at Albuquerque.



Dr. Davis Begay Gives Outstanding Talk on "Japan and the Work Being Done With and For the Japanese People"



Dr. Begay gave an excellent speech on the recent devastating earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan. He provided many statistics, including the magnitude of the Earth's polar shift and the amount of movement of the Japanese mainland. He also passed out a map that located the

earthquake's epicenter with respect to the various population centers of Japan.

Dr. Begay Answers Compatriot Robertson's Question Regarding the Japanese Tsunami



From left to right: Compatriots Jake Jacobs, George Garcia, and Robbie Robertson (with arms raised).

Compatriot Robertson motioned with his arms during the discussion of the vertical height of the Japanese flood waters. The wall of water towered over twenty feet high as it swept over Japanese towns and coastal areas. The map passed out by Dr. Begay located the nuclear facilities at Fukushima and their proximity to the earthquake's epicenter. During his talk, Dr. Begay provided statistics on the number of Japanese dead and missing during the catastrophe. The numbers were overwhelming. Compatriot Garcia carefully studied Dr. Begay's map showing the epicenter of the Japanese earthquake.



From left to right: Compatriots Jake Jacobs, George Garcia, Robbie Robertson, and Vernon Casias.

Compatriot George Garcia studies the map passed out by Dr. Begay. Behind Compatriot Garcia is one of the new banners constructed for use by NMSSAR members. The banners, one for the state and one for the Albuquerque SAR Chapter, will provide much-needed visibility when SAR members participate in functions such as the Color Guard ceremonies. Pictures of the two banners are shown at the end of this newsletter.

SAR ABQ President Barger Prepares to Give Dr. Begay a Certificate of Appreciation for His Outstanding Presentation



From left to right: Dr. Begay, President Barger, and Compatriot Robinson.

Dr. Begay sets his notes down as he prepares to receive a certificate of appreciation from President Barger. Dr. Begay's speech was tremendously well received by the NMSSAR ABQ members present. Also present was Teddy Adams, NMSSAR President and ABQ Chapter member.

Dr. Begay Receives the Congratulatory Handshake and Certificate of Appreciation from President Barger



President Barger expressed the appreciation of the SAR ABQ members as he presented the certificate to Dr. Begay. The guest speaker received a hearty round of applause from the attendees.

Dr. Begay Provides Helpful Suggestions in Getting the Word Out about SAR and its Applicability to New Mexicans

Dr. Begay graciously received the certificate of appreciation and responded by mentioning

some future opportunities for NMSSAR involvement. He mentioned events in which the participation of the Color Guard would be especially welcome. Compatriot Garcia of the Color Guard took notes concerning these opportunities.

SAR ABQ Members Listen Intently as President Barger Quantifies the Issues



From left to right: Compatriots John Farris, Lionel Rael, and Ken Yost.

President Barger led the remainder of the program. Compatriot and Chapter Secretary Vernon Casias recorded the minutes of the meeting. Compatriot Casias had worked tirelessly on the NMSSAR flier that is to be passed out at future events that provide opportunities for growth in NMSSAR membership. Compatriot Yost (shown above) provided some helpful suggestions to make the flier even more attractive.

President Barger Solicits Suggestions on Potential Meeting Spots for Future Monthly Get-togethers



From left to right: Compatriot and Secretary Vernon Casias, Compatriot and President Michael Barger, and Compatriot and Vice President John Robinson.

With membership continuing to expand, the present meeting location was deemed to no

longer be adequate space-wise. President Barger took suggestions on future meeting locations. Several members volunteered to check potential meeting spots and to report at the next meeting. Criteria for the meeting spots were size of meeting rooms, driving distances for the different members, and acceptability of the lunch menu. Several members stated that the present meeting place was very satisfactory from the standpoint of menu and service. It was deemed that the future meeting spot should have room for up to 50 people (wives included).

President Barger Presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Compatriot Robertson

President Barger presented Compatriot James Robertson with a certificate of appreciation for his generous contribution toward the SAR ABQ Chapter banner shown below.



NMSSAR and the SAR ABQ Chapter Are Armed with New Banners and a Recruitment Flier in the Thrust to Attract New Members



Gadsden Chapter Honors Memorial Day, 2011

by George Biles and Perkins Patton

Compatriots, annually, the Gadsden Chapter places small American Flags on Veterans' gravesites at the International Order of the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Las Cruces. This cemetery, although owned by the City of Las Cruces, is badly in need of sprucing up. A project that some members of the Gadsden Chapter want to undertake is to do just that. We will be bringing this item up as an agenda item in our next Chapter business meeting.

The map of the cemetery's veteran burial sites was made up by our late member Compatriot David W. Francis. David Francis prepared a booklet of grave site pictures with names of veterans buried there and whatever information he was able to glean about these Civil War and Indian War veterans. Compatriot David Francis sponsored our own chapter member Robert William Francis, Jr. into membership in the Gadsden chapter of the SAR.

Compatriots Perkins Patton and George Biles placed flags on these veterans graves. Pictured below is Compatriot Perkins Patton, Former Vice President General of the SAR and Former President of the New Mexico Society of the SAR, standing in front of the gravesites of Teacumpsey Taylor and Robert Broughton, veterans of the Indian Wars.



Gadsden Chapter Installs New Member

by George Biles

Robert Eli Northrup, Jr. was installed as a member of the Gadsden Chapter, NMSSAR, recently by Former Chapter President, Jim Proctor. Compatriot Northrup of Las Cruces is a descendant of Stephen Northrup, a private in the Connecticut militia during the American



Revolution.

Gadsden Chapter Presents Flag Certificate

by George Biles

New Mexico Society of the Sons of the American Revolution <http://www.nmssar.org/>

Rev. Perkins Patton, Patricia Patton and I, on behalf of the Gadsden Chapter in Las Cruces, presented the SAR Flag Certificate to the Sonoma Ranch Golf Course on May 25, 2011. The Sonoma Ranch Golf Course consistently and properly flies the American flag on a prominent and large flag pole in front of the club house. Shown receiving the flag certificate from FVPG Perkins Patton and George Biles is Peter Raitt, General Manager of the Sonoma Ranch Golf Club complex.

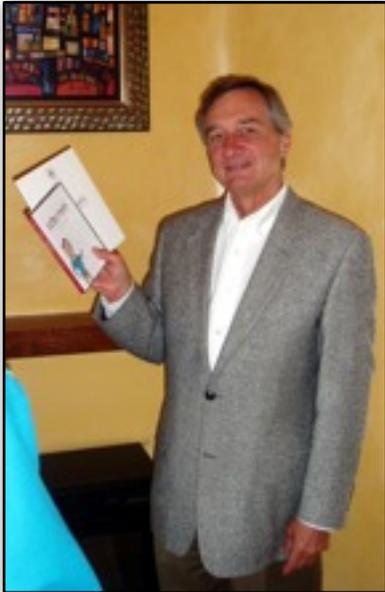


Santa Fe Chapter Activities

*by Eugene Tomlinson, Past President,
NMSSAR*

Two monthly luncheon meetings featuring our own members were held during this quarter. In April Bill Heckel discussed: "Interest Rates and The Federal Reserve".

His talk also provided a CD and booklet: "Making Sense of the Federal Reserve".



We welcomed our returning compatriot William Hatchell to New Mexico and the Santa Fe

amendments. The document presented basic concepts and statements of individual rights incorporated in the colonies, first in Virginia by George Mason in 1776 and then in our Declaration of Independence, our Constitution and Bill of Rights.

Steve's study delved into the action taken by Parliament to reduce the power of the King (by Royal Decree) and how he was forced to sign the document. All English Kings and Queens since 1689 have signed that they will uphold these rights while on the throne.



Steve makes a point about the *Declaration of Rights*



(Left to Right) Bill Heckel, Burgess V. Weaver, Bill Hatchell, Jimmie Fennel, Jim Thornton and Burgess Weaver with Steve Watkins seated.

In May, Steve Watkins discussed "The Glorious Revolution of 1688-1689" that took place in England. After many years of tension and several Kings, Parliament produced the *Declaration of Rights* and later added

New Mexico Society Color Guard Helps Celebrate Albuquerque Founders Day

by George Garcia

Compatriots Vernon Casias, Teddy Adams, George Garcia, Albuquerque Mayor Richard Berry, spouse Maria Berry, Vidal Santillanez, and an unnamed Patriot at the Albuquerque 1706 Founders Day Celebration.



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. 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 these 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!

New Mexico Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Financial Support to the NMSSAR Color Guard Uniform and Equipment Project

Please provide a generous financial donation to our Color Guard Uniform and Equipment Project. This will be a tax deductible donation since we are a Nationally Recognized 501 c (3) non profit organization whose NMSSAR tax I.D. number is: 86-6015024.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Your donation in the amount of: \$_____ is most appreciated.

Make checks payable to: NMSSAR (please state donation is for the Color Guard Uniform Project)

Mail this form with your check to:

Mr. John Adams Farris, Treasurer, NMSSAR
9303 Topanga Court NE
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Thank you for your support:
George Garcia, Color Guard Commander
(Keep a copy of this form for your tax records)