

SAR President General (PG) Joseph Dooley Visits New Mexico SAR Chapters on November 9, 2013

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PG Dooley (above center) talks with Portia Lyngar and NMSSAR 1st Vice President Andrew Lyngar during his visit to the Land of Enchantment in November, 2013. PG Dooley said that this was his first trip to New Mexico and seemed delighted to be here. NMSSAR members showed him the major attractions of Albuquerque and Santa Fe during his visit.

PG Dooley's stay in New Mexico was highlighted by a banquet in his honor on the evening of November 9. The banquet was hosted by the NMSSAR and held at the Tanoan Country Club in Albuquerque. During the festivities, PG Dooley gave an outstanding speech as the guest speaker during the evening's program. Highlights of his speech are given below.

Most of the NMSSAR Chapters were represented at the banquet. Included were members from the Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Las Cruces, and Three Rivers/Farmington Chapters.

SAR Vice President General Warren Alter of the Rocky Mountain District Talks with NMSSAR First Lady Patricia Barger during the Reception at the Tanoan Country Club



Before the start of the official meeting and dinner at the Tanoan Country Club, there was an 'open bar' period from 6:30 to 7:00. During this time, old friends and acquaintances were renewed, and new friends were made. Both PG Dooley and VP Alter were very effective during this time. They both tried to meet with everyone at the function

PG Dooley Chats with Compatriot Smith (Three Rivers/Farmington SAR Chapter President) and Vice President General Alter during the Reception Period



(From left to right) Compatriot Smith, PG Dooley, and Vice President General Warren Alter

NMSSAR State President Michael Barger Calls the Meeting to Order



NMSSAR State President Michael Barger called the meeting to order at precisely 7:00 PM. President Barger did an outstanding job as always. He introduced the key people at the head table, and Jaquelyn Chase, the New Mexico State Regent for the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), brought Greetings from the NMSODAR.

NMSSAR State Chaplain Carl Henry Provides the Invocation



Chaplain Henry's Invocation was well received by people attending the banquet. Chaplain Henry was third from the left in the above picture. The colors were presented by the NMSSAR Color Guard. (Color Guard Compatriots Adams, Rael, and Thornton); the Pledge of Allegiance was

headed by Compatriot Walt Baker, and the Pledge to the SAR headed by Compatriot Doug Smith.

NMSSAR Color Guard Brings in the Flags



Color Guard Members (from left to right) Compatriots Adams, Thornton, and Albuquerque Chapter President Lionel Rael

The NMSSAR Color Guard did a magnificent job (as always) of bringing the flags forward. Their efforts are always well received.

After banquet attendees completed dinner, President Barger started the evening's events. First on the ticket was the program speech by PG Dooley.

PG Dooley Provides Excellent Speech During Program



PG Dooley's speech was outstanding. He surprised attendees by stating that film was the second leading export of the United States. He also described roles of the actors in pertinent movies such as "The Patriot." He challenged the attendees by asking the question of whether or not the depictions in the film were true representations or were they really American thoughts and ideas being presented in film rather than actual events. Thus, attendees were left with a lot to contemplate!

Compatriot Ray Alexander Given the Much-deserved Oak Leaf Cluster to the SAR Liberty Medal



(From left to right) NMSSAR President Barger, Compatriot Alexander, and PG Dooley

NMSSAR, PG Dooley presented the Oak Leaf Cluster to Compatriot Alexander's SAR Liberty Award. Compatriot Alexander is certainly deserving of the award, as he has worked tirelessly to further the objectives of NMSSAR.

PG Dooley Receives Mementos for his New Mexico Trip



(From left to right) Former VPG Rocky Mountain District, Thornton, PG Dooley, and NMSSAR President Barger

PG Dooley was provided with some mementos of the great Southwest so that he will always remember his trip to New Mexico. Helping President Barger give PG Dooley the mementoes is Compatriot Jim Thornton of the Santa Fe SAR Chapter. Compatriot Thornton has been a long-time contributor to NMSSAR and has held most if not all of the offices in NMSSAR.

Banquet Attendees Enjoy the Festivities



(Clockwise from lower left, front table) NMSSAR Santa Fe Chapter President Burgess Weaver, NMSSAR Three Rivers/Farmington Chapter President Doug Smith, Linda Baty (Spouse of Compatriot Sam Baty), NMSSAR Secretary/Treasurer Phil Blumenfeld

Members and guests at the banquet thoroughly enjoyed the festivities. This view was obvious as some of the attendees were scrutinized!

NMSSAR President Barger Meets with Top SAR and DAR Personnel



(From left to right) PG Dooley, DAR State Regent Chase, and NMSSAR President Barger

Top SAR and DAR brass, flanked by the United States and New Mexico State flags as well as the SAR flag, pose for a picture.

These people will be most important to the SAR mission in the time ahead of us.

NMSSAR Banquet Well Attended by State DAR Members



(From left to right) Nancy Henry, Stephanie Barger, Patricia Barger, Jacquelyn Chase, Linda Alt, Maryanne Thornton, Carolyn Rael

DAR members continue to be very supportive of SAR activities. All NMSSAR members can be very pleased that the DAR community in New Mexico is so active and helpful!

NMSSAR Compatriot and Webmaster, William Baker, Is a Good Man to Know!



Compatriot William Baker, as the NMSSAR Web Master, is a very key player for the NMSSAR, and has worked very hard to make the NMSSAR Website very exciting

and relevant. Also, as the NMSSAR history becomes increasingly digital in the years to come, all NMSSAR members can be very happy that we have Compatriot Baker and

his expertise aboard!

Additional Photos of PG Dooley's Visit to New Mexico



Santa Fe Chapter Compatriots Mark DeSautel, and Jim Thornton with PG Dooley at the New Mexico State Museum with the SAR Dedication Plaque in the background. (Photo by M. Barger)



PG Dooley visiting the Plaza in Old Town Albuquerque
(From L-R William Baker, PG Dooley, CAPT Walt Baker and VPG Warren Alter) (Photo by M. Barger)



(Photo by Mark DeSautel)