

ABQ SAR Chapter Meeting Well Attended on 4/26/14 by Both SAR Members and Their Spouses (Many of whom are in DAR) Compatriot Sam Baty



The 4/26/2014 ABQ SAR meeting was well attended by SAR members, potential new members, and spouses. Many of the spouses belong to ABQ DAR chapters, and it was super to have so many in attendance at our 4/26 ABQ/SAR Chapter meeting!

Detailed Discussions Held Between ABQ SAR Members during Social Period



As usual, ABQ SAR President George Garcia started the 4/26 meeting with a half-hour social period (11:30 – 12:00). This is a wonderful idea, as Chapter members can discuss important issues as well as build camaraderie with other members. As Compatriots Yake and Thomas (table to the

left) show in the above picture, it was very helpful!

Ever-Reliable Compatriot and Chapter Secretary Carl Henry Takes Role before Start of Official 4/26/14 ABQ SAR Meeting



Secretary Henry initiates the all-important function of taking role before the start of the 4/26 meeting. He uses this very important feature for listing the ABQ SAR members present in the meeting minutes.

ABQ SAR President George Garcia Calls the Chapter Meeting to Order



President Garcia once again did an outstanding job of running the meeting. After calling the meeting to order, President Garcia followed the traditional meeting agenda. The Chapter Chaplain (Compatriot Thomas) gave the invocation, followed by the attendees reciting the pledge of

allegiance and pledge to the SAR. President Garcia asked Barbara Robinson, spouse of former ABQ SAR President John Robinson, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and she performed this duty magnificently (introduction of new members and guests came shortly thereafter)!

After lunch, President Garcia continued with Old Business, Committee Reports, New Business, and Other Business. The unique aspects of the agenda happened during the Old Business, New Business, and Other Business segments.

President Garcia Introduces Guest Mark Palmer



(Left to right standing) Guest Mark Palmer, President Garcia (President's Spouse Belinda Garcia is seated between the two)

President Garcia went around the room letting ABQ SAR members and their spouses introduce themselves. He then introduced Guest Mark Palmer, who was at the meeting to receive an SAR award for flying the American Flag in his yard. Guest Palmer lives right down the street from President Garcia. The award meets the spirit of the SAR desire to give awards to people in law enforcement, firefighting, instruction, etc.

The President then stated that the guest speaker, Compatriot Larry Morrell's son, would not be able to attend the meeting. The reason was that he had received military orders to travel to Wisconsin during this time. President Garcia filled this void by asking for volunteers to talk about their ancestry. There were numerous volunteers, so the time was well spent.

Compatriot Morrell Initiates the Discussions about Ancestry



Compatriot Morrell initiated the discussions on Ancestry. His discussion was followed by Compatriots Holley, Thomas, Rodriguez, former ABQ SAR President Rael, and Blair.

Compatriot and Former ABQ SAR President Lionel Rael Discusses New Mexico Ancestry



Compatriot Lionel Rael did an outstanding job of talking about New Mexico Ancestry.

After he finished, Compatriot Blair (new to the ABQ SAR Chapter) wrapped up the ancestry discussions by stating how he had visited an ancestral home in Tennessee, Compatriot Blair's ancestry goes back to the first Governor of Tennessee!

Compatriot Jake Initiates Committee Reports by Discussing the Treasurer's Report



Compatriot Jake standing, Compatriot Rodriguez seated in immediate foreground

Compatriot Joseph Yake matter of factly provided input on the outstanding job he has done as ABQ SAR Chapter Treasurer. Not only has he received approval from the IRS on the Chapter's status as a 501 C3 organization in record time, but he has already transferred the Chapter's funds into two approved funds: the General Fund and Dedicated Fund. The first fund has the amount of \$1109.24 deposited in it, while the second fund has \$1545.24.

Compatriot Baty asked that anyone having received an award since the first of the year provide the information to him not later than the meeting on May 24.. Compatriot Morrell, subbing for Compatriot Newall, told of the events having to do with ROTC. Specifically, he had attended an Awards Ceremony the previous night.

President Garcia Provides the Color Guard Committee Report



President Garcia standing, Compatriot Rodriguez seated in immediate foreground

President Garcia gave the Color Guard Committee Report. He mentioned how he and Compatriot Rodriguez had been in uniform and attended the Albuquerque Founder's Day function. This function had some 800 attendees, so the ABQ SAR Chapter got some great publicity! President Garcia also stated the he will be giving a Power Point presentation on May 4 at the Rancho de Las Golondrinas function (he will also be in Color Guard Uniform). He said it would be a good idea if as many from the ABQ SAR Chapter as possible could attend.

Guest Mark Palmer Receives the SAR Award from President Garcia for Flying the American Flag in his Yard on a Daily Basis



(Left to right standing) President Garcia, Guest Mark Palmer

Mr. Palmer gave brief patriotic remarks in which he thanked present and past veterans for their service. He stated that he flies the flag to honor them. He received a warm round of applause.

State NMSSAR President Michael Barger Gives an Update on Happenings at the State Level



State NMSSAR President Michael Barger updated Chapter members and others in attendance on happenings at the state level. He updated attendees on outcomes of the recent State meeting.

President Garcia Brings the April 2014 Meeting to a Close and Adjourns the Meeting



(In the middle of the picture partially masked by his wife, Barbara) Compatriot John Robinson

At the request of President Garcia, the SAR Recessional was led by former ABQ SAR President John Robinson and recited by the attendees. President Garcia then adjourned the meeting and stated that there would be a Board of Managers meeting shortly thereafter.