

ABQ SAR Chapter Meeting in September, 2014 Heavily Attended at the Texas Land and Cattle Restaurant Compatriots Sam Baty and Carl Henry



The ABQ SAR Chapter meeting held on Sept 27, 2014 was heavily attended. The meeting was held at the Texas Land and Cattle Restaurant in Albuquerque, NM (Please see above). As usual, there was a social period from 11:30 to 12:00, and ABQ SAR Chapter President George Garcia (as always) did an outstanding job of leading the Chapter meeting.

As the following six pictures indicate, there was a lot of enjoyment at the ABQ SAR Chapter social period. The fact that there were a number of guests present indicates that Compatriot and former ABQ SAR Chapter President John Robinson is doing outstanding work in attracting potential new members into our Chapter. There were ten guests present at the Chapter meeting and seventeen Chapter members for a total of 27!

ABQ SAR President Garcia has a very amicable Chat with Guest Speaker Robert J. Torrez during the Social Period



(From left to right) Guest Speaker Torrez, ABQ SAR Chapter President Garcia

ABQ SAR President George Garcia had a friendly chat with Guest Speaker Torrez during the Social period and before the ABQ SAR Chapter meeting started. President Garcia, as is every member of the SAR chapters in the southwest, is extremely interested in the expertise that Guest Speaker Torrez has attained in Spanish history.

Compatriot and ABQ SAR Chapter Treasurer Joe Yake and Wife Kim Enjoy the Meeting Festivities



Compatriot Yake has done an outstanding job of serving as ABQ SAR's Chapter Treasurer. In his Committee report, Compatriot Yake said that there was a present balance of \$1094.73 in the operating

fund and a current balance of \$1465.78 in the dedicated fund. These two numbers added together gave a total of \$2560.51 in the two accounts.

NMSSAR President Michael Barger enjoys the Meeting Atmosphere with Guests Roger Swanson and His Wife, Meg



(From left to right) NMSSAR President and Compatriot Michael Barger, Guest Meg Swanson, and Guest Roger Swanson

SAR President Garcia Enjoys a Moment with Guest Robert F. Lopez



(From left to right) Guest Robert Lopez, Compatriot and ABQ SAR Chapter President George Garcia

Compatriot Yost Talks with Guests Roger Swanson and Christine Holley



(From left to right) Guest Roger Swanson, Compatriot Ken Yost, and Guest Christine Holley

Compatriots Thomas and Rodriguez Enjoy the Social Period



(From left to right) Compatriots John Thomas (also ABQ SAR Chapter Chaplain) and Robert Rodriguez

Compatriot John Thomas (ABQ SAR Chapter Chaplain) and Compatriot Robert Rodriguez have done magnificently in alerting members to the upcoming ABQ SAR Chapter meeting and finding out who is planning to attend. They undoubtedly had a lot to talk about during the social part of the Chapter meeting.

Guest Speaker Robert J. Torrez Initiates the Program after Being Introduced by ABQ SAR Chapter President George Garcia



Guest Speaker Torrez (standing) has ABQ SAR President Garcia's (to his right) undivided attention

ABQ SAR Chapter President George Garcia opened the meeting of the ABQ Chapter at about noon. He had Compatriot John Thomas, ABQ Chaplain, give the invocation. President Garcia then asked Compatriot Ken Yost to lead meeting attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance and past NMSSAR President and Compatriot Tedy Adams to lead the attendees in the SAR Pledge. Finally, President Garcia asked compatriots to introduce themselves and their guests.

President Garcia then introduced Guest Speaker Robert Torrez, who mesmerized the meeting attendees with his speech on the Spanish Colonial Judicial System during the 16th and 17th centuries. Speaker Torrez gave a very interesting talk on how the Spanish achieved justice during those times.

President Garcia then proceeded with the normal agenda. Old Business included the approval of the minutes from the last Chapter meeting and Committee reports. During the Committee Reports, Compatriot Yake provided the Treasurer's report (please

see above for the amounts in the operating and dedicated funds), Compatriot Alexander (ABQ SAR Chapter Registrar) reported that Ralph Castilla's applications is about complete, two new applications were completed at NSSAR over the summer, and Thomas Maxson's and Kevin Carr's applications are presently at National. Additionally, Compatriot Alexander reported that there were two ideal candidates for inclusion in the ABQ SAR Chapter that were in attendance at today's meeting (Phil Garcia and Robert Lopez).

There were two other significant Committee Reports. Compatriot, ABQ SAR Chapter President, and Color Guard Commander George Garcia reported that the Optimist Club had made a request for the Color Guard to provide support for their function on 11/8/2014. Compatriot John Thomas (Chapter Chaplain) reported that they had to leave a number of messages and didn't get to speak to a lot of the Compatriots. Even so, Compatriot Thomas reported that the Calling Committee was working well. He thanked Compatriot Robert Rodriguez for his assistance.

New Business was discussed in its normal enthusiastic fashion.

Guest Speaker Robert J Torrez Receives a Certificate of Appreciation from ABQ SAR President Garcia for speaking at the ABQ SAR September 2014 Chapter Meeting



(From left to right in front) Guest Speaker Robert J. Torrez, ABQ SAR President George Garcia

ABQ SAR Compatriots Enjoy their Lunch



(From left to right) Compatriots Karl Rosazza, William Finley, Ray Alexander, and Tedy Adams

NMSSAR President Michael Barger ,with the Assistance of Compatriot and ABQ SAR Chapter Registrar Ray Alexander, inducts Thomas Eaton into SAR



(From left to right) NMSSAR President Barger, Compatriots Eaton and Alexander

NMSSAR President Michael Barger Inducts John Holley into SAR



(From left to right) New Compatriot Holley and President Barger

ABQ SAR Compatriots Enjoy their Inductions



(From left to right) Compatriot Alexander, new Compatriot Holley, NMSSAR President Barger, New Compatriot Eaton

The meeting was adjourned after President Garcia announced that the next Chapter meeting would be on October 25, at which time the proposal to change meeting dates to the first Saturday from the fourth Saturday of each month would be discussed. The ABQ SAR Board approved bringing the proposal to the membership for consideration. The Board determined that it would be necessary to have a full Chapter vote to make the change permanent. The reason is that the Chapter had previously voted to have the Chapter meetings take place on the fourth Saturday of each month.

Before adjourning the meeting, President Garcia quickly brought up three more topics. The first two items were in the categories of Publicity and New Member recruitment. President Garcia feels that the role of the Spanish in winning the Revolutionary War is not well known (he is absolutely right!) He thinks that this lapse could be promoted by SAR in overcoming this deficiency. Second, the whole ABQ SAR Chapter was pleased to see Phil Garcia and Robert Lopez in attendance. They would certainly make good potential new members.

The third and final point that was brought up prior to adjournment was the Wounded Warrior Project. President Garcia turned the floor over to Compatriot Thomas to describe the Project. Compatriot Thomas envisions interacting with Veterans' organizations to:

1. Identify needy veterans and collect donated funds to assist them.
2. Present these gifts to needy veterans at one of our Chapter meetings so that we can thank them for their service and sacrifice.

Compatriot Thomas had mentioned his desire at the recent Chapter Board meeting. Again, it was felt that this Project should be discussed at the upcoming Chapter meeting.

After Compatriot Thomas finished, President Garcia adjourned the meeting.