

ABQ SAR Chapter Continues its Tradition of Having a Well Attended Meeting on 9/26/15 by Both SAR Members and Their Spouses (Many of whom are in DAR) Compatriot Sam Baty



The meeting on 9/26/2015 was held at the Texas Land and Cattle Restaurant (please see the picture above). As usual, the meeting was well attended, as close to 30 members of the ABQ SAR Chapter attended! Many of the wives also came, as was evident from pictures 2 and 3 below.



President Jacobs called a Board of Managers meeting on July 18, 2015. The following items were discussed (the presenters are also mentioned):

Wounded Veteran Program (Compatriot John Thomas)

SAR Name Tag Storage System (Compatriot Kevin Carr)

Trail Life Consideration (Compatriot Kevin Carr)

Potential John Lucero Presentation (Compatriot Kevin Carr – Group considered fact that Compatriot Lucero wore medal presented by Queen Isabella – motion made by Compatriot Carr that Compatriot Lucero be allowed to tell members what medal was presented for at next Chapter meeting)

Nominating Committee for 2016 Chapter Officers (Compatriot Kevin Carr – Compatriot Henry said that makeup of the Committee will consist of three Board members – headed by President Jacobs and two other members of the Board – and two Chapter members. Other Board members will be Compatriots Yake and Henry, and it was suggested that Compatriots and Chapter members John Farris and Ken Yost be tried first (to see if they are available)

Programs for September and October (Compatriot Carl Henry – discussed who had been selected to give presentations at these meetings)

December 12 Meeting Location (Compatriot Carl Henry – will try and get Texas Land and Cattle Restaurant. If can't get it, will try and get restaurant in nearby location)
NMSSAR Website Contact and Status of Chapter Articles of Configuration
(Compatriot Kevin Carr)

The above Board of Manager items will be discussed by President Jacobs at the next ABQ SAR Chapter meeting to be held on September 26, 2015.

President Jacobs (standing) Calls the September 26 ABQ SAR Chapter Meeting to Order in Outstanding Fashion



Compatriot Baty reported to Compatriot and Chapter Secretary Kevin Carr that he and his wife had been at a Silver Horizons function the night before and that the Executive Director of Silver Horizons (Ron Hidalgo) flew the American Flag on a daily basis during the week. Compatriot Baty asked Compatriot Carr if he would like Ron's email address to see if Ron would like to be put in for an SAR Flag Award. Compatriot Carr said that he would like Ron's email address.

The ABQ SAR Chapter completed very important activities in 2015. Primary among

these were the new member activities and the SAR Awards presentations made by President Jacobs. The effort to get new members was spearheaded by Compatriot Ray Alexander. Ray has done a tremendous job in getting new members into the ABQ SAR Chapter.

As a formal part of his job as President of the ABQ SAR Chapter, President Jacobs took a vote on approval of the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Guest Speaker Compatriot John Farris Introduced by Compatriot and Former ABQ SAR President George Garcia



Compatriot and former ABQ SAR President George Garcia showed his usual witty side as he introduced Compatriot John Farris to give his outstanding speech on DNA. Compatriot Garcia said, in his introduction, that, as far as he knew, Compatriot Farris went back to 1641 in his time in SAR. This comment drew the hearty laughter of people in the audience. Compatriot Garcia gave a complete review of the many accomplishments of Compatriot Farris. These included his academic achievements as well as his other honors.

Guest Speaker Compatriot John Farris Provides a Very Interesting and Informative Discussion of DNA



Compatriot Farris gave a very interesting and informative presentation on DNA. He noted that his handout recommended three DNA organizations to have DNA done. However, he had four named. The reason that he didn't recommend four is that he does not recommend one of the companies. He also noted that when he had the DNA testing accomplished, he found that, as he went back in time, his name was traced to Farish instead of Farris. This was important and specifically indicates why one should have DNA testing done by more than one company. Each of the companies cited has advantages and disadvantages. Compatriot Farris also warned that folks should not have the DNA testing done right after eating, as it could result in the folks being aligned with pigs!

Guest Speaker Compatriot John Farris Closes Out His Outstanding DNA Presentation



Compatriot Farris closed out his outstanding DNA presentation, asking if there were questions from the floor. One of the questions was whether or not Compatriot Farris thought DNA testing would be helpful to SAR. Compatriot Farris said that he thought it would be helpful to both SAR and DAR.

New Members Inducted into ABQ SAR Chapter by President Jacobs and Compatriot Alexander



From left to right President Jacobs, New members John Lucero, George Nail, and Thomas Buckner, and Compatriot Alexander

Guest Speaker Farris Awarded Certificate of Appreciation for Giving his DNA Presentation



Compatriot and Former ABQ SAR Chapter President George Garcia Awarded Two SAR Medals



From left to right President Jacobs, Compatriot Alexander, Compatriot and former ABQ SAR Chapter President Garcia

President George Garcia was given the SAR Awards for his service in the military during the Korean War era and the SAR Distinguished Service Medal for his service as President of the Albuquerque Chapter.

Compatriot Yake Updates Attendees on the Latest Treasurer's Data



Compatriot Yake started the Committee Reports by giving the Treasurer's report. He gave the report for both the General and Dedicated Funds. He showed that both funds were operating in the 'black,' and that they both were in good shape. Compatriot Yake has truly done an outstanding job. He has sent out statements to ABQ SAR Chapter members on a monthly basis.

Compatriot Alexander gave the Registrar's Report. He thoroughly described who was in the pipeline for NMSSAR installation. And he specifically described those who were slated to come into the ABQ SAR Chapter. He too has done magnificently.

Compatriot Baty gave the Historian Report. He reiterated that anyone receiving an SAR award should contact him.

Compatriot and Former ABQ SAR Chapter President George Garcia Gives Outstanding Color Guard Report



Compatriot Garcia (seated between wife Belinda and Compatriot Yake)

Compatriot Garcia, standing when he gave his report, provided previous functions of the SAR Color Guard and future commitments to meeting attendees.

The Color Guard has been busy! Compatriot Garcia emphasized that there needs to be new SAR people interested in joining the Color Guard.

Compatriot and ABQ SAR Chapter Secretary Carr Gives the Status of the Eagle Scout Committee



Compatriot Carr, Committee Chairman, gives the subject report. He also thanked Compatriots Rodriguez and Henry for their support in contacting ABQ SAR chapter members. Compatriot Carr, looking around at today's attendees, said that attendance at the subject meetings is good.

Compatriot and ABQ SAR Chapter Chaplain Thomas Gives Meeting Attendees an Update on Wounded Warrior Project



Compatriot and ABQ SAR Chapter Chaplain John Thomas gave an update on the SAR Wounded Warrior Project. This project is indeed a very important one.

President Jacobs (standing) asks if there is Any New Business and Then Brings the 9/26/2015 Meeting to a Close (it was after 2:00 pm when the meeting adjourned)



ABQ SAR Chapter President Jacobs asked if there were any new business. He then brought the 9/26/2015 meeting to a close by vocally leading the attendees in the SAR Recessional.