

**ABQ SAR Chapter Continues its Tradition of Having a Well Attended Meeting on 10/24/15 by Both SAR Members and Their Spouses (Many of whom are in DAR) Compatriot Sam Baty**



The meeting on 10/24/2015 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 the pictures below.



President Jacobs called a Board of Managers meeting on October 17, 2015. The meeting was held at the LePeep Restaurant in Albuquerque, and the following items were discussed:

The 2015 Albuquerque Chapter Officer Selection Committee is requesting that all members interested in serving in an officer position to please contact either Compatriot Carr or Compatriot Henry to assist in the options for the future planning of the chapter.

Discussion of a National action item resulting from the purchase of the SAR Foundation

There will be two Wounded Warriors recognized by the ABQ SAR Chapter at the next regular meeting of the ABQ SAR Chapter

The above Board of Manager items will be discussed by President Jacobs at the next ABQ SAR Chapter meeting to be held on October 24, 2015.

**Warrior Dale Fishgrab Enjoys ABQ SAR Chapter Social Period**



### **Business Activities Abound During ABQ SAR Chapter Social Period**



Compatriot Ken Yost confers with an ABQ SAR Chapter Compatriot during the ABQ SAR Chapter Social period.

### **Compatriots Pay Respect to President Jacobs During ABQ SAR Social Period**



An SAR Compatriot walks away after having chatted with President Jacobs. This was a very respectful visit.

### **NMSSAR Outgoing President Michael Barger Confers with President Jacobs on his Upcoming Speech on National Activities**



### **President Jacobs Calls the October 24 ABQ SAR Chapter Meeting to Order**



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. President Jacobs also discussed, or directed others to discuss, the items taken up at the Board of Managers Meeting.

### **President Jacobs Presents a Certificate of Appreciation and a Check to Wounded Warriors**



From left to right Compatriot and ABQ SAR Chapter Chaplain John Thomas (who gave the Wounded Warrior introduction magnificently), President Jacobs, Warrior Alarcon. Mrs. Alarcon (seated), Warrior and Mrs. Fishgrab (seated) President Jacobs presented an SAR Certificate of Achievement (and later a check) to Warrior Alarcon. President Jacobs made the same presentations to Warrior Fishgrab moments later.

### **Mrs. Alarcon Gives an Emotional Testimony of What It Is Like to Live with Someone Experiencing PTSD**



From left to right Waitress, Mrs. Alarcon

In the above picture, there is a good representation of Mr. and Mrs. Fishgrab from the back.

### **Outgoing NMSSAR President Michael Barger Gives a Thorough Review of What's Happening at National**



Compatriot Barger, who made an outstanding presentation, is standing to the very front of the room at the podium. He emphasized that the SAR PG will be coming to ABQ on Nov 11. He said that there will be a dinner on November 12 at the Tanoan Country Club honoring the PG. Compatriot Barger said that he hopes anyone from the

ABQ SAR Chapter who can attend will attend.

**Compatriot and ABQ SAR Chapter First Vice President Carl Henry Introduces the Guest Speaker (Mr. Michael ‘Mike’ Blackledge)**



Compatriot Henry, who made an outstanding introduction, is standing to the very front of the room at the podium. He gave a very thorough and inclusive introduction of the guest speaker, Mr. Michael (Mike) Blackledge. The attention from the meeting attendees was super!

**Guest Speaker Blackledge Gives a Superb Presentation**



The Guest Speaker’s presentation was awesome! Mr. Blackledge had brought numerous members of his immediate family

with him. He brought his wife Bonnie, his brother, both in law, and sister with him! Needless to say, they were all made to feel that they were ‘right at home.’ Mr. Blackledge lamented that they would never be able to join SAR because they were conscientious objectors, or Quakers. This fact was disputed by many in the audience!

**Compatriot John Farris Adds Insight to the Guest Speaker’s Presentation**



Compatriot Farris, who had made a ‘sister’ briefing on DNA as Guest Speaker the month before, added very good insight to this month’s Guest Speaker’s presentation.

**Attendees Pay Strict Attention to the Input of Compatriot Farris**



## **Compatriot and ABQ SAR Chapter Secretary Carr Gives the Status of the Color Guard and Eagle Scout Committees**



From left to right Compatriot and ABQ SAR Chapter Secretary Kevin Carr, Compatriot and ABQ SAR Chapter President Jake Jacobs

President Jacobs had the Committee Chairman report on their Committee's activities. The first to do so was Compatriot Joe Yake, Chapter Treasurer. Joe, as always, gave an outstanding report. He stated that both the General and Dedicated Funds were operating in the 'Black.' He had passed this information to all members of the ABQ SAR Chapter in his recently mailed letter/email to all Chapter members.

Compatriot Ray Alexander, ABQ SAR Chapter Registrar, gave the committee report on folks in the pipeline. With Ray in charge of this crucial area, the future of the ABQ SAR Chapter looks bright! Super job, Ray!

There were no flag award certificates at the 10/24/2015 ABQ SAR Chapter meeting. These awards are normally given by President Jacobs, who was deemed to give the committee report on this most important topic.

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

Compatriot and Chapter Chaplain John Thomas gave the Calling Committee Report. Compatriot Thomas previously had done a super job of recognizing the two Wounded Warriors who had received Certificates of Appreciation and an SAR Check from President Jacobs.

Compatriot Carr gave the subject report on the Eagle Scout Scholarship Committee. He was asked by Compatriot George Garcia, Color Guard Commander, to give the Color Guard report. The reason was that Compatriot Garcia could not be present at the ABQ SAR October Chapter meeting.

The NMSSAR Color Guard was very busy in the fall time frame. Activities that the Color Guard supported included the following: (9/16/2015) Three Trails Conference; (9/18/2015) Three Trails Conference (10/12/2015 to 10/16/2015) U.S. Forest Service Conference (11/17/2015) Cancer Services Conversation. (This last one has not yet been supported by the SAR Color Guard, but it will be very soon).

Compatriot Carr also passed on Compatriot Garcia's call for more people to sign up for the Color Guard. From the number of activities that the Color Guard supports, there is an urgent need to support these functions.

Compatriot Carr, as chairman of the Eagle Scout Scholarship and Calling Committee Member, thanked Compatriots Rodriguez and Henry for their support in contacting ABQ SAR chapter members about upcoming meetings. Compatriot Carr, looking around at today's attendees, said

that attendance at the subject meetings was good. The Chapter members agreed with a round of applause!

### **President Jacobs Brings the 10/24/2015 ABQ SAR Chapter Meeting to a Close**



ABQ SAR Chapter President Jacobs asked if there were any new business. He then brought the 10/24//2015 meeting to a close by having the SAR Recessional read aloud.

This was another well-run meeting. Congratulations, Jake!