

## From the President's Desk

New Mexico compatriots;

From the desk of your state president, I wish to report that my experience at the congress was very exciting. The items that we passed are listed in your current magazine as are the new officers, so I will not repeat those. I wore my NMSSAR color guard uniform at every opportunity, as you can see in the magazine I am down front at the memorial service photo. I was constantly busy with meetings and ceremonies. I met so many nice people and made many new friends. I did not help man the desk for our next congress enough but other than that I believe I met my obligations. First timers have a green dot on their name tags so everyone greets you and offers their assistance. I was nominated for the nominating committee but lost. Next year we will be working but I look forward to another positive experience.



My projects for my tenure are coming along well. We have the plaque ordered for the Governor's Palace ordered and the ceremony is scheduled for 13 November at 2:00PM. I encourage all compatriots to attend. We expect many celebrities to attend to include the Spanish ambassador. There will be a reception following the dedication. We have had a

preliminary meeting for the formation of a new chapter in Farmington. Everyone was enthusiastic. We have a potential of new, current, and dual members. The new New Mexico Regent Zadeea Harris and her husband David (a SAR member) are organizing the efforts there. We hope to present the charter late this year. Again you will be informed of the date and all are welcome.

Finally, I was informed by Mike Jones of Arizona that the host dinner which we pay for is running short of cash. We also have to buy gifts for the incoming and outgoing President Generals and their brides. I have instigated a raffle to aid in resolving the shortage. The prizes are provided by Custom Cartridge in Las Cruces whose owner Rey Gonzalez is a friend of George Biles. I hope to have your support in selling the tickets. First prize is an M1A rifle, second is a Surefire X300 WeaponLight, and third is a Redfield Revolution 2-7x33mm Riflescope. I have and am still selling and supporting the sale of tickets for the Quilted Wall Hanging made by Compatriot and Chaplin Patton's lovely bride. Please support this also as have I. I have those tickets available too.

Thank you for your continued support. Let's make this a productive year.

*Ted Adams,  
NMSSAR President*

## **Albuquerque SAR Chapter President Michael Barger Initiates the Fall 2011 Season on 9/24/2011**

*Sam Baty and Vernon Casias*

Albuquerque (ABQ) SAR Chapter President Michael Barger presided over the first meeting of the Fall 2011 season. The meeting had many items on the agenda, as ABQ SAR members were busy over the summer. There were some 10 items of old business, 7 committee reports, and 8 items of new business on the agenda.



From left to right at the head table: Albuquerque SAR Chapter President Michael Barger and Guest Speaker Brian Fields

A high priority on the agenda was the update on the 2012 SAR Congress to be held in Phoenix, AZ in July, 2012. The state of New Mexico SAR (NMSSAR) will be a co-host along with Arizona SAR Chapters of the Congress. President Barger encouraged all NMSSAR members to attend. Spouses were also encouraged to attend and to volunteer for some of the committee slots. NMSSAR members and their spouses are supposed to arrive in Phoenix two days in advance (July 7, 2012) of the Congress to help with the preparations.

The ABQ SAR Chapter was honored to have Mr. Brian Fields, New Mexico Certified Emergency Manager, as its guest speaker. Mr. Fields provided crucial information on what citizens should do in an emergency as well as what supplies should be kept continuously on hand. He also distributed brochures that were most helpful.

The meeting was held at Landry's Seafood Restaurant. The previous meeting place,

although deemed satisfactory, was not large enough to hold the expanding number of ABQ SAR members. Landry's proved to be a great choice. It was not only large enough to seat comfortably an expanded number of people (please see the above picture), but the food was also delicious.

### **Compatriot Vernon Casias, ABQ SAR Chapter Secretary, Joins the Head Table**



From left to right at the head table: ABQ SAR President Michael Barger, Guest Speaker Brian Fields, and ABQ SAR Secretary Vernon Casias

Compatriot Casias has worked tirelessly to promote the SAR in New Mexico. He spent untold hours working up fliers and a poster advertising the SAR and who may be eligible for membership. Of special significance in the flier is the roll that Spain fulfilled in the colonies' quest for independence. The flier emphasizes the point that any man who has an ancestor who was a soldier at the Santa Fe, NM Presidio between 1779 and 1783 is a candidate for membership!

Compatriot Casias is also a member of the NMSSAR Color Guard. Two other members of the Color Guard (Compatriots George Garcia and Lionel Rael) were also in attendance. The Color Guard has proven to be one of the best source for advertising NMSSAR. These hard-working SAR members support many activities in New Mexico by donning the uniforms that Spanish troops wore at the Presidio back in the 1779-1783 era and carrying the U.S., New Mexico, and SAR flags. They march in military fashion and post the colors at the appropriate time.

## Prospective Member Phil Blumenfeld Was in Attendance



Prospective member Phil Blumenfeld, shown above, was in attendance. Phil was introduced by President Barger during the program. Phil applied for membership on Mat 5, 2011. The reason for the lag was explained by Registrar and Compatriot Ray Alexander and Compatriot John Robinson. Compatriot Alexander explained that there are new procedures that have been implemented by headquarters to ensure that potential members are eligible for membership. Compatriot Robinson added that six states are really holding up the works for everyone.

## Spouses Join Compatriots in Attending Fall 2011 ABQ SAR Kickoff Meeting



From lower left clockwise: Claryce Yost, Compatriot Ken Yost, Caroline Rael, Compatriot Lionel Rael, Compatriot Robby Robertson (in yellow shirt and partially hidden), Compatriot John Farris, Jo Margeret Farris, Belinda Garcia

Four spouses attended the opening Fall 2011 meeting of the ABQ SAR Chapter. They

were Claryce Yost, Caroline Rael, Jo Margeret Farris, and Belinda Garcia. Many (if not all) of these women are members of DAR Chapters in Albuquerque. As a reminder, the invitation to the ABQ SAR members said that spouses were cordially invited.

## ABQ SAR Chapter President Michael Barger Discusses the Old Business



From left to right at the head table: ABQ SAR President Michael Barger, Guest Speaker Brian Fields, and ABQ SAR Secretary Vernon Casias

After calling the meeting to order, President Michael Barger had SAR Chapter Member Ken Yost say a prayer. The pledge of allegiance was then recited by all in attendance, and everyone remained standing while the pledge to the SAR was repeated. President Barger then introduced potential members and guests.

President Barger then led the chapter in discussion of old business. He pointed out some differences in operational procedures and asked for volunteers to review the future SAR Constitution. Volunteers were to see him after the meeting.

## SAR ABQ Members Listen Intently as President Michael Barger Discusses the Old Business



From left to right starting at lower left and proceeding clockwise: Prospective member Phil Blumenfeld and Compatriots John Robinson, Jake Jacobs, and Rich Almeter

Fourteen members of the ABQ SAR Chapter attended this first meeting (plus four spouses). Some of the members in attendance are shown above. The meeting room in Landry's Seafood Restaurant was large enough that it allowed the SAR members to spread out.

### **Compatriot Rich Almeter Brings his Son, Henry, as a Guest**



From left to right: Guest Henry Almeter and Compatriot Rich Almeter

Compatriot Rich Almeter brought his son, Henry, to the meeting. Henry is listening to President Barger and finding out what SAR is all about.

### **Lunch Is Served!**

It was a case of pinpoint timing. Lunch was served about the time that President Barger was finishing the Old Business segment of the meeting. The food was scrumptious, and everyone seemed well satisfied.



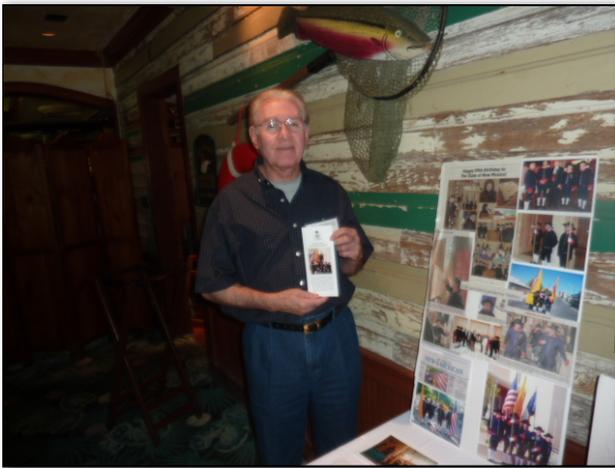
### **Guest Speaker Brian Fields Gives a Very Informative Speech on Emergency Preparations**

After attendees had finished eating, President Barger introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Brian Fields. Mr. Fields gave a very informative speech on emergency management. After his talk, he passed out two pamphlets that identified what all residents should have in their 72-hour family emergency kit and what the Community Emergency Response Team does. He then specified how anyone can be a part of the emergency response team. All one has to do is volunteer!



Compatriot Robertson summed up the feelings of many meeting attendees when he said how helpful the speech had been. We now know what the potential threats in this region are and what we should do to prepare accordingly.

### **Compatriot Casias Shows his Flier and Poster**



Compatriot Vernon Casias shows his flier, which he is holding, and his poster (to his left).

These two aids have been instrumental in getting the word out on NMSSAR. Congratulations, Vernon, for all of your hard work and your resulting accomplishments!

**Compatriot Casias Receives an Award from Compatriot George Garcia for his Founder's Day Participation**



Compatriot Vernon Casias receives a Founder's Day Certificate from Compatriot George Garcia (Head of the NMSSAR Color Guard) for his participation in the Albuquerque Founder's Day Celebration. Compatriot Casias was a Banner Carrier. Congratulations again, Vernon!

**Registrar and Compatriot Ray Alexander Provides Information on Registrations and State Gun Raffle**

Compatriot Alexander provided data on the status of applications of potential new members. He was asked how many total members are in SAR. The answer, provided by

Compatriot Robinson, is about 28,000 members



Compatriot Alexander is shown with the SAR Poster to the left

Compatriot Alexander also discussed the State Gun Raffle. The raffle tickets are being sold for \$20.00 apiece and provide the ticket holder with a chance to win a very good rifle.

**Compatriot Robinson Discusses SAR Application Holdups**



Compatriot Robinson stated that the holdup on SAR applications is due mainly to hangups in six states. He also stated that the manager of Landry's Seafood Restaurant may be able to trace his ancestry to the Revolutionary War. Thus, we may be getting a new ABQ SAR member from our association with Landry's!

After Compatriot Robinson finished, President Barger closed and adjourned the meeting.

**Albuquerque Chapter Meeting Minutes, September 24, 2011**

*V.P. Casias, Secretary/Treasurer*

President Michael Barger opened the meeting of the Albuquerque Chapter at 11:30 AM.

Invocation led by Compatriot Yost. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Compatriot Baty and the SAR Pledge by Compatriot Jacobs.

**Members Present:** Compatriots: Casias, Barger, Garcia, Farris, Yost, Baty, Jacobs, Robinson, Almeter, Blumenfeld, Rael, Robertson and Alexander.

**Introduction of Guests:** Belinda Garcia, Jo Margaret Farris, Claryce Yost (DAR) and Caroline Rael (DAR) and Henry Almeter (Richard Almeter's son).

**Guest Speaker:** Brian W. Fields, "Personal Crisis Preparedness", speaker introduced by Compatriot Casias

**Old Business:** President Barger: No Minutes to approve this meeting.

- 2012 Congress in Scottsdale-update:

According to the planning committee for the 2012 Congress there maybe a shortage on funds, therefore NMSSAR State President Adams is planning a gun raffle. The raffle is to raise funds for the State SAR. After the bill for the raffle items are received and amount received from sales will determine what funds might be given to the 2012 Congress in Arizona. Volunteers are needed for the Registration Booth and wives to help with the Hospitality Room. Volunteers need to be there a couple of days before the Congress.

- New Nominating Committee:

The committee members will be appointed by the out-going President.

- Future Constitution Review:

President Barger also asked for volunteers to help re-write the Constitution and By-Laws.

- Color Guard/SAR Recruitment Flyer Completed!

President Barger acknowledged Compatriot Casias for his work on the brochure.

- Future Ideas/Hand-outs/Other Thoughts?

President Barger asked for ideas on how to get new members involved. He suggested after the first of the year, everyone bring a guest (who might be eligible for membership) to the meeting.

- Joint SAR/DAR meeting during Constitution Week for 2012.

President Barger would like the Chapter to obtain small copies of the Constitution from one of our Senator's office to distribute to school kids next year. President Barger introduced an idea to have a 'formal' Ball or dinner once a year, for example, at Christmas time a joint event with SAR/DAR. President Barger asked members to think about it.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Treasurer's Report/Donations to Color Guard-Compatriot Casias**

##### **Compatriot Casias reported:**

The Chapter Budget has \$2,518.89. Compatriot Yost moved the Treasurer's report be accepted as submitted; Compatriot Garcia seconded. Motion carried.

#### **Color Guard/Historian Report-Compatriot Garcia**

##### **Compatriot Garcia reported:**

July 4, 2011, Compatriots Tomlinson, Garcia, Thornton and Fennell presented the Colors at the Santa Fe Plaza at the Pancake Breakfast in front of the Presidio. Later that day, Compatriots Fennell, Thornton and Garcia marched in a parade at El Dorado 8 miles east of Santa Fe.

Compatriot Garcia made a motion, the Chapter purchase shoulder harnesses to carry flags in parades. President Barger asked what it would cost to purchase the harnesses: web \$44.00 each and for leather the cost is \$54.00 each. Color Guard needs five (5).

President Barger restated the motion: It's been moved we purchase five harnesses for the Color Guard at a cost of \$54.00 each or \$270.00; discussion on the motion to purchase 'web harnesses' at \$34.00 each. Motion amended: the Chapter purchase five leather harnesses at \$54.00 apiece; Compatriot Garcia seconded the motion. Motion carried for Compatriot Garcia to purchase five leather harnesses at \$54.00 each plus tax and shipping.

In addition, Compatriots Rael and Hesse presented the Colors at the DAR Bell Ringer Breakfast on the 4th of July held at the Elegente Hotel in Albuquerque.

On August 24, 2011, Compatriot Garcia and Rael presented the Colors at the DAR Charles DeBrill Chapter Social held at the Albuquerque Old Town Museum.

September 25, 2011, Compatriot Garcia and Rael will present the Colors at the Japanese Festival at the Hispanic Cultural Center. The event starts at 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

### **Registrar-Compatriot Alexander**

There are several membership applications pending and there are some problems with some applications especially those that require additional information on DAR information from applicants. Compatriot Rael's son submitted a new application. Chapter has a couple of new members this year, one reinstated and several inquiries.

Compatriot Alexander acknowledged Compatriot Garcia for the SAR sign that's placed outside the meeting area.

Raffle for NMSSAR. This year is the centennial year for New Mexico and Arizona; therefore both are sponsoring the 2012 National Congress. Arizona has more members therefore the Congress will be held in Scottsdale.

Several years ago the State SAR had an additional \$5.00 added to membership dues to help pay some of the Congress expenses. The expenses for the 2012 Congress includes a dinner hosted by New Mexico and Arizona for \$19,000. Based on membership, New Mexico is responsible for \$4000 for the dinner. Taking the additional \$5.00 from membership the amount is \$2000 and the State Society would contribute \$1000 for a total of \$3000. That leaves us \$1000 short of the goal.

Compatriot Patton has a raffle going for a wall hanging with New Mexico and Arizona flags; raffle tickets are \$20 a piece. A second raffle is being arranged by State President Adams and Compatriot Biles, to raffle a Springfield M1A rifle (worth \$1,200), Weapon light and a riflescope; tickets are \$20 each and the drawing is May15, 2012.

President Barger, informed members he and Compatriot Alexander are working on a membership roster. Roster may be available next meeting.

### **New Business:**

#### **Awards Discussion:**

President Barger asked for a volunteer for the Boy Scout Coordinator Eagle Scout Award. President Barger will discuss this with the Board of Managers regarding the Boy Scout Eagle Award.

Compatriot Garcia presented to Compatriot Casias a recognition certificate given to Banner Carriers from the Founders of Albuquerque; Flag carrying was done February 7, 2011.

President Barger asked for volunteers to meet with him after the meeting to help rewrite the ABQ Chapter Constitution and By-Laws. Rewrites are needed because there are some conflicts between documents for the ABQ Chapter. What are the procedures for awarding displaying the flag certificate? Compatriot Alexander, there is nothing written for giving out a 'flag certificate'. The Certificate has space for two signatures, one for the President of the Chapter and the Flag Chairman. The current Flag Chairman is Compatriot Alexander who awarded one "certificate".

In the spring Walt Baker who is the State Chairman requested each chapter and the state should give a 'flag certificate' for a total of four; Compatriot Alexander and President Barger will meet after the meeting.

Compatriot Robertson, National Headquarters is backed-up with applications. The new President Genealogist General identified six states that are holding up the application process. The applications are not properly documented therefore the genealogists are spending a lot of time trying to clarify the process.

President Barger announced the President General will be in New Mexico November 9 and 10, 2011. The state meeting will be November 10, 2011 at the Albuquerque Hotel starting at 6:00 P.M. Compatriot Garcia will transport the President General during his stay but everyone is invited to join them.

Compatriot Farris moved to adjourn the meeting; motion seconded and passed unanimously.

Compatriot Lionel Rael led the SAR Recessional and the meeting was adjourned.

## Albuquerque SAR Chapter President Michael Barger Leads the Chapter Meeting on 10/22/2011

*Sam Baty and Vernon Casias*



From left to right: Albuquerque SAR Chapter President Michael Barger and Guest Speaker Dr. Rick Hendricks (New Mexico State Historian)

Albuquerque (ABQ) SAR Chapter President Michael Barger presided over the chapter meeting on October 22, 2011. As usual, the meeting had many items on the agenda, as ABQ SAR members have been very busy. There were some 10 items of old business, 7 committee reports, and 4 items of new business on the agenda.

A high priority on the agenda was the update on the 2012 SAR Congress to be held in Phoenix, AZ in July, 2012. The state of New Mexico SAR (NMSSAR) will be a co-host along with Arizona SAR Chapters. As stated at a previous meeting, all attending NMSSAR members and their spouses are supposed to arrive in Phoenix two days in advance (July 7, 2012) of the Congress to help with the preparations.

The ABQ SAR Chapter was honored to have Dr. Rick Hendricks, New Mexico State Historian, as its guest speaker. Dr. Hendricks talked about his recently released book, *"The Witches of Abiquiu."*

The meeting was held at Landry's Seafood Restaurant. The previous meeting place, although deemed satisfactory, was not large enough to hold the expanding number of ABQ SAR members. Landry's proved to be a great choice. It was not only large enough to seat

comfortably an expanded number of people, but the food was also delicious. In a vote of the chapter members, Landry's was overwhelmingly selected as the future meeting place.

### Chapter Members and their Spouses Arrive in Large Numbers



From lower left going clockwise around the table at the immediate front: Compatriot John Farris and Spouse Jo Margaret Farris, Compatriot Larry Morrell, Compatriot Jake Jacobs (partially hidden), Compatriot John Robinson (partially hidden) and Spouse Barbara Robinson

For the second month in a row, turnout was high. Some seventeen members and 4 spouses attended the monthly meeting. President Barger complimented Compatriot Ken Yost for the great support. Compatriot Yost has started calling ABQ SAR members ahead of the meeting and encouraging them to attend. Way to go, Ken!

### President Barger Leads the Discussion of Old Business

President Barger led the discussion of old business. One of the items on the agenda was the approval of the previous month's minutes. These minutes were drafted by Compatriot Vernon Casias and were unanimously approved.



From lower right: Compatriot and ABQ SAR Chapter Secretary Vernon Casias, Guest Speaker Dr. Rick Hendricks, President Barger, Compatriot Tim Tessendorf (partially hidden), and Compatriot and Color Guard Captain George Garcia

President Barger also coordinated the establishment of the next meeting of the nominating committee. This committee has the crucial task of nominating the compatriots to fill the ABQ SAR officer slots for the upcoming year.

**Compatriot George Garcia Coordinates with the Guest Speaker, Dr. Rick Hendricks**



From far left: Compatriot Ken Yost, Compatriot Tim Tessendorf, President Barger, Compatriot George Garcia (standing), and Guest Speaker Dr. Rick Hendricks

Compatriot Garcia was tasked to introduce the guest speaker. He performed some last minute coordination to ensure that he covered the desired material in the introduction.

**NMSSAR State President Teddy Adams Discusses Issues with ABQ SAR Chapter Members**



From left to right: Compatriot Robby Robertson, New Compatriot Bob Boone, Jr., Compatriot Rich Almeter, State President Teddy Adams

New Mexico State SAR President Teddy Adams attended the ABQ SAR Chapter meeting and provided crucial information. During the lunch break, President Adams talked to long-time members as well as new members. The two new members at the meeting were Compatriot Bob Boone, Jr. and Compatriot Bob Boone, Sr. (shown above next to his son and talking to Compatriot Lionel Rael).

**Compatriot George Garcia Introduces the Guest Speaker Dr. Rick Hendricks**



From left to right at the head table: Compatriot George Garcia, Compatriot Tim Tessendorf, president Barger, Guest Speaker Dr. Rick Hendricks, Compatriot and ABQ SAR Secretary Vernon Casias

After lunch was finished, Compatriot Garcia did a magnificent job of introducing the guest speaker. Compatriot Garcia reviewed Dr. Hendrick's upbringing in North Carolina and discussed his educational background.

Compatriot Garcia said that Dr. Hendricks had published numerous books and articles. He then provided some specifics.

### **Dr. Rick Hendricks Starts His Presentation**



From left to right: President Barger, Guest Speaker Dr. Rick Hendricks, Compatriot and ABQ SAR Chapter Secretary Vernon Casias

Dr. Hendricks did an outstanding job of discussing his book, "The Witches of Abiquiu." The speech was very informative and very much appreciated by the ABQ SAR members and spouses. Dr. Hendricks told what form the witches were thought to take in the Abiquiu area, and he showed similarities between witches in Abiquiu and those thought to be in Salem, Massachusetts. He talked about how the fear factor was prevalent in both areas. At the end of his talk, Compatriots John Farris and Lionel Rael added some very meaningful dialogue.

### **President Barger Presents Dr. Hendricks with a Certificate of Appreciation**

President Barger presented our guest speaker with a certificate of appreciation. The President then commented that it would be super if Dr. Hendricks joined SAR! Dr. Hendricks obviously has the credentials.



From left to right: President Barger, Guest Speaker Dr. Rick Hendricks



### **State SAR (NMSSAR) President Adams Discusses Key Issues During the New Business Portion of the Agenda**



From left to right: President Adams, Compatriot John Farris

Among other topics, NMSSAR President Adams discussed the upcoming visit by the President General (PG) of SAR and the plaque that is to be awarded at the Palace of Governors in Santa Fe, NM on November 13 at 2:00 p.m. The PG will visit New Mexico SAR

Chapters in November, and there will be a dinner at the Albuquerque Hotel on November 10 at 6:00 p.m. All SAR members are invited.

The PG has provided an agenda for his NM visit to President Adams, and President Barger of the ABQ SAR Chapter has confirmed that the ABQ SAR monthly meeting will be held in conjunction with the dinner on November 10.

The plaque presentation at the Palace of the Governors will honor those soldiers who served at the Santa Fe Presidio from 1779 to 1783 and who gave to the American Revolutionary War cause. All males who can trace their ancestry to those soldiers who served at the Santa Fe Presidio from 1779 to 1783 are encouraged to contact the NMSSAR Chapters to determine if they are eligible for membership.

### **President Barger Leads the Discussion of the Remainder of the New Business**



From left to right: Compatriot George Garcia, Compatriot Tim Tessendorf, President Barger, Guest Speaker Dr. Rick Hendricks, Compatriot and ABQSAR Secretary Vernon Casias

President Barger led the discussion of new business items. At the end of the discussion, members voted to forego a meeting in December. It was decided that members are too busy during the holiday season.

President Barger asked Compatriot Sam Baty to lead the recessional. The meeting was then adjourned.

## **Farmington, New Mexico Society of the Sons of the American Revolution**

On August 27, 2011 several SAR members and prospective members meet for an organizing meeting at the River Walk Grill in Farmington, NM. They were joined by NMSSAR State President Ted Adams, NSSAR Secretary Raymond Alexander, Trustee Jim Thornton. Members are working very hard to get a chapter going in Farmington. There were 14 total in attendance.



### **New Mexico Society's Color Guard**

The NMSSAR needs the support of all New Mexico compatriots. We need more members and we need funds to purchase more uniforms (work coats and breeches). We ask you to consider a yearend tax-deductible donation to support your Color Guard.

Over the past year and a half the NMSSAR Color Guard has presented the Colors at more than a dozen programs. They included SAR and DAR functions, civic and cultural programs and federal observances such as the 4th of July and Flag Day events.

The Color Guard came into existence after an extensive study of Spanish history in the southwestern parts of the United States. It was the request of King Carlos III in 1780 for funds for his war chest resulting in the support by local garrisons and other land owners to our Revolution that provided for the descendants of the garrison soldiers to be eligible for membership in the SAR and was the pivotal point that resulted in our choice of the Spanish garrison uniform of 1780, with approval of our

National Color Guard Committee for our Color Guard uniforms. (Reference to our articles on our nmssar.org website.)



These uniforms have drawn positive comments from many and caused the citizens and visitors to New Mexico to ask questions about the SAR and the Spanish uniform. They are an important part of the marketing of our Society and a plus in gaining new members.

As we look forward we see many opportunities to show the Colors and to participate in various programs. This November we will present the Colors for the presentation of a bronze plaque listing the names of the soldiers at the Santa Fe Presidio, who in 1780 gave their two pesos to the King's war chest. The visit by our President General will also provide another opportunity for the Guard to present the Colors. Activities in Albuquerque at civic and cultural events are on the schedule.

Our Color Guard needs to grow and to expand its availability beyond Santa Fe and Albuquerque. Activities will soon begin in the Farmington/Durango, CO area with a new Chapter being formed. In the south of the State the Gadsden Chapter whose members have at least three members in Continental Uniforms needs to expand. The Gadsden Chapter can mix its uniforms of both the Continental Army and the Spanish. Others in the New Mexico Society may wish to dress as their particular Revolutionary ancestor and will be welcomed into the Color Guard. We need your help to support future growth.

The need is great and will remain a major opportunity for SAR members and others to support the unit with additional funds for

uniforms (work coat and breeches) and other accoutrements such as flags, shoulder straps, belts and swords, etc



More New Mexico compatriots are urged to join the Color Guard across the State and be available to support various presentations. As our reputation grows there will be additional demand for our services and we will want to spread the duties so that no one member need be involved in all of the requests.

We need your support, both in funds and in participation. The beginning of our State Color Guard has been well received with very positive comments and we now need to build on that positive introduction

We ask that all compatriots take part in the additional funding and that at least five or more become active in the Color Guard in the Santa Fe and Albuquerque area and more support the Color Guard in the south, Gadsden Chapter and in the northern border area of Farmington and Durango, CO.

The form attached to this newsletter will make it easy for your financial support. If you are interested in joining the Color Guard contact George Garcia, Jim Thornton, or George Biles.

Let's all get behind this major NMSSAR activity and help develop the Color Guard into a statewide program.

*Gene Tomlinson, Past President  
George Garcia and Jim Thornton,  
Color Guard Commanders*

## **Compatriots Can Again Support the New Mexico Society Color Guard with Their Donations**

Last year we asked New Mexico Compatriots for donations to purchase Color Guard Uniforms – Work Coats and Breeches. Color Guard members contributed \$200 each for hats, shirts, socks, garters and gloves. Your response was fantastic with over \$4,500 donated in about six months.

We outfitted nine members in Santa Fe and Albuquerque. This year we are again asking for your support to continue our program to outfit up to five more members. The New Mexico Society owns the Work Coats and Breeches and will pass them to new Color Guard members as required. With proper care, these Uniforms should last a good number of years and be altered, to fit new members as they step forward.

Your Color Guard is being noticed as described elsewhere in these newsletter and prior ones. It is a major marketing tool to gain members and provide awareness to the people of New Mexico as to who we are and what we represent. It is a teaching tool for our education program and will be a major part of our participation in the 2012 Congress in Phoenix, AZ in July of 2012 as well as other State Centennial events in 2012. We need your support and we need your personal participation.

**Let's do it again this year!**

### **New Mexico Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Financial Support to the NMSSAR Color Guard Uniform and Equipment Project**

Please provide a generous financial donation to our Color Guard Uniform and Equipment Project. This will be a tax deductible donation since we are a Nationally Recognized 501 c (3) non profit organization whose NMSSAR tax I.D. number is: 86-6015024.

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Your donation in the amount of: \$\_\_\_\_\_ is most appreciated.

Make checks payable to: NMSSAR (please state donation is for the Color Guard Uniform Project)

Mail this form with your check to:

Mr. John Adams Farris, Treasurer, NMSSAR  
9303 Topanga Court NE  
Albuquerque, New Mexico  
87122-1225

Thank you for your support:

George Garcia, Color Guard Commander  
(Keep a copy of this form for your tax records)