

**ABQ SAR Chapter Meeting in October, 2014 Heavily Attended at the Texas Land and Cattle Restaurant
Compatriot Sam Baty**



The ABQ SAR Chapter meeting held on October 25, 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 four 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 has done superb work in attracting potential new members into our Chapter. Unfortunately, John and his wife, Barbara (a DAR stalwart), are leaving Albuquerque and moving to Montana! Needless to say, they will be sorely missed!

There were a total of 29 people at our Chapter meeting.

ABQ SAR Chapter Members and DAR Members Conduct Meaningful Business during the Social Period



(From left to right) Compatriot and ABQ SAR Chapter Registrar Ray Alexander, DAR Members Barbara Robinson and Caroline Rael, Compatriot and former ABQ SAR Chapter President John Robinson, Compatriot Kevin Carr

There was a lot of DAR and SAR business conducted during the Chapter social period. This view is confirmed by the interactions shown above.

Three Compatriots Study the Restaurant Menu during the Social Period



(From left to right) Compatriots Morrell (PhD), Rosazza, and Ambruster

The Texas Land and Cattle Restaurant has a very comprehensive menu! It was checked out very carefully by these compatriots!

**NMSSAR President Michael Barger
Chats with NMSSAR Genealogist Paul
Kouts**



(From left to right) DAR Members Barbara Robinson and Caroline Rael, Compatriot and former ABQ SAR Chapter President Lionel Rael (seated), Compatriot and former ABQ SAR Chapter President John Robinson, Compatriot Kevin Carr, NMSSAR President Michael Barger, Compatriot and NMSSAR Genealogist Paul Kouts

NMSSAR President Michael Barger (second from right) has an interesting discussion with Compatriot Kouts (right) during the social period.

**Regular Tables Filled Up Quickly Once
Chapter Members Started Arriving**



Regular tables filled up rapidly once Chapter members started arriving. As can be seen in the above photo, additional chairs had to be brought in by the restaurant and set up to accommodate the very large attendance.

**ABQ SAR Chapter President George
Garcia Chats with Compatriot and ABQ
SAR Chapter Vice President Jake Jacobs**



(From left to right) Vice President Jacobs confers with President Garcia (around the back of Belinda Garcia, wife of President Garcia)

Perspective Member Howard Walter Discusses Issues with Compatriot and NMSSAR Genealogist Paul Kouts and Compatriot John Robinson



(From left to right standing) Compatriot Kouts, Compatriot Robinson, Howard Walter

Howard, or H.E., Walter had many questions to ask Compatriots Kouts and Robinson about SAR. These two gentlemen were the right ones to ask!

President Garcia Calls the ABQ SAR Chapter Meeting to Order



President Garcia called the Chapter Meeting to order. He then had Compatriot Robert Rodriguez give the invocation. Compatriot Rodriguez was subbing for Compatriot and ABQ SAR Chapter Chaplain John Thomas, who was not at the meeting. Compatriot Rodriguez did an outstanding job.

After the Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the SAR were recited by attendees and members, President Garcia proceeded to have different Chapter members tell about their ancestry. He had asked members to research their ancestry (back to Revolutionary War times) in an email that had been sent out earlier.

Compatriot and NMSSAR Genealogist Paul Kouts Starts the Ancestry Discussions



Compatriot Kouts initiated the ancestry discussions with a very interesting tracing of his ancestry back to the Revolutionary War. He discussed in particular two brothers, Rufus and John, who were very active in the Revolutionary War,

Compatriot Rosenfeld Continues the Ancestry Discussions after Paying Tribute to his Father



After paying a tribute to his recently deceased Father, Compatriot Phil Blumenfeld discussed his ancestry dating back to the Revolutionary War. His ancestor in this war was John Merriam, Jr. For detailed information on John, please contact Compatriot Blumenfeld, who received a very comprehensive account of John Merriam Jr.'s Revolutionary War heroics from a member of the Vermont Society, SAR.

Compatriot Farris Adds to the Ancestry Discussions



Compatriot Farris added great insight to the ancestry discussions with his tracing of relatives back to the Revolutionary War. He and his wife went back to Massachusetts in performing their research. Specifically, he talked about Pittsfield, MA and Bennington, MA. He traced a musket that was found in the wall of a home. He took the musket to a gun expert to have the research performed. Unfortunately, the musket was used in the Civil War and not the Revolutionary War.

Compatriot Holley Weighs In



Compatriot John Holley brought his lovely wife, Christine (in pink seated on this side of the table), to the October Chapter meeting. Compatriot Holley gave Christine credit for getting him interested in SAR. In her genealogy search, Christine had gotten a number of relatives interested in DAR in a single day! Turning her attention to her husband, Christine was successful in peaking Compatriot Holley's interest. After discussing his wife and her interest in genealogy, Compatriot Holley traced his ancestry back to the Revolutionary War. It was a very interesting endeavor!

Compatriot Rosazza Discusses his Ancestry



Compatriot Karl Rosazza provided a very interesting discussion of his ancestry going back to the Revolutionary War. He traced his ancestry back to the decisive battle of Yorktown. He said that he is still performing research.

Compatriot Rael Changes Pace by Discussing Hispanic Ancestry



Compatriot Rael's speech left one with the impression that life in early New Mexico was very difficult. After tracing his ancestry back to the Presidio in Santa Fe, Compatriot Rael brought up the fact that his female ancestor was 12 when she married his male ancestor, who was 19 at the time. Her first child was born one year later, which meant that she was only 13 when the child was born! These folks were indeed prolific, because these ancestors of Compatriot Rael went on to have 13 children!

President Garcia Discusses the Issue of Ancestry at the October 25, 2014 Meeting



President Garcia reminds one of the old adage "I never ask of anyone what I don't expect of myself" as he starts his talk on ancestry. He brought up the fact that he and Compatriot Rael are '9th or 10th generation'

cousins. He also said that, in tracing his ancestry, one of his ancestors was a lieutenant general who died at a young age. He also stated that Presidio soldiers were expected to contribute two pesos (about \$60 in today's money) to the American Revolutionary War.

Compatriot and former NMSSAR President Teddy Adams also gave an ancestry report. His review showed that his ancestors were very active in the battle of Utah Springs.

Compatriot Adams stated that his ancestry review shows that Davey Crockett actually reviewed his ancestor's pension! With the last name of Adams, one assumes that Compatriot Adams was related to our second President (John Adams). Unfortunately, this is not the case. While Compatriot Adams is related to a John Adams, it was not the one that went on to become President. There were actually three people named John Adams in Virginia during the early days of our country!

Compatriot and ABQ SAR Chapter Secretary Carl Henry Discusses Moving Chapter Meetings from Fourth to First Saturday of Month



President Garcia then proceeded with the normal agenda. Old Business included the approval of the minutes from the last Chapter meeting.

The last of the Old Business was the discussion of moving the Chapter meetings from the fourth to the first Saturday of the month. For the discussion of this issue, President Garcia turned the floor over to Compatriot Henry (seen standing in the above picture). Compatriot Henry stated that the motivation for this change came from the fact that, in November and December, there would be no Chapter meetings due to Thanksgiving and Christmas if meetings were kept on the fourth Saturday. It was finally decided that Chapter members would be queried by mail as to whether the meetings would be kept on the fourth Saturday or changed to the first. Then, at a future date, the Chapter President could simply state if the meeting dates would be changed for any valid reason.

Next came the Committee reports.

Compatriot and ABQ SAR Chapter Treasurer Joe Yake Starts the Committee Reports



Compatriot Yake started the Committee Report proceedings by providing the amounts in the Operating and Dedicated funds. Compatriot and ABQ SAR Chapter Registrar Ray Alexander said that there had been three new members approved by National SAR Headquarters. Compatriot and ABQ SAR Chapter Historian Sam Baty reiterated that anyone receiving an SAR

award in 2014 should pass this information to home via email. Finally, the last significant report was provided by President Garcia, the Color Guard Commander. President Garcia relayed that he had been asked by the Military Order for World Wars and the Optimist Club to give his Power Point Presentations on Spanish Contributions to our Revolutionary War in November.

President Garcia Gives a ‘Well Done’ to Departing Compatriot Robinson



(From left to right standing) Compatriot John Robinson, President Garcia

Compatriot and former ABQ SAR Chapter President John Robinson, who is moving to Montana, was roundly applauded by President Garcia for a job well done in bringing new members into our Chapter. Compatriot Robinson was also presented a ‘Holley Knife’ by Compatriot Holley for all of his assistance. Compatriot Holley said that he will really miss Compatriot Robinson.

President Garcia Passes out Awards



(From left to right standing) Compatriot Carl Henry, President Garcia

President Garcia gave Certificates of Appreciation to Compatriots Yake, Baty, Robinson, and Henry. He stated what each had contributed during his introduction and photo session.

New Business was discussed in its usual enthusiastic fashion.

President Garcia asked Compatriot Ray Alexander to lead the Recessional. The meeting was then adjourned by President Garcia.

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