

Chapter President General Thomas E. Lawrence Visits NMSSAR on November 12, 2015 (11/12/2015)

Compatriot Sam Baty

Members of the New Mexico Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (NMSSAR) were delighted that PG Lawrence was available for the gala banquet at the Tanoan Country Club on November 12, 2015. The members expressed their appreciation by turning out in large numbers for the banquet. In response, the PG didn't disappoint anyone, giving a riveting speech that was filled with information about what was happening at the National level.

The PG was accompanied by his lovely wife, Mickey Jo. The two make an outstanding couple, and SAR members can be very proud that two such fine people are in the PG and SAR First Lady positions, respectively.

Both the PG and First Lady expressed their appreciation to NMSSAR for all that had been done for them during their visit to New Mexico. The feeling is certainly mutual. We have all learned a great deal from them!

The PG and Mrs. Lawrence were met at the airport by NMSSAR President

Andrew Lyngar, NMSSAR First Vice President George Garcia and others. They showed the PG and Mrs. Lawrence the sites of Albuquerque and Santa Fe, including the Indian Cultural Museum.

SAR President General Thomas E. Lawrence (Second from left)



Mickey Jo Lawrence (Third from left standing next to her Husband, PG Lawrence)



Compatriot George Garcia (foreground) has a detailed conversation at the Indian Cultural Museum. PG and Mrs. Lawrence are in the background.

Open Seats Vanish as Attendees Arrive



From left to right Color Guard Compatriots Thornton, Rael, Commander George Garcia, (who has worked tirelessly for the SAR Color Guard), and Mrs. Mary Ann Thornton (wife of Compatriot Jim Thornton who has done a huge amount for the DAR in New Mexico)

Open seats became few and far between as attendees poured in. Close to 40 people were in attendance, and a great time was had by all. The above table was very fortunate in having Compatriot and

Color Guard folks are in their Color Guard uniforms. Color Guard members formed up outside of the banquet area to prepare for presenting the colors. However, Color Guard Commander George Garcia decided that it was too risky to present the colors, with the Color Guard performing the associated marching. His feelings were partially based on glitches that occurred when the Color Guard presented the colors at the previous PG's visit. Thus, while members of the Color Guard wore their uniforms, the colors were not presented.

NMSSAR President Lyngar Calls Meeting to Order and Gives a Report on What Was Happening in NMSSAR



Compatriot Lyngar wasted little time in getting down to NMSSAR business. There are presently four Chapters in New Mexico, with the

Chapters being in the Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Three Rivers/Farmington, and Las Cruces areas.

After welcoming the attendees, President Lyngar had Compatriot and First VP of the ABQ SAR Chapter Carl Henry (and former NMSSAR Chaplain) give the Invocation. He then had Compatriot George Garcia lead the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Finally, he had Compatriot Jim Thornton lead SAR members in the Pledge to the SAR.

This was indeed a busy evening for President Lyngar, who had the responsibility of introducing the head table and Other Guests. President Lyngar also recognized the Veterans who were present as well as the DAR members.

The meal put on by the Tanoan Country Club was delicious. It consisted of salad and rolls, chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, and pecan pie (which was outstanding).

The Head Table



From left to right SAR First Lady Mickey Jo Lawrence, PG Lawrence, NMSSAR President Lyngar, Outgoing NMSSAR First Lady Patricia Barger, Outgoing NMSSAR President Michael Barger

This photograph tells it all: The SAR Hierarchy.

Compatriot Rodriguez takes a Short Break from Discussing Hispanic Names



Left to right, Ms. Meg Parrott (Daughter of Compatriot Kouts), Compatriot Paul Kouts, Compatriot Robert Rodriguez

Compatriot Rodriguez had a most interesting discussion of how Hispanic Children were named. Some of them are named after prominent ancestors. This practice leads to very long names!

NMSSAR President Lyngar Introduces the Guest Speakers – NSSAR VPG Barger and PG Lawrence



From left to right President Lyngar (at podium), Mrs. Lawrence, PG Lawrence

Compatriot and Outgoing NMSSAR President and VPG Michael Barger Welcomes PG Lawrence



Left to right Compatriot Barger (at podium), Ms. Mickey Jo Lawrence (SAR First Lady)

Compatriot Barger gave a very moving introduction of PG Lawrence, who gave the address for the evening. PG Lawrence discussed the initiatives that were taken up and agreed upon at the National SAR level. Primary among these were the ongoing efforts to disseminate the information in an expeditious manner to the SAR Chapters and the efforts underway to help students in the various school systems go 'on-line.' PG Lawrence mentioned that schools in Texas were actually leading the nation in that these students don't use texts very much. They are mainly 'on-line.' Authors such as Compatriot Baty took this information very seriously!

Compatriot Thornton Talks up Boston and the National SAR Convention



Left to right Ms. Linda Baty, Compatriot and Color Guard member Thornton, Color Guard members Rael and Garcia (Color Guard Commander)

In response to the question from the PG (Are there any questions?) Compatriot Thornton implored NMSSAR attendees to attend the National meeting in Boston, MA. He said he thought that NMSSAR members would really like Boston! PG Lawrence added the tours that the National SAR had planned. They sound wonderful!

President Lyngar Asks PG Lawrence to Present Two SAR Achievement Awards to Compatriot Kouts



Left to right President Lyngar (at podium), Mrs. Lawrence, PG Lawrence

**PG Lawrence Presents Awards to
Compatriot Kouts**



From left to right Compatriot Kouts,
President Lyngar, PG Lawrence, Mrs.
Lawrence

**Compatriot and Previous NMSSAR
President Jim Thornton Presents a
Gift from NMSSAR to PG and Mrs.
Lawrence**



From left to right Compatriot
Thornton (back to photograph), Mrs.
Larence, PG Lawrence

Compatriot, Outgoing ABQ SAR Chapter President, and NMSSAR First Vice President George Garcia Presents a Gift from NMSSAR to PG and Mrs. Lawrence



From left to right President Lyngar (at podium), Compatriot Garcia, Mrs. Lawrence, PG Lawrence

President Lyngar Brings the Meeting to a Close



President Lyngar brought the meeting to a close by having Compatriot and former ABQ SAR Chapter Chaplain Henry give the Benediction and having ABQ SAR Chapter President Harold Jacobs lead the attendees in the Recessional.

**ABQ SAR Chapter President Jacobs
Prepares to Talk Business with PG
Lawrence**



Mrs. Linda Baty is in the foreground.
She had previously paid respects to
Mrs. Mickey Jo Lawrence (to the
right of Mrs. Baty).

President Jacobs is in the foreground

**Mrs. Linda Baty Prepares to Pay
Her Respects to PG Lawrence**



