

ABQ SAR Chapter Continues its Tradition of Having a Well Attended Meeting on 2/27/16 by Both SAR Members and Their Spouses (Many of whom are in DAR) Compatriots Sam Baty and John Holley



Compatriot and Former NMSSAR President Teddy Adams Enjoys the Festivities



The meeting on 2/27/2016 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.



Compatriot Sam Baty and his lovely wife, Linda, Prepare for Sam's Talk as ABQ

SAR Chapter's Guest Speaker on 2/27/2016



Compatriot Sam Baty, the author, was asked to give the Guest Speech at the February 27 ABQ SAR Chapter Meeting. Baty discussed the series where he takes the young World War II survivors to senior citizen status. You can read about the series at Sam's website, which is www.sambatybooks.com. An example of Sam's presentation is shown below.



ABQ SAR Chapter President Car Calls the Meeting to Order



President Car asked the Chapter Chaplain, Robert Rodriguez, to give the opening prayer. Chaplain Rodriguez was outstanding! The attendees were then asked to say the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge of the SAR.

President Car then asked the Chapter First Vice President, Compatriot John Thomas, to introduce the Guest Speaker, Compatriot Sam Baty.



**Compatriot and ABQ SAR Chapter
First Vice President John Thomas
Introduces Compatriot and ABQ SAR
Chapter Historian Sam Baty as the
Guest Speaker for the Feb 27, 2016
ABQ SAR Chapter Meeting**



Compatriot Thomas provided an outstanding introduction of Compatriot Baty. He told Attendees of the meeting that Compatriot Baty's Father, Francis Dunbar Baty, was a stellar member of NMSSAR. Compatriot Baty's aunt, Marcia Stanhope Baty, was a member of DAR in Lawrence, Kansas. Compatriot Thomas also had some fine words for Compatriot Baty's lovely wife, Linda.

Baty Makes a Point During His Speech



Baty had the opportunity to discuss his first book in detail. This book, titled "Footsteps to Forever," is a World War II thriller. It starts in the fall of 1941 with President Roosevelt talking to his chief advisor, Harry Hopkins, about Einstein's letter warning them about Germany's perusal of Heavy Water in Norway to use in what had become known as Atomic Weapons. When asked by Roosevelt what he thought should be done, Hopkins said that he thought someone should be sent to spy in Norway on the German's progress with Heavy Water. Then, depending on the Germans 'progress, the plant should be destroyed at the appropriate time. Of course, since the U.S. was not in the war yet, caution must be used as to how the German plant would be destroyed. At this point, Roosevelt said that he should bring in Vannevar Bush, his Head of the Office of Scientific Research and Development and ask him who should be sent.

After making an investigation, Bush said that Professor James Flannigan of Princeton University should be sent. Flannigan was a Nobel Laureate who won the prize for his research on Atomic Particles. Roosevelt said 'fine.' Normally, he would let Bush make

the contact. But, since he wanted to make certain that Flannigan ‘went,’ he said that he would make the contact. “Besides,” Roosevelt said with a sly grin, “I’ve always wanted to match wits with a Nobel Laureate!”

After being wined and dined at the White House, Flannigan said he would ‘go.’ He did his research in Norway, and was there when Pearl Harbor was attacked.

Then the romance started! General George Marshall called two Army Lieutenants in – beautiful Nurse Jennifer Haraldsson and Jonathon ‘Dude’ Partude. Jennifer was a second generation American whose ancestry went back to Norway. She was used to Norwegian being spoken and was an excellent skier. Dude was also good in Norwegian and outstanding with skis. The reason was that he had the Norwegian, Aksel Hansdtr, as his roommate at the University of Colorado. From the time he was very young, he had an interest in becoming an outstanding skier. With Aksel as his roommate, there was no doubt that he would become a magnificent skier. He had hopes of making the U.S. Olympic team!

Shortly before the meeting. President Carr asked Compatriot Baty if his speech could be given in 20 minutes. Baty said yes. What this meant was that Baty would have to shorten his coverage of the 2nd, 3rd, and fourth books, which he was able to do. He flew through the second book, and said that MacArthur and Cesti Puller had significant roles in the third novel. He said that Jennifer and Otto Bruner were the two that he took forward clear through the fourth novel. In this book, Jennifer becomes the U.S. Senator from Virginia on her second try, and Otto, after spending time in an East German prison for his ‘democratic beliefs,’ becomes Chancellor of Germany. Thus, after going

through the trials and tribulations of life, Jennifer and Otto make it!

President Carr Passes Out the SAR Chapter Awards



From left to right President Carr, Compatriot Holley

PRESIDENT Carr Gives Compatriot Holley the Traditional ‘Well Done’ and the Handshake



From left to right President Carr, Compatriot Holley

The first award presented by President Carr is to Compatriot John Holley, the State Historian.. Holley was given the award by

the NMSSAR President Lyngar for outstanding progress as Historian.



Commander Garcia Actually Gets to, 'Feel' The Streamers'



From left to right Compatriot Garcia, President Carr

The Committee reports were next on the agenda. Compatriot and Chapter Treasurer John Lucero gave a very fine presentation. He started out by saying some of the reservations he had personally. Compatriot Lucero recommended what the Chapter should do with these 'anomalies.'. Compatriot Lucero also gave the amounts that are in the General and Special funds. He also stated amount that is available in a special category from dividends.

Compatriot and Chapter Registrar Ray Alexander continued his magnificent work. He presently has 13 folks who he is working on to become ABQ SAR Chapter members. Magnificent work, Ray!

Compatriot Baty gave the Chapter Historian report. He reiterated that anyone receiving an SAR award should contact him with this very pertinent information. He will include it in his Historian report.

Compatriot Garcia, Commander of the Color Guard, Gives the Color Guard Report in his Usual Outstanding Manner



Compatriot Garcia has done an outstanding job of leading the NMSSAR Color Guard. In his report, Compatriot Garcia told what the Color Guard has in store for 2016, and he reviewed what they had done in 2015. He also made the case for the Color Guard needing more people!

Compatriot John Thomas Gives a Report on the Wounded Warrior Project



Compatriot Thomas gave the report on the Chapter Wounded Warrior Project. Compatriot Thomas relayed that New Mexico does not have a Fisher House. The Fisher House is where folks can stay who are visiting a Wounded Warrior at no cost to them! Compatriot Thomas also said that he is working with a lady representing the Veterans Administration. She previously was a Guest Speaker at a Chapter Meeting.

President Carr Brings the February, 2016 Meeting to a Close



ABQ SAR Chapter President Carr asked if there were any new business. He then brought the 02/27/2016 meeting to a close by vocally leading the attendees in the SAR Recessional.