

NMSSAR Final Report for Year 2012



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Report of the NMSSAR 2012 Trustee (Received by e-mail from Teddy Adams, 2012 NMSSAR Trustee)
As NMSSAR national trustee I attended the 2012 fall leadership meeting where I attended the trustee meeting took my oath and voted on national issues as presented. I also attended committee meetings on ROTC, Eagle Scouts, and Americanism.

Combined Reports of the NMSSAR First Vice President and the Constitution and Bylaws Committee
(Received by e-mail from Mike Barger 2012 NMSSAR First Vice President and Chairman of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee)

1. Rewrite of State Constitution and By-Laws:

- a. I have identified several areas to be tweaked. (FYI, currently the "committee" consists of just one member - - me.)
- b. While the rewrite of the Constitution and By-Laws is not yet complete, I have made major headway in establishing Policies and procedures for compliance with Sarbanes Oxley (SOX).
 - i. Established a Conflict Of Interest/Code Of Organizational Conduct
 - ii. Developed a Conflict Of Interest Statement
 - iii. Established a NMSSAR Records Retention and Destruction Policy
 - iv. Developed a Whistleblower Policy
- c. I have researched the National Constitution and By-Laws and compared the NMSSAR Documents against the National to ensure compliance.
- d. I have held various conversations with various BOM members concerning proposed changes in the By-Laws.
- e. A draft copy has been sent to the Board of managers for their review and recommendations.

2. C.A.R./DAR Liaison:

- a. Have supported the DAR in various activities during Memorial Day Remembrances.
- b. Represented the SAR at DAR Veterans Day activities.
- c. Have represented the SAR at the State DAR Conferences, and workshops.
- d. Have represented the SAR at DAR Chapter meetings attended by the DAR State Regent.
- e. Have served as a focal point for DAR questions regarding SAR Membership for various DAR members.
- f. I am a member of the National Society of SAR C.A.R./DAR Liaison Committee.
- g. I attended the above Committee meeting, representing New Mexico, at the Fall Leadership meeting.
- h. I have established contact with the Senior State President New Mexico C.A.R. for follow-on activities between the New Mexico Children of the American Revolution and the NMSSAR.

3. Activities as 1st Vice President

- a. Worked very closely with the State President, and represented him in his absence at various functions and activities.
- b. Served as the Committee Chairman for the rewrite of the State Constitution and By-Laws.
- c. Worked very closely with both the State President and the State 2nd Vice President on the State Nominating Committee, and the reorganization of the State Organization.
- d. Worked closely with the State President in awards recommendations, preparation, and presentations.
- e. Represented the NMSSAR at both the National Congress and the Fall Leadership meeting.
- f. Served as a NMSSAR Delegate to the 22nd National SAR Congress.

On September 22, 2012, our Albuquerque Chapter, was invited to make a presentation of our NSSAR organization at the Mormon Church located at Mc Mann and 7 Bar Loop. Compatriot Robinson talked about who we are and what we represent;, Compatriot Rael talked about Genealogy and Compatriot Garcia talked about the Spanish Contribution to the American Revolution with aids of SAR Photos, Presidio Soldiers Poster and SAR pamphlets.

Invited to a Kirtland AFB National Hispanic Breakfast where I presented information on the Spanish Contribution to the American Revolution In attendance was NMAIR National Guard Brigadier General Judy M. Griego, the first Spanish female General in the National Air Guard .SAR Color Guard photos of past events were presented and seen by many of the 150 people were present on September 25.2012.

On October 10,2012, I was invited to speak to an assembly of Acoma Elementary Students wearing my uniform explaining the Spanish Contribution to the American Revolution and our ancestors contribution with money and Captain General Don Bernado De Galvez Y Madrid whose soldiers and sailors died and sacrificed defeating the English forces during the American Revolution in many battles along the Gulf Coast. On October 15,2012, I was invited in uniform to inform and make a presentation to all grades at St. Charles Borromero. Approx 300 students attended I talked about the NSSAR what we do and about the Spanish Contribution to the American Revolution. SAR Color Guard photos were posted for viewing Compatriot Robinson and I presented Ford Dealership a certificate awarded for flying the American Flag every day and night. On November 12, a day after Veterans Day, Don Chambers Ford invited us, the ALB Chapter to a BBQ on Veterans Day, in which we spoke about the NSSAR and the NM involvement during the American Revolution. Compatriots Adams, Robinson, Real, and Garcia were in attendance - Adams and Garcia in our Presidio uniforms. Immediately afterwards, Belinda and I were invited to speak at the Bernalillo Vietnam Memorial. Approximately 250 people were present. I spoke about replica of the Presidio Spanish uniform that I was wearing and about the NMSSAR here in our state. I was asked to return on Memorial Day 2013.

Eagle Scout Committee Report (Chairman Jim Libbin is waiting to receive materials from the former Eagle Scout Committee Chairman in order to coordinate a new management plan.)

ROTC and JROTC Committee Report (Received by e-mail from Teddy Adams, Initial Chairman of the Committee who turned over his duties to Andrew Lyngar after the 2012 awards had been made:)

"I only had the ROTC program last year which I received from Jim Hesse. He actually gave me nothing but forwarded me the email request for awards from the school. This was my awards for 2012.

"We awarded 14 [JROTC] awards to 14 high schools in Albuquerque plus three at UNM for college programs. We also presented in person or by mail to the following cities: Clovis HS, Belen HS, Las Lunas HS, Moriarity HS, Rio Rancho HS, Laguna Acoma HS, Grants HS, Santa Fe HS, Los Alamos HS, and 5 in Farmington, NM, and one to a military school in Alconbury England. This totals 30 [JROTC] awards and 3 senior awards. All but three were awarded in compatriots of the three northern chapters of the NMSSAR. I forwarded Andrew Lyngar my past communications and promised to forward all future requests as I receive them."

3 Rivers Chapter Report (No report received. Verbal input to be given at the annual meeting.)

- New Mexico Military Institute (college) New Mexico Military Institute ROTC Cadre
 - New Mexico Military Institute (high school) New Mexico Military Institute ROTC Cadre
- May 5, 2012
 - Alamogordo High School MGySgt Andrew Lyngar USMC Ret.
- May 9, 2012
 - Onate High School Capt. Walter Baker, USN Ret.
- June the Gadsden Sons of the American Revolution hosted the traditional annual joint meeting with the La Cruces Daughters of the American Revolution celebrating Flag Day at Meson de Mesilla Restaurant. Dr. Cameron Saffell, Curator of History at the Farm and Ranch Museum gave an excellent discussion on the trials and tribulations of New Mexico becoming the forty seventh State of the United States.
- In July, Compatriots NMSSAR President George Biles, SAR Minuteman Capt. Walter Baker, Rev. Perkins Patton, and Gadsden President Andrew Lyngar attended the Sons of the American Revolution National Congress in Phoenix, AZ. and received Certificates of Appreciation for the effort all gave in aiding in making the National Congress a success. New Mexico and Arizona SAR Societies were sponsors for the 2012 Congress in conjunction with both states Centennial Celebration.
- On August 6, 2012 Gadsden President Andrew Lyngar attended the Mesilla Lyons Club meeting to discuss the Sons of the American Revolution Las Cruces area community activity and stressed the Hispanic membership requirements.
- In September, Gadsden Vice President Sam Bradley conducted a superb meeting at Break an Egg Restaurant, in the absence of President Andrew Lyngar on vacation, discussing the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States in celebration of Constitution Day. Each attendee was given a pocket copy of the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution along with a "Memory Crutch" for remembering the Bill Of Rights.
- October 15, 2012 President Andrew Lyngar was in Alamogordo, NM meeting with the Alamogordo Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter to discuss the Sons of the American Revolution and possible prospective members, as they have had several gentlemen ask about the SAR, but they had no Point of Contact for the Gadsden Chapter. They also were interested in possibly helping with the Bataan Memorial March.
- On December 1, 2012, Gadsden Chapter held a meeting at Pepe's Restaurant to honor leaders from the areas communities, Gadsden Chapter Members, and induct new members. Gadsden Chapter Minuteman Capt. Baker inducted three new members: Carl Cox, Carl Nordwall, and Walter Toothman into the Sons of the American Revolution as Compatriots. Gadsden President Andrew Lyngar presented Sons of the American Revolution Medals and certificates to the following:
 - Fire Safety Medal Lt. Jose Leos; Las Cruces Fire Department
 - Emergency Medical Service Medal Steven McElheny; High Rolls Volunteer Fire Department

- Law Enforcement Medal Deputy Sheriff Tim Sherman; Doña Ana Sheriff's Dept.
- Daughters of Liberty Medal Ms. Jane H. Madrid; Regent Las Cruces DAR
- Certificate of Appreciation Samuel Bradley; Gadsden Chapter Vice President
- Certificate of Appreciation Robert Northrup; Gadsden Chapter Genealogist
- NMSSAR President George Biles of the Gadsden Chapter presented SAR Medals to Gadsden Compatriots and Ladies of members. See the Report from the Medals and Awards Committee for details.

Santa Fé Chapter Report (No report received. Verbal input to be given at the annual meeting)

Report of the NMSSAR President

The NMSSAR established 8 measurable goals for 2012. The following is a summary of these goals along with comments:

Encourage maximum participation in the AZ/NM Congress in Phoenix: The New Mexico Society was well-represented at the 112th Congress. Overall, there were about 429 participants at the Congress in Phoenix which far exceeded the planners' expectations. The NMSSAR Color Guard, under the leadership of Compatriot George Garcia, was well-represented. NMSSAR spouses and friends staffed the Ladies' program. Compatriot Gene Tomlinson headed the Registration and Credentials Committee. Many NM attendees received the Samuel Adams Congress Appreciation Medal for their hard work. Well done to all the participants; particularly Congress Credentials Chairman Gene Tomlinson, Teddy Adams who served as a Day Captain, Perkins and Patricia Patton who raffled a wall hanging Patricia created, Jim Thornton who was sworn in as Rocky Mountain District Vice President General, and George Garcia's NMSSAR Color Guard and participating members!

NMSSAR needs to induct new members: NMSSAR challenged itself to induct 3 new members per chapter in 2012 – a total of 12 new members. The NMSSAR actually was able to process and induct 22 new members in 2012 (info current as of January 11, 2013):

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| Albuquerque Chapter: (7) | | Carl N. Nordwall | 09-18-2012 |
| William E. Finley | 11-29-2012 | James S. Northrup | 12-29-2012 |
| Paul L. Kouts | 11-29-2012 | Walter J. Toothman | 11-03-2012 |
| Karl K. Rosazza | 11-03-2012 | Robert A. Minert | 06-26-2012 |
| Samuel T. Dangremond | 06-18-2012 | Matthew R. Wade | 06-18-2012 |
| Evan L. Rael | 03-29-2012 | Santa Fé Chapter: (3) | |
| Leon E. Rael | 03-29-2012 | Jerry A. Bradley | 11-29-2012 |
| James R. Wilder | 11-09-2012 | Jose Garcia | 03-23-2012 |
| Gadsden Chapter: (8) | | Donald Martinez II | 02-06-2012 |
| Carl L. Cox | 09-17-2012 | | |
| Walter A. Henderson | 11-03-2012 | | |
| Carl N. Henry | 11-02-2012 | | |

State-Wide Membership: (3)

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| Hugh J. Karr, Jr. | 11-21-2012 |
| Kurt S. Kemp | 11-21-2012 |
| Arden C. Montgomery | 03-29-2012 |

Three Rivers Chapter: (1)

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| Adolph C. Minert | 06-26-2012 |
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In addition to these 22 new members, at latest report, Albuquerque and Gadsden are working on 8 other new member applications that are in some stage of completion. Twenty-two new members represent a 21% increase in our NMSSAR membership for 2012. Congratulations to the Genealogists and Patriots who assisted in this remarkable effort: especially Robert Northrup of Gadsden, John Robinson of Albuquerque, Ray Alexander of NMSSAR, and all the others who provided tireless assistance in achieving this exceptional increase in our Society's membership. Well done!

Acknowledge local police, firefighter, and emergency medical personnel with SAR awards: See the reports of each Chapter. Gadsden awarded the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal, Fire Safety Commendation Medal, and Emergency Medical Services Commendation Medal to 3 outstanding first responders in Doña Ana County. Gadsden invited – as Chapter guests – family members, colleagues, and supervisors to their awards luncheon. Albuquerque also honored a first responder. For NMSSAR to honor public service providers who risk their lives daily for the public's well-being is a privilege.

Maximize the exposure of the NMSSAR color guard: Compatriot George Garcia's talk at our annual meeting about NMSSAR Color Guard activities during 2012 reveals that this goal was achieved. Well done to you, Tocayo George, and to the Color Guard.

Publicize our activities in the newsletter: The NMSSAR website has published quarterly issues of the NMSSAR Newsletter for access on-line. The Newsletter, edited by Compatriot David Lee Harris and with photos taken by Sam Baty and Portia Lyngar, the quarterly newsletters have given the Society an insightful history of what NMSSAR has accomplished in 2012. Additionally, Gene Tomlinson and George Garcia have published on the NMSSAR website two very informative slide shows with commentaries: (1) SAR 122nd Congress Presentation on Spanish North America, New Mexico, and the Santa Fé Presidio and (2) Preparation for the 2012 SAR Congress Slideshow. Well done to David Lee Harris, Gene Tomlinson, Sam Baty, George Garcia, as well as to William Baker, NMSSAR webmaster, and all individuals who have submitted materials to the Newsletter and the website!

Find volunteer(s) for the positions of State Treasurer and State Secretary: We thank Ray Alexander for his years of service as State Secretary. In November, 2011, Ray received the state's highest award for his exceptional performance of NMSSAR State Secretary duties: the State Medal of Distinguished Service. For the year 2012, Ray agreed to stay on as Secretary for one additional year to provide his skills and experience for the upcoming Congress. Ray Alexander deserves our sincere thanks for his tireless efforts. John Farris, State Treasurer, has served for most of this decade in the job as State Treasurer – designing and managing the statements and budget for the Society. We thank John Farris for his service and are pleased to award him shortly with the State's Meritorious Service Medal for his hard work. The 2012 NMSSAR Nomination Committee nominated Compatriot Phil Blumenthal as their replacement.

Update the NMSSAR history: NMSSAR is older than the State of New Mexico. The New Mexico Society was founded in 1908. An effort was made in 2008 to publish the Centennial History of NMSSAR. NMSSAR will continue to give publishing our centennial edition priority attention.

Revisit the NMSSAR Handbook, Constitution, and By-Laws. Under the leadership of First Vice President Mike Barger, Mike and colleagues have revisited, reviewed, and tweaked these documents where necessary. The revised document is ready for approval by NMSSAR. Well done, Mike, and assisting colleagues.

Activities of the 2012 President during this term of office included:

Feb 25: Attended the NMSSAR Annual meeting.

March 1 through 4: Attended the SAR Spring Leadership Conference in Louisville, KY.

March 5 and later: Offered to be a speaker at one meeting for each NMSSAR Chapter throughout the year. Received and accepted invitations from Albuquerque and Gadsden Chapters.

March 24: Volunteered with various members of the Gadsden Chapter to work the finish line water table for the Bataan Death March annual marathon in Las Cruces.

March 31: Represented the NMSSAR at the 10^{0th} anniversary celebration of Naval Aviation at a joint California SAR and DAR ceremony.

April 17: Conducted, as Chairman of the NMSSAR BOM, an on-line BOM meeting to vote on a motion to increase NMSSAR dues. Votes were submitted on May 1 and the BOM approved this motion.

April 21: Stood in for the NMSSAR Co-Host for the 122nd Congress, at the final AZ/NM planning conference in Casa Grande, AZ.

May 19: Attended a scheduled Gadsden Chapter meeting in Las Cruces.

June 1 and after: Wrote an article for publication in the SAR Magazine about the formal plaque presentation that occurred in Santa Fé on November 11, 2011. This article was adapted for publication in the Summer, 2012 issue of the SAR Magazine, pp. 34 and 35. Also did research on and obtained copyright permissions from Somos Primos and other sources for Broadside articles to be used in the 122nd Congress in Phoenix.

June 16: Invited to attend a joint SAR/DAR luncheon meeting in Las Cruces. Spoke to the attendees about Flag Day.

July 4-12: Attended the 122nd Congress in Phoenix, AZ. The AZSSAR and NMSSAR Presidents gave \$1,000 gifts to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage given in the name of our Societies and the names of outgoing and incoming President Generals and their ladies. Participated in the National Color Guard as part of the NM Color Guard color that is commanded by Compatriot George Garcia.

July 28: Sent Conference booklets that honored Compatriots who passed away in 2011 accompanied by condolence letters to the family members of each of the four NMSSAR Compatriots who died in 2011.

August 20: Sent letters to winners of the NMSSAR raffle and to the Las Cruces Custom Cartridge gun store owner thanking them for their participation in the NMSSAR raffle project managed by Teddy Adams.

September 22: Invited to attend an Albuquerque chapter meeting. Spoke about the 122nd Congress and made an award.

September 27 through 30: Attended the SAR Spring Leadership Conference in Louisville, KY.

October 15: Cancelled PG Steve Leishman's November 14 through 16 planned visit to NMSSAR because of the PG's pressing travel commitments.

December 1: Invited to attend a Gadsden Chapter awards meeting in Las Cruces. Gave out various state awards to deserving recipients. See the Report of the Chairman of the Medals and Awards Committee for details.

December 10: Forwarded, with the concurrence of the Medals and Awards Committee, recommendations that NSSAR approve the following awards: (1) Minuteman Medal for Rev. Perkins Patton, former Rocky Mountain VPG, and (2) the Gold Good Citizenship Medal for Hampton Sides, noted author and resident of Santa Fé.

January 26, 2013: Annual BOM meeting in Albuquerque.

Medals and Awards Committee Report (Compiled by the Medals and Awards Committee, Chairman Captain Walter F. Baker, USN-Ret.)

Medals that were presented by the 2012 State President or that are still in process:

- *SAR International Medal*: A recommendation for the SAR International Medal to be presented to the Spanish Ambassador to the United States was sent to NSSAR. This medal must be awarded by a PG or a General Officer personally designated by the PG.
- *Minuteman Medal*: Rev. Perkins Patton was nominated by NMSSAR to be a recipient of the Minuteman Medal.
- *Gold Good Citizenship Medal*: Hampton Sides, author and supporter of American causes, was nominated for this award by the NMSSAR.
- SAR Daughters of Liberty Medal was presented to Elsa Baker.
- SAR Daughters of Liberty Medal was presented to Jane Madrid, Regent of the Las Cruces Chapter of the DAR.
- SAR Daughters of Liberty Medal was presented to Patricia Patton.
- Martha Washington Medal was presented to Portia Lyngar.
- SAR Meritorious Service Medal was presented to William Baker.
- SAR Meritorious Service Medal was presented to Perkins Patton for his past service to the Gadsden Chapter, State, and District as Chapter and State President and VPG.
- Service to Veterans Medal was presented to Walter Baker.
- Bronze Good Citizenship Medal was presented to Andrew Lyngar.

Medals to be presented by the 2012 State President at the Annual Meeting:

- State Medal of Distinguished Service to be presented to Eugene M. Tomlinson {at the annual meeting of the MISSAR in Detroit on April 27, 2013} for his dedicated efforts as chairman of the Congress' Registration and Credentials Committee, his efforts in putting together the State Handbook and By Laws, for his service as State President, and for his subsequent service on the Board of Management.
- Silver Good Citizenship Medal to be presented to Walter F. Baker. Minuteman Baker is unable to attend this annual meeting because he is receiving the Senior Male Athlete of the Year award from the Senior Olympics (Walt was founding President) in Doña Ana County today. His SAR medal is presented *in absentia*.
- SAR Meritorious Service Medal to be presented to John A. Farris for his long service to NMSSAR as Treasurer.
- Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to be presented to Michael E. Barger for his services to DAR, CAR, FSA, and community.
- Service to Veterans Medal to be presented to Teddy A. Adams.
- SAR Daughters of Liberty Medal to be presented to Patricia Barger.
- SAR Medal of Appreciation to be presented to Marianne Eaton.
- SAR Medal of Appreciation to be presented to Mary Ann Thornton.
- Martha Washington Medal to be presented to Margery Adams.
- Martha Washington Medal to be presented to Estelle Rosenblum.
- Certificate of Appreciation to George C. Garcia for his services and support to NMSSAR by commanding and participating in the NMSSAR Color Guard in 2012. {George Garcia received the Meritorious Service Medal in 2011 for organizing the NMSSAR Color Guard}.
- Certificate of Appreciation to Teddy A. Adams for his services and support to NMSSAR by developing a fund-raising gun raffle in 2011.
- Certificate of Appreciation to Raymond L. Alexander for his services and support to the NMSSAR in 2012 as State Secretary. {Ray Alexander was awarded the State Medal of Distinguished Service in 2011 for his prior years as State Secretary}.