

THE NATIONAL SOCIETY, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

VICE PRESIDENT GENERAL'S REPORT

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DISTRICT MEETINGS DATES & LOCATIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF MEETINGS ATTENDED:

State Societies	President	Chapters	Annual Meeting	City
1. COLORADO	Wayne Snodgrass	ME, PP,GM,LP	March 14, 2015	Denver CO.
2. ARIZONA	Art Cantrall	All chapters	March 15, 2015	Chandler, AZ.
3. NEW MEXICO	Michael Barger	All Chapters	February 7, 2015	Albuquerque NM.
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REPORT & RECOMENDATIONS:

After being installed at the 124<sup>th</sup> Congress my first objective was to propose a change in the Rocky Mt District Bylaws. The change listed below:

“ARTICLE VII: PRESIDENT GENERAL’S VISIT

To reduce travel coordination problems and expenses to the President General and all officers involved in a visit to the Rocky Mountain District the VPG in office during the travel period shall coordinate the visit of the PG with the RMD State Presidents in order to avoid multiple trips to the RMD. Using the annual order of rotation (Arizona, Colorado & New Mexico) used for nominating the VPG the state nominating the VPG will be given first opportunity to invite the PG to their state. The next in line states will reserve the second and third choice of dates. “

I attended the Pikes Peak Chapter COSSAR Annual Constitution Day Banquet in Colorado Springs. Sept. 26 and 27 I attended the Fall Leadership Meeting and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new museum and exhibit space of the SAR Center for the Advancing America’s Heritage.

I attended the Annual Bill of Rights Luncheon at Colorado Springs on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> and spoke to SAR members in southern Colorado about the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Louisville.

I installed Officers for the Pikes Peak Chapter COSSAR in Canon City CO. at their Annual Meeting.

I escorted the President General Brock and his wife Billie on a three state tour of the Rocky Mountain District starting on the evening of March 13<sup>th</sup> with an informal Buffet at the Garden Hilton at the Denver Tech Center. On the 14<sup>th</sup> I attended the Annual Meeting of COSSAR. On the 15<sup>th</sup> I flew with the President General and Billie to Arizona for AZSSAR’s Annual Meeting at the Phoenix/Chandler Hilton in Chandler AZ. We then flew to Albuquerque NM. After a lunch and tour of old Albuquerque we attended a Banquet in honor of the President General.

I have picked as a project to sponsor the Operation Ancestor Search. I have met with the Transition Unit at Ft. Carson Co. and hope to have the program running soon. I will Promote OAS throughout my district.

### **Colorado Society**

The Colorado Society has been active in The COSSAR Patriot Chest Program, an Educational Out Reach project directed at Middle School students. COSSAR has taken an active role in recognizing our Veterans for their service. Several Wounded Warrior Coins have been presented at Award Ceremonies. The COSSAR Color Guard had a very busy year appearing in several parades including the Veterans Day Parade in Colorado Springs which included The Mile High Fife and Drum Corps. Boy Scouts and George Washington portrayed by Dave Wallace.

Mt. Evans Chapter: Actively supports Wreaths Across America. The Flag Display Certificate was presented to the Colorado Patriot Guard Riders on October 11. The Good Citizen Award was presented to Mr. Jim Herstein on October 11, for his efforts as a Director of the Denver Honor Flight.

The Pikes Peak Chapter Color Guard works closely with other southern Colorado Color Guards in Presenting the Colors at events. The Pikes Peak Chapter has presented eleven George Washington Portraits to schools in southern Colorado. The Chapter annually gives out public Service Awards, Wounded Warrior Coins, Good Citizenship Medals and Flag Display Certificates.

The Grand Mesa Chapter November 8th, they marched with the DAR in the Veterans Day Parade. Two members were in period attire. November 11th, they had a table at the Veterans Day Ceremony's the Vietnam War Memorial in Fruita. November 13th, they had 5 members' present wreaths for USAF and SAR. GM Chapter sponsored two wreaths and 4 more wreaths by members.

Longs Peak Chapter President FY 2014, eight new members were added to the LP Chapter Rolls. One of the eight was an interstate transfer from Missouri. Five supplemental applications were approved. Currently, the Chapter membership stands at 35 regular members and 5 junior member The November LP Chapter guest speaker was Sergeant John "Jack" Thurman USMC, Ret. Jack is an Iwo Jima

### **Arizona Society**

The State Color guard participated in the Veterans Day Parade in Casa Grande AZ.

The Tucson Chapter's Color guard presented the Colors and later fires a flintlock salute at the Wreaths Across America Ceremony at the Evergreen Cemetery. Tucson color guard member Dr. Byrd gave a presentation at the Wilson School second grade.

Prescott chapter and Saguaro chapter color guard members marched in another Veterans Day Parade. The Society state president attended the Prescott annual meeting and inducted three new members and later installed the 2015 officers.

Palo Verde chapter in September and October presented 13 service medals to outstanding local Police and Fire professionals. At the November meeting 11 SAR service medals were presented to chapter members who served in the armed forces.

The society state president installed the 2015 officers for the Phoenix chapter at their annual meeting.

At the state Fall Board of Managers meeting started with the presenting of Colors complete with fifer playing. Our speaker was CAR Senior President Lezlee Alexander. Several members were presented with lamplighter award and flag streamer award were presented to Saguaro chapter. Five flag steamers received at National meetings for King Eagle Scout Participant, NSCAR Activity Award, NSSAR Officer Award, Outstanding JROTC Cadet Participant and Knight Essay Participant were added to the flag.

### **New Mexico Society**

On January 25, 2014 The NMSSAR held a meeting to install the newly elected NMSSAR Officers to lead the NM Society for 2014 at Tanoan Country Club Restaurant with a nice luncheon. This is probably old new for some members but maybe some of the members may not know whom the Officers are for the NM SAR Society. President, Michael Barger, V P, Andrew "Drew" Lyngar, second V P; John Robinson, 3rd V P, Carl Henry.....Albuq, Secretary..... Michael Barger Albuq, Treasurer.....Ralph Baker Albuq, Registrar, John Robinson, Genealogist, Paul Kouts. At the Spring Leadership Conference in Louisville, KY the Mezzanine Reading Area of the NSSAR Library was named in the Honor of James E. Hesse a long time member of the Albuquerque Chapter. He held many offices in the NMSSAR and Albuquerque SAR.

Color Guard Commander George Garcia reported that he and Compatriot Rodriguez in Spanish uniforms attended the Albuquerque Founder's Day function in which had 800 attendees.

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