



GADSDEN GAZETTE

A quarterly newsletter of the Gadsden Chapter
New Mexico Sons of the American Revolution



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Member Anniversaries

25th ANNIVERSARY

Warren Alter - October 21st

Happy BIRTHDAY!

George Richards – 10/01

Patrick Peck – 10/02

Bob Fike – 10/08

Bob Thum – 10/20

Jim Libbin – 10/24

Paul Hunsberger – 10/28

John Hill – 03 Nov

Bob Northrup – 07 Nov

James Williams – 15 Nov

Gary Campbell – 21 Nov

Paul Vance – Dec 2

James Northrup – Dec 17

Paul Voegeli – Dec 18

William Baker – Dec 23

DECEMBER 2023

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Meetings:

3rd Saturday of the month

Noon - 2:00 PM

(Subject to change)

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President's Soapbox



I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday season with family and friends gathered 'round to celebrate this time of year, wherever you may be.

But keep in thoughts and prayers, the family and friends of those who have gone on and are no longer here to celebrate with us.

On December 7th, compatriot Gary Mitchell Campbell passed at the age of 85. Gary was a faithful member of our chapter for almost 25 years, having been approved for membership in January 1998.

Gary joins compatriot Andrew "Drew" S. Lyngar and longtime chapter supporter, Elsa J Baker, who both passed earlier this year. May they rest in peace and forever be remembered.

The torch has been passed and the challenge has been issued to carry on our good work. This quarter we welcomed three new members into our chapter. Daniel Samples-Thieman II, and Steven Graves who both reinstated and transferred in and Tanner Guskey, a new member, as of this September, who transferred in from Tucson.

These three are among the nine additions to our chapter for 2023, and while this seems to be a significant increase in our membership, we may end up with a net decrease for the year. As of this writing, there remain 8 members who have not paid their dues for 2024, which highlights a problem that we do not face alone. Every chapter and state throughout the SAR has a problem with retention, some more than others. We must all do a better job at cultivating an atmosphere in which our members feel included and proud to call themselves members.

2024

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JANUARY

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FEBRUARY

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10 TBD

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29-3/2

MARCH

16 1200-1400

APRIL

11-14

20 1200-1400

MAY

18 1200-1400

JUNE

15 1200-1400

JULY

No Chapter Meeting

10-17

AUGUST

No Chapter Meeting

SEPTEMBER

21 1200-1400

OCTOBER

03-05

19 1200-1400

NOVEMBER

09 0900-1200

09 1300-1500

DECEMBER

14

21 1200-1400

Chapter Meeting
COSSAR Annual Meeting

NMSSAR Annual Meeting
Chapter – Oak St. Valentine's BBQ
In lieu of Chapter meeting
AZSSAR Annual Meeting
Washington's B/D Parade
Spring Leadership

Chapter Meeting

TXSSAR Annual Meeting
Chapter Meeting

Chapter Meeting

Chapter Meeting

Congress

Chapter Meeting

Fall Leadership
Chapter Meeting

Veterans Day Parade
Chapter Meeting

Wreaths Across America
Chapter Meeting

Hacienda
Greenwood Village, CO

TBD
Scottsdale, AZ
Laredo, TX
Louisville, KY

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San Antonio, TX
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Louisville, KY
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Las Cruces, NM
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Fort Bayard, NM
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PRESIDENT'S SOAPBOX (Cont.)

I understand that the decision to not renew is personal, and the reasons vary greatly, but those of us who remain active members have a responsibility to do all we can to limit the reasons that would lead to one making the decision to leave. Stay in contact with those members who, for whatever reasons, are not participating in chapter activities. Reach out to them to keep them informed or just to let them know someone is thinking of them. If we all do a better job here, I feel that our number of "drops" will decrease.

Another issue that we need to address is recruitment. Again, we are not alone in this struggle and this issue is, in part, one of the main reasons that our national dues were increased. Our national membership growth rate has been flat for the past several years. Our chapter did well, as we saw 6 new members join us (about a 10% increase). But we can't sit on our hands and expect that to continue. Share your passion, share your story, honor your patriot ancestors and keep their memory alive. Our chapter membership hovers around 50, and all of us should be recruiting year round, but if just 10 of us inspire someone to explore their heritage we might see half of these interactions blossom into new members.

Recruitment is important, not only for the obvious reason of growth, but we need to ensure that we have new members coming on board who will be engaged and willing to take on the responsibilities of leading our chapter in the future. I am happy to say that several of the new members who joined us this year have been very active, and our future in the short term is looking good, but we must remain vigilant in bringing up our new torch bearers.

This quarter we had 4 public service nominations: 1 Fire service; 1 EMS and 2 Life Saving. Unfortunately, after several attempts, we were unable to coordinate appropriate times and locations for the presentation of these medals and awards. Hopefully we will be able to accomplish this early next year.

We did present a Gadsden Chapter Medal at our November meeting to a deserving Vietnam War veteran for his efforts in helping students in El Paso

who were struggling in school. After being severely injured in Vietnam, Spec Rafael Hernando III returned to El Paso and, as a way to deal with his PTSD, he began going to schools and talking about the war and encouraging students. He saw a need to help some of these students and built a group of volunteer tutors. This group of volunteers grew to over 8000 at its peak and reaped untold rewards in the successes of these students.

We also presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Victor M. Ulloa, 1SG Ret., who gave us a talk on "The Price of Freedom", a Soldier's Story, about his experience in the military as a medic during the Gulf War. (See photos "Chapter Happenings")

Your Color Guard now has 5 active members. We represented you in the Veterans Day Parade in Las Cruces and at the Wreaths Across America at the Fort Bayard National Cemetery and received warm welcomes at both events. We are looking to expand our activity and are in the development stage of setting up a "speakers bureau", with a goal of making presentations at local schools and other organizations in the future. This speakers bureau is not limited to color guard members and I encourage all of you who have an interest in public speaking to participate, even those of you who do not live in the Las Cruces area, consider making presentations in your area. Again, share your passion, share your story, honor your patriot ancestors and talk about the Revolutionary War and the SAR.

I have applied for a grant to put together a "traveling trunk" of Revolutionary War items to take to these presentations so that we have something to show that our ancestors might have carried with them into war. (More on that in February after the grants have been awarded.)

Our Patriot Ancestors



By Birth Month

PS John Cantrell - Oct 1724
 Dale Cantrell
 PS James Northrup - 09 Nov 1719
 Bob, James Northrup
 Maj John Moore - 28 Nov 1731
 Bob Thum
 Sgt Ebenezer Landers - 08 Nov 1758
 Russ Wilson
 Pvt Abraham Huntsberger - 04 Nov 1786
 Paul Huntsberger
 Maj George Washington Thornton
 06 Dec 1737
 Paul Voegeli
 Col Isaac Shelby - 11 Dec 1750
 Paul Voegeli
 Corp Daniel Driggs - 27 Dec 1741
 Roger Dombrowski

By Death Month

PS John Lloyd - 16 Oct 1793
 Tom Rigsby
 PS John Reese - 09 Oct 1793
 Tom Rigsby
 Col George Stubblefield - 17 Oct 1801
 Greg Ivey
 Pvt Charles English - 28 Oct 1801
 Tom Rigsby
 PS John Swearingen - 07 Oct 1807
 Tom Rigsby
 Pvt John Van Gieson - 06 Oct 1809
 Robert Middleton

By Death Month (Cont.)

PS Samuel Scott Sr - 17 Oct 1809
 Gary Campbell
 Pvt Stephen Northrup - 17 Oct 1831
 Bob, James Northrup
 Pvt Henry Baugh - 09 Oct 1836
 Tom Rigsby
 Pvt Abraham Huntsberger - 04 Nov 1786
 Paul Huntsberger
 PS John Robinson - 02 Dec 1805
 Bob Northrup
 Sol Juan Matias Olivas - 02 Dec 1806
 Paul Voegeli
 Pvt Jesse Richardson - 07 Dec 1839
 Tom Rigsby
 Pvt Isaac Newell - 23 Dec 1831
 Dave Curtiss
 PS Christopher Gwinn - 29 Dec 1807
 Don E., Don M., James Williams

Chaplain's Corner

Luke 2:8-14

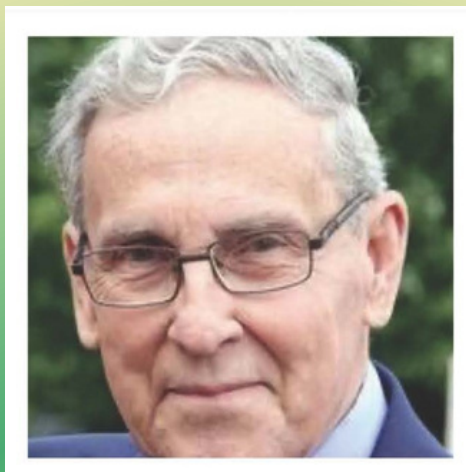
The Message to the Shepherds

"And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.' Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.'"



Steven Graves
Gadsden Chapter
Chaplain

In Memoriam



Gary M. Campbell

November 21, 1938 - December 7, 2023

U.S. VETERAN

Gary M. Campbell, 85, of Blandinsville, Illinois, passed away Thursday, December 7, 2023 at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Illinois.

Gary was born November 21, 1938 in Keokuk, Iowa, the son of William Glenn and Mildred Ann (Scott) Campbell. On June 18, 1960, he married Donna K. Donaldson in Galesburg, Illinois.

Survivors include his wife, Donna of Blandinsville; two daughters: Tracey (Ken Colson) Hays of White Plains, Georgia and Kristina (Steven Lung) Campbell of Blandinsville; four grandchildren: Amber (Jesse) Jones of Springfield, Mitchell (Ceair Knowles) Siemens of Blandinsville, Garin (Brittany) Hays of Auburn, Georgia and Lauren (Tanner) Croft of Loganville, Georgia; six great-grandsons: Kael and Ellis Jones, Keegan Siemens, Davis Ingles and Joey and Jackson Croft; one sister: Barbara Robinson of Columbia, South Carolina and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four sisters: Mariabelle Vice, Margaret Carmody, Mildred Allen and Willa Gibbemeyer and four brothers: William, John, James and Robert Campbell.

Gary was a 1956 graduate of Corpus Christi High School in Galesburg, Illinois, that same year he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He served for four years as a Radio Operator in the Naval Air Force. Following his service he worked for eight years at the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant in Middletown, Iowa, before attending the Illinois State Police Academy in Springfield. He then served with Illinois State Police District 14 for 25 years. He retired in 1992 as a Master Sargent.

Following his retirement he worked part-time for Mid America Bank in Macomb, Illinois. Mr. Campbell was a member of the Blandinsville United Methodist Church, LaHarpe Masonic Lodge #195, Quincy Consistory, Illinois State Police American Legion and the Sons of the American Revolution. He enjoyed traveling, collecting coins, golfing, gardening, fishing and especially his fishing trips to Wisconsin. He also enjoyed telling jokes and sharing funny stories with his friends, family and co-workers.

Revolutionary War History

7 Surprising Facts About the Boston Tea Party - December 16, 1773

1) Colonists weren't protesting a higher tax on tea.

Boston's Sons of Liberty were responding to the British Parliament's passage of the Tea Act of 1773. Since the passing of the 1767 Townshend Revenue Act, tea and other commodities were taxed by the Crown. In 1770 taxes on all except for tea had been lifted. The Tea Act was essentially a British government bailout of the British East India Company, which allowed them to unload 544,000 pounds of old tea, commission free, on the American Colonies at a bargain price. The Tea Act smelled like a ploy to get the masses comfortable with paying a tax to the Crown.

2) The ships were American and the tea wasn't the King's.

The popular notion of the Boston Tea Party is that angry colonists "stuck it to King George" by boarding British ships and dumping crate loads of the King's tea into the Boston Harbor. That is not true on two accounts.

First, the ships, the *Beaver*, the *Dartmouth* and the *Eleanor*, were built and owned by Americans, although not British, some of the ship's American owners were indeed Tory sympathizers.

Second, the tea destroyed was not the King's. It was private property owned by the East India Company. The value of the 340 chests of squandered tea would total nearly \$2 million in today's money.

3) The tea was Chinese, not Indian, and lots of it was green.

This is a naming problem. The East India Company exported a lot of goods from India in the 18th century, but it obtained almost all of its tea from China. East India didn't install its first tea plantations in India until the 1830's. Another surprising tidbit is that 22% of the tea sent to the bottom of Boston Harbor was green tea. Thomas Jefferson and George Washington were fans of a particular Chinese green tea variety called "hyson"

4) The Tea Party, itself, didn't incite revolution.

There's this incorrect notion that the Boston Tea Party was the rallying cry that galvanized the colonies for revolution. More so, it was Parliament's reaction to it that did. In 1774, the UK passed what are known as the Intolerable Acts or the Coercive Acts, a series of punitive measures meant to teach the rebellious colonists who was boss. Many of these sanctions were levied on the Massachusetts Colony and Boston itself. As uncomfortable as some colonists might have been with the Tea Party action itself, they were way

more uncomfortable with Parliament's authoritarian reaction. In response to the Coercive Acts, the First Continental Congress met in 1774 and Jefferson wrote "A Summary View of the Rights of British America." Revolution was officially in the air.

5) Tea Party protestors dressed as "Indians," but not convincingly.

The Sons of Liberty were in Native American dress on the night, complete with tomahawks and faces darkened with coal soot. But they were not likely really trying to pass themselves off as local Mohawk. First, in 18th-century England it was customary for protestors to "crossdress" in one way or another to create an atmosphere of misrule. Secondly, they were cashing in on the image of the Native American as an independent spirit, the epitome of anti-colonialism. By adopting that identity, they're saying, "We are defiant. We are unbowed. We won't be defeated."

6) No one called it the "Boston Tea Party."

It occurred in 1773, but the first time the words "Boston Tea Party" appeared in print was in 1825, and it referred to "a party of men." It was simply referred to as "the destruction of tea in Boston Harbor."

7) After Boston, there were other "tea parties."

According to a 2010 book by Joseph Cummins, there were at least 10 "tea parties" up and down the Eastern seaboard that were inspired by the original and most famous.

During the Philadelphia Tea Party, which took place just nine days after Boston's, no tea was destroyed, but the captain of a ship carrying the largest delivery of East India Company tea was threatened with being tarred and feather if he didn't return the "wretched weed" to England. Which he did.

In Charleston, South Carolina, a ship arrived in November 1774 carrying tea, but the captain swore that he was unaware of the controversial cargo. Angry residents blamed local merchants who had ordered the tea and forced them to dump it in the harbor themselves.

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CHAPTER HAPPENINGS!

CHAPTER MEETING 11 NOV 2023

New Member Induction

Tanner K. Guskey



Gadsden Medal Presentation

Spec Rafael Hernando III



Certificate of Appreciation

Victor Ulloa, 1SG Ret.



NSSAR NMSSAR AFFAIRS

Preparations are being made and notice has been sent out announcing our annual meeting, at which our 2024 slate of state officers will be elected and installed. As of this writing, a time and location for our meeting has yet to be determined, but it is still scheduled to happen on Saturday, February 3rd, 2024 in Albuquerque, as per our bylaws. If you don't have it on your calendar yet, consider attending and help determine the direction our state society will head in the future.

"The world is run by the people who show up." - Benjamin Franklin

On the national level there is not a lot to report. Those of you who have an application in process have probably noticed that the application queue has been longer than normal recently. This is in part due to a major renovation of the 2nd floor at HQ, and the genealogy staff has been displaced during this period. The work should be nearing completion and work on applications will resume as normal.

Our Genealogist General, Gary O. Green, has proposed some changes to the application process. At this time they are just proposals so I will wait to discuss these changes. However, one thing that he has asked us to address is long-term pended applications. We had 4 of these, which have had no contact or progress for over at least a year, so all 4 of those applications have been withdrawn. I'll have more to report after Spring Leadership in late February.

Lastly, our national Congress for 2024 will be in Lancaster, PA. If you have any interest in attending, and I encourage you to, you should make hotel reservations as soon as possible.



COMPATRIOT ESCAPADES

This is your newsletter, let fellow compatriots know that there is life outside the SAR!



**Mr. & Mrs.
William & Erin
Baker
October 13, 2023**

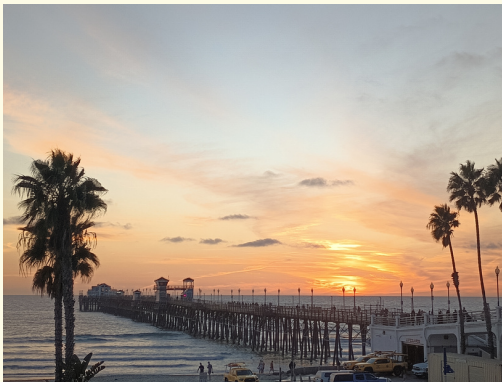


Or is it Robert Vaughn
The Man from U.N.C.L.E.



St. John's Episcopal Church is the site of Patrick Henry's famous Give Me Liberty or Death Speech delivered on 23 March, 1775. - Richmond, Virginia (Harry Murray - Oscar Walker)

Hanover Court House is where Patrick Henry participated in many court cases and became known as a great orator. Hanover, Virginia (Still in use today for ceremonial occasions).



**Sunset over the Oceanside Pier
Oceanside, California**

R & C Vance - October 26

Marine Corps Band Concert



**Vendor Tanner Guskey
Nothing But Collectibles
(Coins, comics, antiques,
toys, art, cards, etc.)
Shoppes at Solana - El
Paso, TX**

Color Guard

This quarter, the Color Guard participated in two “National” recognized events and one “Chapter” event.



**Veterans Day Parade
Las Cruces, NM
November 11, 2023**



Front: Don & Becca Williams
Rear: Phoebe Yoder ; Cheryl Vance

L-R: TJ Vallejos, Bill Kinsella, Harry Murray, Robert E. Vance, Tanner Guskey

Wreaths Across America - Fort Bayard National Cemetery - Fort Bayard, NM - December 16, 2023



Presenting a wreath to a representative of the Navy for laying at the Remembrance Ceremony.



**Posting with the Colors at the Cemetery entrance gate.
(L-R: Robert E. Vance, TJ Vallejos, Tanner Guskey, Bill Kinsella)**

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Back

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