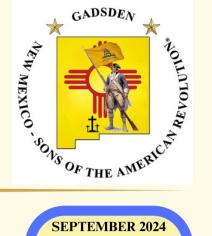


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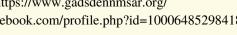
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President's Soapbox



Starting off on the 4th of July, up to Albuquerque for the "Let Freedom Ring" ceremony with 3 other color guard members. Then 2 days later Cheryl and I went on a "short" drive to Congress in Lancaster, PA. This was

such an educational history tour, visiting 7 Civil War battlefields and then several Revolutionary War and colonial locations / sites, including Colonial Philadelphia (Carpenters Hall, Independence Hall and the REV WAR Museum), Valley Forge, Mount Vernon, Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown settlement and Yorktown. So much history and not enough time to explore it all. We will have another opportunity next July when we again drive to Connecticut for 135th Congress.

I think for me the most meaningful was our tour Valley Forge. At Washington's HQs I was able to view the area where my 4th great grandfather would have set up camp with the NC



troops, guarding Washington in the hills around his headquarters. Although all of the soldier's cabins and other camp structures were removed by the locals of the time, re-claiming the lumber that had been used to house an army of 12,000 men plus other camp followers, it was still very humbling to know that I was in the same area where "Granddad" would have spent the winter of 1777.



Mount Vernon

Home for a week and then off to Santa Fe on 26 Jul What a busy summer this has been, to honor a WWII soldier who died in 1942. His remains were unidentified until recently and he was returned home to Santa Fe for burial. Another similar service was held in Clovis on 08 Aug. (These were the 3rd and 4th services that members of NM SAR attended since April. Thanks to compatriots Vallejos, Wheeler, Guskey and Carr for their attendance). This was followed the next day by attending the Albuquerque chapter meeting.

> I rounded out my travel for this quarter by attending the Three Rivers meeting on 14 Sep.

> On the 10th of August we held our first annual NM SAR member/family picnic in Ruidoso. Although attendance was limited, at about 25, due in part to the venue and date change, I think it was a success based on comments by those in attendance. It was agreed that this event should continue and because our annual business meeting is held in Albuquerque in February, our member picnic should be in Ruidoso, or some other suitable location outside of Albuquerque. A reservation for next year at the same location has been made for August 16, 2025.

> Our Speakers Bureau has been picking up steam now that the new school year has started. The Patriot Chest has been well received and we still have about 1/5 of the grant funds left to spend, which will be done by the end of the year.

> Nominations for NM SAR officers were opened in July and I have thrown my name in the hat for another term. One of my goals is to encourage the Albuquerque and Gadsden chapters to complete a project (Liberty Tree, SAR Bench, etc.) to celebrate the America 250th - a decade of the American Revolution, beginning with the Stamp Act in 1775 through the Treaty of Paris in 1783. Three Rivers chapter has taken the initiative and will be planting a Liberty Tree, with a dedication ceremony scheduled for October 23, 2024. My hats off to Three Rivers! I plan to attend the dedication to show support.

1st Vice President



Compatriots,

Another long and hot summer is coming to a close. I'm not sure about you, but I look forward to a bit of cold and the holiday season! Fresh pies, tasty meats, some "special" eggnog, and classic Christmas movies. (No matter what anyone says, Die Hard is a Christmas movie and tradition in our household).

This summer was quite busy with the SAR Picnic, Award Presentations, The Patriots Chest, and meetings. We have some additional events coming up that I am proud to be part of with all of you: The Veterans Day Parade and Wreaths Across America.

These two big events bring a swelling of pride as part of a nation that understands sacrifice. While some of us may be sourcing free places to eat and getting discounts on Veterans Day, that day is not just about you but the heroes who came before you. Remember those who served and came before us to secure this nation. Regardless of their contributions, we all come from veterans, starting in the Revolutionary War, so remember their sacrifices.

I remember, as a kid, watching and reading Band of Brothers. The episode that made me want to be part of something greater was the episode "Bastogne." I couldn't imagine their misery, especially their Combat Medic Eugene "Doc" Roe, who helped his fellow soldiers where he could while also scrounging for supplies. He inspired me throughout my military career as to what a medic should be. Even at 0200, while putting on my cold body armor in December for another two-hour guard duty in our abandoned house that was turned into an outpost. Staring into the inky blackness of Iraq, with the wind blowing through the windowless house, while contemplating my life's choices at that very moment, I realized harder men had gone before me and sacrificed much more, and I had nothing truly to complain about.

I charge you to participate in the Veterans Day Parade by walking with us or being a spectator in November and laying wreaths at Fort Bayard in December—a small sacrifice for a few hours to remember those before us who gave a lifetime.

TJ Vallejos-1st VP

4th Quarter Calendar (Full year in Vol.1, Issue 3)

OCTOBER

3rd-5th, Fall Leadership - Louisville, KY 19 th: Noon-2:00, Chapter Meeting - Hacienda

NOVEMBER

8th: 10:00-12:00, Speakers Bureau Homeschool - Veterans Park 9th: 11:00-12:00, Veterans Day Parade 9th: 1:30-3:30, Chapter Meeting - Hacienda

DECEMBER

14th: 9:00-12:00, Wreaths Across America - Ft Bayard Nat'l Cemetery

20th: 1:00-2:00, DAR Historic Site - La Luz Pottery - La Luz, NM 21st: Noon-2:00, Chapter Meeting - Hacienda

JANUARY

18th: Noon-2:00, Annual Chapter Meeting, Election of Officers -Hacienda

NSSAR NEWS

The 134th Congress was held in Lancaster, PA July 10 - 16. One of the most contentious items debated and voted on during the general session meetings was the proposal to increase the application fees from \$100 to \$150. The justification for this increase was to pay for the genealogy staff's time used in reviewing applications. There was a lively debate both for and against and when debate ended the vote was called for. The delegates and trustees indicated their vote by holding up their voting cards. As the vote was too close to determine the outcome without a count, several people went around the room counting the raised cards. After the first vote there apparently was a discrepancy in the tallied number and a second vote was called for. Again, raised cards were counted by several different people who reported their count to PG Dodd, who very quickly announced that the motion had passed with 127 votes for and 124 votes against. Many delegates started to voice their dissatisfaction with the count and PG Dodd immediately stated that the vote was over and there would be no more discussion on the issue.

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Revolutionary War History

(We are in the second year of the decade of 250th Anniversaries. In this issue we will explore the First Continental Congress.)

The FIRST CONTINENTAL CONGRESS AMERICA'S FIRST GOVERNMENT

September 5, 1774 - October 26, 1774

The First Continental Congress met in Carpenter's Hall in Philadelphia, from September 5, 1774 until October 26, 1774. The meeting was called to discuss a response to the Coercive Acts - or Intolerable Acts.



After Britain passed the Boston Port Act to punish Boston for the Boston Tea Party, the political leaders in Boston called for an intercolonial trade boycott against British merchants and formed the Continental Association to enforce the boycott. However, some of the colonies were not entirely sure that was the best course of action, and they called for a new intercolonial Congress to discuss the issue.

By the time the colonies agreed and the delegates were elected, news reached the colonies of three more acts intended to punish Boston and Massachusetts and a fifth act that dramatically altered the boundaries and laws of the Province of Quebec. Collectively, the five laws are known as the Coercive Acts or the Intolerable Acts.

King George III and some leaders in Parliament wanted to make it clear to all the colonies that rebellious behavior would not be tolerated. The 5th law gave preferential treatment to the Province of Quebec and transferred land in the Ohio Country that had been promised to other colonies.

12 of the 13 colonies sent delegates, at the time, Georgia was dealing with a threat on its frontier from Native American Indian tribes and needed British military aid, so the colony decided not to participate in the meetings, although they did decide to participate in the Continental Assoc. and the 2nd Continental Congress.

Over the course of roughly 6 weeks, the delegates made several key decisions that organized colonial opposition to British authority. Congress adopted the Suffolk Resolves, discussed a plan of union, and produced a document called the Declaration of Rights and Grievances that was sent to King George III.

Congress decided to implement a trade boycott and informed the King it would go into effect if the Coercive Acts were not repealed. Congress also made one final critical decision - to reconvene in May 1775 if the Coercive Acts were not repealed.



This illustration depicts Reverend Jacob Duché delivering the opening prayer to the First Continental Congress. Image Source: New York Public Library Digital Collections.

The First Continental Congress is important because it was the first unified governing body with authority to act on behalf of the colonies. It helped define common grievances against Great Britain and solidified colonial resolve to band together to encourage or force Parliament to address those grievances.

On 20 Oct 1774, Congress adopted the Articles of Agreement, which stated that if the Coercive Acts were not repealed, a boycott of British goods and an embargo on exports would ensue.

On 25 Oct a "loyal address to his Majesty" was prepared to request "royal attention to the grievances that alarm and distress his ... faithful subjects. This was officially called "The Petition of the Grand American Continental Congress, to the King's Most Excellent Majesty". It was presented to the House of Commons and the house of Lords. However, according to Benjamin Franklin, it was given little attention and the King never formally responded.

One plan that was presented by Joseph Galloway of PA proposed the creation of an American Parliament, which would work along with the British Parliament. This plan was defeated by a vote of 6 to 5 on October 22, 1774.

While Congress met, representatives in Suffolk Co., MA held their own meeting and produced 19 resolutions, known as the Suffolk resolves. These were delivered by Paul Revere to Congress on 17 Sept. Some members of Congress felt MA had gone too far because the Resolves instructed people to ignore the Coercive Acts and told the towns to raise militia forces. After some debate, Congress endorsed the Suffolk Resolves and ordered them to be printed in the newspapers.

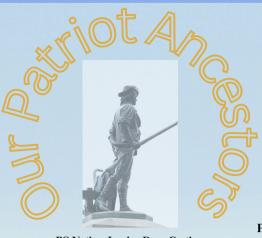
Some prominent members and notable delegates include: George Washington and Patrick Henry (VA); Samuel & John Adams (MA); Roger Sherman (CT); and our own Christopher Gadsden (SC).

This information was obtained from: https://www.americanhistorycentral.com/entries/first-continental-congress/

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PVT Jacob Alter - Warren Alter **PVT John Anderson - William Rice PVT Philip Peter Baker - Chris Lauderman PVT Henry Baugh - Tom Rigsby CAPT Thomas Beale - Warren Alter SOL Herber Berger - Don Berger PVT William Blakely - Wayne Mitchell PS Ratliff Boone - Darin Rouse** PS John Cantrell - Dale Cantrell **PVT Samuel Covey - Bill, Bennett Dials PS John Curtiss - Dave Curtiss PVT William Daniel - TJ Vallejos** CORP Daniel Driggs - Roger Dombrowski **PVT Charles English - Tom Rigsby PVT Elijah Fenton - Dave Curtiss PVT Stephen Francis - Robert Francis** PS Christopher Gwinn - Don, James Williams PS Thomas Hamilton - Steven Graves **SURG David Holmes - Bob Clark PVT Daniel Hough - Dave Curtiss** PVT Abraham Huntsberger - Paul Huntsberger PVT Thomas C. Jones - John Hill Thomas Kelly - Tom Rigsby SGT Ebenezer Landers - Russ Wilson

SOL Samuel Leidy - George Richards



PS Nathan Lewis - Dave Curtiss
PS John LLoyd - Tom Rigsby
LT Alexander McClellan - Jim Libbin
PS William McClure - Tom Rigsby
PVT William McFerrin - William Baker
CS Colin McKenney - Tom Rigsby
MAJ John T.W. Medearis - Coty Wheeler
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MAJ John Moore - Bob Thum
PVT Isaac Newell - Dave Curtiss
PS James Northrup - Bob, James Northrup
PVT Stephen Northrup - Bob, James Northrup
PVT William Patterson - Eric Randler
PVT Gad Pomeroy - Bob Sherman
Patrict Porter - Glen Porter

LT COL Thomas Posey - Tanner Guskey CAPT Adrain Proveaux - Harry Murray CAPT Samuel Ransom- Daniel Samples-Thieman

PS John Reese - Tom Rigsby
CAPT Henry Rhoads - Shannon Franks
PVT Jesse Richardson - Tom Rigsby
PS John Robinson - Bob Northrup
SGT John Rockett - Robert E. Vance
PVT Phillip Stickleman - Carl, Don Connor
CAPT John C. Stoever - Wesley Shumaker
PVT John B. Stovall Sr - Tom Rigsby
PS John Stryker - Greg Whited
PS John Swearingen - Tom Rigsby
PVT William H. Taulbe - Tom Rigsby
SOL John Tyree - David Minton
PVT Isaac Van Bibber - Daniel SamplesThieman

PVT John Van Gieson - Robert Middleton PVT David Vance - Robert, Paul Vance James Lee

PS Aaron Warner Sr - Bob Northrup
PVT Jonathan Warner - Bob Northrup
LT COL William Washington - Harry Murray
PVT Jesse White - Tom, Jacob, Mathew Rigsby
PS Samuel Whitehead - Tom Rigsby
Job Winchell - Bill Oltmanns
PVT Michael Young - Tom Rigsby

Chaplain's Corner

CONTINENTAL ARMY CHAPLAIN CORPS

In the summer of 1775 the second Continental Congress convened in Philadelphia and subsequently commissioned George Washington as Commander in Chief of the Continental Army. Less than a month after taking charge, Washington made one of his first requests, something he knew would be a vital and necessary component for his military operation.

As a military commander, Washington anticipated the toll war would take on his troops, and he knew how important it was for his soldiers to be physically prepared, but he also understood that he

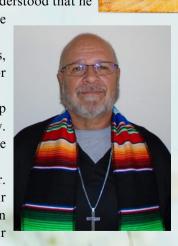
would need something more in the face of such odds: spiritual fortitude, and the moral strength to persevere.

Though many ministers were already volunteering alongside colonial troops, Washington wanted their services recognized and financially compensated, and for them to become an official part of the army.

On July 29, 1775, Congress granted Washington's request and the Chaplain Corp was born. There would be one chaplain for each regiment in the Continental Army. Receiving a captain's pay (33 1/3 dollars per month), and they were to attend to the spiritual, emotional, and even physical wellbeing of the troops.

Since the inception of the Corps, chaplains have served in every American war. Though the Army Chaplain Corps is the oldest branch of its kind, the Navy and Air Force later established their own chaplaincy programs. Throughout American history, over 400 military chaplains have died in war, sacrificing their lives for their troops, many of them receiving recognition for their valor.

https://firstliberty.org/news/the-chaplain-corps/

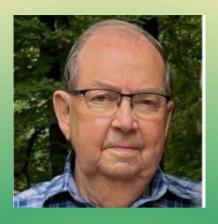


Steven Graves Gadsden Chapter Chaplain

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In Memoriam







John Austin Holley Jr. October 11, 1939 - August 1, 2024

(Although John was not a member of the Gadsden Chapter, he was a very active member in the state and past president of the Albuquerque Chapter)

John Austin Holley, Jr. age 84, was born on October 11, 1939, in Denver, Colorado to John Austin Holley, Sr. and June (Lillard). He died peacefully at home, on August 1, 2024, hand in hand with his wife of 31 years, Christine (Trax- Rutherford) Holley in Rio Rancho, NM.

John is survived by his wife Christine, his sisters, Nancy Holley and Linda (Louie) Tate, two daughters,
Danette L. Jacobson and Susan M. Holley (Scott Effing) and stepson Patrick W. Rutherford.

Grandchildren, Brandy, Alyssa, Landon and Ava & seven great grandchildren. He was predeceased by son,
Kevin D. Holley and stepson Douglas E. Rutherford.

John grew up in the small mining town of Erie, Colorado & had started a story of his experiences living in Erie during the 1940's & 50's.

John graduated from Pace University in Pleasantville, NY and worked for IBM Corp for 27 years and Intel Corp for 14 years and he led a full life. He traced his paternal lineage back to the American Revolution and his 4 times great grandfather, Jonathan Holley. He became a member of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and recently served as the President of the Albuquerque chapter. As the owner & vintner of the Holley Vineyard, over the past several years he won 14 medals at the NM State Fair. His talents shown through in all that he did, especially, his photography, painting and cooking. He authored a small booklet, "Look Backward, Go Forward and Succeed, Or how to rub shoulders with happiness!" John's website will remain active for 5 years: www.holleypix.com showcasing his photography of flowers etc.

He was proud of his lineage to Myron Holley, superintendent & treasurer of the Erie Canal project, and ardent abolitionist. John & Christine recently dedicated a Holley Memorial Bench at the Myron Holley gravesite in Rochester, NY. John has asked that donations be made in his name to: Friends of Mount Hope Cemetery P.O. Box 18713 Rochester, NY 14618. However, the kindest gift of remembrance would be a Random Act of Kindness in John's name & honor.

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CHAPTER / STATE HAPPENINGS!



On July 4th, some of our state Color Guard members supported Albuquerque chapter president John Glynn with his "Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration - Let Freedom Ring" event at Expo NM in Albuquerque.

Pictured L-R: Kevin Carr; John Glynn; Rebecca Vigil-Gutierrez, former New Mexico Secretary of State; Albert Gallegos, Honorary Consul of Spain; Robert E. Vance; Marc Ahlen. (Not pictured - Bill Kinsella, also in Presidio uniform.)

Color Guard members Robert E. Vance, Kevin Carr and Tanner Guskey line up with members of the NM National Guard at the reinternment service at the Santa Fe National Cemetery, July 26th for PFC Manuel Trujillo who died in Cabanatuan POW Camp #1 in the Philippines in 1942. After 82 years, his remains were recently identified and brought home for burial.





Another WWII soldier recently identified and returned home was Sgt Sam Prince of Clovis. Services were held at Muffley Funeral Home in Clovis on August 8th. Sgt Prince also died in Cabanatuan POW Camp #1 in the Philippines in 1942.

Pictured below is compatriot Robert E. Vance with members of the NM Patriot Guard Riders, (Not pictured is compatriot Coty Wheeler).



CHAPTER / STATE HAPPENINGS!



The first annual NMSAR member picnic was held at Wingfield Park in Ruidoso on August 10th. 25 members and guests attended and were served a grilled lunch and enjoyed a few hours of fellowship and camaraderie.

State Distinguished Service Medal was presented to Compatriot Don Williams.



Silver Roger Sherman Medal presented to Wesley Shumaker



The Lydia Darrah Medal was presented to Cheryl Vance



Bronze Henry Knox Medal was presented to Coty Wheeler



CHAPTER / STATE HAPPENINGS!

Compatriot Harry Murray talking with a group of 8th graders at Sierra Elementary School about some of our Patriot Chest items on display.





Speakers Bureau Members Robert E. Vance, TJ Vallejos and Harry Murray at Sierra Elementary School on August 15th.

We closed out this quarter with an informational table set up at the North America Diving Dog Southwest Regional competition held at the Southern NM State Fairgrounds on September 7th. Our Patriot Chest items were on display and compatriots Harry Murray, Roger Dombrowski, Tanner Guskey, TJ Vallejos and Robert E. Vance were on hand to answer any questions about the SAR.





One of the crowd favorites! <u>Confidence of a Champion</u>

NSSAR NEWS (conntinued)

During the General Session meeting the next day, in recognition of the 250th anniversary, a motion was presented to offer a 50% discount (\$75 instead of \$150) on new member application fees for a regular or junior member on a new line for any application submitted in April 2025. This motion passed unanimously.

There has been a significant slow down in the processing of applications due to a reduction in staff in the genealogy department. However, recently HQ has hired 2 full-time and 2 part-time genealogists and has run them through an 8 week training to get them up to speed, so we should start to see the wait times decrease. As of September 25th, the date of the oldest new application awaiting approval is 21 May 2024 (18 weeks), and the date of the oldest supplemental awaiting review is 02 Aug 2023 (60 weeks).

The Installation banquet saw the changing of the guard, installing Darryl Addington, MD (NC) as PG for 2024-2025. To view a complete list of new officers and term appointees for the 2024-2025 go to: "https://www.sar.org/general-officers/'. of PG Addington's main objectives is increasing our membership through recruitment, retention and reinstatement (the 3Rs). This 3R guide can be found under committee resources in the Membership Committee website.

Recognition Night honors for NMSAR included:

Liberty Medal - presented to a member who is first line sponsor to 10 new members - Robert E. Vance

Liberty Medal Oak Leaf Cluster - Ray Alexander

Carl F. Bessent Award - To the editor of the most outstanding chapter newsletter. - Honorable Mention to the Gadsden Gazette.

Genealogist General's Award - Presented to the three state societies with the lowest percentages of pended applications for the year. - NM SAR

Officers' Streamers Award - To state societies whose Presidents and National Trustees have attended both preceding Leadership meetings and the previous Annual Congress. - NM SAR.

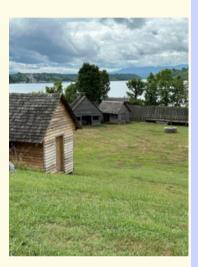
When our dues were increased a couple of years ago, National committed to implementing a national dues billing and collection system at no cost to the members, other than an administrative fee to cover credit card and/or postage costs. Out of this dues increase, \$60,000 per year has been budgeted for this program. A task force was formed and has been working hard for some time and now is offering this program through Club Express, an all inclusive membership database. The initial focus will be on dues, but other features will be coming online soon.

COMPATRIOT ESCAPADES



Compatriot Bill
Kinsella at
Washington's
Delaware Crossing
- Captain William
Washington (Harry
Murray's ancestor)
scouted the area
before the crossing.

Compatriot Harry
Murray visited Fort
Loudoun, built by
the British to protect
Cherokee families
during the French
and Indian War.





Wall gun at Fort Loudoun - Required 2 men to operate.



Robert and
Cheryl
Vance
hiking the
Appalachian
Trail (OK,
maybe about
50' of it) at
Harper's
Ferry



Chapter Challenge Coins Companion coin to the Gadsden Medal (Members Only) \$10

All prices are for pick up at a meeting. If you want it shipped, additional shipping charges will be added.

Contact:

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15 oz. Coffee Mug Chapter Logo on both sides. \$10



White Polo Shirt **Embroidered Chapter Logo** \$30

(Price subject to change)





20 oz. Stainless Steel **Insulated Tumbler** (Customizable) \$25