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*“Posterity! You will never know how much it has cost our generation to preserve your freedom. I hope you will make good use of it.”—John Quincy Adams*

## DEDICATION

This history is dedicated to those patriots who had the perseverance, endurance, and vision to fight for an ideal; the right to be free and to be able to decide for themselves what their course should be. The American Revolution was hard, trying, discouraging, and bloody. It was fought by people very much like ourselves, and who had a much greater obstacle to overcome than we have today, in order to attain or reattain self-government. May we take a lesson from those ill-clad, ill-paid, poorly equipped troops who fought the professional soldiers hired by England, and by their determination gained freedom for you and for me.

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Unquestionably, the most avid collector of historical data was Clinton M. Roth, Sr., who for many years faithfully recorded the passing calendar of events, collected pictures and newspaper clippings, and organized them into an invaluable reference document. The earliest history of the New Mexico Society, save for a one-page document by George S. Klock, State President from 1911 to 1913 and written in 1940, was published by Compatriot Robert Lacey Jackson of Carlsbad in April 1958; this document is referenced in later recordings.

In May 1960, Donald S. Dreesen presented a history intended for publication in connection with the fiftieth anniversary of the formation of the New Mexico Society. Unfortunately it, as well as a later history by Clinton M. Roth, Sr. of September 1963, never passed the draft stage. Later Compatriot Roth's history was edited and a compendium of it made by him and Frederic C. Alexander, Jr.

Other histories were written on the Albuquerque Chapter. The first covering the period from its formation through 1955 was written by Franklin Barnett assisted by James Kerr, and the second covering 1956 through 1963 was the work of Compatriot Alexander.

All of the above documents were used as reference material in compiling this history. In addition, the correspondence files of both the State Society and the Albuquerque Chapter were researched and the available newspaper clippings perused for information. Conversations and correspondence also unearthed some additional material. However, this document is essentially a drawing together of information collected by the above-named Compatriots and to them belongs most of the credit for this history.

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\*THE HISTORY OF THE 75th ANNUAL CONGRESS HELD IN ALBUQUERQUE IN APRIL OF 1965 IS WELL DELINEATED IN ANOTHER DOCUMENT PREPARED BY COMPATRIOT FREDERIC C. ALEXANDER, JR.

## CHAPTER I

### BACKGROUND, ORIGIN, AND THE YEARS THROUGH WORLD WAR II

The patriots of the American revolution, after years of the oppressive British yoke, stated their determination to be freed of this tyranny in the Declaration of Independence in the year of 1776. Then ensued the war: ending in victory, the founding of the United States of America, and the beginning of a heritage of freedom and recognition of the rights of the individual to assume the responsibilities for his own actions. He was granted the privilege of liberty and the pursuit of happiness regardless of race, creed or color. We, the Sons of the American Revolution, banded together as a national society on April 30th in 1889 at Fraunces Tavern in New York City to keep alive and foster this spirit of independence that sparked the actions of our ancestors.

In New Mexico the land had been colonized by the Spaniards beginning in 1540 when Coronado entered the area from Old Mexico seeking the Seven Cities of Gold. He brought with him horses, cattle, sheep, and swine, which were the basis for the great herds that exist today. The priests followed and missions were built. However, the spirit of revolution existed here as well as in the East. Santa Fe, the capital, which was founded in 1610, was recaptured in an Indian revolt in the summer of 1680 under the leadership of Po-pé. It was not recaptured until 1693 when DeVargas led an expedition to again put the territory under Spanish control.

Mexico also fought a war of revolution against Spain and finally won its independence in 1821. What is now New Mexico came under the government of Old Mexico at that time. Until then trade with the East had been almost nonexistent; but shortly thereafter the Santa Fe Trail came into being, and Americans and their goods were welcomed. This era lasted for only twenty-five years and in 1846, during the war between the United States and Mexico, New Mexico became a territory of the United States of America.

So we find the Land of Enchantment to be composed of a blend of three cultures—Indian, Spanish, and American (or Anglo).

During the years subsequent to the founding of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution in 1889, most of its activities were in the Eastern area and in Midwestern cities. However, the annual Congress in 1907 was held in Denver, Colorado, which by this time had an active state society. In 1907, 1908, and 1909, Dr. Clarkson A. Guyer of Colorado was one of five Vice-President Generals. Members of the SAR who resided in New Mexico were mostly affiliated with the Colorado Society and constituted seventeen of the original members of the New Mexico Society.

On December 11, 1908, some of the Coloradans—Doctor John Wilson Elder, George Alexander Campfield, and Frank W. Clancy, plus George S. Klock—met in Dr. Elder's office to discuss the formation of a New Mexico Society. A banquet date was set for December 26, 1908, to which all eligibles were invited. Twenty members of the National Society attended with their wives, and it was agreed to form a New Mexico Society of the Sons of the American Revolution under the direction of Vice-President Guyer of Colorado and Joseph F. Tuttle, Jr., of Denver. At this time New Mexico was still a territory.

The original members of the New Mexico Society were:

Name	National Number	State No.	Date Of Admission
Cephas Caleb Bateman (from Montana)	6713	1	12-26-08
*Cony Thomas Brown (C)	20479	2	"
*Richard W. D. Bryan (C)	19865	3	"
*George Alexander Campfield (C)	19863	4	"
*Frank W. Clancy (C)	20121	5	"
Ossian Minor Congdon (C)	12635	6	"
Arthur Marvin Edwards (C)	11291	7	"
*James Edward Elder (C)	19868	8	"
*Doctor John Wilson Elder (C)	6964	9	"
*Doctor Charles A. Eller (New)	20510	10	1-14-09
*Frank Alaric Hubbell (C)	20480	11	12-26-08
*Harold H. Hurd (C)	20122	12	"
Alpheus Augustus Keen (from Mass.)	17880	13	"
George S. Klock (from New York)	8446	14	"
*Will Roy Lyon (C)	20477	15	"
*Orville Arthur Matson (C)	19866	16	"
*Amasa Bemis McGaffey (C)	19864	17	"
*Edmund Ross (C)	20482	18	"
*Pitt Ross (C)	19867	19	"
*George Hubbell Thomas (C)	20481	20	"
*Alexander McKay Whitcomb (C)	20478	21	"
*Doctor Bowman Miner Williams (New)	20522	22	2-13-09
Allen Steele Peck (from Washington, D. C.)	19716	23	3-1-09
*Ralph Stewart Dunbar (New)	20524	24	12-26-08
*John Lee Clarke (New)	20525	25	"
*Lucius Kimball McGaffey (New)	21001	26	"
*Rev. John C. Rollins	21002	27	2-2-10
*Edwin Augustus Cahoon	21003	28	"

Note: (C) = From Colorado Society—17 members  
\*Charter members listed in the SAR National Year Book.

The first officers held their posts for two years and were:

President	Doctor John Wilson Elder	Albuquerque, N. M.
Vice President	Harold H. Hurd	Roswell, N. M.
Vice President	Arthur Marvin Edwards	Farmington, N. M.
Vice President	Pitt Ross	Albuquerque, N. M.
Secretary	George Alexander Campfield	Albuquerque, N. M.
Registrar	Frank W. Clancy	Albuquerque, N. M.
Historian	George S. Klock	Albuquerque, N. M.
Treasurer	Orville Arthur Matson	Albuquerque, N. M.
Chaplain	Cephas Caleb Bateman	Fort Bayard, N. M.

A year later there were twenty-nine members, and in 1910 and 1911 nineteen more were added. The first annual meeting was on February 22, 1909, and this meeting date and custom continued for many years with noon luncheons followed by a meeting.

The New Mexico Society's President in the year 1911—1912 was Compatriot George S. Klock, one of the original group of four founders, and a man who was extremely active in advocating statehood for New Mexico, then a Territory of the United States. The Society added its voice to pleas directed to the Congress of the United States and, subsequently, the Senate and House of Representatives agreed on enabling legislation August 21, 1911. William Howard Taft, President of the United States, signed the Statehood Bill and issued a proclamation on January 6, 1912, formally creating the State of New Mexico.

The State Society participated in Flag Day exercises jointly with the Lew Wallace Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution in 1911, 1912 and 1913; in 1912 and 1913 they were held at Robinson Park in Albuquerque. That same year, the Society demonstrated its interest in developing patriotism in the oncoming generation by distributing copies of the Constitution of the United States to the students attending schools in the Rio Grande River valley near town, and teachers were requested to invite members of the SAR to the schools to talk about patriotism and love of country.

At the fourth annual meeting on February 22, 1912, petitions for the formation of chapters in Albuquerque and Roswell were presented. A year later at the Alvarado Hotel in Albuquerque, during a combined luncheon and business meeting, authority was granted for the formation of these chapters by the eighteen members present. Some further references are found in 1915 and 1916 to the planning of local chapters, but apparently no positive action was taken. Reference is also found in 1913 to annual dues of \$3.00 payable on or before January first and to a one-time \$50.00 payment for a life membership.

From 1914 through 1923, annual meetings were apparently held in February and officers elected, yet even at this early date Compatriot Klock visualized the formation of chapters. Although records of activities are rather sparse, such things occurred as a visit to Santa Fe on September 13, 1915, by A. Howard Clark, Secretary and Registrar General of the National Society and ex-President General Thruston; a resolution passed in 1916 protecting the use in public schools of

Mantilla's reader, as long as same contained no offensive comparison between George Washington and Simon Bolivar, to the disparagement of the former; also in 1916 a lecture on "Lew Wallace, the Man and His Book;" a proposal to mark the Santa Fe-Chihuahua Trail; in 1917 a resolution passed at the February 22nd meeting endorsing patriotic support of the SAR to country and flag during the present world crisis; and in 1920 a questionnaire sent to all compatriots concerning their own and their sons' military records, as well as a letter stating that "medals" would be available soon. The June 1919 National SAR Bulletin states that the Executive Committee on December 12, 1918, authorized a committee to secure Bronze Memorial Medals or Badges commemorating service in World War I. No other information except the names of officers has been found for these years.

In 1924 the Society participated in Flag Day ceremonies at Robinson Park and on September 17th, Constitution Day, celebrated with a dinner in Albuquerque. These events were again commemorated in 1925. In 1926 all patriotic holidays were to be celebrated and compatriots were requested to urge all citizens to display the American flag on these occasions.

Membership growth in these early years was gradual, but a steady flow of several new members was added annually, reaching a peak of 75 in 1919. This decreased over the years until 1928 when the records showed 58 members. However, from 1926 to 1929, New Mexico data indicates that not a single member was added to the roster and there is some doubt whether meetings were held. Despite this apparent lapse in interest, officers were elected and registered with the National Society; and the State Society has remained in good standing in the National Society since its inception. On February 22, 1929, the State Society met in Taft Hall of the Alvarado Hotel in Albuquerque and proceeded to reorganize with a group of 37 active Compatriots, the names of whom follow:

NAME	ADDRESS	REVISED STATE NO.*	NAT'L NO.
Klock, George S.	Albuquerque, N. M.	1	8446
Keleher, Thomas F., Jr.	"	2	23911
Wilson, Francis C.	Santa Fe, N. M.	3	23924
Cahoon, Edward A.	Roswell, N. M.	4	21003
Campfield, George A.	Albuquerque, N. M.	5	19863
Davis, H. Emory	Los Lunas, N. M.	6	23920
Martin, Dr. Thomas P.	Taos, N. M.	7	21015
Matson, Orville A.	Albuquerque, N. M.	8	19866
Ross, Edmund	"	9	20482
Stamm, Raymond B.	"	10	21004
Porter, Benjamin H.	"	11	30089
Phillips, Bert G.	Taos, N. M.	12	21019
Mechem, Merritt C.	Albuquerque, N. M.	13	37827
Stamm, Roy A.	"	14	21005

NAME	ADDRESS	REVISED STATE NO.*	NAT'L NO.
Eller, Dr. Charles A.	Albuquerque, N.M.	15	20510
Edwards, Keith W.	Fort Sumner, N. M.	16	23922
Beeson, Charles F.	Roswell, N. M.	17	23904
Nohl, Frederick A.	Albuquerque, N. M.	18	30079
Sisk, Arthur H.	"	19	23925
Rodey, Pearce C.	"	20	21025
Hall, Ernest W.	"	21	37839
Jones, James B.	"	22	37829
Elder, James E.	"	23	19868
Wylder, Dr. Meldrum K.	"	24	23912
Manning, E. D.	Van Houten, N. M.	25	37841
Brown, Thomas C.	Socorro, N. M.	26	37835
Brown, C. C.	"	27	37834
Hinkle, James F.	Roswell, N. M.	28	21011
Trowbridge, Walter S.	Santa Fe, N. M.	29	30084
Graham, Frank W.	Albuquerque, N. M.	30	23919
Kegel, Walter L.	Santa Fe, N. M.	31	37833
McClanahan, Donald J.	Albuquerque, N. M.	32	23907
Robinson, Herbert F.	"	33	2194
Patton, Harry L.	Clovis, N. M.	34	30081
Guild, James R.	Albuquerque, N. M.	35	30099
Chambers, Clarence B.	Gallup, N. M.	36	30100
Angle, Dr. George K.	Albuquerque, N. M.	37	21006

\*Never officially recognized.

In 1929-1930 six new members were added and nine more the following year. However, a net loss was reported in 1931, and a committee was appointed to devise ways and means of strengthening the membership. In 1929 the National Society created a building fund to be used for the construction of a permanent National Headquarters, and the New Mexico Society purchased a fifty-dollar bond to assist in this effort. At the 1931 meeting Mrs. Lowell F. Hobart, President General of the DAR, addressed the group as well as speaking over KGGM Radio.

During the morning of February 22, 1932, former President Thomas F. Keleher, made an address to the DAR in connection with the planting of a tree in McClellan Park where the DAR had erected a statue of the Pioneer Mother. This was followed by a luncheon at the Albuquerque Country Club, arranged by the Lew Wallace Chapter, to which all members of SAR, their ladies, and guests were invited—Mrs. Benjamin F. Naught of the DAR presided. A patriotic musical program was also presented.

The annual meeting of the SAR followed this program at which it was voted to buy a suitable flag or banner to be used as a designation of SAR participation in parades as well as in historic and other patriotic events. Eight new members (almost a 20% increase) had been acquired and the treasury balance was \$142.

The 1933 meeting at the Franciscan Hotel followed another joint luncheon with the Lew Wallace Chapter, DAR. Prior to the luncheon, the New Mexico Society, assisted by the DAR, dedicated and presented to the City of Albuquerque a monument in the form of a bronze shield to designate the National Old Trails Highway. This was in memory of the pioneers and was erected at McClellan Park. Only two new members had been added in the past year.

The President General of the National Society, Compatriot Arthur M. McCrillis, and his wife visited New Mexico October 10, 1933, the first time that the State had been honored by a visit from an incumbent SAR President General. After a tour of Albuquerque and Isleta, a dinner was held at the Franciscan Hotel on the following evening with some 50 members of the State Society and their wives in attendance. A program by a Spanish string orchestra was presented and the McCrillis' were given an Indian blanket as a memento of their visit. The following day they were escorted to Santa Fe where they spent the night.

During Compatriot McCrillis' 1933-1934 term, the New Mexico Society won the National Membership Banner for the largest percent increase in new members; seven were added.

The annual meeting on February 22, 1934, at the Franciscan Hotel was followed by an address at the Albuquerque High School Auditorium to a group of patriotic organizations and the public by Walter M. Chandler, a former New York State Congressman. His topic, "The Great Republic," was a lecture that he had made famous. The High School band gave a concert prior to the address and the Boy Scouts acted as ushers.

At the 1935 meeting a motion was passed to request the Superintendent of Education to set aside one day each year in all the public schools of the state for the observance of a patriotic program of one hour or more. Another fifty-dollar bond was purchased for the National Society's building program.

The 1936, 1937, and 1938 Washington's birthday meetings were held in the El Fidel Hotel in Santa Fe. Judge Miguel A. Otero of Santa Fe was the elected president in 1936. At the 1937 meeting the topic concerned increasing the membership of the Supreme Court of the United States. Later on July 19, 1937, the Society sent Senator Chavez a telegram advising of its opposition to any change. A membership committee, formed at the meeting, decided to hold luncheon meetings at the Alvarado Hotel, Albuquerque, to stimulate interest in current affairs and membership. They were held three times monthly from April through July 1937.

Plans to present a New Mexico State flag to the National Society at the next annual Congress were announced at the 1938 meeting. This was subsequently accomplished.

Later in 1938 the Society entered an impressive float, "The Spirit of 1776," in the Armistice Day Parade in Albuquerque. Luncheon meetings were held monthly. On January 6, 1939, an SAR medal was presented to one of the charter members, Compatriot George S. Klock, on the occasion of his eightieth birthday. He passed away in 1943 at the age of eighty-four.

During this period it was customary to have musical selections at the end of the banquet and violin solos and vocal selections were rendered for the entertainment of the groups prior to the start of the business meeting.

The years of 1939 through 1945 indicate few unusual events in the recorded material. Annual meetings were held, except in 1945. Little change in membership seemed to have occurred. That Orville Matson had served 35 years as Treasurer was noted in 1942.

During 1943 Compatriot Reuben W. Heflin, a Vice-President of the State Society, was appointed chairman of a committee to establish a program to receive a Victory Flag presented to the State Society by the National Society. Compatriot Thomas J. Mabry, President of the State Society, and who was to become Governor of the State of New Mexico from 1947-1951, was the Master of Ceremonies at the event on May 20th. Governor of New Mexico John Dempsey delivered the main address, and many patriotic societies attended.

In 1943 Constitution Day was observed by the sponsoring of a speech broadcast over KOB Radio by Lt. Howard K. Finch of Kirtland Field.

During the years of 1939 through 1942, musical selections were given at the meeting but were discontinued in 1943; and, as the war intensified, speakers changed from civilians to military men. At the end of 1944 there were 47 members of the SAR.

No meeting was held in 1945 because of a nationwide ban by the office of National Defense.



## CHAPTER II

### THE PROBLEM YEARS: 1946 THROUGH 1950

At the 1946 meeting musical selections were again resumed, but the speaker was a military man whose topic was "In Time of Peace Prepare for War." Later in the year, the Daughters of the American Revolution invited the Society to participate in a joint dedication of a bronze plaque marking the meeting place of the committee that drafted the Constitution under which New Mexico attained Statehood. The plaque was installed in the House of Representatives of the State Capitol in Santa Fé on September 6th.

The year of 1946 represents the first time that a correspondence file was maintained that still survives. Some excerpts indicate the reason for the rather sparse history up to this point:

"Up to the present I have received only a part of the records of my predecessor. Upon receipt of all the records, I will endeavor to send you . . . the reports . . . concerning our annual meeting. I will greatly appreciate any information you may be able to give me in connection with my duties as a Secretary." (To Frank B. Steele, Secretary-Registrar General.)

(Reply of Compatriot Steele.) ". . . it is a great joy to hear you are taking an active part . . . we have not had much encouragement from your state for a long time . . . Annual report blanks went to your predecessor . . ."

(From the predecessor.) "Glad to hear you are taking the interest to bring the SAR records up-to-date. . . you can see why you fellows in Santa Fé had to do something about it. . . have been trying for four years to get a few members . . . to do it."

(Telegram from Steele.) "Must have your annual report immediately, long overdue."

Another event in 1946 concerned the sending of a stone to represent the State of New Mexico in the Altar of Nations located in the Cathedral of the Pines, an SAR National Shrine, at West Rindge, New Hampshire. A January 24th letter apparently was mislaid and it was not until an April 10th letter was received that any action occurred. At this point all but four states had responded and stones were to come from such places as Valley Forge, Bunker Hill, the Alamo, Stone Mountain, and Yorktown. The request asked for the stone by May 10th.

The New Mexico State Secretary, Charles W. Latimer, and the Registrar, Reuben W. Heflin, both of Santa Fé assumed responsibility; and on May 31st requested Mr. E. C. Anderson, Director of the New Mexico School of Mines, to select and ship a stone directly to West

Rindge. The stone selected was ricolite, a distinctive stone found only in New Mexico and in one place in Europe. On June 3rd a piece of ricolite 6" x 9" x 3" was forwarded by T. D. Benjousky of the School of Mines at Socorro. A responding letter indicated thanks and the fact that there were still four state stones to come. On January 9, 1947, pictures of the Altar of Nations were received showing the position of the New Mexico stone in the exact center of the Altar and immediately under the Old Rugged Cross.

At the February 22, 1947, annual meeting, it was voted to have the pictures framed: one for the School of Mines, one for the DAR, and one for the New Mexico records; however, although Secretary Latimer sent them to First Vice President Stamm to have them framed, an excerpt of a letter in November 1947 from Stamm to Latimer states: "Everything you asked about has been settled excepting the frames for those photographs. The best price I can get is \$1.25 each for simple framing with a glass front. However, you can have a simple frame of paper on composition from photo shops for considerably less. Which will you want?" This same letter states, "I feel confident that in time you (Latimer) will get the best of your illness." On February 7, 1948—Latimer to Stamm—"Have you had the pictures of the National Shrine framed? If so, please bring them on your next trip." No final disposition of this matter is recorded nor can the photographs be located.

On January 17, 1947, a request was received from the Memorials Committee of the National Society indicating that they had asked to borrow from Headquarters, for a review, the files of the New Mexico SAR participants in World War II. They were advised that the file cards sent to New Mexico had never been returned, even though the project was about four years old. The letter asked that we furnish data re name, rank, serial number, etc., directly to National Headquarters. Information from other states received indicated that 1807 members had been in World War II, but seventeen states had not responded, including New Mexico. On May 7, 1947, New Mexico State Secretary Latimer wrote National regarding the cards to be filled out but which he had to date not received from Washington. This letter noted that 63 present and one new member were veterans. No reply to this letter is on file in the New Mexico records.

It was increasingly apparent that Santa Fe, where Charles W. Latimer, the State Secretary and moving spirit of the society resided, was becoming the center of activity. Although several of the older members were reluctant to change the location of the annual meeting for 1947, it was decided at the February 22nd meeting to hold the 1948 one in Santa Fe, rather than Albuquerque. This shift to Santa Fe is further brought out in a letter of February 20, 1947, of Compatriot Roy A. Stamm of Albuquerque to Compatriots Reuben W. Heflin and Wolcott L. Russell of Santa Fe, which states in part, "We who have kept our State organization breathing, if not alive, for many years thoroughly realize the value of an active Secretary . . . an office far more important than the President . . . I will refuse a Presidency nomination if it in any way interferes with you three Santa Fe

sparkplugs." Stamm was elected President, Latimer First Vice President and Secretary, Heflin Second Vice President, and Russel Treasurer.

It is interesting to note in the invitation that the luncheon would be \$1.50 a plate, and that the Society would appreciate the payment of \$3.00 annual dues in addition; also, that corsages were being provided for the ladies and that there would be a "barytone" vocalist.

Secretary Latimer presented a comprehensive report at the meeting on February 22, 1947, indicating an increase in membership from 49 to 63, including 7 new members and 14 reinstatements. He had sent out 56 letters to members in arrears with the following results:

Reinstatements	11
No answers	23
Replies indicating death in previous years	4
Did not care to be reinstated	1
Returned by Post Office as undeliverable	16
Unable to pay dues because of illness	<u>1</u>
Total	56

Latimer outlined all the correspondence regarding the Altar of the Nation and detailed the presentation of the bronze plaque at Santa Fe. He also suggested that each member consider himself a "committee of one" to get new members, and that the President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Registrar be from the same city in order to facilitate the handling of the Society's business.

Despite these brave words, a plea from National on February 14, 1947, to declare the third Sunday of May as "I Am an American Day" was apparently ignored. It would seem, however, that this was not Secretary Latimer's fault, since he was ill for a number of months. Even though sick, he apparently needled President Stamm (who in November wrote in a letter, "No, I have not been ill . . . I have given up all activities to concentrate on the care of our present home . . . principally because of this . . . I have neglected some of the SAR work. I wish you would see that your Santa Fe members be requested to meet me at La Fonda November 11th, Armistice Day, to consider meeting twice monthly for a noonday lunch not to last over an hour . . . In my opinion, these twice monthly meetings are imperative if we expect to offer our more recent and younger members anything which will interest them in our organization. This goes for my three sons, also.")

On February 7, 1948, State Secretary Latimer wrote to President Stamm a general letter advising him, among other things, that it was time to start preparations for the annual meeting and suggested Walter Kegel of Santa Fe as Chairman. Latimer also queried about information that he had been unable to obtain on several pending matters and further advised that he was still seriously ill and would be confined to his home for at least another thirty days.

President Stamm wrote Compatriot Kegel on February 13th requesting that he arrange for a meeting at La Fonda in Santa Fe at 1:00 P.M., Sunday, February 22, 1948, and also obtain the speaker, send out

notices, etc. In addition he suggested corsages for the ladies, suitable music, a modest bouquet of flowers at the speaker's table, and good but inexpensive food. He felt that the luncheon should be no later than 1:00 P.M. because the Albuquerqueans did not want to drive home in the dark.

The meeting was arranged despite the short notice, and Compatriot Stamm recommended informal meetings by local groups to stimulate interest, especially among the younger members. The roster had gone from 63 to 63 by the addition of one new member and the death of an old member. The newly elected president, Charles W. Latimer, was unable to attend because of his illness, which continued throughout his entire term of office. He passed away on July 10, 1949.

Interest had been expressed in the formation of an Albuquerque Chapter for some time, and at a meeting at the Alvarado Hotel in Albuquerque, Horace R. McDowell had been appointed President-pro-tem and Robert G. Norfleet Secretary-pro-tem to promote its organization.

In the secretarial notes of the State meeting of February 22, 1948, is the following: "The Secretary during the year has labored in the direction of securing a Charter for the Albuquerque group, but was handicapped by the loss of the State Constitution and the inability to obtain a model copy."

On February 28, 1948, Franklin Riter, Vice-President General, Rocky Mountains District, replied to Roy A. Stamm's letter of February 24th regarding a query about the existence of a New Mexico Society Charter and the procedure for transferring the State Headquarters from Albuquerque to Santa Fé. It was his opinion that each State Society had the power to regulate its own affairs subject, of course, to the Constitution and Bylaws of the National Society and he saw no prohibition in that document. However, he stated that he was writing the Chancellor General for his opinion and asking the Secretary General for a duplicate charter.

He further felt that it would be in order to establish chapters in both Santa Fé and Albuquerque and cited the National Bylaws that direct that each State Society "shall aid in establishing Chapters, with such powers as it deems proper, not inconsistent with the Constitution and Bylaws." The establishment of such local chapters does not require action by the National Society; charters for chapters are issued by the State Society. A resolution by the Board of Managers authorizing chapters in Santa Fé and Albuquerque would be legally sufficient.

On March 23, 1948, Robert G. Norfleet, Secretary pro-tem of the Albuquerque Chapter, wrote President Latimer petitioning the State Board of Managers and/or officers for a charter for the Albuquerque Chapter. He referenced Compatriot Riter's letter and further advised that 15 to 20 members of the SAR had been meeting regularly on the first and third Mondays of each month at the Alvarado Hotel in Albuquerque.

On April 7, 1948, State President Latimer appointed a committee for the purpose of ascertaining the requirements necessary for such a chapter and to draw up a charter for said chapter. The members were

Reuben W. Heflin, First Vice-President; Chairman Miguel A. Otero, Jr., Registrar; and Walter R. Kegel.

On April 8th Reuben W. Heflin, State First Vice-President, wrote the Secretary General requesting information on how to proceed and also inquiring about a copy of the State Charter. This despite similar correspondence earlier with Vice-President General Riter.

Meantime, on March 15th, William S. Bennett, the Chancellor General, had advised Frank B. Steele, the Secretary General, to furnish New Mexico with a copy of its charter if one was available. He also agreed with Vice President General Riter that the location of a State Society Headquarters and the granting of charters to chapters was strictly in the State Society's province. A copy of this letter went to President Stamm.

On August 31st Compatriot Norfleet again wrote to State Secretary Roberts requesting information as to the status of the Albuquerque Chapter Charter. On September 4th, Vice-President General Riter also wrote Roberts urging action. On September 9th the Secretary General's office forwarded charter applications and copies of charters to a Mr. W. Thomas Old, Sr. in Tererro, New Mexico, and on September 14th these were sent to Compatriot Norfleet by Roberts.

On October 21, 1948, Norfleet returned the application duly signed and executed, but on December 3rd Roberts wrote the Secretary General in hopes of finding a copy of the New Mexico State Constitution and Bylaws, the lack of which was handicapping the formation of a chapter. He replied on December 6th stating that National had no copy but he would try to get another state's to serve as a model.

On January 24, 1949, in reply to Norfleet's letter of the 19th, Secretary Roberts took the position that they could not fill out the charter without knowing certain legal procedures and that the lack of a State Constitution prevented them from determining these procedures.

A letter of February 13, 1949, from Compatriot Norfleet as Acting Secretary of the Albuquerque Chapter is addressed to Gordon Stevenson, Acting Secretary, New Mexico Society. In it he proposed the following slate for consideration by the nominating committee for election to office at the annual meeting to be held in Santa Fé on February 22nd:

For	President—Col. Francis O. Wood	Albuquerque
"	1st Vice-President—Horace McDowell	"
"	Secretary—Robert G. Norfleet	"
"	Treasurer—Ernest W. Hall	"
"	Chaplain—Dr. M. K. Wylder	"

The above officers are listed as elected officials on a reference page in Clinton M. Roth's history; plus Reuben W. Heflin of Santa Fé, 2nd Vice President; Wolcott L. Russel of Santa Fé, 3rd Vice President; Clarence E. Hinkle of Roswell, 4th Vice President; Miguel A. Otero, Jr. of Santa Fé, Registrar; and Waldo H. Rogers of Albuquerque, Historian.

Despite this, the Quarterly Bulletin of the National Society lists Gordon Stevenson of Santa Fé as the New Mexico Society Secretary

during this period and National mail was addressed to him. President Wood currently states that the annual election meeting was held at La Placita in Albuquerque where he made his acceptance speech and not in Santa Fe. A meeting was held at Gordon Stevenson's home in Santa Fe prior to the annual meeting with Wood, Norfleet, and McDowell. Wood is quite certain that Stevenson was Secretary because he specifically recommended to McDowell, who had succeeded him as president, to have his secretary from the same city.

There is little secretarial or other correspondence in file for this period to support either piece of information. Further, no state stationery has been located for this period, although Wood is sure some was printed.

No record of events held during the remainder of the year of 1949 is in file.

The annual meeting for 1950 was held at La Placita in Albuquerque on February 26, 1950, at which time Robert G. Norfleet was elected President of the New Mexico Society. At this meeting it was decided to establish more coordination with other patriotic organizations and to invite them to SAR meetings. It was also indicated that the Albuquerque Charter was being processed in Washington and that Compatriot Norfleet was following this matter.

Membership was to be stressed in the ensuing year and in a letter of May 10, 1950, President Norfleet advised that the officers had pledged to do everything possible so as to show an increase of 25% over present membership. He asked the entire membership to cooperate in this goal.

Monthly luncheons and business meetings were held throughout 1950 at the Hilton Hotel and evening social meetings were held on May 24th and July 24th at the homes of Compatriots Roy A. Stamm and William Mooney, respectively. There was also an evening meeting November 3rd at the Parish House of St. John's Cathedral, at which Dr. Martin W. Fleck of the University of New Mexico spoke on the subject "The Thirteen Month Calendar."

A high school essay contest on "Why I am Glad to be an American" was conducted under the chairmanship of William Mooney. Good Citizenship medals and certificates were awarded to the winner at each high school. The grand winner, Jimmy Gray of Los Alamos, New Mexico, was presented with a \$25.00 U.S. Savings Bond by Governor Thomas J. Mabry, on behalf of the New Mexico Society, at the annual meeting on February 25, 1951. Six hundred copies of the rules and regulations for this contest were printed and circulated to high schools across New Mexico.

In addition ROTC medals were awarded to the outstanding cadets at the University of New Mexico, New Mexico State, and New Mexico Military Institute; cooperation was achieved with the Albuquerque Civil Defense organization by acting as block wardens; assistance was contemplated to the American Legion's Un-American Activities Committee by screening text books for subversive teachings and Communistic propaganda; and on December 18th the SAR assisted the DAR in Albuquerque to conduct a program as part of the Federal Court of Naturalization, presided over by Judge Carl B. Hatch.

### CHAPTER III

## FORMATION OF THE ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER AND THE YEARS THROUGH 1955

The matter of the Albuquerque Charter was again brought up in a letter of December 11, 1950, from Compatriot Norfleet to Harold L. Putnam, Executive Secretary of the National Society, which stated that the State Society wished to grant such a charter and present it at the next Albuquerque meeting during the second week of January 1951. Putnam replied on December 13th, stating that he was very much pleased that the chapter was ready to organize formally and that he would forward a Chapter Charter blank as soon as one was received from the printer—within a day or two.

The paperwork was processed in time and on January 12, 1951, an impressive institution ceremony was held at La Placita in Albuquerque to mark the beginning of the Albuquerque Chapter, the Charter for which was granted under the same date. The ceremony was conducted by Compatriot Franklin Barnett, assisted by State President Norfleet. William Mooney was installed as the Chapter's first President, Franklin Barnett as Vice-President, Stephen E. Watkins as Secretary-Treasurer, and Dr. Meldrum K. Wylder as Chaplain.

Vice-President General George E. Tarbox of Denver delivered the main address, and State President Norfleet reported that membership had increased 28% and that all committees—High School Essay Contest, ROTC Medals, and Un-American Activities—were functioning well.

The fifteen Charter applicants who signed it as of September 21, 1948, were:

Ernest W. Hall	Robert G. Norfleet, 2nd	Waldo H. Rogers
Thomas F. Keleher, Jr.	Fred A. Nohl	John H. Dealy
Francis Otis Wood	Frederick H. Ward	Samuel F. Stacher
Horace R. McDowell	Roy A. Stamm	Lloyd B. Johnson
Robert E. Conwell	Dr. Meldrum K. Wylder	Franklin Barnett

There were at the time the Charter was granted forty-four Charter members:

Roy Allen Stamm	Archer P. FitzGerald	H. Wilson Maglidt
Franklin Barnett	John B. Dalbey	Fred A. Nohl
Edward S. Roth	Hermon P. Williams	Edward K. Elder
John H. Dealy	Gordon Sumner	William Mooney
Horace R. McDowell	Henry C. Heflin	John A. Fee
William F. Stamm	Robert S. Poage	Ernest W. Hall
Robert G. Norfleet, 2nd	Stephen E. Watkins	Arthur Kittell
Francis Otis Wood	C. W. Dickinson, Jr.	Edmund P. Ross

Dr. Meldrum K. Wylder	Robert G. Norfleet, 3rd	John W. Holman
Harry B. Howard	Clinton M. Roth, Sr.	Samuel F. Stacher
Chester R. Johnson, Sr.	Vincent C. Kelley	Charles A. Dickson
Gardner Johnson	Charles C. Hammond	Frederick H. Ward
Chester R. Johnson, Jr.	Clinton M. Roth, Jr.	Ernest T. Love
Edmund Ross	Wesley O. Connor, Jr.	Erle M. Conwell
Daniel V. Godard	Peter B. Vanderhoef	

The annual State meeting was held on February 24th at La Posada Inn in Santa Fé where it was decided that incoming State Presidents would be furnished their insigne at the time of taking office. A membership roster as of January 1, 1951, was distributed, and it was announced that the state now had ninety members.

The center of activity had now become Albuquerque again, and the local chapter conducted a number of luncheons and dinners at which many fine speakers were heard; including Col. Wilfred McCormick, the author; Tom Popejoy, President of UNM; and R. P. Peterson, Director of Research, Sandia Corporation. Membership increased from 44 to 52.

During the 61st Annual National Congress in San Francisco in July 1951, Compatriot Robert G. Norfleet was elected Vice-President General of the Rocky Mountains District and Clinton M. Roth, Sr., National Trustee from New Mexico. Norfleet was also appointed to the Boy Scouts and the Medals and Awards Committees. At the Congress, the New Mexico Society was awarded an Honor Membership Streamer for the State Flag for having led all states in the nation by increasing its membership by 24 new members, or 28%, during the Golden Gate Marathon. The Albuquerque Chapter was awarded a Recognition Streamer as a newly organized chapter.

A special meeting of the Board of Managers of the Albuquerque Chapter in September 1951 endorsed the candidacy of George E. Tarbox, Jr., the outgoing Vice-President General, Rocky Mountains District, for the office of President General at the 1952 Annual Congress, and proposed that the Chapter place his name in nomination.

ROTC medals were again awarded at UNM, New Mexico State, and New Mexico Military Institute, thus continuing what has turned out to be an annual custom.

At the December 17th noon meeting commemorating Bill of Rights' Day, John F. Simms, Sr. told the Albuquerque Chapter that "states are selling their independence for 'luxuries' to be bought with Federal funds, and in the process are reducing themselves to provinces."

While it was evident that most of the SAR activity was centered in Albuquerque, at the February 24, 1952, meeting in Albuquerque the members elected Gordon Stevenson and Edward P. Ripley of Santa Fé as President and Secretary-Treasurer, respectively. At this same meeting an application dated February 19, 1952, for a Santa Fé Chapter was approved and a Charter was presented to them by the outgoing State President, Horace R. McDowell. The charter members were:

John Wayne Chapman	Edward Payson Ripley
George A. Graham, Jr.	Bernard S. Roberts

Marshall Smith Hester	Gordon Stevenson
Walter Livingston Kegel	Gordon F. Street
Roman L. Latimer	Irving C. Sweet
Truman J. Mathews	Walter Guy Turley
Miguel A. Otero, Jr.	

Installed at the State meeting were:

John Wayne Chapman, President
Bernard S. Roberts, Vice President
Edward Payson Ripley, Secretary-Treasurer
Gordon Stevenson, Registrar-Historian
Daniel Thomas Kelly, Chaplain

That this shift of officers to Santa Fé created problems is evident from some of the following events. On March 14 the normal request for an annual report was received from Harold Putnam, but it was addressed to Col. Wood, the former Secretary-Treasurer. On April 10th Clinton M. Roth, Sr., President of the Albuquerque Chapter, wrote Edward Ripley, State Secretary-Treasurer, in Santa Fé enclosing a check for dues collected to date by the Albuquerque Chapter, a copy of the form to be used in reporting to National, and the statement that like forms were in the files left with Gordon Stevenson. He also offered some advice as to how to fill out the form and regarding the forwarding of a check to National. On April 23 National Executive Secretary Putnam wrote Ripley pointing out that reports were due April 15 and must be in by May 2nd. On May 2nd Putnam sent a telegram to Ripley stating that they had to have the report and per capita dues in order to qualify the delegates to the Annual Congress. Ripley replied with an estimated report and dues check the same day and stated to Putnam that he was just getting around to sending out dues notices. On May 3rd Roth reminded Ripley that he must request the credentials for the delegates to Annual Congress from National. On May 5th Ripley wrote Roth stating that he would like to talk to him about procedures. On June 2nd Roth replied saying that he and Norfleet hoped to visit Santa Fe soon. Meantime, on May 5th Putnam in a letter to Ripley had pointed out the many deficiencies in the annual report.

On June 23, 1952, Roth (Albuquerque Chapter) sent Ripley a check for \$13.37, the balance in the State Treasury which Col. Wood, the former Secretary-Treasurer, had overlooked. Later, on August 7th, Roth noted in a letter to Ripley that the State still owed the Hilton Hotel \$32.13 on the President-General's dinner held on July 14th. In his reply, Ripley said he would like to pay the bill but had only \$6.38 in the bank. The dinner invitation had been sent out on June 23rd by Gordon Stevenson, the State President; the price established for the dinner was \$2.50, and the Hilton bill was \$2.86 per person. The matter of the unpaid bill was again called to Ripley's attention by Roth on September 3rd, and on the 8th Ripley wrote Roth stating that he was enclosing a check for \$25 on account. (Unfortunately, he forgot to enclose the check and did not send it until the 20th.) No additional

correspondence is in file, but we must presume the remainder of the bill was paid since there are no lawsuits on the record.

The Santa Fé Chapter apparently failed to become active because on June 30, 1952, Putnam advised that to date he had no notification of the elected officers; and on August 29th Norfleet, in a letter to Stevenson, asked, "Can't we instill some life in the Santa Fé Chapter?" There had been no meetings since the installation in February although the chapter had about twenty members. He also asked how Stevenson was making out with the formation of a Los Alamos Chapter. On November 12th Norfleet wrote again asking that Stevenson sign a resolution seconding the Colorado nomination of George E. Tarbox, Jr. for President General (meantime the Albuquerque Chapter had re-endorsed Tarbox). In this letter he again inquired about Los Alamos and asked how Stevenson was progressing with the State Constitution and Bylaws. On October 24th Stevenson had written Mrs. Kenneth Talley, Regent, Kit Carson Chapter of the DAR in Los Alamos, and a reply from Mrs. Thomas R. (Marion) Ostrom stated that there were only three SAR possibilities in Los Alamos and the formation of a chapter did not seem likely. There were no recorded meetings, and as late as November 12th Roth wrote Ripley that he was sorry that he could not join them for lunch.

Despite the inertia of the Santa Féans, the Albuquerque group remained very active during 1952. McDowell, Norfleet, and Roth attended the Congress in Houston, Texas, in May and about this time were getting to be known as the Three Musketeers. The local newspapers called them the Albuquerque rather than the New Mexico delegates. The Chapter, under the leadership of Robert S. Poage, had prepared a Resolution that was adopted by the Congress "to start a nationwide campaign to reverse the present trend toward centralized government." At the Congress, Norfleet was re-elected Vice-President General and Compatriot Truman J. Mathews of Santa Fé was elected Trustee in absentia. McDowell was appointed to the Publications Committee; Norfleet as Chairman of the Medals and Awards Committee, and a member of the Boy Scouts Committee; Poage to the Patriotic Education Committee; and Roth to the American Sovereignty and Civil Defense Committees. Roth also received a lapel insignia for having obtained ten new members in the past year.

The Albuquerque Chapter had quarterly meetings and celebrated Flag Day in June and Constitution Day in September. As usual ROTC medals were presented at the universities.

The highlight of the year was a visit to Albuquerque on July 14, 1952, by President General Ray O. Edwards and his wife. The State Society and the Albuquerque Chapter jointly arranged a reception and banquet at the Hilton Hotel at which seventy-five members, wives, and guests welcomed them. The President General's topic was "Why We Must Safeguard our American Form of Government." The meeting was presided over by State President Gordon Stevenson; the DAR Regent of the Lew Wallace Chapter, Mrs. James D. Hill, led the pledge to the flag; and Clinton M. Roth, Sr., President of the Albuquerque Chapter, introduced President General Edwards. An excerpt from his speech is

highly indicative of the SAR sentiment at that time. "So long as the people keep the government, democracy is safe. But when the government starts to keep the people, not all the ships that sail the seven seas can save her." In a newspaper interview he discussed the formation of Patriotic Education, Inc., one function of which would be to study school textbooks to purge them of Communistic influence. Later an Albuquerque Chapter group headed by Compatriot Poage was formed to investigate subversive activities in New Mexico.

At a National Trustees meeting in Denver on August 2nd and 3rd, attended by Compatriots Mathews, McDowell, Norfleet, and Roth, Roth pledged funds in the name of the Albuquerque Chapter to purchase a Trustee's chair for use at National meetings in Washington. This was the first Trustees meeting held outside of Washington in many years.

Although in 1952 it was announced that the next annual meeting would be in Santa Fé, it was held on Sunday afternoon, February 22, 1953, at the Hilton Hotel in Albuquerque. The meeting apparently was arranged for by the Albuquerqueans because on February 20th Roth of the Albuquerque Chapter and the incoming State President wrote President Stevenson saying, "Enclosed is a copy of a program which I trust meets with your approval." At that time he expected Stevenson to attend and also requested that Secretary-Treasurer Ripley bring his SAR papers with him. However, First Vice-President Herbert B. Gerhart presided in Stevenson's absence, and Ripley was not present either.

At the meeting Vice-President General Norfleet inducted the new State officers as well as those of the Albuquerque and Santa Fé Chapters. Compatriot Gerhart was also installed as Trustee, even though his election had to await action at the Annual Congress. Robert S. Poage, Americanism Chairman of the Albuquerque Chapter, presented a resolution to be presented at the 1953 Annual Congress which advocated active defense of the United States Constitution against subversion. Plans were also proposed for SAR-sponsored genealogical libraries in Albuquerque and Santa Fé and for drawing up a State Constitution and Bylaws.

In keeping with the tenor of the times the speaker, Dr. Kercheville of UNM, had the topic, "Principles and Processes of Democracy, Danger Signals, Right and Left;" and a Civil Defense movie on the Dangers of Communism was also presented.

In an interchange of correspondence in April between Executive Secretary Putnam and Roth, the current membership was finally determined to be 110 as of March 31, 1953, and dues were forwarded for 24 members from which collections had not been made currently as well as 16 still owing from 1952. Putnam's final letter of April 28th to Roth stated that they could not reconcile the New Mexico membership from the records at hand, but arbitrarily recorded it at 110 for both April 1, 1952, and April 1, 1953. He hoped that this would permit an accurate report in 1952 and that an alphabetical list of names would be attached (a final number of 100 for 1952 was eventually determined). Later, at a September meeting in Santa Fé the Treasurer reported that all members had paid their dues.

On April 6th, acting on authority granted at a March 30th meeting of the Executive Committee of the New Mexico Society, President Roth submitted a resolution to the Secretary General proposing in the name of all of the Rocky Mountains District states that it be divided into two parts:

1. The Rocky Mountains District composed of Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Wyoming.
2. The Intermountain District with the states of Idaho, Montana, and Utah.

However, this proposal to divide the District was not presented for action to the Executive Committee, the Trustees, or the Congress.

An Annual Congress Committee composed of Compatriots Maglidt, McDowell, Norfleet, and Roth worked on an invitation to hold the Congress in Albuquerque in 1954; it was an Albuquerque Chapter venture made with the State Society's consent. This group, plus Herbert B. Gerhart who was elected Trustee, attended the Cincinnati Congress in May 1953; and although George Tarbox, the Rocky Mountains District Vice-President General, himself extended the invitation, it was declined. At this Congress Norfleet nominated George E. Tarbox, Jr., of Denver for President General, but his bid was unsuccessful and Arthur A. de la Houssaye was elected. Norfleet was again named Chairman of the Medals and Awards Committee, to the Boy Scout Committee, and later to the Organization Committee; Roth was put on the American Sovereignty Committee. Compatriot Norfleet's name was proposed for the Minuteman Medal but he requested it be withdrawn. Norfleet presented and had accepted by the Congress a most comprehensive report as Chairman of the Medals and Awards Committee which included rules and regulations for the various awards. It may be that he felt this put him in the awkward situation with respect to accepting an award himself. At the February 13, 1954, Trustees' meeting in Washington, it was reported that Compatriot Norfleet had found it necessary to resign as Chairman of the Medal Awards Committee because of a new employment assignment.

The Albuquerque Chapter held a special meeting on August 11th to further consider the possibility of holding the 1954 Congress in Albuquerque. After much discussion of the problems, particularly the financial ones involved, it was decided to hold a State Society meeting in Santa Fé on September 10th to make the final decision. At the August 11th meeting a Committee was also appointed to study the updating of the State Constitution and Bylaws. The word updating was used despite the fact that no extant copy of this document had ever been located. At the September meeting it was decided that it would not be feasible to issue an invitation for the 1954 Congress, but that it would be reconsidered in some later year. This decision was somewhat academic, since it was later learned that the site of the 1954 Congress had already been selected without notifying New Mexico.

During the year the Albuquerque Chapter adopted its own Constitution and Bylaws and both it and the Santa Fé Chapter held monthly meetings at noon, plus quarterly evening meetings, to which the wives were invited. Patriotic holidays were celebrated and the State, as usual,

awarded ROTC medals at the universities and requested and had Governor Mecham issue a Constitution Day Proclamation.

New State and Albuquerque Chapter Officers were installed at the February 21, 1954, annual meeting in Albuquerque. Santa Fé officers were not present to be installed as had occurred in 1953. Vice-President General John R. Gobble, Idaho, was the guest speaker and discussed both National and Rocky Mountain activities. Mrs. Edward Sackett, Regent of the Lew Wallace Chapter, DAR, brought greetings and volunteered to assist the SAR in obtaining new members.

Certificates were presented to twenty new members by President Roth who advised that an all time high of 132 members were on roll. The establishment of genealogical libraries in Albuquerque and Santa Fé was under consideration and a committee was appointed to investigate further.

Subsequent to the meeting, the annual report was correctly submitted and was reconciled by National with their records. Dues, however, were still being advanced and collected later.

It was voted at the 1954 Annual Meeting to invite the National Society to hold its Congress for 1955 in Albuquerque and to send a delegation to Williamsburg in May to present the invitation. Despite the fact that this was a State meeting, the Albuquerque Chapter appointed a committee, chaired by H. Wilson Maglidt, to work on this project; and State President Roth announced that the Chapter would meet in May to select the delegates. The committee prepared an outstanding brochure outlining Albuquerque's advantages and made some progress. The National Executive Committee, which had unanimously rejected the bid in 1953, now turned it down by the rather close vote of 17 to 12. Compatriots Maglidt, McDowell, and Gerhart attended the Congress. Norfleet and Roth again were named to the Boy Scout and American Sovereignty Committees, respectively, and Gerhart re-elected Trustee.

Patriotic holidays again were observed by the State and Chapters and decorated cars participated in the Independence and Armistice Day parades. Flag Day exercises were held in Robinson Park and the SAR, which had promoted the flying of the flag in the weeks prior, participated in the services. ROTC medals were presented as usual.

The Albuquerque Chapter printed a membership invitation and engaged in programs to encourage young Americans to participate in Government. During 1954 both Albuquerque and Santa Fé continued their monthly and quarterly Chapter meetings. Albuquerque speakers included Senator Clinton Anderson; John F. Simms, later Governor; Pearce Rodey, a local lawyer; and Tom Popejoy, President of UNM.

The Washington's Birthday meeting on February 19, 1955, was held in Albuquerque and a Santa Féan, Col. John W. Chapman, was elected President. The State, Albuquerque, and Santa Fé officers were installed by Compatriot Norfleet. The Committee on SAR Libraries reported some progress in their investigation, but it is interesting that the Albuquerque Chapter also appointed a Library Committee to index all SAR genealogical files. Compatriot Norfleet, Membership Committee

Chairman, reported many invitations had been sent out and urged active follow-up by the sponsors.

Compatriot Maglidt's perennial plea to ask the 66th Congress to come to Albuquerque in 1956 was somewhat reluctantly agreed to. He and Horace McDowell attended the 65th Congress in Chicago in May and were again refused. At the Congress McDowell was appointed to Committee on Basic Documents and for the first time named National Trustee, a position he was to occupy for many years.

The Governor issued a proclamation designating September 17th as Constitution Day which was observed by the State Society with a potluck supper at Compatriot Norfleet's home. As usual ROTC medals were awarded and the Chapters had monthly and quarterly meetings.

As a direct result of the Bill of Rights meeting held by the Albuquerque Chapter in December 1954, a framed copy of the Bill of Rights was donated by Dr. V. H. Spensley and presented and hung in the UNM Library. The Chapter also made a donation to Old North Church Steeple Fund. Its constitution was amended to separate offices of Secretary and Treasurer, and any penalties and reinstatement fees were eliminated. The Chapter held a dinner meeting to celebrate Flag Day, and at a luncheon on Bill of Rights Day in December, Major James Kerr read the new Albuquerque Chapter history, which had been compiled by Compatriot Franklin Barnett assisted by Compatriot Kerr.

In 1953 an address for the State Society was shown for the first time on the letterhead—Box 1146, Albuquerque. Compatriot Roth was an Albuquerquean and State President for both 1953 and 1954. In 1955 Col. John W. Chapman of Santa Fé was President and the address changed to P.O. Box 992, Santa Fé. The annual meeting on February 26, 1956, at which Chapman presided, was in Santa Fé, but the newly elected President's, George P. Walker of Albuquerque, letterhead's address was 1823 Aliso Drive, N.E., Albuquerque. There had been a spirited contest for the office of President with Compatriot Maglidt, 1st Vice-President of the State, running against Walker, the Albuquerque Chapter President.

## CHAPTER IV

### REJUVENATION: 1956—1959

Interest in the State Society appeared to be on the wane in 1956 as is indicated in an interchange of correspondence between Gordon Stevenson, Secretary of the Santa Fé Chapter, and President Walker. On April 4th Stevenson indicated only two or three active members and felt the Santa Fé Chapter should disband and unite with Albuquerque. In his reply on April 19th Walker urged trying to hold the Chapter together, but he further stated that there was a lack of activity across the State and that only the Albuquerque Chapter showed vitality. It was still holding its monthly meetings and quarterly evening affairs.

While an assumption would have to be made, there appeared to be some relationship among the decrease in interest, the billing of annual dues starting with January 1, 1956, and the considerable drop in membership due to nonpayment of dues. Previously, dues were collected at the annual meeting from those present, notices mailed to others, and then the Treasurer advanced the money to National and attempted to collect from the others throughout the year. It was apparently a custom of a good many not to pay their dues until after the Annual National Congress. The State membership decreased from 123 in April 1, 1955, to 72 in April 1, 1956, with 9 additions and a loss of 60, only 4 of which were for other than dues delinquency.

1956 was the year that Albuquerque commemorated its 250th anniversary and it was agreed at the Annual Meeting, after Compatriot McDowell spoke on the subject, that the SAR would participate in the celebration. At an April 6th board meeting, these plans were solidified by agreement that the SAR would join in the parades and festivities and bring the name of the Society to the attention of the people in the city.

A cup for the best patriotic-historic exhibit was given at the Hobby Show held during the celebration period of July 4th to July 14th to Philip Manley of Albuquerque for a Stamp Exhibit, "Covers of U.S. Presidents Mailed by their Widows." Compatriot Major James W. Kerr organized this program, and it was agreed to perpetuate it in the future with awards at the State Fair. At the Fair Compatriot Franklin Barnett won the exhibition with a display entitled "Fathers of the American Revolution," consisting of stamps depicting the arrival of our ancestors to the shores of America, Revolutionary War notables, and key Revolutionary battles. Factually, the Albuquerque Chapter was at least a co-sponsor, if not the principle party.

Although the attendees at the annual meeting had agreed that consideration would be given to inviting the 1957 Congress to be in Albuquerque, there is no indication that this was done. Compatriot Horace McDowell was the lone attendee at the 66th May Congress at Lake George, New York. He was appointed to the Flag Day and National Headquarters Committees and was named Trustee.



order to allow you an adequate period for payment of dues prior to our April 1 report to the National Society. Second, the Boards of Managers of both the New Mexico Society and the Albuquerque Chapter have agreed upon the collection of all dues, national, state and local, by the New Mexico Society treasurer."

"The present New Mexico Society By-laws (adopted Feb. 22, 1958) allow the waiving of New Mexico re-instatement fees and they also allow the determination by the Board of Managers (State) of the amount and date for collection of New Mexico Society dues. At present, therefore, we are considering April 1 as the beginning of the New Mexico Society fiscal year as well as the final date for receipt of National Society dues without re-instatement fees."

As usual, State and Albuquerque Chapter officers were jointly installed at the annual February 1957 meeting, but not Santa Fé, which was apparently still dormant.

The 67th National Congress held at Salt Lake City in May 1957 was attended by Compatriots Hester, Kerr, McDowell, McLaughlin, and Norfleet. A major achievement was finally obtained in the election of George E. Tarbox, Jr., of Denver to the office of President General after a spirited battle with Compatriot Wentworth of New York. Major Kerr of New Mexico, who was nominated for Genealogist General, lost a close race by three votes to Compatriot Huntington of Texas; could be some of his supporters were celebrating with Tarbox. Norfleet was made Chairman of a New Projects Committee created by Tarbox to develop new sustaining programs. Roth was appointed to the Civil Defense Committee and McDowell was named to the Basic Documents Committee and re-elected Trustee.

On April 16th, on invitation from the Albuquerque Chapter, a meeting was held at which President Gerhart presided and invited all compatriots and wives to attend a meeting later in the year at Raton. This was finalized at the June 25th Albuquerque meeting of the State Board, and President Gerhart was to write a letter to President General George E. Tarbox, Jr., inviting him to attend the meeting in Raton on September 7th. There was an interchange of correspondence in August over the question of providing entertainment from Denver at a cost of \$200; Gerhart was eventually persuaded against doing this. The meeting was well attended and President General Tarbox was the honored guest. Tarbox expounded on the operation of the National Society, and the ensuing discussion was very informative and helpful.

The Society awarded the usual ROTC Medals, celebrated Flag Day, and requested Governor Mechem to proclaim Constitution Day. Trophies were planned by State and Chapter for the State Fair, but no worthy recipient was found for the State award. Planned meetings in Santa Fé and Roswell did not materialize, nor was Bill of Rights Day celebrated by the Albuquerque Chapter.

One of the major endeavors of 1957, under the coordination of

Compatriot Richard W. Wager-Smith, was the finalizing of Constitution and Bylaws for the State Society. At the April meeting Wager-Smith announced that he would have the document ready in July. It was done sooner, and at a Board meeting on June 25th he was instructed to proceed with its publication. A committee was appointed to assist him by reviewing the papers prior to their distribution to the Society members. At a subsequent Board meeting on July 22, 1957, Compatriot Wager-Smith submitted the final draft and was instructed to have it published. Compatriot Hester offered to print the document. Wager-Smith was highly commended for his efforts, and Wager-Smith and Hester were both complimented for their efforts at the Raton meeting in September. The date of actual publication in mimeographed form was after the February 22, 1958, meeting where it was read by Secretary Marsh and approved with minor amendments. The Constitution and Bylaws were finally distributed in booklet form along with the notice of the June 13, 1959, Albuquerque Chapter meeting.

The February 22, 1958, meeting in Albuquerque was presided over by 1st Vice-President Marshall S. Hester in the absence of President Gerhart who was traveling in Europe. State, as well as Albuquerque and Santa Fé Officers, were installed by Clinton M. Roth, Sr.

The first version of a State history, which consisted of data gathered by Compatriot Robert L. Jackson of Carlsbad, was presented in April 1958. A prior history covering the Albuquerque Chapter had been prepared by Franklin Barnett assisted by James Kerr covering the period from its inception in 1951 through the year of 1955. At the annual meeting in 1959, it was noted that the Society had hoped to publish a history to help commemorate its fiftieth anniversary and that, while good progress was made, the end of the job was still a long way off. Research of old records by a committee consisting of Compatriots Dreesen, Hester, McDowell, Norfleet, Roth, and Stonecipher was in progress and revisions were being made as they were located.

The State Society found itself short of funds in 1958 and economy measures were taken. Mimeographed letterheads were ordered for form letters and announcements, and a common mailing list was devised for use with the Albuquerque Chapter. It was also decided to have the State collect all dues—National, State and Chapter. It was proposed to raise dues from \$1.50 to \$2.50 to defray expenses; however, it was evident that funds would not be enough to meet current expenses even with this proposed increase. This fact was pointed out by the Treasurer in June 1959 in his annual report. Meantime, in March of 1959 the Albuquerque Chapter had paid State bills of about \$40, representing bills still due for the annual meeting, and had lent it another \$50 (this loan was converted into a gift in May of 1959). State dues were to be increased to \$2.50 effective with January 1, 1960, and amendments were prepared to the Constitution and Bylaws to permit the Board of Managers to establish the amount of dues to be paid each year; they were passed at the June 13, 1959, meeting. During 1959 the State's bonds were cashed to pay current expenses.

Compatriots Norfleet, McDowell, and Col. Burton M. Pinkham attended the 1958 68th Congress in Biloxi, Mississippi, during May.

Norfleet was elected Registrar-General of the National Society, a high honor; in addition, he was named Chairman of the Organization and Membership Committee. McDowell was renamed Trustee and made Chairman of the Basic Documents Committee. A resolution of the National Congress on March 18 had cleared the way for the purchase of the Washington residence of General Patrick J. Hurlley (formerly of New Mexico) for use as the National Headquarters of the SAR; the old quarters at 1227 16th Street, N.W., would move to 2412 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., known as Embassy Row.

Early in 1958 interest was expressed in the awarding of Good Citizenship medals and the matter of presenting a gold one to a worthy New Mexico recipient. Compatriot Dr. Meldrum K. Wylder, a member of the New Mexico Society since 1913 and a past State President and Chaplain, had written a book, *Rio Grande Medicine Man*. It described Dr. Wylder's long efforts to bring healing to the people of New Mexico. Earlier in the year he had been honored by the New Mexico Pediatric and the New Mexico Obstetrical and Gynecological Societies. He had brought more than 17,000 babies into the world and certainly was a worthy recipient. On November 30th he was presented with a Good Citizenship medal during his 81st year of age.

The usual ROTC medals were presented and at the State Fair, now an Albuquerque Chapter Function, a Senior Gold Cup award went to Mrs. Jack Boffin of Albuquerque for a postage stamp exhibit, and a bronze Good Citizenship medal Junior award, a new category, was presented to Marc Hynes of Monroe Junior High School for a miniature replica of a Revolutionary War engagement. A collection of antique buttermolds won a first premium award for Compatriot Elmer Stonecipher and his wife. The Albuquerque Chapter continued its meetings and celebrated Flag Day, Constitution Day, and Bill of Rights Day.

At the 1959 annual February meeting in Albuquerque, Compatriot Clinton M. Roth, Sr., installed the new officers, the first elected under the provisions of the new 1958 State Constitution and Bylaws. They would assume office on July 1, 1959, and serve through June 1960. Past President General and Mrs. Tarbox of Denver attended. He was presented with a gold Good Citizenship medal by Compatriot Robert G. Norfleet, the Registrar General, who also presented Mrs. Tarbox with the SAR Medal of Appreciation on behalf of the National Society for her efforts during Tarbox's term as President General.

New Mexico Trustee, Horace R. McDowell, was the only one from New Mexico to attend the 69th Annual Congress in May at Pittsburg. Here he was again named Chairman of the Basic Documents Committee. Compatriot Norfleet was nominated for a second term as Registrar General even though he was unable to be at the Congress. In a close race, he was defeated by Stanley S. Gillam of Minnesota. At the February 14, 1959, Trustees' meeting, Dr. Pardoe, the Vice-President General of the Rocky Mountains District, had proposed that a committee be appointed to investigate a split of the district and that any recommendations be presented at the Congress. It was decided there to refer the matter to the incoming Trustees because it would

involve a change in the Bylaws. The Trustees requested that a written report be submitted to the Executive Secretary for referral to the Chancellor General.

An unusual event suggested by Col. Frances Otis Wood of the Albuquerque Chapter was the extending in May of 1959 of a membership invitation by the New Mexico Society to Sir Winston Churchill. This occurrence took place during a visit of Sir Winston to the United States. The reply from Lord Gordon Lennox, Secretary of the British Embassy, indicated that, while Sir Winston was unable to spare the time to visit Albuquerque to accept the membership, the honor was deeply appreciated. He later became a member of the Empire State Society of the SAR.

The change in the timing for State officers to assume their duties seems to have limited activities to those of the Albuquerque Chapter, which had luncheon meetings, and the Chapter invited all State members and their wives to a Flag Day dinner meeting on June 13th at the Kirtland Officers' Club, where the new State officers were again installed at this meeting.

In March the Chapter as well as the State Society records were stored at Service Enterprises in a cabinet donated by Col. Wood. Having consolidated the records, it was planned to have the State and Chapter historians prepare a 50th Anniversary edition of a New Mexico Society Yearbook for publication in 1959. The Committee, to accomplish this, met on March 25th and planned to go to press July 1st with a more complete edition to follow in five to ten years. It was planned to tape interviews with Senior Compatriots, and to search the files of the National Society. A section on the Albuquerque and Santa Fe Chapters was also to be included in a Yearbook. Unfortunately, this was not to become an accomplished mission, although much valuable material was gathered for future use by Compatriots Dreesen, Finch, and Roth. A history compilation through the year 1959 by Compatriot Donald Dreesen was submitted by him on May 15, 1960, but was not prepared for publication.

In February the Albuquerque Chapter had appointed Donald L. Dreesen as Chairman of a Committee to establish an Albuquerque Council to promote patriotic and historical projects. As one outcome, a course in genealogy of eight sessions was held during the spring at the Albuquerque High School under the sponsorship of the SAR, DAR, DAC, and UDC. Compatriots Finch, Maglidt, and Stonecipher conducted these sessions in which about seventy-five people participated. The formation of the New Mexico Genealogical Society resulted from these meetings, and the formation of the Albuquerque Historical Society from Dreesen's Committee.

At the State Fair, sponsored by the Albuquerque Chapter, the Senior Award was won by Mr. William A. Henry, and the Junior Cup by Gary House, both of Albuquerque. In 1959, for the first time, the Albuquerque Chapter sponsored a boy to Boy's State; Jack Ondelacey of the Albuquerque Indian School was the selectee. He later was a guest of the Chapter on January 19, 1960. Constitution Day was celebrated by the Chapter with a pot-luck supper at the home of Compatriot

Norfleet. Dr. T. Earl Pardoe, Vice-President General, Rocky Mountains District, visited informally at a dinner on October 10th. At a joint November 10th meeting with the Lew Wallace Chapter of the DAR, Dr. E. R. Harrington of the Albuquerque Public School System was awarded a Good Citizenship medal. A Chapter meeting was held December 15th as a Bill of Rights luncheon. Work to form a Roswell Chapter was commenced by Compatriot Lake Frazier, Sr. during 1959, starting with a list of twenty prospective members.

## CHAPTER V

### THE SIXTIES—PERIOD OF GROWTH AND MATURITY

At the annual 1960 meeting in Albuquerque to commemorate Washington's Birthday, Past President General George W. Tarbox, Jr., and his wife, as well as DAR guests, participated.

The 70th Annual Congress was held in May in Memphis, Tennessee, and was attended by Compatriot McDowell. At the Congress a resolution was passed which culminated years of effort and expense on the parts of McDowell and Norfleet. The Rocky Mountains District was divided into the Inter Mountain; Idaho, Montana, Utah, and Wyoming; and a new Rocky Mountains District of Arizona, Colorado, and New Mexico. The District as constituted had proven impractical of coverage by the Vice-President General. A more equitable distribution of population and area when compared with the other districts was provided by the division. McDowell was named Chairman of the Resolutions Committee and a member of the Americanism and American Sovereignty Committees, as well as New Mexico Trustee. He was also nominated for Registrar General but lost to Stanley S. Gillam of Minnesota who was running for re-election.

It had been decided that the Albuquerque Chapter would have the responsibility for Flag Day and the State Fair. After Flag Day ceremonies in Robinson Park, the Chapter made a survey to ascertain how many U.S. flags were being flown, and while the concensus indicated a betterment, there was room for much improvement. Later, on June 18th, a meeting was held at which revised copies of the Chapter Constitution and Bylaws were distributed.

On August 16th at a Board meeting in Santa Fé, the status of the history was presented. Compatriot Roth advised that the updating of the Jackson history was progressing satisfactorily and that he had supplied a considerable amount of additional information. Roth was preparing genealogical history cards in duplicate for the file and each member. There were some 310 of these cards and data was being exchanged with the DAR to build up genealogical references. In addition he was checking and completing information on all application blanks and expected to produce a roster of all State Society members from inception to issue as part of the history.

At this same meeting the formation of a Chapter in Roswell was discussed and it was learned that Lake Frazier, Sr. was still working on its formation.

The State requested Governor Mechem to proclaim Constitution Day, and the Albuquerque City Commission did issue a proclamation at the behest of the Chapter. It was celebrated at Compatriot Dickinson's home in Tres Pisos Canyon in Albuquerque.

The State Fair Chapter award was won by Richard Zaluga of Albuquerque. ROTC medals had been put on display at the respective

schools early in 1960 to stimulate interest and appropriate presentations were made later.

State President Marshall S. Hester held a meeting at his home on August 20, 1960, as a starter to revitalize the Santa Fé Chapter, and as a result twice a year meetings were begun. Albuquerque Chapter held their usual meetings and had a number of fine speakers. They did not, however, hold a December Bill of Rights Day meeting because of the impending holidays. Membership had been increasing gradually from 72 in 1957 to 96 in 1960. This was largely due to efforts of Compatriot Norfleet, Chairman of the Membership Committee, and several campaigns to obtain new recruits and reinstatements.

The 1961 annual meeting was held in Santa Fé in February and attracted 70, the largest attendance for that city; the State membership had then reached 104. Edwin A. Williams of Denver, the Rocky Mountain Vice-President General, and DAR representation helped to swell the attendance. Compatriot Williams held a District meeting in the afternoon at La Posada, the site of the evening affair.

The 71st Congress was convened in May in Clearwater, Florida, where Clinton M. Roth, Sr. was honored by being elected the Vice-President General of the Rocky Mountains District. McDowell also attended and, in addition to remaining a Trustee, was named to the Americanism and American Sovereignty Committee and made Chairman of the Constitution Observance Day Committee.

Flag and Constitution Days were celebrated with the State participating in the Albuquerque Chapter meetings. At the Constitution Day meeting Compatriot William J. Bingham presented an inspiring address, "A New Free Land," which was later reproduced and distributed. On October 10, 1961, a special meeting in Albuquerque was held by the State Society to honor the visit of President General Horace Y. Kitchell of Greenwood, Mississippi. A banquet followed a social hour and reception. At this meeting Dr. Meldrum K. Wylder was presented with a life membership in the Albuquerque Chapter. He was 84 at the time and passed away shortly thereafter on January 17, 1962. During 1961 Compatriot Roth attended two Naturalization ceremonies in Compatriot Judge Rogers' Court.

The Albuquerque Chapter again sponsored a boy, Lloyd D. Garcia of the Indian School, to Boy's State, and he attended the November 1961 meeting. The film, "Operation Abolition," a story of the Communist-led riots in San Francisco, was shown after being advertised in the local papers. Bound copies of the SAR magazine were filed at Service Enterprises. A gold cup was awarded Donald C. Dunn for his exhibit at the State Fair of Civil War weapons and relics. A major activity of 1961 was assistance to the local Civil Defense office directed by Clinton M. Roth, Sr. Talks were made to many organizations and the Bomb Shelter at the State Fair was manned by various compatriots. A Chapter resolution to support Civil Defense was accepted and passed upon at the National Congress.

At a State Board of Managers meeting in October of 1961, it was decided to propose an amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws

changing the date of election of officers and the annual meeting from February to June. This was approved at the February 24, 1962, meeting, and the annual meeting and election of officers was set for June 1962. Thus, a tradition of more than fifty years of a February annual meeting was broken. A monthly newsletter, designed to be first of a series, was also presented in February.

The formation of a Chapter in Roswell, which had its original conception in the mind of Lake Frazier, Sr., had been rather actively pursued during 1961 and the first part of 1962. The Wards; father, Col. Charles F.; and son, George E.; had also become active in the SAR as had Mrs. A. S. Patterson, the Regent of the Roswell DAR Chapter. On May 19, 1962, a contingent of six, plus wives, from Albuquerque journeyed to that city to install the new Chapter officers and to celebrate its formation. There were about 25 in attendance at the Nixon Hotel, including Mrs. Patterson who was the guest of honor. The fifteen Charter members elected George E. Ward, President; Robert L. Jackson, First Vice President; Jack B. Patterson, Secretary-Treasurer; Lake Frazier, Sr. as Registrar-Historian; and Merrill Norton, Chaplain. Jackson was a Carlsbadite and Norton was from Lovington. This expansion of territory over that originally contemplated caused the name of the Chapter to become the Southeast New Mexico Chapter rather than the Roswell Chapter. At the ensuing June meeting, the Wards were in attendance and roundly congratulated for their efforts. Col. Charles Ward, George's father, was elected State First Vice President and Lake Frazier, Sr., State Chancellor.

The 72nd Congress in May 1962 was in Philadelphia with Compatriots Kerr, McDowell, and Roth in attendance. McDowell continued as trustee and was honored by selection on the Executive Committee. James G. Marsh was named to the Independence Observance Day Committee and McDowell to the Resolutions Committee. McDowell earlier had invited the Trustees to meet in Albuquerque, but they voted to remain in Washington. During the Congress all National officers, including Clinton M. Roth, Sr., were made members of the Four Chaplains Legion of Honor which commemorates the Chaplains who lost their lives when the U.S.S. *Dorchester* was sunk during World War II.

The first June Annual Meeting was in commemoration of Flag Day and held in Albuquerque on June 16, 1962. A campaign to publicize the slogan, "Keep the U.S.A. First," was announced. This slogan was originated by the Louisiana State Society which had made various sized posters available for display. The compatriots voted to secure billboard space and install the large 24 sheet posters on them, and to secure smaller sizes for the members' use. Subsequently, Compatriot McDowell donated money to purchase five of these large posters, and the Markham Advertising Company (formerly the Llewellyn Sign Company) of Albuquerque donated billboard space and labor to put them up.

In 1962 SAR organizations across the country were asked to join in a new way of celebrating Independence Day that had been started by the North Carolina Society of the SAR in 1961. This was The Ringing

of the Bells and was so proclaimed by the Albuquerque City Commission at our request. Efforts were also exerted to encourage the display of the flag, not only on the Fourth of July, but on all patriotic holidays. It was also in 1962 on December 19th that the newly created certificate for presentation to naturalized citizens was first used.

Several other changes occurred. It was agreed to amend the Constitution and Bylaws to eliminate the need for the State to remit dues by April first for members who had until the following December 31st before becoming delinquent. Provision was made that all dues must be paid by March first each year and that delinquency would exist as of March 15th. A listing of a phone number for the SAR at Service Enterprises was approved on a year's trial basis and has been continued. The ROTC State medals were gold instead of silver-plated, and Compatriot Roth volunteered to bear all expenses in connection with both State and Chapter medals even though the Albuquerque Chapter took over the responsibility for the presentation of the medal at the Albuquerque High School. The State and Albuquerque Chapters jointly agreed to the binding of all application forms and to request contributions from the membership to defray costs; this was accomplished early in 1963. It was also agreed that the membership listing at Service Enterprises, which had been subject to erroneous input, could only be changed by State Registrar Norfleet, and that designations of A (Albuquerque), SF (Santa Fé), SENM (Southeast New Mexico, originally R for Roswell), and NM (at large) be used following the State number.

The Chapters were active during 1962. Albuquerque acquired a fifty star flag in April, sponsored Richard Martinez of Manual School to Boys' State, presented Cadet Don Nieto of Albuquerque High School with a Bronze ROTC medal, obtained a City Commission proclamation regarding Independence and Constitution Days, and held its usual meetings. The SENM Chapter was joined by Albuquerqueans in a meeting on October 13th, and Santa Fé was likewise joined in a November 10th meeting. During the last half of 1962, Albuquerque Chapter President Nicholas Simon was forced to remain inactive because of an asthmatic condition, and 1st Vice-President Robert G. Luckey assumed the post of acting President. Luckey was elected to the Presidency in January 1963.

Shortly after the Washington's Birthday meeting in Albuquerque, President General Dr. Charles A. Anderson visited New Mexico on April 1-2, 1963, and was a guest of honor at both a luncheon and banquet, and was conducted on a tour of Albuquerque and Santa Fe. Stations KOB and KGGM took luncheon pictures and televised them.

At the 73rd Congress in Lexington, Kentucky, McDowell was again elected Trustee and named to the Resolution Committee, and Compatriot James G. Marsh again put on the Independence Day Observation Committee. The New Mexico resolution to provide an assistant for the Executive Secretary was not reported out by the committee.

A joint State-Albuquerque Chapter committee formed in March to study the distribution of dues recommended that they remain unchanged provided that the Albuquerque Chapter furnish all supply items for both itself and the State. This action was deemed sufficient because the tight money situation for the State had been somewhat alleviated by an increase in the admission fee from \$10.00 to \$15.00, the increase going to the State, and because National dues were no longer being advanced for delinquents. At the Flag Day meeting on June 14, 1963, the Treasurer reported a surplus balance of \$70, the first in many years. Membership was 125, a new high.

Vice-President General Horace T. Auburn of Denver was the honored guest at the first of the New Mexico Society's Veterans Day meetings as well as at a luncheon on November 16th in Albuquerque. He was entertained with a football game and a trip to Santa Fé. Later, on January 18, 1964, Compatriot Auburn had his Vice-President General meeting in Santa Fé at La Fonda Hotel.

In March of 1963 President Luckey, of the Albuquerque Chapter, had proposed the formation and sponsoring of an Albuquerque Chapter of the Children of the American Revolution (CAR). Compatriot Llewelyn T. Savage, Jr. took an active interest and in July 1963 inquiries were sent to SAR members regarding the names of eligible children and grandchildren. Mrs. Sarah Jackson of Carlsbad, the CAR Senior State Vice-President, was also contacted. At the CAR State convention on March 7, 1964, Savage was named Senior Organizing Vice-President, and on April 26, 1964 the Zebulon Montgomery Pike Chapter, sponsored by the Albuquerque Chapter, was born at an organization meeting at the Motor Carriers building in Albuquerque. Later in 1964 a sum of money was willed to the CAR with a proviso that it be sponsored by the DAR, and on December 19, 1964, the DAR assumed responsibility. Despite this, the SAR continued to maintain an active interest in the CAR and Compatriot Savage remained a State officer. Compatriots James M. Caller and Joseph J. Mullins have also been CAR officers and SAR feels a strong responsibility toward promoting the successful operation of the CAR.

Other Albuquerque Chapter activities during 1963 included celebrating "I Am an American" and Memorial Days in May; sending Conrad Ling Yee to Boys' State and having him attend the October 15th meeting; celebrating and proclaiming Constitution Day, now called Citizenship Day; displaying ten large Keep the U.S.A. First posters; participating in Naturalization Ceremonies; manning the Civil Defense Shelters at the State Fair, and also awarding a cup to the New Mexico Genealogical Society for a display entitled "Days of 1776;" marching in the Veterans Day parade and joining in the services at the Veterans Hospital; and reaching a record membership of 80.

Compatriot Clinton Roth, who at the time was the Albuquerque Civil Defense Director, noted that the billboards erected at the shelter site by Compatriots Finch and Luckey, and on which the "Keep the U.S.A. First" posters were mounted, had created much favorable publicity.

Colonel Edward T. Johnson of Santa Fé did excellent work in reviving the Chapter in that city.

Early in 1964 a contest developed for Vice-President General of the Rocky Mountain District. It was New Mexico's turn, and Compatriots McDowell's and Maglidt's hats were both in the ring. McDowell won the nomination after a good race, and Maglidt was selected as nominee for National Trustee. Both were elected to these positions at the 74th Congress in Detroit where McDowell was also named to the Resolutions Committee. The New Mexico resolution to appoint an Assistant Executive Secretary was tabled by the Trustees. At this Congress an excellent brochure was presented and Compatriot Maglidt made a fervent plea to hold the 1965 Congress in Albuquerque. At the crucial moment Col. James W. Kerr held up the New Mexico flag causing loud cheers.

H. B. ("Woody") Woods of the Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce, which had helped to prepare the brochure, accompanied Kerr and Maglidt to Detroit. He had prepared propaganda in the form of black footprints upon which were printed, "All Roads Lead to Albuquerque." The negro help at the hotel took offense and picked them all up and destroyed them. Efforts to retrieve them were thwarted because "the garbage had already been collected."

The Washington's Birthday meeting had been held as usual in Albuquerque, but the Flag Day meeting on June 14th was much more elaborate than usual. A printed program had been prepared by Compatriot George Mason, Chairman of Arrangements. The Sandia Base Color Guard presented the colors, a soloist rendered the Star Spangled Banner, and in an impressive ceremony fifteen new members were presented certificates. U.S. Senator Mechem delivered the main address, and DAR and CAR representatives brought greetings. The National Executive Secretary, Harold L. Putnam, was present and, in addition to presenting certificates to the fifteen new members, advised that Albuquerque was in the running for the 1965 Congress. In August we were officially advised that Albuquerque had been selected as the site of the 75th Congress.

A State Society visit for the purpose of reactivating the Southeast New Mexico Chapter was made to Carlsbad on August 8, 1964, and a slate of officers headed by Compatriot Benjamin T. Phillips, Jr. of Carlsbad as President was elected. By the Veterans Day meeting on November 14th in Albuquerque, Phillips was able to report a membership of 25. A Constitution Day meeting had been held in Roswell at which a resolution entitled Right to Keep and Bear Arms had been passed. Dr. Jack Redman was guest speaker at that meeting and Merrill Norton of Lovington was the speaker at the Veterans Day meeting in Albuquerque.

At a special National Congress in Washington, D.C., on October 16, 1964, no proposed increase in dues was brought up; it was to be presented at the 75th Congress in Albuquerque. However, future Congresses were empowered to set tentative Congress locations for five years ahead, supplementals filed from July 1 through December 3 each year were set at \$5.00 instead of \$10.00, and members of 80 years of

age with 20 years continuous service were exempted from paying dues. Compatriots Maglidt and McDowell attended.

During the latter part of 1964 a brochure entitled, "An Introduction to the New Mexico Society of the Sons of the American Revolution," was prepared, printed, and distributed. This pamphlet was designed to state the purposes and aims of the SAR and to assist in obtaining new members. The cost of its preparation was paid for by the sale of USA flags.

The Albuquerque Chapter had previously decided to eliminate listing officers on its stationery in order that it could be used perennially; this was started in 1964. The Chapter under the leadership of President Kenneth E. Sutton, Jr., sent a boy to Boys' State; presented an ROTC medal to Charles Lott at Albuquerque High School; presented certificates to newly naturalized citizens; celebrated Independence and Constitution Days; and shared jointly with the State in a State Fair Award. In 1964 it also participated in the Civil Defense Exhibit at Kirtland Field on Armed Forces Day, as well as manning the shelters at the State Fair; and it presented a silver Good Citizenship medal to Thomas B. Bailey, a Monroe Junior High history teacher, for emphasizing the patriotic aspects of United States history in new and effective methods of teaching history.

On October 24, 1964, at the invitation of the Santa Fé Chapter, a meeting was held at La Fonda to consider the reactivation of that Chapter, to enlist volunteer aid from Santa Fé for the upcoming Congress, and to arrange plans to hold the next Washington's Birthday meeting in Santa Fé. Col. E. T. Johnson was elected President, Charles C. (Chet) Campbell—Vice President, and Stephen E. Watkins—Secretary-Treasurer. Compatriot Johnson and the others promised action on all matters. Plans announced for the Congress included a Douglass G. High Oration Contest, a new fifty star U.S.A. flag and a New Mexico flag, the display of billboard size "Keep the U.S.A. First" posters, and publicity to be circulated countrywide.

In November the State Society, represented by Compatriots James M. Caller and Robert G. Luckey, presented a U.S. Flag to the Daughters of the American Colonists in connection with the dedication of a memorial at San Gabriel, the first capital of New Mexico.

Compatriots Vice-President General McDowell and State President Luckey attended a Vice-Presidential meeting in Denver on December 5th, as well as the Institution of the Tucson, Arizona, Chapter in Tucson on December 12th.

After the August announcement that the 75th Annual Congress would be held in Albuquerque, plans had immediately been formulated and Executive Secretary Putnam visited Albuquerque from December 22 through 28, 1964. He met with the Board on December 23rd and discussed and outlined the requirements for conducting a Congress.

The Washington's Birthday meeting was held in Santa Fé in 1965 in order to further stimulate interest in the Chapter, which was coming along nicely and now had twelve members. In April Col. Johnson

coordinated all arrangements for presentation of certificates at the Naturalization Ceremonies in Santa Fé. Later in July and December naturalization ceremonies were held in Albuquerque.

A Douglass G. High Oration contest was held in March 1965 and the winner, Gary Engel of Albuquerque, participated in the finals at the Congress on Sunday, April 25. The Congress dates were April 25 through 28, 1965, and its history is contained in another document prepared by Compatriot Frederic C. Alexander, Jr. McDowell was elected Trustee and Kenneth E. Sutton, Jr. was put on the Constitution Day Committee (See Chapter VI for additional details).

The State Constitution and Bylaws were updated and reprinted prior to the Congress, and the City Commission, at our request, proclaimed the week of April 22nd to 28th "Fly the United States Flag Week" to coincide with the Congress. New United States and New Mexico Society SAR flags were also secured.

ROTC medals were awarded the universities by the State and, in addition to the Albuquerque Chapter medal at Albuquerque High, a medal was awarded at Carlsbad High by Ben T. Phillips, Jr., President of the Southeast New Mexico Chapter. Horace McDowell had the pleasure of presenting the National Society's ROTC award of a wrist watch and silver tray at the Air Force Academy. Boys' State had an Albuquerque Chapter representative, and the Chapter joined with other patriotic organizations in the Ringing of the Bells on Independence Day.

The first of the new Patriot Medals was awarded posthumously at the Douglas MacArthur Memorial in Norfolk, Virginia, on October 19, 1964. The first two of the Patriot medals were awarded in New Mexico at the Flag Day meeting in June, 1965, to Compatriots Norfleet and Roth for their long service and devoted efforts to the New Mexico Society. Horace McDowell, who had been equally faithful, was ineligible, because he had been recommended for National recognition through the award of the Minuteman Medal. The third nominee for the Patriot medal, H. Wilson Maglidt, was not present, but was presented with his medal at the Albuquerque Chapter's Constitution Day meeting in September by State President Kenneth E. Sutton, Jr. At the close of the Flag Day meeting, outgoing President Luckey presented a gavel to the Society.

At the September Constitution Day meeting Albuquerque Chapter President, Joseph J. Mullins recognized Joe Powdrell, ROTC medal winner at Albuquerque High School, as well as Don G. Rushing, the Boys' State selection from Manzano High School.

Two cars full of Compatriots rode in open Cadillac convertibles in the Veterans Day parade and participated in the ceremonies at the Veterans Hospital. In the evening at the meeting at the Alvarado Hotel, Compatriot Robert G. Luckey was given a presentation copy of the History of the Seventy-Fifth Annual Congress, prepared by Compatriot Frederick C. Alexander, Jr. This was in recognition of his leadership of the Congress' General Arrangements Committee. A copy of this document was also presented by Luckey to National Headquarters at a Trustee's meeting in October.

The State and Chapter jointly sponsored the arranging for exhibits

and awarding of a cup at the State Fair to David Kelsey for a collection of political buttons. As a result of Compatriot Bingham's suggestion, the Albuquerque Chapter on August 23, 1965, presented for hanging in the Bernalillo County Commission meeting room a four- by six-foot framed copy of the Bill of Rights. It had been handlettered by Mrs. Fay F. Blake, the wife of Compatriot Dr. Henry W. Blake and framed by Compatriot Byrd C. McKay. It was a magnificent work of art which was hung and flanked on either side by the United States and New Mexican flags.

Santa Fé was again the site of the Washington's Birthday meeting in 1966. It was reported that the National Headquarters of the SAR would remain in Washington as the New Mexico Society had advocated and that the Executive Secretary, Harold L. Putnam, would retire on October 1, 1966, at the age of seventy.

The State Society lost one of its most faithful and diligent members on April 25th when Compatriot Horace R. McDowell died suddenly of a heart attack. The Society expressed its regrets and loss in a letter to his wife, Evelyn, and with a floral tribute.

Late in 1965, it had become apparent that difficulties were developing in the relationship among the major cities in the Southeast New Mexico Chapter; namely, Roswell, Lovington and Carlsbad, because President Phillips of Carlsbad had been unable to get members from the other two cities to attend any meetings in Carlsbad. Lake Frazier, Sr., of Roswell advised that the group there was becoming somewhat extreme and more inclined to engage in politics than SAR activities. It was suggested that separate committees to handle each city be established. Phillips had gone so far as to want to resign and work to establish a Carlsbad Chapter but was dissuaded. On March 5, 1966, at a meeting in Roswell, attended by State President Sutton and Compatriots from Lovington and Roswell, the idea of a committee for each area was discussed and seemed acceptable. Another meeting with several State and SENM officers was held on April 2nd during the CAR State Conference in Roswell, which the SENM Chapter President Ben T. Phillips attended. It was decided to establish a Vice Presidential post in each city, the incumbent of which would be responsible for SAR activities in his area, as well as liaison with the Chapter President. The Vice-Presidents accepting these assignments were Francis R. Schenck, Sr. of Roswell, Henry D. Schenck of Lovington, and J. Melvin Fritschy of Carlsbad. However, an attempt to hold a Chapter meeting on May 6, 1966, was unsuccessful, and matters remained in status quo with only local efforts in each city.

At the Flag Day meeting in June 1966, addressed by Governor David F. Cargo, both DAR and CAR representatives brought greetings. Compatriot Luckey, who had been appointed to fill the unexpired term of Compatriot McDowell as Trustee, noted that McDowell would be posthumously awarded the Minuteman Medal at the 76th Annual Congress in Groton, Connecticut. At the Congress, Luckey accepted the medal and brought it back to present to Mrs. Evelyn McDowell; he was also elected Trustee to replace McDowell. Luckey was appointed to the 1976 Committee, and Compatriot Kenneth E. Sutton was named to the

Constitution Day Committee. National dues were increased from \$2.50 to \$3.50 a year, and later it was decided to increase the State dues by the same amount.

Two new customs were inaugurated at the 1966 Flag Day meeting. Clutch-back rosettes were awarded to members who had brought five or more members into the Society; Compatriots Marsh, Norfleet, and Roth had secured 8, 36, and 40 members, respectively. Certificates of Appreciation were presented by incoming President James M. Caller, II to all past State Presidents, and Compatriot Luckey was presented with the Patriot Medal by outgoing President Kenneth E. Sutton.

At the Veterans Day meeting, rosettes were awarded to Compatriots Albert R. Elwell and Robert G. Luckey for bringing in five members. Luckey's candidacy for Vice-President General of the Rocky Mountains District was announced, and that it had been endorsed by Arizona and Colorado, as well as New Mexico at the Rocky Mountains District meeting in Denver on October 29th, called by Vice-President General John C. Mott. Compatriot Caller was also present and proposed Luckey's candidacy. A contingent from the local CAR Chapter attended the Veterans Day meeting where Patricia Boatwright gave a short talk on flag courtesy. Earlier four compatriots occupying two Cadillacs participated in the Veterans' Day parade.

An increasing cooperation with the DAR manifested itself during 1966. Mrs. Sarah Brown Jackson of Carlsbad, the State Regent, was awarded an SAR Medal of Appreciation at a DAR banquet in Roswell on March 4th for her efforts in recruiting members for the SAR. Later State President Caller brought SAR greetings to the DAR Congress in Albuquerque, at which time Mrs. Jackson pressed for a joint DAR-SAR project. After considering several ideas, it was agreed that the DAR would present a New Mexico State flag and stand, and the SAR a U.S. flag and stand for the Governor's Reception Room in the new State Capitol Building. Considerable shopping was done to obtain wooden stands of paldao wood, which was the decor specified by the architect for the Capitol. Finally, Byrd C. McKay, an Albuquerque compatriot, not only handcrafted the stands from polished walnut but also cast suitably inscribed plaques from Nambe metal. These matched stands were a superb work of outstanding artistry.

They were first presented to Governor Jack M. Campbell at the executive mansion on September 15, 1966, to commemorate Constitution Day by Vice-Regent of the DAR, Mrs. Edward T. Johnson of Santa Fé, who represented Sarah Jackson, the State Regent; and President James M. Caller, II, of the State Society of the SAR. Later on February 25, 1967, there was a formal dedication in the Governor's Reception Room in the new Capitol building at which many DAR and SAR members watched Mrs. Johnson and Compatriot Caller formally present the flags and stands to the New Governor, David F. Cargo.

The State Society received a gift of \$500 from Evelyn McDowell to set up a trust fund to commemorate her husband Horace's memory. It was decided to utilize the income from it to purchase a trophy annually that would be awarded at the State Fair for the best patriotic and historical exhibit relating to the period of the American Revolution.

The award, The Horace R. McDowell Minuteman Award, paid for with State funds in 1966, was won by the Charles Dibrell Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and presented to them on October 16th in the home of Evelyn McDowell. The Chapter cup was given to an exhibit by Phillip R. Stober of Albuquerque.

The Albuquerque Chapter under President Robert W. Talbott continued to be very active with regular meetings, and Santa Fé also had meetings. Steve C. Rawlings of Manzano High School was the Albuquerque nominee for Boys' State and attended the September meeting to commemorate Constitution Day, which had been proclaimed by the Governor at the State Society's request. Naturalization ceremonies were attended as was The Ringing of the Bells on Independence Day.

During 1966 each State Officer's and Committee's job was described and published and a definition in writing of the responsibilities of the State and Albuquerque Chapter was prepared.

In 1967 an essay contest for junior high school students on the subject "The Life of George Washington During the Revolution Period" was conducted for the first time by the State. The prize, a \$25 United States Savings Bond, was given to India Mozley, Madison Junior High, Albuquerque, and presented at the Washington's Birthday meeting on February 25, 1967, in Santa Fé. John C. Mott, Vice-President General of the Rocky Mountains District, attended the meeting and joined in the formal presentation of the U.S. and New Mexico flags to Governor Cargo as well as in a tour of the New Capitol prior to the meeting.

A series of articles on the history of the flag of the United States of America was prepared by Compatriots Mullins and Luckey and published in the Albuquerque Journal in the weeks prior to Flag Day. The Action Line column of the same paper also "answered" some carefully prepared material about the flag; and Governor Cargo issued a proclamation for Flag Day in addition to Memorial and Independence Days, all of which had been requested by the SAR. At the meeting on June 14, 1967, we were joined by the DAR and the DAC, the latter of which provided table decorations in the form of replicas of many of the historic flags of the USA. Compatriot James G. Marsh was presented with the Patriot Medal for outstanding service to the New Mexico Society, and President James M. Caller, II, received a clutch-back rosette for securing five new members. Under his leadership the New Mexico Society reached an all-time peak of one hundred and sixty members.

Compatriots Caller and Luckey attended the 77th Annual Congress in Columbus in June where Luckey was elected Vice-President General of the Rocky Mountains District and Caller the Trustee for the State of New Mexico. Luckey was appointed to the 1976 Program and the Membership Committees; later he was put on the Americanism Committee. Kenneth E. Sutton, Jr. was made a member of the Constitution Day Committee.

Independence Day was celebrated jointly with the DAR by The Ringing of the Bells, and on July 19th our new State President, Joseph J. Mullins, was guest speaker to the CAR at their Southwest Regional



conference in Albuquerque.

In August we were honored by President General Len Young Smith whose train to Chicago stopped briefly in Albuquerque. His wife, the President General of the Daughters of the Patriots and Founders of America, was on an official visit to Albuquerque, and Compatriots Mullins, Sutton, and Luckey were able to greet Compatriot Smith and to present him with an Albuquerque Red Carpet.

On October 28 and 29, 1967, Vice-President General Luckey had a Tri-State meeting in Albuquerque. Representatives from Arizona and Colorado had an opportunity to tour Sandia Base, ride the Sandia Peak Tram, and dine on Sandia Crest, in addition to having a successful business meeting. At this meeting, Compatriot Luckey's candidacy for Historian General of the National Society was endorsed by those present and later ratified by the membership of each society. Earlier, in September, Luckey had visited the Tucson and Phoenix Chapters, and on December 16th joined the Colorado Society in commemorating Bill of Rights Day.

The Veterans Day meeting was held for the first time in Santa Fé after some discussion as to the impact of the weather on attendance if we continued to have the Washington's Birthday meeting there. It was reasonably well attended and had DAR representation. A questionnaire in a patriotic vein had been prepared by the Chairman of that committee, Compatriot Dr. Kyle Nye, and members scratched their heads diligently but, as a later scoring of the answers proved, could benefit by some review of United States history.

Other occurrences included the attendance at the Naturalization ceremonies in April and December; none were held in July. In April, the largest group ever inducted in New Mexico, 79 new citizens, were welcomed. ROTC medals were presented and the Albuquerque Chapter sent a young man to Boys' State. No exhibits at the State Fair were deemed worthy of the McDowell trophy, but the Chapter cup was awarded by President George F. Dickins for an exhibit of Colonial coins to Mr. and Mrs. William Schmidt.

The Santa Fé Chapter elected a new President, Robert P. Turner, and was fairly active. However, the SENM Chapter was unable to arrange a meeting in May and went into a state of dormancy. In order to keep it active on paper, Compatriot Merrill Norton of Lovington agreed to act as President and Henry D. Schenck of the same city as Secretary. Norton arranged for the presentation of a Bronze Good Citizenship medal at the Lovington High School to one of the seniors.

In the area of business and procedures, it was decided to increase the admission fee from \$15 to \$20 as of May 1, 1967, and to limit the paying of dues for the ensuing year to members officially on roll as of December 31st. Appointments to committees would be on staggered 1-, 2- and 3-year terms in order to provide continuity. It was also decided to revise and reissue the pamphlet, *An Introduction to the New Mexico Society of the Sons of the American Revolution*.

The Washington's Birthday meeting in February 1968 was in Albuquerque as planned. Another essay contest winner, Miss Anne Biggs of Albuquerque, was presented with a Bronze Good Citizenship

medal. She had earlier been presented with a \$25 U.S. Savings Bond in Santa Fé by Ernestine Evans, Secretary of State. A second patriotic questionnaire proved to be as equally puzzling to the group as had the first. At the meeting, Compatriot Luckey was named nominee for New Mexico Trustee for election at the Williamsburg Congress.

All members of the Society were saddened by the death of one of our staunchest and loyal compatriots on February 28, 1968. Clinton M. Roth, Sr. had been an untiring worker and had served in most of the Albuquerque Chapter and State offices, being a past President of both. He also was a former New Mexico Trustee and Vice-President General of the Rocky Mountains District. A large contingent of SAR members attended his services, and the Society sent a floral tribute. Later a gift from his widow, Edith, was used to acquire an SAR medallion that will be used to install new State Presidents and will be called the Clinton M. Roth Memorial Medallion.

The Albuquerque Chapter, through its President H. Clifton Wright, issued an invitation in April for President General and Mrs. Len Young Smith to visit them while he was in this area. He accepted, and joint planning with the State resulted in an excellent meeting on May 8th in Albuquerque at the Desert Sands. The President General addressed the group and then was presented with a beautiful piece of Indian pottery by the Chapter.

President Mullins brought greetings to the CAR conference in Alamogordo in March; and Compatriot Marshall Hester of Las Cruces performed the same function in that city at the DAR annual convention, also in March.

Governor Cargo, at the invitation of the State Society, proclaimed Flag Day, which was celebrated at an Albuquerque meeting on June 8th. The Ballat Abyad, Shrine Legion of Honor, presented a Flag Pageant prior to the meeting during which fifteen historical flags of the USA were displayed along with appropriate dialogue and music. An inscribed plaque was awarded to the Shrine by President Joseph J. Mullins to commemorate the occasion. Both the DAR and the CAR were present and later brought greetings at the ensuing banquet and meeting. During the evening, a Medal of Appreciation was awarded to Margaret Rector Johnson, State Regent of the DAR, for her assistance to the SAR. The Patriot Medal, the highest State award, was presented to a longtime member, Ernest W. Hall, for his years of service in many official capacities to the Society. Compatriot Robert W. Talbott was elected State President for the ensuing year.

At the 78th Annual Congress held in Williamsburg, Virginia, in the latter part of June, Compatriot Robert G. Luckey was elected National Trustee and was honored by being made the Historian General of the National Society, the first New Mexican to hold a National office since Robert G. Norfleet was Registrar-General in 1958-1959. Luckey was also appointed to be Chairman of the 1976 Committee and a member of the Budget Committee.

At the Congress action was taken to raise the admission fee from \$10.00 to \$15.00 effective with October 1, 1968. It was decided later to keep the New Mexico State fee at \$10.00.

ROTC medals were presented as usual by the State and Albuquerque Chapter. The Chapter for the first time sent two instead of one young man to Boys' State in Roswell; they were Victor MacFarlane and Gilbert Romero. It also had Constitution Day proclaimed and celebrated it at a meeting. The SENM Chapter presented a Bronze Good Citizenship medal to a Lovington High School senior, but otherwise was dormant.

In July Compatriots Luckey and Talbott attended the DAR Ringing of the Bells Ceremony on July Fourth at the Sundowner in Albuquerque and later in July with the National CAR officers. In September Governor Cargo proclaimed Constitution Day which was also celebrated at an Albuquerque Chapter meeting.

Up to 1969 new members had been furnished with rosettes provided by the National Society to those obtaining new members. However, National decided to give such rosettes to only those attending the Congress. Therefore, the New Mexico State Board agreed to purchase rosettes for all new members which were to be presented by the ranking State officer.

At the State Fair the McDowell Trophy was won by Glenn Davis for an exhibit of surveying instruments of the Revolutionary period which had originally been made in Scotland. The Albuquerque Chapter cup went to William Ritz for a display of military insignia and equipment from various U.S. forts.

The Rocky Mountains District meeting at La Fonda in Santa Fé on November 9, 1968, was presided over by Vice-President General Col. A. D. Chipman of Tucson, Arizona. Presidents Warren A. Donaldson, Arizona; Howard E. Long, Colorado; and Robert W. Talbott, New Mexico; all attended. That evening the New Mexico Society Veterans Day meeting was held at the La Posada Inn, also in Santa Fé. During the day, the ladies were toured by Mrs. E. T. (Peggy) Johnson; while in Albuquerque, other SAR attended a Veterans Day observance at Kirtland AF Base.

The 1969 Washington's Birthday meeting was at the Crystal Room of Diamond Jims in Albuquerque. Glenn Davis was presented the McDowell Trophy and Compatriot Luckey was endorsed for a second term as Historian General. At a Board meeting on March 2, 1969, Compatriot Luckey advised that he had been asked at the February Trustees meeting in Washington whether he would consider running for President General at some future date. If he so decided, he wanted to be certain that he had the New Mexico Society's backing. The State Board unanimously endorsed such support, including necessary advertising in the SAR magazine.

In March President Talbott attended the DAR 49th State Conference in Silver City and in May participated in the awarding of local ROTC medals. Six silver and three bronze medals were awarded by the State and Chapters, as well as a Bronze Good Citizenship medal at Lovington High School. Since the 79th Annual Congress was to be in Salt Lake City at the end of May of 1969, the New Mexico Society sponsored the entrance of a boy into the Douglass G. High Oratorical Contest. Compatriot Watson Ambruster was given the assignment and

after much effort held the State finals at an Albuquerque Chapter meeting on May 6th at La Hacienda. Kenneth Blatchford won and Danny Bryan was runner-up. Compatriot Talbott flew the winner to Salt Lake City, accompanied by Compatriot Mullins. He was not one of the top winners but did receive a money clip. At a Board meeting on June 9th, it was recommended that we enter another boy at the 1970 Houston Congress.

At the 79th Congress Compatriot Luckey was re-elected National Historian and National Trustee from New Mexico. Richard P. (Dick) Vosburgh of Denver was named Rocky Mountains District Vice-President General.

At the Congress it was decided to recommend an increase in National dues from \$3.50 to \$6.00 at the Houston Congress; later New Mexico determined that it would increase its dues by \$0.50 if this occurred.

Governor Cargo proclaimed Flag Day at SAR request and the meeting was on June 14, 1969, at the Sundowner in Albuquerque. Col. E. T. Johnson of Santa Fé was elected President and a Patriot Medal was awarded to former President James M. Caller, II.

One of the highlights of the Flag Day meeting was an address by R. Lynn Carroll, a Staff Assistant on the National Bicentennial Committee, who told about its creation and present plans. Carroll was there as a direct result of the efforts of the New Mexico Bicentennial Committee Chairman, past New Mexico State President, Joseph J. Mullins, who had labored diligently on a bill to create such a Commission in New Mexico.

In February of 1969, Mullins contacted Senator Tibo Chavez, who agreed to introduce SB 235. After much debate at various hearings, it was passed and signed into law by Governor Cargo on April 2nd. In the interim, Compatriots Johnson, Mullins, and Talbott had exhibited much fortitude and tact in persuading members of both Senate and House to consider it favorably. After its passage President Talbott successfully urged the Governor to appoint SAR and DAR to the Commission and to make Compatriot Mullins its Chairman.

The Albuquerque Chapter under the leadership of Compatriot George Elliott had its usual active meetings, participated in Naturalization Ceremonies, sent two boys to Boys' State, and joined in a Scholarship Night sponsored by the Albuquerque Dodgers. The Chapter also received a cash gift from Edith Roth in March 1969 which will be used to purchase awards for presentation to outstanding patriotic exhibits at the State Fair in commemoration of Compatriot Clinton M. Roth. The Chapter also amended its By-laws to allow the President to serve two successive terms.

At this point in time, the foregoing history has been completed through the term of outgoing President Robert W. Talbott on June 14, 1969. The Society as of that date had attained its highest membership, one hundred sixty-seven Compatriots. It represents the arduous work and research of many Compatriots over many years. This final compendium would not have been possible without their untiring efforts.

## CHAPTER VI

### SUMMARY OF THE EVENTS CONCERNING THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONGRESS OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION APRIL 25-28, 1965

#### THE CONGRESS

The SAR Congress is eagerly sought after by State Societies and local Chapters, and the decision to hold the Congress at any given location is a testimonial to the competence of the group so honored, and a matter of privilege and pride for the host city. For many years, Albuquerque and the New Mexico Society had been hoping to achieve this goal.

The first such proposal was tendered at the 1953 Congress in Cincinnati. The 1954 Congress was held elsewhere, but this first disappointment did not dampen the spirits of the New Mexican enthusiasts, and proposals for an Albuquerque Congress were subsequently periodically raised.

Thus it was in the tradition of a number of years standing when the New Mexico Society, on April 19, 1964, addressed a letter to all SAR National Officers and heads of State Societies. This letter, signed by the President of the New Mexico Society, H. Wilson Maglidt (an early advocate for bringing the SAR Congress to New Mexico), stated that an invitation to hold the 1965 Congress in Albuquerque would be presented to the 1964 Congress which was to meet May 9 to 13 at Detroit.

The above invitation was carried to the Detroit Congress by the New Mexican delegation headed by H. Wilson Maglidt, where it was ably seconded by Compatriot Col. James W. Kerr and by H. B. Woods of the Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce, who promised the help of the City of Albuquerque in making the 1965 Congress a memorable one for all participants. The Congress attendees listened attentively and recommended that the Board of Trustees give favorable consideration to the selection of either Albuquerque or Columbus, Ohio.

NOTE: The full coverage of this Congress is contained in a separate history prepared by Frederic C. Alexander, Jr. This compendium is principally drawn from his material.

When the above news was received in Albuquerque, initial steps were taken, including the appointment of a Congress Committee and the preparation of a tentative budget. The Executive Secretary of the National Society, Harold L. Putnam, was invited to inspect Albuquerque and its Congress potentialities at close range, and arrived on Sunday, June 14, 1964. Here he attended Flag Day ceremonies at the annual dinner meeting of the New Mexico Society, held at the Western Skies Motor Hotel, at which the Governor of New Mexico, the Honorable Edwin L. Mechem, was the principal speaker, and at which Robert G. Luckey was elected New Mexico Society President for 1964-1965.

On Monday, June 15th, Compatriot Putnam was conducted by H. Wilson Maglidt and Horace R. McDowell on a survey of some of the facilities that might be used for the Congress. Visits were made to St. John's Episcopal Cathedral and the Western Skies Motor Hotel, followed by a trip to Santa Fé and a tour of its historic spots, including La Fonda Hotel. That evening a meeting was held at the home of President Luckey where the Executive Secretary met with ten members of the Board of Managers of the New Mexico Society. These were James M. Caller, II, Cale W. Carson, George W. Elliott, Robert E. Hendricks, Robert G. Luckey, H. Wilson Maglidt, Robert G. Norfleet, Clinton M. Roth, Sr., Llwellen T. Savage, Jr., and Robert E. Willis.

Compatriot Putnam suggested that a written invitation from New Mexico be sent to each Trustee before June 25, 1964, and the invitation was duly prepared and mailed. In it the New Mexico Society extended a warm and cordial invitation to hold the 1965 Congress in the Land of Enchantment and promised a different, memorable, and unique occasion. Albuquerque's old world Spanish charm was noted, which traced its beginnings back to the days of the Conquistadores, the first major wave of historic immigration into the area. The invitation was cordially received by the National Trustees and a mail ballot was taken. More than three-quarters voted to hold the 1965 Congress in New Mexico, and the date of April 25 to 28, 1965, was selected.

A meeting of the Board of Managers of the New Mexico Society was thereupon held on August 12, 1964, to prepare detailed Congress plans. An Executive Group, comprising Robert G. Luckey, H. Wilson Maglidt, and George W. Mason, was appointed to formulate overall plans.

The Executive Secretary wrote to this Congress Committee August 12, 1964, suggesting that an invitation to attend the Congress be extended to all SAR members through the medium of the SAR Magazine. A Congress Committee meeting was held August 26, 1964, at which the letter was prepared. It was subsequently published in the October 1964 SAR Magazine. Eighteen Compatriots attended this meeting, and Congress committees were duly named.

## COMMITTEES

The Committee on Arrangements was responsible for planning and supervising all the arrangements for the Congress, except for a few items that were the prerogative of the President General. This committee was initially chairmanned by H. Wilson Maglidt. His resignation on February 16, 1965 resulted in the naming of Robert G. Luckey to the post. The Vice Chairman was George W. Mason. In the hands of this committee rested all the major decisions and directions, and a yeoman job was done. Under the leadership of this committee the work of the following subcommittees was monitored and coordinated:

Committee	Chairman
Registration	James M. Caller, II
Finance	Robert E. Willis
Hotel Arrangements	Joseph J. Mullins
Attendance and Promotion	Kenneth E. Sutton, Jr.
Tours and Transportation	Col. Nelson T. Turner
Color Guard	Llewellyn T. Savage, Jr.
SAR Flags Display	James G. Marsh
Reception and Hospitality	Horace R. McDowell
Publicity	George W. Mason
Distinguished Guests	Clinton M. Roth, Sr.
Douglass G. High Oration Contest	Llewellyn T. Savage, Jr.

The last formal Congress Committee meeting was held April 15, 1965, to make sure that all preparations were in order. All committees reported that matters were in readiness. At the conclusion of this session Joseph J. Mullins, President of the Albuquerque Chapter, SAR, arose and offered a toast to Chairman Robert G. Luckey for his efforts in directing and merging the efforts of the various committees—a well-deserved tribute to the Chairman of the Arrangements Committee and the thoroughness of his preparations.

## DESCRIPTION OF TOURS

The Santa Fé Tour took place Monday, April 26, 1965. Early planning started December 5, 1964, when Colonel Edward T. Johnson, President of the Santa Fé Chapter, SAR, secured a commitment from La Fonda Hotel (the famed "Inn at the end of the Santa Fé Trail") to serve luncheon to the SAR visitors. The Santa Fé Chapter swung behind the project and enlisted the aid and cooperation of the Santa Fé Chamber of Commerce.

By March 2, 1965, Indian dancers had been secured from the Taos Pueblo, and entertained the visitors during the luncheon. The Mayor of Santa Fé gave an address of welcome. An information center was set up

in the La Fonda lobby and issued tourist kits as well as general information. This center was manned by the Chamber of Commerce, which also supplied guides for afternoon tours of Santa Fe to the Governor's Palace, and the Art Museum, and other points.

Another tour scheduled by this committee took place Tuesday, April 27, 1965. Buses left the Western Skies and took the visitors to the Sandia Corporation Sphere of Science where they had an opportunity to view the various exhibits depicting unclassified activities of the Corporation. They were then shown a movie of environmental testing and later taken on a tour of the facilities themselves. Announcers on this tour were George W. Elliott, Albert R. Elwell, Jr., Robert E. Hendricks, Edward S. Roth and Kenneth E. Sutton, Jr. Valuable assistance was provided by the Public Relations organization of Sandia Corporation.

### MISCELLANEA

Another project, which was included at the suggestion of Compatriot Mullins, was a proclamation announcing "Fly the United States Flag Week." The aid of members Ralph S. Trigg of the City Commission, James G. Marsh, active in civic affairs, and Clinton M. Roth, Sr., head of Civil Defense in Albuquerque, was invoked. Under the sponsorship of these Compatriots, a letter was sent by President Luckey to Trigg on March 3, 1965, requesting that an approach be made to the City Commission. Subsequently, Compatriot Mullins drafted a proposed proclamation that was sent to the City Manager, Edmund L. Engel. This Proclamation was approved as written and duly signed by Archie Westfall, Chairman of the City Commission and Ex-Officio Mayor of the City of Albuquerque, on April 6, 1965.

Arrangements were made with the Allen Organ Company of Maryland to borrow a portable organ. This was played by Mrs. Edith S. Roth, wife of Clinton M. Roth, Sr., and was a very attractive feature of the opening of each Congress session and as a prelude to the dinners.

Welcome help was provided by the Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce, which supplied two typewriters with giant type, used to print names on the badges for each registrant. The Chamber also furnished two typists who were on duty throughout most of the Congress. These secretaries helped to process the incoming delegates, and prepared stencils listing the names and home addresses of the registrants from which a complete roster was compiled and distributed at the Congress Sessions Tuesday and Wednesday.

### CONGRESS PROCEEDINGS

A pre-Congress reception hosted by the New Mexico Society was held on Friday evening, April 23, 1965, as a means of allowing the early registrants and National officers to greet one another. This was an informal and highly enjoyable occasion.

The weather, which had been uniformly fine for weeks preceding the Congress, now refused to cooperate. Saturday was cloudy and it rained heavily on Sunday during the Memorial Service. Monday was cold and blowy, and Tuesday was the same. Not until Wednesday, the last day of the Congress, did the heavens relent and start to show the delegates and attendees how truly wonderful New Mexican weather could be.

The Memorial Service, held at St. John's Episcopal Cathedral in midafternoon Sunday, April 25, 1965, was a very moving ceremony. The Church was well filled, and the ROTC did a magnificent job of parading Compatriot Scott's 104 flags into the Cathedral and posting them to form a fitting backdrop to the service. Compatriot Edmund Ross, Deacon of the Cathedral and Chaplain of the New Mexico Society, assisted in the service. His reading of the Scriptures, the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner," "America," and the Society's own hymn—"We Are the Sons"—all formed a fitting prelude to a very powerful sermon preached by the Chaplain General, Paul C. Rader, on the subject: "Lest We Forget."

All the day's thrills were not yet completed, however, that evening, in the Heritage Ballroom of the Western Skies Hotel, the finals of the Douglass G. High Historical Oration contest were held. Here high school juniors and seniors, selected as a result of local contests held throughout the nation and sponsored to the Congress by a State Society or Chapter, spoke on some topic relating to American history of the Revolutionary War period, citing its relationship to the events of today.

Speaking without notes, and being confined to a talk lasting precisely between 5 and 6 minutes, these young lads thrilled the audience. Robert P. Lacey of Arlington, Virginia, won top honors and the prize of \$350. John Hatcher of Columbus, Georgia, was second with \$250. Peter Morgan of Baytown, Texas, was third with a prize of \$100. The winner was scored at 168 points, and there was a spread of only 6 points between first and third places. The contestants all received a suitably designed money clip, and they in turn were thrilled when it was announced that an anonymous donor had added \$550 to the purse, thus presenting each contestant with \$60, rather than the expected \$10.

Formal opening of the Congress was at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, April 26, 1965. Preceded by the Color Guard, all Past Presidents General, General Officers, and Trustees filed into the Heritage Ballroom and took their places on the rostrum. The meeting having been called to order, the invocation was uttered, the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag was repeated, and the National Anthem sung.

President Harry T. Burn announced that 161 delegates and 139 guests had been registered as of that moment. New Mexico Society President Robert G. Luckey welcomed the attendees. New Mexico Senators Anderson and Montoya had been invited but sent notes of regret due to other engagements. The President of the United States sent greetings. Note was made that six "Keep the U.S.A. First" posters had been placed at various locations around Albuquerque, each with a legend welcoming the delegates to the Congress. The announcement that the City Commissioners had proclaimed "Fly the United States Flag Week" in honor of the Congress brought much applause.

Joseph J. Mullins, as President of the Albuquerque Chapter, SAR, noted that his group was proud to represent the City-host for the Congress. The President of the Chamber of Commerce, Jack Jones, stated that Albuquerque was the third fastest growth area in the country with its roots in the romantic past and its future in the atomic age. Similar greetings were brought by Archie Westfall, Chairman of the Albuquerque City Commission, and Tom L. Popejoy, President of the University of New Mexico.

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1935-1936	Waldo H. Rogers			
1936-1937	Miguel A. Otero, Jr.			
1937-1938	Ernest W. Hall			
1938-1939	Frederick H. Ward			
1939-1940	O. Fred Arthur			
1940-1941	Lloyd B. Johnson, Sr.			
1941-1942	Harry L. Patton			
1942-1943	C. Keith Barnes, M.D.			
1943-1944	Meldrum K. Wylder, M.D.			
1944-1946	Thomas J. Mabry			
1946-1947	Erle W. Conwell			
1947-1948	Roy A. Stamm			
1948-1949	Charles W. Latimer			
1949-1950	Francis O. Wood			
1950-1951	Robert G. Norfleet, 2nd			
1951-1952	Horace R. McDowell			
1952-1953	Gordon Stevenson			
1953-1954	Clinton M. Roth, Sr.			
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1955-1956	John W. Chapman			
1956-1957	George P. Walker			
1957-1958	Herbert B. Gerhart			
1958-1959	Charles R. Cole			
1959-1960	Burton N. Pinkham			
		<b>CHARTERED</b>		
		January 12, 1951		
		1951	William Mooney	
		1952	Clinton M. Roth	
		1953	Edward K. Elder	
		1954	H. Wilson Maglidt	
		1955	George P. Walker	
		1956	Charles R. Cole	
		1957	James W. McLaughlin	
		1958	Burton N. Pinkham	
		1959	James G. Marsh	
				<b>CHARTERED</b>
				February 24, 1952
				John W. Chapman
				Daniel T. Kelley
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		ALBUQUERQUE	SANTA FE	SOUTHEAST NEW MEXICO
1960-1961	Marshall S. Hester	1960	Clarence W. Dickinson, Jr.	Donald C. Collyer
1961-1962	James G. Marsh	1961	Harold D. Finch	Donald C. Collyer
1962-1963	Clarence W. Dickinson, Jr.	1962	Nicholas D. Simon	Donald C. Collyer
1963-1964	H. Wilson Maglidt	1963	Robert G. Luckey	Donald C. Collyer
1964-1965	Robert G. Luckey	1964	Kenneth E. Sutton, Jr.	Donald C. Collyer
1965-1966	Kenneth E. Sutton, Jr.	1965	Joseph J. Mullins	Edward T. Johnson
1966-1967	James M. Caller, 2nd	1966	Robert W. Talbott	Edward T. Johnson
1967-1968	Joseph J. Mullins	1967	George F. Dickins	Edward T. Johnson
1968-1969	Robert W. Talbott	1968	H. Clifton Wright	Robert P. Turner
1969-1970	Edward T. Johnson	1969	George W. Elliott	Robert P. Turner
				<b>CHARTERED</b>
				May 19, 1962
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1909-10	John W. Elder, M.D.	
1911	Amasa B. McGaffey	
1912	George S. Klock	
1913-1914	Pitt Ross	
1915	Charles A. Eller, D.D.S.	
1916-1917	Col. Ralph E. Twitchell	
1918	Meldrum K. Wylder, M.D.	
1919	Herbert F. Robinson	
1920-22	George S. Klock	
1923	Charles C. Manning	
1924	Merritt C. Mechem	
1925-26	Keith M. Edwards	
1927-28	Francis C. Wilson	
1929	Thomas F. Keleher, Jr.	
1930-31	H. Emory Davis	
1932	James B. Jones	
1933	Ernest Van Cleave	
1934	Pearce C. Rodey	
1935	Waldo H. Rogers	
1936	Miguel A. Otero	
1937	Ernest W. Hall	
1938-39	Frederick H. Ward	
1940	Lloyd B. Johnson	
1941	Harry L. Patton	

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1942	C. Keith Barnes, M.D.	
1943	Meldrum K. Wylder, M.D.	
1944-46	Thomas J. Mabry	
1947-48	Roy A. Stamm	
1949-51	Francis O. Wood	
1951	Clinton M. Roth, Sr.	Robert G. Norfleet—Vice-President General
1952	Truman J. Mathews	Robert G. Norfleet—Vice-President General
1953-54	Herbert B. Gerhart	
1955-57	Horace R. McDowell	
1958	Horace R. McDowell	Robert G. Norfleet—Registrar General
1959	Horace R. McDowell	(Rocky Mountains District Divided)
1960	Horace R. McDowell	
1961	Horace R. McDowell	Clinton M. Roth, Sr.—Vice-President General
1962	Horace R. McDowell	Horace R. McDowell—Executive Committee
1963	Horace R. McDowell	
1964	H. Wilson Maglidt	Horace R. McDowell—Vice-President General
1965	Horace R. McDowell	
1966	Robert G. Luckey	
1967	James M. Caller, 2nd	Robert G. Luckey—Vice-President General
1968	Robert G. Luckey	Robert G. Luckey—Historian General
1969	Robert G. Luckey	Robert G. Luckey—Historian General

AWARDS PRESENTED\*

YEAR	TYPE OF AWARD	RECIPIENT	PRESENTED BY
1933	National Membership Banner	New Mexico Society	National Society, SAR
1939	SAR Medal	George S. Klock, SAR	New Mexico Society
1943	Victory Flag	New Mexico Society	National Society, SAR
1950	Good Citizenship Medals (Patriotic Essays)	Each New Mexico High School	
	\$25.00 U.S. Savings Bond (Grand Prize)	Jimmy Gray Los Alamos H.S.	New Mexico Society
1951	Recognition Streamer for New Chapter	Albuquerque Chapter	National Society, SAR
1951	Honor Membership Streamer (for Flag)	New Mexico Society	National Society, SAR
1955	Framed Bill of Rights	UNM Library	Albuquerque Chapter
1958	Gold Good Citizenship Medal	Meldrum K. Wylder, M.D.	New Mexico Society
1959	Gold Good Citizenship Medal	Past President General, George E. Tarbox, Jr.	For National Society, SAR by New Mexico Society
1959	SAR Medal of Appreciation	Helen B. Tarbox	For National Society, SAR by New Mexico Society
1959	Silver Good Citizenship Medal	Dr. E. R. Harrington, Albq. Public Schools	New Mexico Society
1964	Silver Good Citizenship Medal	Thomas B. Bailey Monroe, Jr. H. S.	Albuquerque Chapter
1964	U.S.A. Flag for San Gabriel Memorial, First N.M. Capitol	Daughters of American Colonists	New Mexico Society
1965	Winner—Douglass G. High Oration Contest. (Cash)	Gary Engel, Albuquerque	New Mexico Society

\*Exclusive of awards at State Fair and SAR Rosettes for securing new members.

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1965	Patriot Medals (First year—Three Medals)	H. Wilson Maglidt Robert G. Norfleet, 2nd Clinton M. Roth, Sr.	New Mexico Society
1965	Bill of Rights (Framed and Hand Lettered—4' x 6')	Bernalillo County Commission Room	Albuquerque Chapter
1966	Minuteman Medal	Horace R. McDowell (Posthumously)	SAR National Society's Highest Award
1966	Patriot Medal	Robert G. Luckey	New Mexico Society
1966	SAR Medal of Appreciation	Sarah B. Jackson, DAR State Regent	New Mexico Society
1966	U.S.A. Flag and Standard N.M. Flag and Standard	Governor's Reception Room in Capitol	N.M. Society SAR N.M. Society DAR
1967	Patriot Medal	James G. Marsh	New Mexico Society
1967	Bronze Good Citizenship Medal	Lovington H.S. Sr.	SENM Chapter
1967	\$25.00 U.S. Savings Bond for Essay on George Washington	Miss India Mozley, Albuquerque	New Mexico Society
1968	\$25.00 U.S. Savings Bond for Essay on George Washington	Miss Anne Biggs, Albuquerque	New Mexico Society
1968	SAR Medal of Appreciation	Margaret R. Johnson, DAR State Regent	New Mexico Society
1968	Patriot Medal	Ernest W. Hall	New Mexico Society
1968	Bronze Good Citizenship Medal	Lovington H.S. Sr.	SENM Chapter
1969	Patriot Medal	James M. Caller, II	New Mexico Society
1969	Winner—Douglass G. High Oration Contest (Cash)	Kenneth Blatchford, Albuquerque	New Mexico Society

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1964	2	2	1	1		6
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1966	2	2	1	1	1	7
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1931	44	1962	106
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In accordance with the Charter granted by the Congress of the United States, and the Constitution and By-Laws of the National Society, and by authority of the Board of Trustees this

**CHARTER**

is hereby issued in commemoration of the Organization of your Society on the twenty-sixth day of December, A.D. 1908 and its subsequent admission into the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.



Given under our hands and the  
Seal of the Society this fifteenth  
day of May, A.D. 1950

ATTEST  
Frank B. Steele  
Secretary General

John Whelchel Finger  
President General

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