

2013 George Washington Luncheon Report Combined Annual Meetings of the Northern Chapter NV-SAR and the NV-OFPA

On February 16, 2013, the combined annual meetings of the Northern Chapter NV-SAR, and the NV-OFPA, were held in Reno during the George Washington Luncheon at the Olive Garden Restaurant, 4900 S. Virginia St. This is one of the NV-SAR Northern Chapter's scheduled events. A second important event for the chapter is its attendance at the annual 4th of July Liberty Bell Ringing ceremony, which is held each Independence Day at 11:00 a.m., at the Nevada State Museum in Carson City.

Distinguished guests at this year's luncheon included Dr. Gene Butler of the Signers' Chapter, NV-SAR, and currently serving National SAR Vice President General, Western District; Michael Aseltine, OFPA; Joanne Byerly Governor of Sons & Daughters of The Pilgrims; Bea Eichbaum, Marlene Coats, Patricia Worcester, Suzanne Griffith, Patricia Arentz, and Sharal Linscott of the NV-DAR; Camp Commander John Riggs and Dept. Historian David Davis of the Sons of the Union Veterans Association; Greg Roush of the Sons of the Confederacy and son Tom (prospective SAR members); and finally, special guest, President Theodore Roosevelt in person (Dr. Doug Mishler).

INTRODUCTION:

David Hess, current President of NV-SAR, welcomed all present and thanked them for attending. He expressed his desire that the George Washington observance would become an annual event for the joint meeting of the Northern Chapter and the OFPA.

The invocation was then given by NV-SAR State Chaplain Barlane Eichbaum; the Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR Pledge followed.

NEW FLAG STREAMER:

President Brian Worcester presented a flag streamer, awarded to our chapter for support of NSSAR's Center for Advancing America's Heritage.

Self introductions were made by all present, and the lunch meal was then served.

NV-SAR No. CHAPTER:

The meeting of the Northern Chapter resumed after lunch, when the current chapter president, Brian Worcester, introduced the slate of nominated officers and solicited motions from the floor; hearing none, the following officers for the Northern Chapter, NV-SAR were elected by acclaim: David Hess, President; Roger Linscott, Secretary-Treasurer; J.B. Coats, Registrar; and Brian Worcester, Awards Chairman. Dr. Gene Butler installed these NV-SAR incoming Northern Chapter officers and they were sworn.

Compatriot Worcester conducted committee reports: TREASURY:

The Treasurer's statement was given, reflecting an ending balance of \$1,318.38, with all bills paid to date, and showing expenditures for such previously approved chapter gifts to Wreaths Across America,

Fernley National Veterans' Cemetery (\$200), Wounded Warrior Project (\$200), Reno's Veteran's Guest House (\$100), and expenditures for the chapter's booth at Reno's History Faire (\$15). The report was accepted by unanimous consent of members present.

Compatriot Worcester also requested approval of the chapter for similar gifts to be made during 2013 in similar amounts to the aforementioned organizations in continued support by the chapter, specifically to these following organizations and in the indicated amounts: Wounded Warrior Project, \$200; Reno's Veterans' Guest House, \$200; as well as the ongoing expenditures required for the support by the chapter of UNR's ROTC awards program and the 14 JROTC area high schools awards programs. This request was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved, and likewise it was approved to permit the Registrar to authorize up to \$200 annually for gifts deemed appropriate to the Reno Family History Center as in past years.

MEMBERSHIP:

As of January 1, 2013, the Northern Chapter received 7 resignations from its previous strength of 80. Northern Chapter's current membership consists of 75 Compatriot members, and 4 Youth members (Youth members do not pay annual dues, but having been previously qualified, retain the right/privilege of converting their membership to Compatriot status between ages 18 to 29.)

WELCOME COMPATRIOTS!

It is noted that this year's chapter roster includes 2 newly reinstated members, Compatriots Bill Semerau and Dewey Smith, and 1 new member, Compatriot Paul Anthony.

Additionally, our chapter Registrar, J.B. Coats, indicates 12 new prospective members: There are now 6 prospective members with application packets already pending approval at SAR National headquarters, and 2 more prospective members' application packets are now nearly complete for mailing; there are also 4 additional prospective members currently compiling and preparing membership application packets for future submittal.

IN MEMORIAM:

The chapter received the sad news that Compatriot Jack Streeter passed away on February 16, 2013 at a local hospital. He was a great American in our midst. Jack Streeter was Nevada's most decorated combat veteran of WWII, with awards of 5 Silver Stars, 2 Bronze Stars (w/V Devices and w/Arrowhead Device), 5 Purple Hearts, and the Legion of Merit, along with other awards. He was Washoe County's District Attorney 1951-54 and was afterwards a prominent attorney in Reno, with incredible civic involvement. He began his membership in the Northern Chapter, NV-SAR, on November 18, 1996. Please see the attached photo of his 2012 exhibit presentation at the Nevada Museum with curator Robert Nysten, and the attached Reno Gazette-Journal article about this great man.

NEVADA 150:

Compatriot Worcester mentioned that the 150th Anniversary of Nevada's admission to the union will be celebrated officially this year throughout the state. The governor's office has instituted a commission,

Nevada 150, to organize official events related to the observation, and Brian noted that interested SAR members may find further information at the site "Nevada150.org". NV-SAR, No. Chapter, then concluded its business.

Sharal Linscott drew the winning door prize ticket of Suzanne Griffith. She received the gift basket of George Washington memorabilia and SAR items. President David Hess then introduced the luncheon's featured speaker, Dr. Doug Mishler of the UNR humanities Chautauqua program:

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

The President regaled the assemblage in fine style with anecdotes and insight into the hobbies, ideals, accomplishments, and the character of the former Rough Rider. Theodore fielded questions about his life, travel, interests, and his battles with Congress as well. His presentation was received enthusiastically by the crowd.

Respectfully submitted,
Roger Linscott, Secretary-Treasurer