



## State President Report

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*Tim Hagan, State President*

I am pleased to present the Annual President's Report for the Nevada Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, covering the events and achievements of the past year. This past year has been marked by significant achievements, notable events, and the continued dedication of our members to the principles and values of our organization.

### **133<sup>rd</sup> Annual Congress**

National Trustee Charles Smith, his wife Phyllis, and I attended the Annual Congress in Orlando. The journey to the Annual Congress in Orlando was not without its share of adventures, from flight delays to stormy weather. However, these minor inconveniences were overshadowed by the great accomplishments of our society.

I am pleased to announce that the Nevada Society won both the Howard F. Horne, Jr., Award for the largest percentage increase of George Washington Fellows and the Walter Buchanan Meek Award for recruiting the most new George Washington Fellows. Unbeknownst to Compatriot Smith and me, each award came with a check. We received \$1826 for the Horne Award and \$1952 for the Meek Award. We received flag streamers for our Color Guard.

The Congress addressed important matters such as the \$15 increase in national dues, reflecting the impact of inflation, stagnant membership numbers and the need for sustained support for our activities. The other Bylaws amendment passed allows the International Society to have a National Trustee.

Awards were presented for several youth programs. Examples are the Outstanding JROTC Cadet Award, the Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Program, and the George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest for 9-12 grades. Most competitions are applied at the chapter level and progress through the state society and national levels.

All of the officer elections were uncontested and the Nominating Committee's recommendations were elected by acclamation. John Dodd was sworn in as the new President General. Rob Moore was sworn in as Western Vice President General.

The Congress proceedings were complemented by solemn moments, including a memorial service for our departed compatriots and the induction of new member Senator Rick Scott into the SAR.

Futures Annual Congresses will be in Lancaster, PA; Uncasville, CT; Greensboro, NC; and New Orleans, LA. I have ancestors who lived 50 miles northeast of Lancaster and in southeast Connecticut, so I may combine the next two Congresses with visits to ancestral graves.

## **Leadership and Board of Trustees Meetings**

The Board of Trustees held a special meeting in January to consider and approve a construction contract for the infrastructure phase of the Education Center and Museum, signaling progress in our long-term vision for preserving and sharing our history.

I represented the Nevada Society at the Fall 2023 Leadership Meeting in Louisville.

## **Website**

The Board of Managers agreed to use the funds from the Horne and Meek awards to update the website (sar-nevada.com). We hired a contractor to convert the website to WordPress. WordPress is a free, open-source software for creating websites and blogs. The website has main pages and subpages for the Nevada Society and for both chapters. During the conversion, the contractor taught me many of the WordPress functions and our own volunteers can maintain the website.

## **Change of Officers**

Signers Chapter President and Nevada Society Second Vice President Paul Bell moved to Houston in December. Former Signers Chapter Vice President Jeff Gutting filled the Signers Chapter President and Nevada Society Second Vice President vacancies. Past VPG and Past State President Charles Smith resigned as National Trustee. I thank Paul Bell and Charles Smith for their services to the SAR.

## **Engagements with other Societies**

Compatriot Gary Watson and I attended the state conference of the Nevada State Society Children of the American Revolution. I gave greetings from the SAR at the conference and promoted our scholarships.

At their State Conference, the Nevada State Society Daughter of the American Revolution (NSSDAR) awarded the Hannah White Arnett Silver Medal of Distinction to Compatriot Gary Perriott and me. The medal recognizes Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) or Sons of the Revolution (S.R.) members for unselfish devotion, tireless efforts, and assistance to the DAR; and who has dedicated his time, energy,

talents, and/or resources to the organization in support and furtherance of the DAR mission of historic preservation, education and patriotism.

Like many SAR compatriots, I am a member of other lineage and genealogical organizations. I am the Governor of the Nevada Southern Branch, Sons and Daughter of the Pilgrim, Assistant Governor of the Las Vegas Colony of the Mayflower Society, and recently joined the Clark County Nevada Genealogy Society.

## **Conclusion**

The past year has been filled with accomplishments, challenges, and exciting opportunities. I extend my deepest gratitude to each member of the Nevada Society Sons of the American Revolution for their dedication, passion, and contributions. Together, we honor the legacy of our ancestors and continue to uphold the principles of liberty and patriotism.