

# Longs Peak Gazette

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**Volume II**

**Summer - Fall 2017**

This is our fourth chapter newsletter. It appears as though two issues per year are working – this allows for a building of event photos and information.

## **Congratulations and Welcome to our newest members!**

Chris Kay

Phillip Buckley

Colin Kay

Matthew Roehm

Lynn Ferguson

## **Chapter meeting program speakers since our last issue:**

Compatriot Preston Brantmeyer, May meeting spoke on Colonial Militia.

Compatriot Bill Crowley, September meeting spoke on trading forts along the Front Range.

### **Patriot Chest presentations in calendar 2017.**

As of October 21 we've done 29. We've been to libraries, elementary & middle schools, community colleges, and churches. Statewide the calendar count is about 65 presentations.

At our September 9 chapter meeting we presented Fran Housley with “**The Outstanding Citizenship**” certificate and pin. This was our **first** ever presented from our chapter. We wished to recognize her for faithfully attending our meetings and events over the years. Also, we thanked her for serving as our unofficial photographer.

### **Tentative 2018 Chapter Event & Meeting Calendar**

FYI – All meetings with some exceptions are scheduled for the second Saturday of the month. There are no scheduled meetings in June, July, and August.

<b>January 13</b>	2018 officer installation, Mormon Battalion speaker
<b>February</b>	no chapter meeting, annual COSSAR meeting
<b>March 10</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>April 14</b>	service project – VA?
<b>May 12</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>July 4</b>	Parade in Firestone – share info booth with Carbon Valley DAR chapter
<b>September 8</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>October 6</b>	host COSSAR BOM meeting
<b>October 13</b>	service project – VA?
<b>November 10</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>November 11</b>	Veterans Day Parade in Longmont
<b>December 8</b>	<b>TBD</b>

## Veteran's Affairs

It has been about 18 months since we've discussed the SAR national level Veterans Recognition Programs. There are two basic recognition methods:

The first involves medals and certificates for ALL veterans. If you served in the military in a non-combat area you are entitled to receive the **Military Service Medal**. If you served in the military in a combat area or situation you are entitled to receive the **War Service Medal**.

The second involves the **Veterans Recognition Corps**. This has been around for only about five years. You receive a "**Certificate of Patriotism**".

All you need to qualify for both is a copy of your DD-214. Each of the above programs goes back to WWII.

### Ft. Logan Veterans Internment Ceremonies

On March 24 and June 23 The SAR and members of Longs Peak chapter took part in Color Guard ceremonies at Ft. Logan National Cemetery. The unclaimed remains of veterans back to World War One were formally interned with full military honors. Members of the COSSAR Color Guard fired three musket volleys. On both dates there was full coverage by local TV stations and the Denver Post.



**Historical note:** a short but funny historical story concerning Conestoga wagon drivers. Because waggoneers liked their whiskey after a hard day's drive, the inns and travelers along the routes would let them charge their drinks. If a driver bought a pint of whiskey a 'P' would be listed after their names. If a driver bought a quart a "Q" would be listed there. When several of these were listed the tavern owner would remind the driver "to mind his P's & Q's".



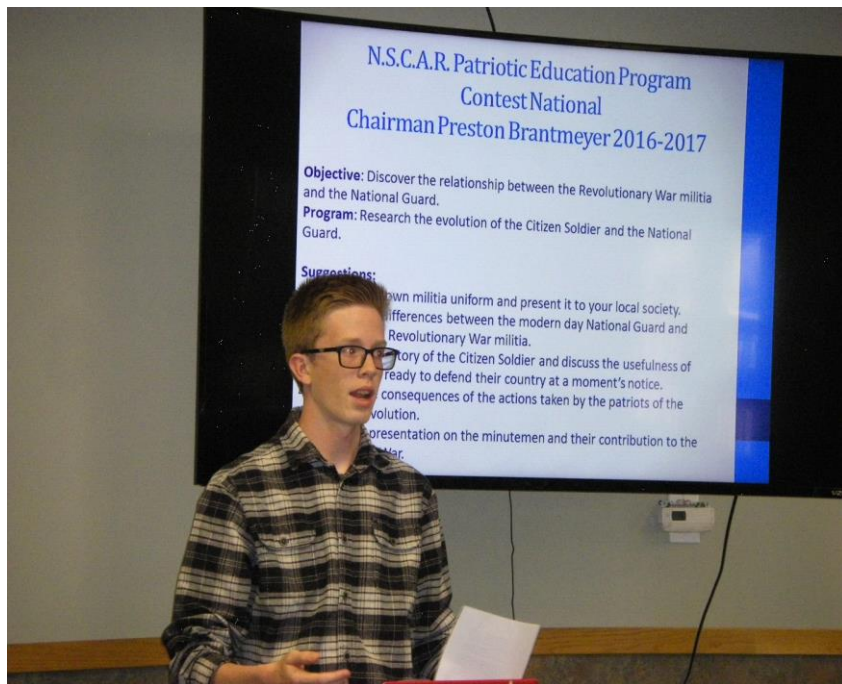
Chris Kay with Certificate of membership  
Certificate



George Smith presenting Bill Barnard 20 year certificate (Evelyn Barnard holding the certificate).



Bob Cassiday & Jan Housley presenting Sam Adams the SAR Flag Certificate.



Preston Brantmeyer's presentation regarding Militia & National Guard.

On September 21 Compatriot Jan Housley and three other members of the COSSAR Color Guard presented the Colors at a ceremony for the Vietnam Veterans from Bien Hoa that was having a reunion. There were over 100 Bien Hoa veterans and their wives attending.

**The name Longs Peak Gazette is in honor of Benjamin Franklin's newspaper – "The Pennsylvania Gazette".**

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