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## President General J. David Sympson's Visit to Colorado



### From the President - John C. Luedecke, President, COSSAR

Compatriots if you all ever get a chance I would highly recommend going to the LDS History center for your research. Fortunately I was able to be a part of the Family History Expo research retreat this past October. This was a great opportunity to do research with four genealogist professionals with genealogy classes as well.

The President General's visit November 8th thru 10th was a great success. Bob Gordon and I met President General David Sympson at the Denver airport around 3 PM where I escorted him to his hotel. After which I took President General David Sympson and Vice President General Dan Heller to the Buckhorn Exchange where we met Richard Riepe and Bob Morgan for a great evening.

On the morning of the 9th of November Tom and Jewel Wellborn met PG Sympson and VPG Heller for breakfast at the hotel and escorted the PG and VPG to the Colorado Railroad museum where my wife JoAnn and I met them for the tour. I know many of you have already seen the Railroad Museum, but if you haven't, I would highly recommend it. Tom Wellborn made all of the arrangements so that we got the grand tour. After the Railroad Museum we all caravanned to the Mount Vernon Country Club for

## A Letter of Encouragement from George Washington

From Jan Housley

*In the winter of 1775, at the siege of Boston, Mass, General Washington was sorely pressed to maintain his army. It was made up primarily of New England soldiers who had a definite enlistment date and a discharge date.*

*He had about 10 thousand on the rolls but only about 1000 had agreed to stay in the army. He was desperate to find a stimulus, other than patriotism, that would keep men in the army.*

*There were many problems from September to November 1775, especially the British shipping of 300 people from Boston on one ship, and another 150 on another ship across the bay so the rebels would have to take care of them. They were infected with smallpox. Washington stated that "it is a weapon of defense that they are using against us".*

*The attached letter, signed from A Freeman, was published in the New England Chronicle. (It is taken from the book, "1776", by David McCullough.)*

"Your exertions in the defense of freedom, guided by wisdom and animated by zeal and courage, have gained you love and confidence of your grateful countrymen; and they look to you, who are experienced veterans, and trust that you will still be the guardians of America. As I have the honor to be an American, and one among the free millions, who are defended by your valor, I would pay the tribute of thanks, and express my gratitude, while I solicit you to continue in your present honorable and important station. I doubt not America will always find enough of her sons ready to flock to her standards, and support her freedom; but experience proves that experienced soldiers are more capable of performing the duties of the camp; and better qualified to face the enemy, than others; and therefore every friend of America will be desirous that most of the gentlemen who compose the present army may continue in the service of their country until "Liberty, Peace and Safety" are established. Although your private concerns may call for your assistance at home, yet the voice of your country is still louder, it is painful to heroic minds to quit the field when liberty calls, and the voice of injured millions cries "To arms! To arms!" Never was a cause more important or glorious than that which you are engaged in; not only your wives, your children, and distant posterity, but humanity at large, the world of mankind, are interested in it; for if tyranny should prevail in this great country, we may expect liberty will expire

## COSSAR Members Honor Veterans



COSSAR members David Mann and John Luedecke as part of the Northern Colorado Fife and Drum Corps participating in Veteran's Day Celebrations in Loveland, Colorado.

## COSSAR in the Community



Presentation of George Washington Portrait at Cheyenne Mountain High School by Compatriots John Leudecke and David Wallace.

## REMINDER!

# Annual State Conference and George Washington Luncheon

19 February 2011

*Information will be forthcoming!*

*George Washington's Letter (continued)*

throughout the world. Therefore, more human glory and happiness may depend upon your exertions than ever yet depended on any of the sons of men. He that is a soldier in defense of such a cause, need no title, his post is a post of honor, and although not an emperor, yet he shall wear a crown – of glory – and blessed will be his memory.”

After these enlistment problems were recognized, Washington started to act on them, by supplying his own money as inducement to stay. He had written to Congress about the problem and asked for the other Colonies to please send troops to Boston to fortify his army.

Up until that time the army had been called the "New England Army" which Washington did not like; neither the name, nor the soldiers who made up the New England Army. After the appeals for soldiers to the other Colonies began to get results, the name of the Army was changed to "The Continental Army" for the first time and it was known as that name for the remainder of the war.

*President General J. David Sympson's Visit to Colorado (continued)*

*PG Sympson present a rosette to Compatriot Bob Morgan.*

*From the President (continued)*

the President General's luncheon where we had lunch in the Aspen room and had greetings from VPG Dan Heller and DAR State Regent Charlotte Hobbs. Our honoree, President General David Sympson gave a very interesting talk on the legacy of the Sons of the American Revolution. He also gave us updates on phases I and II of the History Research Center in Louisville, KY. President General David Sympson answered questions after his presentation. The President General inducted a new member Duane Henry Duff Jr. and Bob Morgan who after 51 years in the SAR had never been inducted. After the PG luncheon JoAnn and myself went back to Colorado Springs due to the snow and rain. So Tom and Jewel Wellborn took the PG and the VPG to the American Mountaineering Museum in Golden, CO which the PG thoroughly enjoyed since he has done quite a bit of it himself. After the museum Tom and Jewel took them to get a bite to eat before they went to the Piney Woods DAR Chapter of which Jewel is a member and Tom did a reenactment in period clothing of Nathan Hale. On the morning of the 10th VPG Dan Heller took the PG David Sympson to the airport for an early flight to New Mexico. All in all it was a lot of fun. It was most unfortunate it the First Lady Evelyn could make the trip since she was so very sick. She was heart broken that she could not make the trip. On Thursday the 11th David Mann and myself went to Loveland to do the Veterans Day Parade there with the Drum and Fife Corp as well as helping to post the colors for their Veteran Day ceremony in the Veterans Memorial Park. On Saturday the 13th I attended the Pikes Peak Chapter meeting at the Mason Jar north.

I just received seven new member packets, which I will be sending out to the new members.

Congratulations are in order for the following new members:

William H. Ellis, Dale D. Ellis, Thomas P.H. Ellis, Frank S.G. Ellis, Charles W.O. Ellis, Jack E. Hughes, and Richard A. St. John.

I look forward to seeing you at the December 4th Board of Managers meeting or at our Annual Conference meeting on February 19th ,2011 at the El Jebel Shrine in Denver.

John C. Luedecke

*President General J. David Sympson's Visit to Colorado (continued)*



*PG Sympson presents an aide-de-camp pin to Compatriot Luedecke, President of the COSSAR.*

Our President General David Sympson arrived at the Denver International airport on Monday afternoon November 8th and was met by John Luedecke and Robert Gordon. Vice President General Dr. Dan Heller had arrived in Denver earlier. Dinner was at the Buckhorn Exchange in Denver.

The next morning Tom and Jewel Wellborn and John and JoAnne Luedecke took our visitors to the Railroad Museum in Golden. They had a very interesting two hour tour of the museum and store. Then Lunch was held at the Mt. Vernon Country Club. Charlotte Hubbs, Regent of the Colorado Society DAR and her husband were there. New member Duane Henry Duff, Jr. was sworn in by the President General, who also presented the blue and buff SAR pin to very old time member and Mt Evans Chapter President Bob Morgan, who after all these years had never received his pin. President General David Sympson described the great progress being made in Louisville, Kentucky by the SAR. Bob Gordon asked about the British Frigate that was found in Lake Ontario recently, that was sunk during the Revolution. Could it be brought up to the surface and made a part of the SAR museum? No. We were also glad to see member Jim Bane and his wife Cloyce, who has been very ill.

After the luncheon, the Wellborns took the presidential party to the American Mountaineering Museum which was of particular interest to both Dr. Dan Heller and to David Sympson. Then they stopped for some pizza before attending the DAR meeting of the Piney Creek Chapter in Centennial. While there, Tom Wellborn gave a speech on the American Revolutionary War hero Nathan Hale. The DAR ladies

## COSSAR Awards

### Meritorious Service Medals

Meritorious Service Medals were presented to Compatriots Ed Karr and Robert Gordon this past summer by President General Butler. This was for service to the PG visit in November of 2009. It was the SECOND award for each (first at the national level).

### Liberty Medal

Compatriot Ed Karr was awarded the Liberty Medal at the Annual Congress in June for being the first line sponsor/signer on membership applications. This meant that he was instrumental with helping applicants with their documents, etc.

Ed was given TWO Oak Leaves (his SECOND and THIRD awards). This award is only given at the national level!

## Old Glory

### Admiral William R. Furlong Award

The Furlong Award is presented to the state society for the "Flag Certificates".

Thus far COSSAR has received the award four times – 2001, 2002, 2004, and 2005.

To qualify the state society and the chapters must present Flag Certificates to a person or organization.

The U S flag must be flown according to guidelines. Examples would be to schools, veterans & fraternal groups, etc. Not to car dealers, diners, etc. that use the flag for attracting sales. This is a VERY achievable award which we should get every year.

## SAR World War II Corps

In the recently published SAR newsletter on page 28 an article and form were included regarding the formation of a World War Two corps. This is being done in order to honor our nation's veterans that are SAR Compatriots.

The COSSAR Awards committee will volunteer to receive and submit the survey forms to the "adjutant" at national. If a you are a WWII veteran, or know of one that is a COSSAR members please let me know. Also, if you need a blank survey form please let me know.

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*President General J. David Sympson's Visit to Colorado (continued)*

were very impressed. That was the end of the day, and the President General David Sympson and Vice President General Dr. Dan Heller left the next morning for New Mexico.



*Luncheon with the DAR at the Mt. Vernon Country Club*



*Meeting with the Piney Creek DAR in Centennial, Colorado*

**New Members in Q3 and Q4**

Robert John Nanney II	August 26
Charles W. Ellis	November 8
Dale D. Ellis	November 8
Frank S. Ellis	November 8
Thomas P. Ellis	November 8
William H. Ellis	November 8
Jack E. Hughes	November 8
Richard A. St. John	November 8

As of November 8 we have 16 new member applications being processed at national!

**Registrar Ramblings**

Sometimes when an application is submitted it can't be approved by the Reviewing Genealogist. In those cases it is "Pended" and the reasons why are forward to the COSSAR Registrar who will contact you. After a few months those Pended applications are dropped from the Application Status Report just as others are dropped. If you think you have an unresolved Pended application you can find out by checking the list of Pended Applications on the NSSAR website at:

<http://www.sar.org/hq/application/PendingApps.pdf>

**Got Email?**

*From George Smith, COSSAR Recording Secretary*

Compatriots and Friends:

If you are reading this from a Black & White newsletter copy that was mailed to you, and you have EMAIL, we need to hear from you.

Using email will save COSSAR money on printing and postage.

If you have an email address and wish to receive the COSSAR newsletter - in COLOR - send me your address. All you need to do is send me an email, and I will put you on the list.

My email address is: [milehighgeorge@aol.com](mailto:milehighgeorge@aol.com)

George Smith  
COSSAR Recording Secretary

**Awards Committee Corner**

Compatriots and Friends:

Did you know that there are THREE awards available to military veterans? If you are a veteran that did not serve in a combat zone you are entitled to receive the "Military Service Medal".

If you are a veteran that did serve in a combat zone you are entitled to receive the "War Service Medal". Lastly, if you were wounded you are entitled to receive the "Wounded Warrior Coin."

In all three cases we need appropriate documentation. FYI – if you have already received any of these awards (say from your chapter) please let me know in order that you can be recognized via the national database.

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