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## President Buvinger's Ponderings

William F. Buvinger, COSSAR President



New COSSAR Officers left to right are Treasurer Tom Wellborn, Registrar Tom Brown, President Bill Buvinger, Secretary Wayne Snodgrass and Chaplain Dick Marsh. Also shown are John Luedecke and Ed Karr. New VP Garry Brewer and new Chancellor Gene Cheney are not pictured.

We are off to a good start for this year with a great time at our Annual State Conference and George Washington Luncheon held at the El Jebel Shrine in Denver. Color Guard member John Luedecke escorted the new officers and presented them to VPG/RMD Ed Karr who conducted the installation ceremony. Trustee John Luedecke and VPG/RMD Ed Karr attended the NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting in Louisville. The 2012 Membership Directories were mailed in early March, the earliest in recent history. I encourage all members to closely review your Membership Directory information and provide any updates to your Chapter Secretary and the COSSAR Secretary Wayne Snodgrass.

Pages 5-9 of the Winter 2012 issue of *The SAR Magazine* has an article about the 122<sup>nd</sup> Annual Congress in Phoenix, AZ. I understand a good number of COSSAR members are planning to attend. Several of our Color Guard members are going as well as some members of the Colorado Fife and Drum Corps with which we hold several joint endeavors. Restaurant facilities are not within close walking proximity of the hotel so notice that several NSSAR Districts are having a Breakfast Meeting. When you complete the registration form on Page 7, please plan to attend the breakfast for the Rocky Mountain District.

## Registrar Ramblings

*Thomas A. Brown, COSSAR Registrar*

Over the past few years most New Members joined COSSAR directly into one of our 4 chapters rather than first being an At Large member and then associating with a Chapter. This also presents an opportunity to build a broader base of chapter members who are more familiar with the proper techniques for genealogy research and application preparation. I am working with the chapters to help them develop the local capability to assist prospective new members of their chapter to properly complete their applications.

The National Society SAR recently published 2 new documents on their website that can help such budding enthusiasts with that pursuit:

1. SAR Application Preparation Manual
2. NSSAR Genealogy Committee Policies

From the Home Page and the Compatriots tab drop down menu, select NSSAR Committees. Click on the link for the Genealogy Committee. At the lower right corner of the page click on the link to the *Genealogy Policies and Application Preparation Manual*. However, you can also go to [www.sar.org/Committees/Genealogy/Policies](http://www.sar.org/Committees/Genealogy/Policies). You will see the "Attachment" links to the manuals at the bottom of the webpage.

When working on new member applications be sure to let them know about the family discount of \$50.00 each that is available for other family who join on the same lineage at the same time. The details are on Page 3 of the annual Membership Directory. A \$20.00 discount is applicable for family Supplemental Applications.

Here are our new members thru 22 Mar 2012:

### 10 New Members

### Chp

Conley, Donald William	PP
Mason, Joseph Wayne	PP
McComb, Farrell Lee	GM
McIntyre, Ross Edwin	GM
Payne, Leslie Eugene	PP
Perkins, David Leigh	GM
Perkins, James Robert	GM
Persall, Jerry Gordon	ME
Reed, James Matthew	PP
Thompson Jr, James Donald	ME

## ROTC Committee

*John C. Luedecke, Committee Chairman*

All 20 high schools and 4 universities which receive our 51 awards have been contacted. Presenters are assigned except for Fountain/Ft Carson and Mitchell High School Air Force both in the Colorado Springs area, both on 26 April. If anyone can do these, please let me know.

COL George T Wade of Gateway HS is retiring after 13 years of service there. He expressed his deep appreciation for COSSAR's support. He noted we were the first organization to contact them to make an award and has been faithfully doing it since then.

## NSSAR Linked to Amazon

*Edmund P. Karr, Acting Publicity Chairman*

Amazon.com is a large online retailer that is quite popular. They have links to a number of suppliers with a wide cross-section of consumer products whereby you can do comparison price shopping right from your home PC.

NSSAR has an agreement with Amazon.com that produces revenue for NSSAR for all your Amazon.com purchases. The revenue we receive goes to the NSSAR General Fund.

From the NSSAR home page you will need to "Login" by clicking on the white "Login" tab on the right side of the screen at about the middle of the Home Page. Then click on the "Compatriots" tab and scroll down to the "Member Services" tab and click on it.

The page you then see will have the Amazon link on it on which you should click. That will take you to the Amazon.com page which further explains the program. You can click on the **AMAZON.COM** link near the bottom of the page.

You will then be on the Home Page of Amazon.com where you can shop 'till you drop. Anything you then purchase from Amazon.com will result in a percentage of the sale being sent to NSSAR which will be added to our General Fund.

If you do some comparison shopping before you start the above process you might find that you can also obtain a small discount. However, this does not always happen so don't be disappointed if your purchase doesn't qualify. At least our NSSAR General Fund will be happier.

## Secretary's Sayings

Wayne Snodgrass, COSSAR Secretary

Several members sent me updates to their e-mail address. This is an important item as the chapters and COSSAR both communicate more and more by e-mail for those who have it. The Secretaries also try to keep each other updated with membership changes.

NSSAR reviewed our 2011 Year End Membership Reconciliation Report which was completed by our 20 January target date. Our 1 Jan 2011 membership was 276 and with the net gains and losses throughout the year our 31 Dec 2011 membership was 291. We are reconciled with NSSAR and on our way with 2012!

## C.A.R. and DAR News

Gene Cheney, C.A.R./DAR Liaison Chm

On Saturday, 10 March, along with PP Chapter President Dick Marsh, I attended the 64th Annual Colorado C.A.R. State Conference in Colorado Springs. Our Color Guard presented the colors to open their meeting and I Brought Greetings to them from COSSAR. C.A.R. does have our 28 July annual picnic on their planning calendar and are eagerly anticipating additional details about it. I have a list of the new C.A.R. State Officers. The PP SAR Chapter approved a \$100.00 donation to the Pikes Peak C.A.R. Society President's Project. Other chapters are encouraged to support a local C.A.R. Society.

I received updated DAR state and chapter contact info and provided my information to them. The Kinnikinnik Chapter Registrar Dawn Wright gave me a SAR referral. She gets a NSSAR DAR Finder Form when the SAR application is submitted.

I attended a joint meeting of the Zebulon Pike and Kinnikinnik Chapters and the Kinnikinnik Chapter induction ceremony meeting where COSSAR member Dr. Matthew Bowdish (PP) spoke on the "Medical History of George Washington."

## National Trustee Update

John C. Luedecke, National Trustee

PG Magerkurth noted \$500,000 in debt was retired. He appointed a 5-man committee to reduce the NSSAR application approval process from 3-4 months down to 6 weeks. Genealogist General Larry Cornwall was appointed as chairman. They are now handling applications within 6 weeks and hope to reduce it further to 4 weeks.

Librarian General Michael Wells encouraged members to become "Friends of the Library" to help purchase needed replacement equipment and defray operating costs. See the brochure form at:

<http://www.sar.org/sites/default/files/docs/nssar-forms/FOL-2010-12-01.pdf>

The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee proposed several changes that were approved by the Trustees and will be voted on at the Annual Congress in July.

The Trustees approved a request to enter negotiations to make a 10-year lease of the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Headquarters building at about \$130-\$140,000/year. Leasing the building rather than selling it may be a better alternative in this down real estate market. They also authorized an engineering/architectural service to update the building for leasing.

Past issues of *The SAR Magazine* had articles on the Spanish contribution to the American Revolution. About 8,500 Spanish Soldiers and Sailors helped protect the Southern flank and the Mississippi River valley from English invasion and Westward expansion. They also helped defend the West Coast from Russian expansion into our NW. Over the past few years the Membership and Genealogy Committees have delved into the Spanish contribution to the American Revolution and have worked to identify the Spanish who were involved in these actions.

PG Magerkurth announced the formation of a new committee dedicated to research, document and make available information on these Spanish Soldiers and Sailors. Ed Karr (CO) was appointed as Chairman and Stephen Renouf (CA) is Vice Chairman. FPG Ed Butler (TX), and author of the magazine articles, is a committee member, among others.

Ed met Spanish Ambassador to the US, Jorge Dezcaller, while both were at a SAR Plaque Dedication Ceremony at the old Governor's Palace in Santa Fe, NM where the Ambassador spoke. Ambassador Dezcaller has since submitted over 560 names of Spanish Soldiers and Sailors who do not appear to be among the records NSSAR previously had on file. The committee hopes to receive many more names.



## COSSAR Board Of Managers Met on 24 March 2012

*Gene Cheney, Chancellor*



The first of 4 Board of Managers meetings for 2012 was held at the Village Inn in Castle Rock starting at 12:00 noon on 24 March. The schedule for the balance of the year can be found on Page 2 of the 2012 Membership Directory. Any COSSAR member who wishes to attend and learn more about what is happening in COSSAR is welcome to attend. Just show up and have a "Dutch Treat" lunch with the BOM.

After our normal opening ceremonies, the minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved followed by the financial report.

The COSSAR Officers and National Officers then gave their reports followed by the reports from each of our 4 chapters. The last group of reports were made by the Committee Chairmen noted on Page 1 of the 2012 Membership Directory. Any Old Business and New Business on the Agenda is then covered followed by the closing ceremonies. Most reports were distributed by e-mail to the BOM prior to the meeting so more time can be devoted to Old and New Business items and less time reading the reports.

Each year we take a photo of the BOM at the March meeting and you now have some faces to attach to the names. Attendees at this meeting in the photo above left to right are: George Smith, Wayne Snodgrass, Dave Mann, John Luedecke, Tom Wellborn, Gene Cheney, Robin Lucy, Bill Buvinger, Norm Kronvall, Garry Brewer, Ron Klein, Josephine Klein, Jan Housley, and Bob Gordon.

### Colorado SAR Bullets of Interest

- **225<sup>th</sup> US Constitution Anniversary** – Big plans are in the works for the SAR to celebrate the 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the US Constitution. Program information and the registration form is on the NSSAR website at: <http://www.sar.org/News/SAR-set-Celebrate-225th-Anniversary-U-S-Constitution>  
Our COSSAR Chapters are likely to have a special emphasis on this topic this Fall.
- **World War II Corps** – If you are a veteran of World War II and have not yet completed the NSSAR form to join the WW II Corps, contact the State Adjutant George Smith. He can be reached at 303-464-9440 or [MileHighGeorge@aol.com](mailto:MileHighGeorge@aol.com)
- **Patriot's Day in Colorado** – Several years ago some members of COSSAR were instrumental in encouraging the Colorado Legislature to recognize 19 April as Patriot's Day in recognition of the first "shots heard around the world." Fly your flag then and on Armed Forces Day 19 May, Memorial Day on 28 May, Flag Day on 14 June, and Independence Day on Wednesday 4 July.
- **Flag Certificate Presentations** – For several years COSSAR received the Furlong Award at the Annual Congress by presenting Flag Certificates during the preceding year. Recently we haven't qualified. To qualify each state society AND the majority of its chapters must present, during the previous year, at least one NSSAR Flag Certificate to a person or organization who qualifies. Details are in the SAR Handbook, Volume III, Page 43. Let's qualify again each year! Notify Awards Chairman George Smith when chapter awards are made.
- **E-Mail Updates?** – Notify COSSAR Secretary Wayne Snodgrass [wsinmd@comcast.net](mailto:wsinmd@comcast.net)