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## President Buvinger's Ponderings

*William E. Buvinger, COSSAR President*

My appreciation is extended to VP Garry Brewer for his leadership in arranging the Annual Picnic held this year on Saturday, 28 Jul at the Masonic Center in Grand Junction. A job well done, Compatriot Brewer, and many thanks to the Compatriots and guests who joined in the fun and festivities there.



*Gene Cheney, Sallie Clark, Matthew Von Hobe and Richard Riepe*

September 17, 2012 marked the 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the date the US Constitution was signed by Congress and sent to the states for ratification. Pikes Peak Chapter took the occasion to organize a Constitution Day Banquet to celebrate the event. Pictured above are the four people who were recognized at the banquet as being instrumental in getting Proclamations signed from the State of Colorado and the Commissioners of three counties to proclaim 17 Sep as Constitution Day. Additional details are on Page 2.

Besides me and the 4 pictured above, others at the Head Table were Dick Marsh-MC and President PP Chapter, Gale Crafton-DAR State Regent, Don Moon-aka Theodore Roosevelt, Penny Fischer-Regent Zebulon Pike DAR Chapter, Mary Daily-Regent Cheyenne Mountain DAR Chapter, LTC Douglas Kennedy-History Professor at the USAFA, Jim P Thornton-VPG Rocky Mountain District SAR, Heidi Baird-Senior State President Colorado Society C.A.R., Aspen Payne-President Pikes Peak Society C.A.R., John Luedecke-COSSAR National Trustee, and Richard St. John-PP Chapter Chaplain.

A great time of recognition and fellowship was had by all who attended. Many thanks to Dick Marsh and the PP Chapter.

## Registrar Ramblings

Thomas A. Brown, COSSAR Registrar

Please congratulate and welcome our new members from 29 Jun 2012 thru 27 Sep 2012:

### 4 New Members

	<u>Chp</u>
Paul Robert Fletcher	ME
Jay Janzen	ME
Paul Earl Jones	PP
Steven Adrian Windom	PP

### 2 New Junior Members

Dennis R. S. Ellis	ME
Nolan Thomas Ellis	ME

### 1 Transfer In

Carroll Phillip Fleenor	PP
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We also had 2 reinstatements approved and 1 Transfer Out from COSSAR. Since 1 Jan 2012 we are saddened by the passing of the following five Compatriots:

Calvin Achey, Sr.	LP
Bradley Wayne Cox	PP
Clifton H. Garrett	AL
Calvin Hammond, Jr.	ME
Timothy J. Morgan	LP

I am happy to report that as of the end of September our COSSAR membership stands at 346 Compatriots. I also want to extend my thanks to the several Compatriots who are becoming more active in helping prospective new members complete their applications. There are 11 new member applications at NSSAR awaiting approval. NSSAR continues to approve most new member applications within 6 weeks of their receipt.

Many new Compatriots are bitten by the Genealogy Bug and wish to know about other branches of their lineage. That research can lead to discovery of other ancestors of theirs who also supported the American Revolution and can be claimed on SAR Supplemental Applications.

One easy place for such research is to look on the DAR Genealogical Research System at [http://services.dar.org/public/dar\\_research/search/?tab\\_id=0](http://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search/?tab_id=0) From there one can search for one's ancestors who also show up as Descendants on DAR approved applications to other Patriot Ancestors. Give it a try. Find one and apply for your SAR Supplemental Application!

## Eagle Scout Actions

Matt Maranto, Chairman

Ten Eagle Scout Certificates of Achievement have been distributed this year. We will have a booth on 27 Oct at Gateway HS in Aurora for the 2012 University of Scouting. Compatriots are encouraged to help me man the booth. Eagle Scout Scholarship applications are due to the Chapter representative by 15 Dec. The COSSAR winner will be selected in January and be presented his award at the 16 Feb State Conference.

## Chapter Chirpings

**Grand Mesa** participated in the City of Grand Junction July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade along with other lineage societies. They hosted the Annual Picnic 28 Jul. They attended the dedication ceremonies of the WW II monument at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery Western Colorado in Grand Junction.

**Longs Peak** moved their normal meeting place from Frederick to Loveland to help serve the growing SAR membership in the Ft Collins area. They continue their now 3-year involvement in the Adopt-A-Highway program. Photo page 4.

**Mt Evans** chapter meeting guest speaker was Patricia Roberts, Lineage Chair of the Denver Chapter DAR. Arnie Dowd discussed the history of the Kentucky Rifle. Induction ceremonies were held for new members. Color Guard members participated in several events including Flag Day with the Peace Pipe Chapter DAR and a Ft Lupton funeral service for CSM Kevin Griffin of the US Army 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division.

**Pikes Peak** chapter received Proclamations from the Colorado Governor and the Commissioners of three Counties proclaiming 17 Sep as Constitution Day. Those individuals pictured on Page 1 were instrumental in obtaining the below noted Proclamations:

- Gene Cheney                      Colorado Governor
- Sallie Clark\*                      El Paso County
- Matthew Von Hobe              Fremont County
- Richard Riepe                      Pueblo County

\*El Paso County Commissioner, District 3

## Secretary's Sayings

*Wayne Snodgrass, COSSAR Secretary*

In addition to "Fall being in the air," the 2013 Annual Dues Collection season is upon us. The COSSAR DB is verified with NSSAR and our chapters will soon be sending you their 2013 billing. Treasurer Wellborn and I will do the At Large dues collection. Members are encouraged to return your dues checks by 1 December so you won't have to worry about processing a reinstatement in early 2013. While our books are technically open through 31 December, we do need time to reconcile our Chapter and COSSAR records so we can send our report and check to NSSAR by 20 January 2013. Your help in this is very much appreciated.

The next Board of Managers meeting is on Saturday, 1 December in Castle Rock. Any Compatriots may attend.

The Annual State Conference will be on Saturday, 16 Feb 2013 in the Denver Tech Center at Garcia's Restaurant. Details will follow. PG Stephen Leishman planned to visit the Rocky Mountain District including COSSAR in November, but instead he will now be an honored guest at our Annual State Conference. Do plan to join us for a large Colorado Welcome for PG Leishman on 16 February 2013.

## National Trustee Report

*John Luedecke, National Trustee*

The Trustees at the Phoenix Congress approved \$3.5 million Phase II funding for the total \$5.83 completion of the new SAR Headquarters in the Museum District on Main Street in Louisville. Phase II will include a museum and education outreach area on the first floor. All Hqs personnel will then be able to locate there. NSSAR operating costs are covered for the next 3-5 years without a projected dues increase. Operation Ancestry Search is a NSSAR volunteer program to help wounded warriors research their family lineage and history. The IRS is stepping up their enforcement of Form 990 compliance. Treasurers, file your annual forms on time!

## C.A.R. State President's Project

*Gene Cheney, C.A.R. Liaison Chairman*



Hyatt Vincent, the 2012-2013 Colorado C.A.R. State President and member of the Folsom Society, announced her State President's Project. Her project supports Colorado veterans and honors the men and women who sacrificed so much for our freedom and liberty.

The Veterans Plaza of Northern Colorado is near the entrance to the Spring Canyon Community Park in Fort Collins. A groundbreaking ceremony took place on 28 Feb 2011 where a US Marine touched her heart and those of many others assembled that day. Among other things, he spoke of the soil samples from over 100 battlefields that would be a part of the "Victory Garden" at the foot of the stage.

The Veterans Plaza honors all military men and women of the past, present and future. It pays tribute to US veterans with honorable service from the American Revolution to the current times. It is an asset to Colorado as a true historical site to remember our veterans.

One of the commitments of the N.S.C.A.R. is to raise money to support veteran memorials. In fact, the National President's Project this year is raising funds to support the Sword Surrender Site Project at Saratoga National Park – the battle recognized as the Turning Point of the American Revolution.

Hyatt's project raises tax deductible contributions for the Veterans Plaza Reserve Fund to provide for the Plaza's upkeep and maintenance in perpetuity. She is also seeking information on fallen soldiers to be memorialized as part of the interactive computer screens at the Plaza.

Members are encouraged to contact her at [hyatt.vincent@gmail.com](mailto:hyatt.vincent@gmail.com) to obtain details on how to provide funds or provide information on veterans to be recognized.



Here are Longs Peak members “on the job” in their Adopt-A-Highway uniforms. Shown are George Smith, Reed Coker, Ron Klein, Lind Weidlich and Beau Coleman.

## Colorado SAR Bullet Points

- **Veterans Plaza Support** – Please see the C.A.R. State President’s Project on Page 3. George Smith, Jan & Fran Housley, Larry Moline and Larry Stumpp were at the Veterans Plaza to help escort veterans in their battlefield soil presentations at the Victory Garden.
- **Korean War Veteran?** – George Smith is our WW II Corps State Adjutant and is ready to gather info about COSSAR members who served during the Korean War. While NSSAR has not yet established a similar organization for that period, the interest is certainly growing. Contact George at [MileHighGeorge@aol.com](mailto:MileHighGeorge@aol.com) or 303-464-9440.
- **Annual Dues Are Due** – Annual Dues should be mailed to your Chapter Treasurer by 1 Dec. At Large members will remit their checks to COSSAR Treasurer Wellborn. Remit early so you won’t have to worry about being dropped from active membership and then reinstating in 2013.
- **Sponsor A C.A.R. Society** – Both SAR and DAR can and do assume annual sponsorship of local C.A.R. Societies. In addition to monetary support, this can also take the form of SAR and DAR members in leadership roles in the local societies. You will be amazed at the organizational skills these young members learn in C.A.R. that can be of benefit to SAR and DAR later. Gene Cheney can advise you about which C.A.R. Societies can use our help.
- **Help Wanted** – A new Publicity Chairman to publish this quarterly newsletter. Please contact Ed Karr or President Buvinger. The Jan 2013 issue will be the last one Ed can do.
- **Flag Certificate Presentations** – The last two chapters are planning to make a Flag Certificate presentation this year so COSSAR can qualify once again for the Furlong Award at the 2014 National Congress. Please notify Awards Chairman George Smith when your chapter makes their Flag Certificate presentation. We have only 2+ months left.
- **Contact Updates?** – If you have address, telephone or e-mail updates please notify the COSSAR Secretary Wayne Snodgrass at [wsind@comcast.net](mailto:wsind@comcast.net) or 720-346-1226.