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A Word From The President

Garry W. Brewer, COSSAR President



I would like to thank the members of the Colorado Society for their trust in electing me as President for 2013-2014. It will be an honor to follow in the footsteps of our previous presidents.

I take the position of COSSAR President seriously and will devote the time, effort, and energy to ensure and build upon the successes of our past presidents. With the other nominated officers I know this board of managers will be very successful.

It is my intent to attend and conduct all four board of managers meetings and, weather permitting, attend a meeting of each state chapter at least once during the year, and the annual D.A.R. Regent Conference. This will be a very busy year for all COSSAR officers and members. I look forward to working with you.

Just like our Revolutionary War Ancestors who brought forth the dawn of a new nation, it is our responsibility to see that the principles they stood for are not forgotten.

May God bless the United States of America.

NSSAR President General Visits Colorado

Wayne Snodgrass, COSSAR Treasurer

NSSAR President General Steve Leishman and RMD Vice-President General Jim Thornton visited COSSAR in February to attend the Annual Meeting & George Washington Luncheon. The PG gave an interesting overview of NSSAR with an emphasis on his "Four R's" goal (*Recruiting, Retaining, Reconnecting, and Reinstating*). The VP conducted the installation of our new officers for 2013. COSSAR VP Wayne Snodgrass and Trustee John Luedecke attended the NSSAR Spring Leadership meeting in Kentucky. Wayne is a member of the NSSAR Finance and Genealogy Committees. John is a member of the NSSAR History and ROTC Committees. PG Leishman recognized COSSAR as one of the continuously improving Societies.

Annual COSSAR Meeting & George Washington Luncheon

"Associate with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation; for it is better to be alone than in bad company"

- George Washington



NSSAR VPG/RMD Jim Thornton (far left) installs new COSSAR Officers at annual meeting/luncheon

Awards

The following organizations received the SAR EMS Commendation Medal for their roles in the Aurora theater shootings:

- City of Aurora Fire/EMS
- University Hospital Emergency Department
- Rural/Metro Ambulance Service



Chapter News

Grand Mesa Certificates of Appreciation were presented in January to the Veterans Memorial Cemetery (VMC) of Western Colorado, Grand Valley Combined Honor Guard, and Joanne Black (programs manager at VMC). New officers were installed during the chapter's February meeting and were installed by COSSAR President, Garry Brewer. Awards were presented to past President Gary Parrott (10 years service) and Ed Foster (30 years service). The chapter will be participating in the Flag Retirement ceremony and Memorial Day service at VMC.

Longs Peak's During the chapter's February meeting, member and Weld County sheriff John Bailey Cooke spoke about his patriot ancestor, John Bailey, who crafted George Washington's battle sword. The sword is currently on display in the Smithsonian Institute. The chapter also passed a resolution reaffirming the Second Amendment to the Constitution.

Mt Evans The chapter held its meeting at the newly opened History Colorado Center where nearly 50 compatriots and their guests listened to Exhibits Director, Bill Convery, discuss the Center's mission, key features, and goals for the future. Members explored the museum, with Mr. Convery on hand to answer questions. Efforts are underway to participate in the Mount Vernon program at several schools, a flag retirement ceremony and U.S. citizenship ceremonies.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to member Breck Grover who is battling multiple myeloma, a form of cancer that affects the bone marrow. He is being treated at Presbyterian/St. Luke's hospital.

Pikes Peak The chapter hosted six meetings in 2012 and the Constitution Day Banquet. This event was attended by numerous several special guests, including President Theodore Roosevelt who delivered the keynote address. The chapter also made presentations under the George Washington Portrait program and learned about the Bills of rights from none other than George Washington himself.

Secretary's Report

Dick Marsh, COSSAR Secretary

The 2013 score sheet is now posted on the SAR website. Currently, COSSAR has 480 Americanism points and 680 President-General Streamer points. This represents approximately 10% of the total points achieved in 2012 (4,447 Americanism points / 6,690 President-General Streamer points).

Registrar Ramblings

Thomas A. Brown, COSSAR Registrar

Please congratulate and welcome our most recent members thru 31 March 2013:

9 New Members	Chapter
David Edward Brown	Mt. Evans
Anthony Skelding Clark	Mt. Evans
Harold Dodge Louder, Jr.	Mt. Evans
Robert Homer Moore	Mt. Evans
Donald LaRoy Post, Jr.	Mt. Evans
Adam Arthur Simms	Mt. Evans
Barrett Simms	Mt. Evans
Chester Arthur Simms	Mt. Evans
Mark Andrew Smith	Pikes Peak

I wish to extend my thanks to the Chapter Registrars and others who helped us add 58 new members in 2012 and achieve a year end membership of 355 Compatriots, before accounting for those who did not remit their 2013 dues. There are 9 new member applications currently at NSSAR and 9 reinstatements.

COSSAR had 9 supplemental applications approved.

The latest PDF version of the NSSAR Application form is available at the following web address:

<http://www.sar.org/node/125>.

Please include your ZIP+4 code on all applications.

WW II Corps SitRep

George Smith, COSSAR Adjutant

The national society has formed a "Veterans Recognition Committee" which will assume responsibility for both the WWII Corps and the newly formed Korean War Corps. Any veteran of WWII or Korean War, whether he served overseas or on the home front, is eligible to join. There are no dues or meetings - only a simple form to complete. As of September 2012, thirteen COSSAR members have enrolled.

On November 27, 2012, the U.S. Senate passed Resolution 602, a bipartisan resolution formally recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Korean War and designating 2012-2013 as the "Year of the Korean War Veteran".

Any SAR member who ever received the Purple Heart may also be eligible to receive the Wounded Warrior Coin from the SAR. Please provide any details to me at [MileHighGeorge@aol.com](mailto: MileHighGeorge@aol.com) or telephone me at 303-464-9440.

Eagle Scout Actions

Matt Maranto, Eagle Scout Chairman

Four Eagle Scout representatives, one from each COSSAR chapter, received a Certificate of Achievement for their outstanding work. The 2012 Eagle Scout Scholarship winner is William C. "Liam" Kelley from the Grand Mesa chapter. Congratulations Liam!



(L-R: Mrs. Kelley, Tom Wellborn, Liam Kelley, John Luedeck, Matt Maranto, Steve DeBoer)

Other News & Upcoming Events

(Save the Date!)

- The March 23rd BOM Meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.
- **Membership Reinstatement:** If you forgot to remit your 2013 annual dues, please complete a NSSAR Reinstatement form and send it to the COSSAR Registrar Tom Brown. Have questions? Contact Registrar Brown at tbrown@viawest.net or 303-449-3424. Know a compatriot whose membership has lapsed? Encourage him to renew. Help keep COSSAR's membership strong!
- **New Editor Selected:** A new Publicity Chairman to edit this quarterly newsletter has been selected. Denis Meade, a new member of the Mount Evans chapter, stepped forward in answer to President Buvinger's call for volunteers. Contact him at COSSAR.Editor@gmail.com.
- **Contact Updates?** – If you have address, telephone or e-mail updates please notify the COSSAR Secretary Dick Marsh at dickp.marsh@q.com.
- **20 April 2013:** Mt. Evans Chapter meeting at Hanson's Restaurant-Denver, CO.
- **4 May 2013:** BOM meeting. Castle Rock, CO - 12:00 pm at the Village Inn.
- **5-10 July 2013:** 123rd NSSAR Annual Congress. Kansas City, MO.
- **27 July 2013:** COSSAR Annual Picnic. Castlewood State Park - Event Facility #3, a catered lunch will be served; Park entrance fee is \$7/per car (unlimited passengers).
- **14 September:** Constitution Day Banquet. Doubletree Hotel. Colorado Springs, CO.
- **27-28 September 2013:** Fall Leadership Meeting. Louisville, KY.
- **5 October 2013:** BOM meeting. Castle Rock, CO - 12:00 pm at the Village Inn.
- **7 December 2013:** BOM meeting. Castle Rock, CO - 12:00 pm at the Village Inn.
- **15 February 2014:** Annual State Conference and George Washington luncheon. Location TBD.

In Memoriam

Joseph L. Thomas passed away 12 Feb 2013. A decorated Vietnam War veteran, COL Thomas served in the Air Force for more than 30 years. He was past President of the COSSAR Pikes Peak chapter and VPG/Rocky Mountain District of NSSAR as well as past President of the SAR Washington Crossing chapter in Pennsylvania. Interment will be in Arlington National Cemetery. His patriotic service to his country and contributions to SAR chapters will long be remembered.

