



# THE MT. EVANS CHAPTER GAZETTE

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**The April 25, 2020 Mt. Evans BOM Meeting and the May 9, 2020 Mt. Evans Chapter Meeting have been CANCELLED!**

Hello Mt Evans Compatriots,

As you know from the on-going press coverage, the Coronavirus is already impacting our daily lives. Additionally, it is now adversely affecting even our SAR programs. As an example, almost all of the public/private schools and universities are closing down due to the Coronavirus pandemic. As a result, statewide the Patriot Chest and Color Guard programs are now in the process of cancelling their scheduled activities. As you know, this is a serious health issue where being around crowds is not where we need to be. Churches, movie theaters, restaurants, government offices, country clubs, businesses, airlines, cruises etc. are curtailing/cancelling operations and sending employees home due to the pandemic.

Closer to home is the effect it will have on our Board of Directors (BOM) and Chapter meetings. Our programs bring us into contact with groups of people that in turn expose us to potential harm. Most of our members are above the age of 60, some have respiratory issues, some high blood pressure, diabetes, or other health conditions that place them in the “at risk” health categories.

Therefore, your Board of Directors has elected to cancel the April 25, 2020 BOM and the Mt Evans May 9, 2020 Chapter meetings. Hopefully this will get us through this period of uncertainty and perhaps the US health authorities will have a better handle on the control/cure of the virus. Right now, we need to take precautions to protect friends and families as best as we can. The BOM will reassess the health alert situation in the future and see what future actions, if any, we will need to take at that time.

**Patriotically,**

**Bill**

**Bill Valentine, PhD.**

President, Mt Evans Chapter

## Karen Hancock Describes the Revolutionary War in the Carolina Backcountry



Left to Right: LTC Bill Valentine; Karen Hancock  
(Photo by Karen Hampton)

Karen Hancock, a member of the NSDAR Speaker's Bureau, spoke to the Mt. Evans Chapter Compatriots about the Revolutionary War in the Carolina backcountry during their meeting held on March 7, 2020 at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Englewood.

Failure of the British to achieve military success in the northern colonies forced them to develop a "Southern Strategy," concentrating their forces in the southern colonies of Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia. Although the British proposed plans for a southern campaign as early as 1775, the strategy did not come to full fruition until France became America's ally following the latter's decisive win at the Battle of Saratoga in October 1777. France's entry into the war in February 1778 forced the British to reevaluate the war in America, which had become a military quagmire.

The British began their Southern Strategy in 1778 with the capture of Savannah, Georgia. In 1780, General Clinton defeated the Continental Army at Charleston, South Carolina, the greatest colonial defeat at that time. Returning to New York City, he left General Lord Cornwallis to subdue the Carolina backcountry and cut off the southern colonies from their northern brethren.

Karen described the battles in the backcountry, beginning with the defeat of General Gates and

## Compatriot Jack Kleinheksel Receives the Robert E. Burt Eagle Scout Volunteer Award



Left to Right: Rick Neeley, President, COSSAR; Jack Kleinheksel

Many SAR Compatriots participate in the Eagle Scout program at various levels, instilling scouts with the principles embodied by the SAR: respect for the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The SAR recognizes the contribution of the most outstanding of these Compatriots with the Robert E. Burt Eagle Scout Volunteer Award.

This year the Mt. Evans Chapter nominated one of its Compatriots, Jack Kleinheksel, for the award. Jack is an Eagle Scout who has participated in every level of Scouting with the highest distinction. He has the honor of being selected as a Distinguished Eagle Scout, an award that is only presented to about 1% of all Eagle Scout. Working with the young men seeking to attain the rank of Eagle Scout, he has mentored over 100 Eagle Scout recipients. As a SAR Compatriot, Jack has worked to bring the Eagle Scouts and the SAR programs together. In addition to his support of Scouting, Jack has had a distinguished legal career while being active in many community organizations. He currently serves as a member of the Mt. Evans Chapter Eagle Scout Committee.

"My love for Scouting was nurtured as a young boy," explained Jack Kleinheksel. "I continued my association with Scouting through my adult life and it has brought me tremendous satisfaction. Probably the greatest satisfaction has been to

his Continental Army at Camden, South Carolina, even though outnumbering the British two to one. The Continental Army's fortunes turned around when General Washington sent General Nathaniel Greene to take command of and rebuild the southern army. Although the patriots lost many of the battles, the attrition of the British military forced General Lord Cornwallis to Yorktown where he was eventually defeated.

She also described the important role that women played in the patriot defense of the backcountry. All members of the backcountry families: men, women and children, had to know how to shoot in order to supply their families with food. The women used these skills to defend their homes while the men were off fighting. They also served as spies and several even took an active part in the conflict.

"We are grateful to have someone with the experience and expertise of Karen Handcock spend time with us to share her knowledge of the Revolutionary War in the Carolinas backcountry," explained LTC Bill Valentine, President of the Mt. Evans Chapter. "She brings to life the challenges and the victories of the colonists resisting the British invasion of the southern colonies."

**Mt. Evans Chapter Awards the Golden Corral Restaurant the SAR Flag Appreciation Certificate**



Left to Right: LTC Bill Valentine, Mt. Evans Chapter President; Tim Northrup; Rick Neeley, COSSAR President

At its Chapter meeting on Saturday, March 7, 2020, the Mt. Evans Chapter awarded the SAR

help over 100 young men attain the rank of Eagle Scout themselves."

"The Mt. Evans Chapter is fortunate to have such an accomplished Compatriot as Jack," noted LTC Bill Valentine, President of the Mt. Evans Chapter. "Successful not only in his professional life, Jack has contributed greatly to the community, especially to the Eagle Scouts. He is a valuable member of the Chapter who brings the SAR principles together with his work in Scouting."

**Awards Presented by the Mount Evans Chapter Over the Last Year**



The Mount Evans Chapter has given out a lot of awards over the last year to Compatriots and the public. Please see below for the list awards given and some that were received from the state.

**Military Service Medal** - Don Erickson - Served in the Army;

**Bronze Children of the American Revolution** - Collin Miller, Alex Miller, Heather Miller, Brad Barlow, Tabitha Balow, Lily Barlow, Kimberly Daniels, William Meilahn, Bridget Clark-Cooper, Jerusha Blackmer, Denise Dirks, Sarah Dirks, Brad Balow;

**Gold Good Citizenship Medal** - Sung Chul Lee - This is a National medal and very difficult to get approval for. Thanks to Robert Stephens on providing the nominee push to get it awarded. The medal is third in precedence only behind the SAR and Minuteman Medals;

**Silver Good Citizenship Medal** – This is a State Society level award that was given to Michelle Mallin for her great work with the Honor Bell Foundation that we learned about at the

Flag Appreciation Certificate to the Golden Corral Restaurant.

The Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) supports the principles of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. In order to foster patriotism, the SAR recognizes individuals, businesses and other organizations that properly display the American flag. The Golden Corral in Englewood proudly displays the American flag at its entrance to the restaurant.

SAR members, called Compatriots, have documented their relationship to those who fought in or otherwise supported the American Revolution. Therefore, it is not surprising that SAR supports the U.S. military and our veterans. Many SAR Compatriots are veterans themselves. The Golden Corral Restaurant in Englewood proudly displays tributes to veterans on the wall at the exit to the restaurant, including memorial pictures to Audie Murphy, the World II hero, and Danny Dietz, the Navy Seal who died in Afghanistan. The Golden Corral also supports veterans with low-cost and free meals.

The Mt. Evans Chapter awarded the Golden Corral Restaurant with the SAR Flag Appreciation Certificate in recognition of its proper display of the American flag and its support of U.S. military veterans. Presenting the award was LTC Bill Valentine, Mt. Evans Chapter President, and Rick Neeley, COSSAR President. Accepting on behalf of the Golden Corral was its manager, Tim Northrup.

"We appreciate the Golden Corral allowing the Mt. Evans Chapter to use one of its private rooms for our Chapter meetings," explained LTC Bill Valentine, the President of the Mt. Evans Chapter. "We particularly appreciate the Golden Corral's respect for the American flag and its support for our military veterans. It was our great pleasure to award this certificate to the Golden Corral restaurant."



November meeting and to Rep. Patrick Neville, veteran and CO House Minority Leader.

**Bronze Good Citizenship Medal** - Sidney R. Rundel and Sonja Herring. Sonja helps coordinate the Patriot Chest Presentation at Cresthill Middle School while Sid is the Principal and an excellent speaker. LTC Steve Osterholzer, veteran and Commander, Denver JROTC and P01 Emerson J. McClarty, Navy Sea Cadets. Bronze Good Citizenship Medal were also awarded to the team that helped with the Honor Bell at its ceremonies: Chris Boyer, Dean Brown, Larry Close, Joe Dempsey, David Hale, James Joseph, Greg Kuhn, Daniel McCutchon, Richard Payne, David Price, Denis Spelman, Jean Taylor, Kim Tompkins, and Tracy Turner.

**Chapter Distinguished Service Medal** - Bill Valentine and Robert Hampton.

**Meritorious Service Medal** - Steve DeBoer, Robert Haines, Robert Easterly and Rick Neeley.

**Bronze Roger Sherman Medal** - Mike Coyner, Robert Hampton and Curt Ledall

**Law Enforcement Medal** - Don Crago

**Martha Washington Medal** - Karen Hampton

**Bronze Color Guard Medal** - Curt Ledall, Mike Coyner, Robert Easterly, Rick Neeley, Robert Hampton, Steve DeBoer, Wally Weart, Gary Mitchell, Don Crago,

**10 Year Service Pins** - Gary Mitchell, Duane Duff

**5 Year Service Pins** - Jim Miles, Kenneth Kirkland, Levi DeBoer, Brad Barlow

**Eagle Scout Award** - Michael Ankner  
**Flag Appreciation Certificate:** Mile High Harley Davidson, Watson's Pain & Body and AutoNation Jeep Broadway.

**Flag Retirement Certificate** – Fairmont Cemetery

If anyone has severed in the military but does not have either War or Military Service Medals, please let me know and I'll review with you on which medal applies.

We are always looking for recipients to receive the public service awards: Fire Fighting, Emergency Medical Technician, Law Enforcement, Heroism,

## Oh Say Can You See Mt. Evans Chapter's New Flags?



The new flags as pictured on Curt's back deck

Last year, Bob Haines asked our Color Guard to post and retire the colors at our Chapter meetings. However, it was determined that the flag set needed to be replaced due to the flags beginning to fray, the poles coming loose and the finials damaged. The bases were heavy to carry and the flags often too tall for some of our meeting venues, such as the Broken Tee Golf Club.

After an initial check, the replacement cost seemed way too high - over \$1,100. We then began a task of looking for other options to help them cost less. After a quick check at Ace Hardware, Curt Ledall found a local company called Custom Flag Company that would be able to provide us with the flags at a much lower cost.

One nice aspect about the new flag poles is that they are adjustable, going from 6 feet up to 10 feet. Additionally, Curt was able to get new bases made of plastic that make them much lighter and far more stable. Through another resource, we were able to find a ski bag that holds all the items in a single bag and is easy to carry. The flags looked great at the Mt Evans' March meeting and we look forward to using them for many years to come. What about the old flags? We plan to retire those in the future, so stay tuned for details on the flag retirement formal ceremony.

and Life Saving. We would appreciate your assistance in identifying outstanding first responders to receive the awards.

Thanks, Curt Ledall, Awards Chair

## Joe McDonald Inducted into the SAR



Left to Right: LT Bill Valentine, Joe McDonald, Luke McDonald, Ashley McDonald; Rick Neeley, COSSAR President  
(Photo by Karen Hampton)

Joseph (Joe) McDonald of Littleton was inducted into the Sons of the American Revolution at the Mt. Evans Chapter meeting on Saturday, March 7, 2020.

Joe completed the application process and was recently approved by the SAR for membership. He receives a membership certificate and a copy of his approved application, call a "Record Copy." At the March 7, 2020 Chapter meeting, Joe took the oath of membership and was inducted into the SAR. As a symbol of his membership, his wife, Ashley, pinned the SAR Rosette on his lapel after taking the oath. The Rosette is hand-made of blue and buff cloth symbolizing the colors of General George Washington's Revolutionary War uniform.

Joe, who was born in Delaware, is related to Harmonus Alkire, a Lieutenant in Captain James Parsons' Virginia militia company during Dunmores' War. Harmonus also provided supplies to Virginia during the Revolutionary War.



Compatriot Pete Peterson and his wife Kathy  
(Photo by Karen Hampton)

### Exciting Speakers Scheduled for the Remainder of the Year

- September 12, 2020: Karen Herdman – American Indians: Different Tribes; Different Journeys;
- November 7, 2020: Jewell Wellborn – Deborah Sampson, A Revolutionary War Soldier



Compatriots Wyatt and Joh Hockley  
(Photo by Karen Hampton)

### New Chapter Officers and Chairs

- President – Bill Valentine
- Vice President – Rick Neeley
- Secretary - Alan Coombs
- Treasurer – Mike Coyner
- Registrar - John Hockley III
- Historian - Robert Gordon
- Chaplain - Robert Hampton
- Patriot Chest – Robert Hampton
- Color Guard – Don Crago

“We are pleased to have Joe join the SAR and become a member of the Mt. Evans Chapter,” explained LTC Bill Valentine, President of the Mt. Evans Chapter. “We look forward to him attending our future meetings and participating in the many activities in which the Chapter participates.”

### The 2020 Annual SAR Congress to be Held in Richmond, Virginia



The 2020 Annual SAR Congress will be held in Richmond, Virginia from July 12 – 15 at the Richmond Marriott Downtown, assuming no further cancellations.

The Colorado Society is authorized a certain number of delegates, but each year many Delegate positions go unfilled. If you would like to be a Delegate and participate in the Congress, let Bill Valentine, the Chapter President know. The SAR Congress is a great way to meet interesting Compatriots from across the US. It also is an opportunity to learn much more about SAR and to participate in the governance of the organization!

### Tidbits from around the Campfire (Click on)

<https://www.foxnews.com/science/1776-continental-dollar-bought-flea-market-56-cents-worth-nearly-100g>