



THE MT. EVANS CHAPTER GAZETTE

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Mt. Evans Chapter Welcomes Rep. Patrick Neville



At the January 12, 2019 Annual Meeting, the Chapter welcomed as its speaker, Rep. Patrick Neville, the CO House Minority Leader. Patrick is a CO native, having graduated from Columbine High School and the University of Colorado at Denver with a B.A. in Economics.

After College, he joined the U.S. Army, eventually serving as a Platoon Leader in Iraq during the battle for Sadr City. Leaving the Army as a Captain with several awards, he was elected to the Colorado House of Representatives from the 45th District (Castle Rock) in 2005. In 2017, he assumed the position of Minority Leader of the House. During his service in the Colorado House, he has championed the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, particularly the First and Second Amendments.

At the conclusion of his talk to the Chapter, Rep. Neville was awarded the Silver Good Citizenship Medal, awarded to persons of prominence in government in recognition of his service as a citizen-soldier and legislator, in the tradition of our patriot ancestors.

State of the Chapter

Chapter President Bob Haines delivered a State of the Chapter at the January 12, 2019 Annual Meeting as required by the Chapter By-Laws.

President Haines said that the Chapter was in excellent condition, but with a challenge facing its membership.

The Chapter's financial condition, as described by the Chapter's Treasurer during the meeting, is strong thanks to the generosity of the contributions donated by the membership. The Chapter was able to purchase a high quality musket last year for use by the Color Guard and Patriot Chest. It plans on making several additional purchases this year thanks to the membership donations.

In the summer of 2018, the Chapter membership stood at 162, the high point in its history, making it the largest Chapter in COSSAR. However, in the fall, a new Chapter: the Castle Rock Chapter was formed out of the southeastern portion of the Mt. Evans Chapter's membership area. The Chapter lost 24 transferees to the new chapter. Then, at the end of the year in the dues season, the Chapter lost over 28 in dropped or resigned members, an unusually high number.

Therefore, at the beginning of 2019, Mt. Evans Chapter membership stands at 115. Herein lies the challenge for the Chapter. It must work hard to increase its membership, even with the loss of its southeastern area, to its previous high, while continuing the activities in the Color Guard and Patriot Chest for which the Chapter is noted. This will required the continued effort of its membership.

New Chapter Officers

New Officers of the Mt. Evans Chapter were inducted at the Annual Meeting held at the Arrowhead Golf Club on Saturday, January 12, 2019.

A Nominating Committee chaired by Past President Bob Easterly developed a candidate for each office. Their names were presented to the membership attending the Annual Meeting and an opportunity was given to nominate other candidates from the floor. Receiving no additional nominations, Capt Bob Easterly asked for the unanimous election of the men nominated. Once elected, the new Officers were inducted into office by Robert Hampton, the COSSAR Chaplain.

The new Officers for 2019 include: Bob Haines – President; Bill Valentine – Vice President; Alan Coombs – Secretary; Mike Coyner – Treasurer; John Hockley III – Registrar; Robert Gordon – Historian; and Robert Hampton – Chaplain.

These newly elected Officers, working with the Chairs of the committees for various activities, will provide the leadership for the Chapter during the coming year.

If you are interested in serving as an Officer or Committee Chair, or if you have an interest in assisting with any of the activities conducted by the Chapter, please contact President Haines. We will be happy to get you involved!



Color Guard



The Mt. Evans Color Guard is looking for a few good men! The Color Guard is generally what the public sees when they see Mt. Evans Chapter participation in events. The Chapter's Color Guard is the face of the chapter.

Members of the Color Guard wear Continental or Militia uniforms, often representing the uniforms worn by their patriot ancestor during the Revolutionary War. The uniforms are purchased by themselves or by the Chapter. Many carry muskets or spontoons or the US and SAR flags.

The Color Guard participates in many events during the year. They raise the American flag during Flag Day at DAR's ceremony at Genesee Park or at the Heritage Festival Days in Sterling. They march in parades, such as the Veterans Day Parade in Colorado Springs. They also participate in the posting of the Colors at the Chapter or COSSAR meetings. At times, they may even fire their muskets at events!

The Color Guard is always looking for additional members to help them with their activities. If you would like to be a Color Guard member, or want to find out more about it, contact the Mt. Evans Color Guard Coordinator, Don Crago, or any of the Color Guard members. They would be more than happy to tell about the interesting and exciting things that they do.



Mt. Evans Chapter Compatriots Receive Awards

Each year at the Annual Meeting, the President presents awards to Compatriots for their service and contribution to the Chapter. While many Compatriots contribute to the success of the Chapter, the President may only present a few awards. At the January 12, 2019 Annual Meeting, President Haines presented the following awards:

- Medal of Distinguished Service for conspicuous service to the Chapter: [Robert Hampton](#)
- Meritorious Service Medal for long and faithful service to the Chapter: [Bob Easterly](#) and [Rick Neeley](#)
- Bronze Roger Sherman Medal for outstanding service as an Officer or Committee Chair: [Curt Ledall](#)
- Certificate of Appreciation for significant service to the Chapter: [Luke Rutz](#); [Mike Coyner](#); and [Norm Ruggles](#)

Next Mt. Evans Chapter Meeting

The next meeting of the Mt. Evans Chapter will be Saturday, March 9, 2019 at the Golden Corral on Santa Fe. This is a new venue for us, so come and enjoy the fellowship of other Compatriots and their guest and our guest speaker.

The speaker for the meeting will be LTC Steve Osterholzer (U.S.A., Ret.) who is the Senior Military Instructor for the Denver JROTC Program that consists of the ten Denver area high schools. He will speak about the JROTC program.

SAR supports the JROTC Program nationwide and the Mt. Evans Chapter each year awards a Bronze JROTC Medal to a junior at each of the ten Denver High Schools, as well as two other high schools with JROTC Programs that are in the Denver Metro area.



The George Washington Luncheon



The Annual George Washington Luncheon will be held Saturday, February 16, 2019 at the Arrowhead Golf Club in Littleton. This event is always the highlight of the year for the Colorado Society with members from across the state attending. Each year, COSSAR presents awards to first responders in law enforcement, fire safety and emergency medical services and other community members. The highlight this year will be the attendance of SAR President General Warren Alter of Arizona. PG Alter will speak to the attendees about the future of SAR. Don't miss this important date on the COSSAR calendar!!

Rick Neeley Elected COSSAR President At COSSAR Annual Meeting

Mt. Evans Chapter member Rick Neeley was elected as the President of the Colorado Society, SAR (COSSAR) at the COSSAR Annual Meeting held January 26, 2019 at the Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery in Centennial. Compatriot Rick will lead the State Society for the next year.

Other Mt. Evans Chapter members elected to COSSAR offices include: Bob Haines – Vice President and Robert Hampton – Chaplain. President Rick also appointed Luke Rutz as the COSSAR Website Chair and reappointed Curt Ledall as the Awards Chair and Wally Weart as the Publicity/Newsletter Chair. The new Officers will be inducted by the SAR President General, Warren Alter, at the George Washington Luncheon to be held at the Arrowhead Golf Club on February 16, 2019.

Patriot Chest



Want to make an impact on the students in your community? Join the Mt. Evans Chapter Patriot Chest.

Members of the Mt. Evans Patriot Chest give presentations in elementary schools across the Chapter area and at community events. Last year the Patriot Chest reached almost 2,000 students and 60 adults in 34 classes and a two-day encampment at Cresthill Middle School.

The Patriot Chest members provide instruction on the events that led up to the Revolutionary War, what life was like during the Colonial period and what being a soldier was like. They do this through the use of a chest or box containing replicas of items used during the Colonial period that the students and adults can handle and experience for themselves.

The Patriot Chest members are dressed in Continental or Militia uniforms. They often carry muskets and one of the highlights of the presentations is the student being able to “spark” the muskets as the trigger is pulled.

At a time when American history is not a focus of elementary education nor the reasons behind the founding of the United States, the Patriot Chest presentations introduce both young and old to what brought about the founding of the United States and why they sought independence from Great Britain.

If you would like to be part of this program of educating others on what it means to be an American, please contact Robert Hampton, Patriot Chest Chair, or any of the members of the Patriot Chest. Some members of the Patriot Chest have said that this is why they joined the Sons of the American Revolution.

2019 SAR Congress



The 129th SAR Congress will be held July 5 – 10, 2019 at the Hilton-Orange County in Costa Mesa, California.

The Congress begins on Saturday, July 6 with a reception hosted by the California Society with a Newport Bay Harbor cruise. Sunday is the traditional “Trooping of the Colors” by the President General followed by a Memorial Service for our fallen Compatriots. Monday through Wednesday include meetings of the Congress and the Trustees. Each night there will be dinners for attending delegates.

Colorado is entitled to send several delegates to the SAR Congress. If you would like to be appointed as a Colorado delegate, please contact your Chapter President or the COSSAR Secretary. Each year, several Colorado delegate positions go unfulfilled. This is an opportunity to learn about SAR, meet many SAR delegates from across the nation and participate in the governance of SAR.



Two New SAR Compatriots Inducted



Two new SAR Compatriots were inducted into the Sons of the American Revolution and the Mt. Evans Chapter. At the January 12, 2019 Chapter Annual Meeting, Joseph Patrick Hall was sworn in and received the SAR rosette, the symbol of SAR. Joe lives in Louisville, Colorado and works as a structural engineer at the Denver International Airport. Joe is originally from Gettysburg, PA where his family still operates a farm. His Patriot is 1LT Robert McIlhenny, Sr., who served in Capt. Thomas Orbison 7th Company in Colonel Joseph Ferris 5th Battalion. We welcome Compatriot Joe into the SAR and the Chapter and look forward to his participation in our activities.



John Gorrell was inducted into SAR and the Mt. Evans Chapter during the COSSAR Annual Meeting held on January 26, 2019. John has been a SAR member since 1998 when his grandmother helped him join. However, his work where he was posted overseas has kept him from attending any meetings. He now lives in Lakewood, Colorado. His attendance at the COSSAR Annual Meeting was his first SAR meeting. Taking advantage of his attendance, COSSAR President Gene Cheney inducted John into SAR while Mt. Evans Chapter President Bob Haines pinned the SAR rosette on his lapel and welcomed him to the Chapter. We look forward to John's participation in our future activities.

SAR Supplementals

Do you have additional Revolutionary War Patriots? Once you have documented your initial ancestor to qualify for membership in SAR, you can document additional Patriot ancestors. You can do this by filing a Supplemental Application using the same Application form that you used to document your initial ancestor.

When you document the additional ancestor and it is approved by SAR, you are entitled to wear a star for each ancestor documented. If you document five Patriot ancestors, you are entitled to a star with a "5." Many Compatriots enjoy the continued research to identify numerous Patriot ancestors. One SAR Compatriot has identified over 75 Patriot ancestors!

The Chapter also receives credit for each Supplemental approved. Once an ancestor is approved, the Compatriot should prepare a biography of the ancestor and add it to the SAR Patriot Index. This documents your ancestor and serves as information for others doing research on Patriot ancestors. The Chapter also receives credit when you prepare a Patriot biography.

If you need further information on how to prepare a Supplemental Application, don't hesitate to contact the Chapter Registrar, John Hockley III or any other Chapter Officer.

!!UPDATED EMAIL ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS!!

Please provide the Mt. Evans Chapter President with any updated email addresses or phone numbers so that we can keep it contact with you. Thanks.

Next Meetings

Don't miss the next meeting of the Mt. Evans Chapter and the Colorado Society:

- Feb 16 – The George Washington Lunch; Arrowhead G.C.
- Feb 23 – Mt. Evans Chapter BOM Meeting IHOP
- Feb 28 - SAR Leadership Meeting – Louisville, KY
- Mar 9 – Mt. Evans Chapter Meeting Golden Corral, Littleton