



THE MT. EVANS CHAPTER GAZETTE

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LTC Steve Osterholzer Speaks to Mt. Evans Chapter

The U.S. Army Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) was established by the National Defense Act of 1916 with the mission “to promote young people to be better citizens” in the country’s secondary educational institutions. The JROTC program operates in over 1,700 public and private high schools, mentoring about 314,000 JROTC Cadets annually. Forty percent of the JROTC programs are in inner cities with a student population of 50% minorities. Over 40% of the JROTC cadets are women. The JROTC faculty is composed of nearly 4,000 retired officers and non-commission officers.



Left to Right: B. Valentine, Chapter VP; R. Neeley, COSSAR President; LTC Osterholzer; R. Haines, Chapter President. Photo by Karen Hampton

The Denver Army JROTC Brigade is composed of ten JROTC battalions in the ten Denver public high schools. LTC Steve Osterholzer provides the command structure for the 10 high school programs that each have their own military

NSSAR President General and Rocky Mountain District Vice President General Visit COSSAR



Past COSSAR President Gene Cheney; PG Warren Alter; First Lady Nancy Alter; New COSSAR President Rick Neeley

The Annual George Washington Luncheon was held Saturday, February 16, 2019 at the Arrowhead Golf Club in Littleton. This year the SAR President General Warren Alter and First Lady Nancy of Arizona spoke to the attendees about the future of SAR. Also attending the meeting was the Rocky Mountain District Vice President General Andrew (Drew) Lyngar, Jr. of New Mexico. PG Alter, who retired as a Chief in the Pima County, Arizona Sheriff’s Department, urged the Compatriots to work with their first responders and recognize them for what they do for the community. PG Alter inducted the new COSSAR Officers including Mt. Evans Compatriot Rick Neeley who will lead COSSAR for the upcoming year as the new Colorado Society President.

instructors. "The JROTC program teaches 'life skills' to the cadets, such as how to open a checking account, how to conduct an interview and other personal skills," explained LTC Osterholzer at the March 9, 2019 Chapter meeting. "Along the way, the cadets learn self-discipline, leadership, personal responsibility and many other important attributes."

"Recently, our JROTC program accomplished a rare feat during an inspection by the Department of Defense," LTC Osterholzer described proudly. "All ten high schools earned the 'Honor Unit with Distinction' award, requiring that each school receive a minimum score of 95%. Only 60% of high schools world-wide earn this award."

LTC Osterholzer retired from the U.S. Army after 24 years of service, with his last assignment with the 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) based at Fort Carson in Colorado Springs. Born in Michigan, LTC Osterholzer holds three Masters Degrees in Journalism/Advertising, Public Administration and Homeland Security. An Apache helicopter pilot, LTC Osterholzer served with the 10th Mountain Division in Afghanistan.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Mt. Evans Chapter awarded LTC Osterholzer a Bronze Good Citizenship Medal in recognition of his military service and service to the community.

Next Mt. Evans Chapter Meeting



Land Ho Presentation!!!

When I was voted in as Vice President at the January Arrowhead Golf Club blizzard Annual Meeting, I was looking at the snow covered golf course and casually looked down at the upcoming year's Speaker listing on the table. I nearly fell out of the chair when my eyes fell on the May 11 guest speaker! The listed speaker was Ralph Buckwalter from an organization called the **Rocky Mountain Shipwrights**. The first two words in the title just did not fit the later word. Surely someone was trying to pull my leg. My eyes then quickly began looking around the room for Captain Bob Easterly

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.

Mt. Evans Chapter Presented with a New Gavel

When Capt. Bob Easterly transferred the Presidency at the Annual Meeting over a year ago, a gavel came with the position. After transferring things to the car after the meeting, I returned to the meeting room to gather the last few items, but the gavel was gone! How does a gavel disappear and who would want a gavel?

So, a new gavel was purchased and used at three meetings. At the meeting at The Fort, when someone who will remain anonymous came to the podium, knocked the gavel to the floor, breaking the handle from the gavel head. At the Annual Meeting at the Arrowhead Golf Club, I was using the gavel head when Heather

to see if he had planted a navy joke on this old Army Lieutenant Colonel. No Bob had his poker face on and was admitting nothing.

I then got interested and Googled the title on my cell phone and much to my surprise there WAS really a group called the **Rocky Mountain Shipwrights** here in **Rocky Mountain Denver!!** They are a group of model ship builders in Colorado dedicated to promoting, developing, and furthering scale model shipbuilding. I will not go into any more detail because I want you to experience his presentation first hand. This might be a hobby that someone might be interested in pursuing and Ralph can help you get started.

The rest of the 2019 MEC calendar will be filled with interesting speakers. Currently I am working on the 2020 year speaker listing and it too will have outstanding speakers, great topics, and fabulous site venues that should be of interest to one and all.

I look forward to seeing you on May 11, 2019 at Mimi's in Lone Tree and thanks for your continuing support of our Mt Evans Chapter. We still have some committee opportunities to fill that would use your talents.

Bill Valentine, Chapter Vice President



Left to Right: March 9, 2019 Color Guard: Robert Hampton; Curt Ledall; Robert Easterly; Tom Wellborn. Photo by Karen Hampton

New SAR Compatriot Inducted

Paul Donald (Don) Erickson was inducted into the Sons of the American Revolution at the George Washington lunch by President General Warren Alter on February 23, 2019.

Don was born in Austin, Texas and now lives in Littleton. He is related to 2LT Daniel Houston, who served in the Pennsylvania Militia. Don is a

Miller, Senior President of the Colorado Society of C.A.R., asked if I needed a new gavel.



Left to Right: Collin Miller C.A.R. State President; R. Haines, Chapter President Photo by Karen Hampton

At the March 9, 2019 meeting, Collin Miller, a Chapter Junior member and the President of the Colorado Society of C.A.R. presented to Mt. Evans Chapter a new gavel! It was hand made by Collin's father, Michael, and is of solid brass. It is a beautiful gavel and is one that will never be broken! Thanks to the Colorado Society of C.A.R. and to the Millers for this thoughtful gift.

The Americanism Report

At the conclusion of each calendar year, Chapters and State Societies are required to submit to National an Americanism Report. This report documents the activities that the Chapter and State Societies have conducted over the year. Points are given for members who pay their dues on time, new members and reinstated members. Points are also given for participation in Patriot Chest and Color Guard activities, with extra credit if the uniform is worn. Attendance at DAR and C.A.R. events and contributions to National organizations are also recognized. Almost everything we do is recorded on the report. So, when you engage in an activity with the Chapter, make sure that the President is advised so that he can enter it on the report. In this way, the Chapter can be recognized for all thing that you the Compatriots do.

Eagle Scouts

The NSSAR has a robust Eagle Scout Recognition and Award Program. All Eagle Scouts in an active unit who have not reached

member of the Mt. Evans Chapter, so when you meet him at the next Chapter meeting, be sure and welcome him to the Chapter. We look forward to his participations in our meetings and other activities.

SAR's JROTC/ROTC Programs

SAR supports the "Citizen-Soldier" ideal epitomized by our Patriot ancestors through its support of the JROTC and ROTC Programs.

In Colorado, there are 38 high schools participating in the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC): 12 Air Force; 20 Army; 4 Navy; and 2 Marine Corps. Each year, COSSAR presents a certificate and Bronze JROTC Medal to a qualifying junior in each high school as selected by the Senior Military Instructor (SMI).

Colorado also conducts an "Enhanced JROTC" Program that selects an "Outstanding Cadet" at the Chapter, State and National levels. The cadet must submit an Application, a 500-700 word essay and recommendations from the SMI and Principal to compete. The Mt. Evans "Outstanding Cadet" receives a neck ribbon with a bronze medallion and \$250. The COSSAR "Outstanding Cadet" receives \$250 and a neck ribbon with a silver medallion. The NSSAR winner receives a gold medallion and \$4,000. Unfortunately, no high school in the Mt. Evans Chapter area has ever submitted an Application for the "Outstanding Cadet" competition.

COSSAR also supports the ROTC programs at the three Colorado universities with consolidated programs with other universities and community colleges: University of Colorado (Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine Corps); Colorado State University (Air Force and Army) and University of Colorado at Colorado Springs (Army). COSSAR present a cadet in each of the service units with a Silver ROTC medal.

the age of 19 are eligible. Eagle Scouts must submit an Application, a four generation ancestry chart and a 500 word essay on a patriotic theme to their local Chapter.

Each Chapter selects an Eagle Scout from the applicants at the end of the year. The Mt. Evans Chapter awards the Eagle Scout with a check for \$500. The Chapter winners compete at the COSSAR level with the winner receiving an eagle statue, a check for \$1,000 and the right to compete at the NSSAR level. The NSSAR winner receives a check for \$10,000!

Unfortunately, for the last two years, the Mt. Evans Chapter has not had a candidate for the award to submit to COSSAR. Help us find qualified candidates for this year's competition! A brochure on the Eagle Scout competition is on the SAR website under the Eagle Scout Committee. Please share it with any Eagle Scouts in your family or who are friends of yours. If they are interested, they may contact the President, Mt. Evans Chapter.

Wally Weart Receives 10-Year Service Medal

At the March 9, 2019 Mt. Evans Chapter Meeting, Compatriot Wally Weart was recognized for his service to SAR with the award of the 10-Year Service Medal. Wally is a great contributor to the Chapter, serving on the Color Guard and Patriot Chest and at the COSSAR level with the state newsletter. His wife Susie is also a great asset to the Chapter, helping with the Patriot Chest and creating many of the uniforms our Chapter Compatriots are wearing!



Left to Right: Susie Weart; Wally Weart. Photo by Karen Hampton



Left to Right: John Hockley, Chapter Registrar;
Melanie Hockley

Compatriot Malcolm Sizer passes Away

Long time Compatriot Malcom Sizer passed away in Parker on February 20, 2019. He and his wife Joanna were faithful attendees at our Chapter meetings.

A delegation of Compatriots, led by Chapter Chaplain Robert Hampton, paid their respects at his funeral. Attending were Steve DeBoer, Robert Easterly, Rick Neely and Bob Haines. Other Compatriots attending were Tom Wellborn and, Robert Stevens.

Chapter Officers and Chairs

- President - Bob Haines
- Vice President - Bill Valentine
- Secretary - Alan Coombs
- Treasurer – Mike Coyner
- Registrar - John Hockley III
- Historian - Robert Gordon
- Chaplain - Robert Hampton
- Patriot Chest – Robert Hampton
- Color Guard – Don Crago
- Awards/Facebook – Curt Ledall
- Flag Certificate/Website – Luke Rutz
- C.A.R. Liaison – Brad Balow

!!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 in contact with you. Thanks.

Patriot Bios

Have you prepared a Patriot bio yet? NSSAR has developed a data base on Patriots who served during the Revolutionary War. Just go to the NSSAR website and complete the form. This honors your Patriot, provides information for those researching your ancestor and gives credit to your Chapter. The best time to complete the bio is immediately after your Regular or Supplemental Applications are approved when you have your Patriot's background easily at hand. If you submit a Patriot Bio, please be sure and let your Chapter President know so that the Chapter can get credit for your efforts.



Left to Right: Robert Hampton, Chapter Chaplain and Patriot Chest Chair; Karen Hampton, Ace Photographer.

Next Meetings

Don't miss the upcoming meetings of the Mt. Evans Chapter and the Colorado Society:

- Saturday, April 9 – COSSAR BOM – Colorado Springs
- Saturday, April 27 – Mt. Evans BOM – IHOP on Colorado off I-25
- Saturday, May 11 – Mt. Evans Chapter Meeting, Mimi's Café in Lone Tree; Ralph Buckwalter, Rocky Mt. Shipwrights