



THE MT. EVANS CHAPTER GAZETTE

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

DUES REMINDER!

A hardy **“THANK YOU”** to Compatriots Dorrough, Duff and Pittman for being the first to respond to the 2021 Dues Notice. All three remittances were in my Conifer PO Box the morning of October 15, 2020.

Let’s hear a rousing “Huzzah” for these Compatriots. Also worthy of honorable mention are Compatriots Akers, Allen, Bane, Crago, Dixon, Cpt. Easterly, Fleming, Gordon, Jeffrey, Kingry, Neeley, Seidler, Stevens, Walcott and Weart, whose 2021 dues were received by Saturday, October 17.

I, of course, was the first to respond since I wrote my check the morning I placed the dues notices in the mail; but still, I could have forgotten.

If you have not yet mailed in your dues, PLEASE, do so as soon as possible. I’m done with browbeating, cajoling, pleading, begging, wailing and clowning around. If you want to see your Chapter resources go to something worthwhile, rather than spent in mailing out “Second Notices” to encourage members to get their dues paid before incurring a reinstatement fee, please get those dues paid. Thank you! Mike Coyner, Treasurer

Mt. Evans Chapter and COVID – 19

As of November 20, 2020, many counties are back in Code Red, including those in which we hold meetings. Therefore, until we are reduced to Code Orange, we will be unable to hold in person meetings. We will keep you advised whether the BOM meeting scheduled for December 26, 2020 or the Annual Meeting scheduled for January 9, 2021 can be held. If the Annual Meeting is cancelled, Chapter officers will continue in office until elections can be held at the next scheduled meeting on March 6, 2021. Stay Safe!

Jewell Wellborn Portrays Deborah Sampson, A Revolutionary War Soldier



Deborah Sampson

On Saturday, November 7, 2020 at the Mimi's Restaurant in Lone Tree, CO, the Mt. Evans Chapter held its last meeting of the year. The speaker at the meeting was Jewell Wellborn, a DAR member, who spoke about Deborah Sampson, a woman who fought in the Revolutionary War.

Deborah Sampson was born in Plympton, Massachusetts on December 17, 1760. She was the great, great granddaughter of William Bradford, Governor of the Plymouth Colony. When her father abandoned the family, Deborah was sent to live with several older ladies. Eventually, she was sent to live with the Jeremiah Thomas family, who had three boys. Deborah was raised with the boys and learned to hunt, shoot and other activities associated with men. She was tall at 5 foot nine inches when the average height at the time for women was 5 feet.



Jewell Wellborn speaking to the Mt. Evans Chapter

Pangburn Family Joins SAR

On November 7, 2020, the Mt. Evans Chapter of the Colorado Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (COSSAR) held its last meeting of 2020 at the Mimi's Restaurant in Lone Tree, CO. During the meeting, Robert Lee Pangburn of Centennial, CO was inducted into the SAR, his application having been recently approved. Robert was administered the SAR oath by Bob Haines, the Mt. Evans Chapter Acting President, and had his SAR rosette pinned on his lapel by Rick Neeley, the Chapter Vice President.

The SAR applications of his son Christopher Lee Pangburn and grandson Tanner Christian Pangburn, both of Centennial, CO, were also approved, as was the SAR application for his son Stephen Randolph Pangburn of Denver, CO. They will be inducted into the Mt. Evans Chapter at a later date.

The Pangburns established their relationship to William Pangburn, who served as a private in the Middlesex County, New Jersey Militia.



L to R: Bob Haines, Mt. Evans Chapter Acting President;
Robert Lee Pangburn; Rick Neeley, Chapter Vice President

Robert also had previously served in the National Guard, qualifying him to receive the SAR Military Service Medal. He was awarded the medal at the meeting by Curt Ledall, the Mt. Evans Chapter Awards Chair.

"We are pleased to have Robert and his family join the SAR and as members of the Mt. Evans Chapter," said Bob Haines, Chapter Acting

In 1872, she joined the Continental Army at Middleborough, Massachusetts, but was recognized by a female member of her church. Later, she walked 20 miles to Uxbridge, Massachusetts and joined the 4th Massachusetts Regiment. She fought in a battle at Tarrytown and received two musket balls in her thigh. Taken to the hospital, she left before being discovered. She was able to dig one of the musket balls out of her thigh with a pen knife, but the other was too deep and stayed with her the rest of her life. Later, while in Philadelphia, she fell ill and was treated by a doctor who discovered she was a woman. The doctor took her to his home where she was treated by his wife and daughters until she recovered. The doctor sent her to West Point with a note to the general describing her sex. The general discharged her and gave her some money to get her home.

Deborah married Benjamin Gannett, had three children and lived on a farm in Sharon, Massachusetts. In 1792, she petitioned the State Legislature to receive her back pay as a soldier, which was approved. In 1805, Congress granted her request for a pension. In 1827 at the age of 66, Deborah died from yellow fever and was buried in Sharon, Massachusetts. Both the towns of Sharon and Plympton have erected monuments to Deborah.

Jewell Wellborn wears a Colonial uniform and carries a Revolutionary War musket. She gives lectures to various groups about Deborah Sampson. With her husband, who is a SAR member, she also gives lectures on life of women in colonial times. At the conclusion of the meeting, Curt Ledall, Awards Chair for the Mt. Evans Chapter, presented Jewell with a Certificate of Appreciation for her talk.



L to R: Curt Ledall, Awards Chair; Jewell Wellborn

President. "We look forward to their participation in our many activities that include school education, support for our veterans and sponsorship of JROTC and ROTC programs."

Stark Family Joins SAR

On November 7, 2020, the Mt. Evans Chapter of the Colorado Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (COSSAR) held its last meeting of 2020 at the Mimi's Restaurant in Lone Tree, CO. During the meeting, William Taylor Stark and his son Austin Taylor Stark of Denver, CO, were inducted into the SAR, their applications having been recently approved. The SAR oath was administered to William and Austin by Bob Haines, the Mt. Evans Chapter Acting President, and had their SAR rosettes pinned on their lapels by William's wife, Doran Lee Matzke. William's second son, Evan Howard Stark, will be inducted at a future date.

The Starks established their relationship to Thomas Charles Holmes, who served with Colonel Pinckney's 1st South Carolina Regiment.

"We appreciate the time and effort that the Starks took to complete and document their applications," remarked Bob Haines, Acting President of the Mt. Evans Chapter. "We now look forward to their active participation in our meetings and the other Chapter activities."



L to R: Austin Stark; William Stark; Doran Lee Matzke; Bob Haines, Acting Chapter President



Looking for a New Treasurer!

The Chapter's Treasurer, Mike Coyner has been doing a bang up job with wit and expertise. But after three years, he is looking forward to spending more time with the Patriot Chest and practicing with his drum. So, we are seeking someone to volunteer as the new Chapter Treasurer.

Mike has everything organized for an easy transition. Duties involve writing checks and making deposits and reporting to the BOM at its meetings. The most time consuming duties involve the dues process that begins in October and ends at the end of the year.

The Treasurer is a vital position in the Chapter and the person acting as the Treasurer makes one of the most important contributions to the Chapter. If you are interested in the position, please contact Bob Haines, the Acting President.

Wreaths Across America

The Mt. Evans Chapter sponsored 26 wreaths for Wreaths Across America. We will receive \$130 in donations! Thank you for your support

Buy Groceries, Support Your Chapter

Do you buy groceries at King Soopers? If so, you can support the Chapter by linking your King Soopers' card to the Mt. Evans Chapter. Every quarter, King Soopers contributes to charitable groups with the amount based on the amounts members of the charitable groups have purchased at King Soopers grocery stores. The Chapter has been receiving around \$100 or more each quarter based on Compatriots and their families shopping at King Soopers! The money is used to support the Chapter's programs

It is easy to sign up. First, you need a King Soopers' card. Then you go to the King Soopers website and create a digital account. Go to the bottom of the page to "Community" and link your King Soopers card to the Mt. Evans Chapter. Thereafter, when you shop, the Mt. Evans Chapter gets credit. If you have trouble, ask your grandkids to help you.

Mt. Evans Chapter Elections

It is that time of year again when we nominate and elect new Chapter officers. The nomination this year are:

- President – Rick Neeley
- Vice President – Robert Hampton
- Secretary - Alan Coombs
- Treasurer – Mike Coyner
- Registrar – Pete Peterson
- Historian – Denis Meade
- Chaplain – Don Crago

The elections will be held at the Mt. Evans Annual Meeting on January 9, 2021. Nominations for all position may be made from the floor. Please attend and vote for your new Chapter officers!

Chapter Officers and Chairs

- Acting President – Bob Haines
- 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

Next Meetings

- Dec. 26 – Mt. Evans BOM
- Jan 9 – Mt. Evans Annual Meeting
- Jan 16 – COSSAR Annual Meeting
- Feb 13 – George Washington Lunch
- Feb 20 – Mt. Evans BOM
- March 4 -6 – NSSAR Spring Leadership
- March 9 – Mt. Evans Chapter Meeting

