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Sid Rundle Portrays Samuel Adams at the Mt. Evans Chapter September Meeting



Sid Rundle as Bob Hickory

The September 7, 2019 Mt Evans Chapter meeting was fabulous!! We had an all-time record attendance, an induction of new Compatriots, honored and awarded the hard work of our local CAR members, and witnessed another enthralling Samuel Adams presentation by Sid Rundle, in which he portrays both Samuel Adams and Bob Hickory, a skeptic of the rebellion.

Sid is the Principal at Cresthill Middle School in Highlands Ranch for the past 11 years. He has been a friend to our Chapter and is a true Patriot. Sid has been actively instrumental in inviting our hard charging Patriot Chest members and our Color Guard to bring the much-neglected history of our country's founding story alive to his Middle School; just as he does through his Sam Adams presentation.

Mt. Evans Chapter Recognizes the Leadership of the Colorado Children of the American Revolution



Left to Right: Sarah Dirks and Denice Dirks of the C.A.R. Captain John Blue Society; Bob Haines, Chapter President

The Mt. Evans Chapter recognized the leadership of the Colorado Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.) at its Chapter Meeting on September 7, 2019. The C.A.R. is an extremely important organization to the Sons of the American Revolution. First, it teaches our youth about the American Revolution and its founding principles, which is an important goal of SAR. Second, the C.A.R. members may soon become members of both SAR and DAR. So, they are our future.

To recognize the time and effort that it takes to lead these organizations, both by the members and the adults, the Mt. Evans Chapter wanted to award the leadership with the SAR C.A.R. Medals. Receiving the C.A.R. Medals were:

- Kimberly Daniels, Colorado Senior President

It is Sam Adams' story seeking an answer to the crucial revolutionary historical question, words that are still echoing in modern times today. . ."When is enough...enough?"

Mt Evans wanted to express our thanks to Sid for his many acts of support to our Patriots and exposing our youth to the abandoned history of our great nation's founding. Therefore, during the Mt. Evans Chapter September 7, 2019 meeting, we awarded Sidney R. Rundle the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal.

On a personal note, we thank you Sid, for your service to our country, our community, your teaching profession, your honor to our Patriots, and for being a great role model to our youth, who will remember your indelible positive citizenship lesson forever.

Induction of New Members



Left to right: Kathy Peterson; Peter Peterson; Missy Sampson; and Jim Sampson

At the COSSAR Picnic held at the Roundup Ranch on August 10, 2019, three of the five members of the Borchelt family were inducted in the National Society, COSSAR and Mt. Evans Chapter. They were: William Roy, the father; Mark, one of two sons; and Ryan, one of two grandsons and the son of Kent. Mrs. Joella Lee Borchelt, a DAR member, pinned the rosettes on her husband, son and grandson.

At the Mt. Evans Chapter meeting on September 7, 2019, Peter Leroy Peterson of Denver was inducted into SAR. The rosette was pinned on him by his wife, Kathy. Also inducted, was James Norman Sampson of Denver. His rosette was pinned on by his daughter Missy, while the wife and mother, Jacqueline, looked on.

- Tabitha Balow, Colorado President
- Alex Miller, Past Colorado President
- Collin Miller, Past Colorado President
- Heather Miller, Senior President, John Delaney Society and Past Colorado Senior President
- William Meilahn, President, John Delaney Society
- Bridget Clark-Cooper, Senior President, Cannonball Creek Society
- Lily Balow, Vice President and Past President, Cannonball Creek Society
- Jerusha Blackmer, Past Senior President, Cannonball Creek Society
- Brad Balow, Past Senior Vice President, Cannonball Creek Society
- Denice Dirks, Senior President, Captain John Blue Society
- Sarah Dirks, President, Captain John Blue Society

The Mt. Evans Chapter also presented each organization with a check for \$100 to support their programs. We salute these individuals and wish them and their organizations success in the future.

!!!2020 SAR Dues Are Now Due!!!

Coincident with your receipt of this newsletter, as the Treasurer, I will be placing your notice of 2020 SAR dues in the mail. The Bylaws requires us to mail the first notice on October 1. In order to remain current in your membership and avoid a "reinstatement fee," I must receive your dues remittance not later than December 31, 2019. However, I would like to encourage all of you to please write a check the day you receive your notice, and immediately return the form, with the check to me. We are not using any form of electronic transfer of funds this year, so, please, pay your dues by check!

I know, some of you with "cash flow" sensitivity, like me, prefer to wait until the last minute to make a financial commitment and turn a check loose. However, with interest rates at historic lows, the ability to earn a "mite" of interest by holding on to your monetary assets makes no economic sense. In addition, by filing the notice away, many of you will forget you received it, and our Chapter will incur additional cost to prepare a second notice and mail those out by mid-November to "remind" you to please mail in a check for your 2020 dues. And, if the experience of past years is any indication, I and President Bob will spend valuable personal time

The Chapter welcomes all of these newly inducted members and looks forward to their participation with us in the future.

!!!VETERANS!!!!

The November 9th Chapter meeting will honor veterans. So, if you are a veteran, wear your uniform! Or wear or bring something as a memento of your service. Of course, colonial dress is always appropriate.

Next Chapter Meeting Will Honor the Honor Bell Foundation



The next Chapter Meeting is November 9th, 2019 at the Broken Tee Golf Club will be another great presentation that you will want to attend.

Ms. Michelle Mallin, is the Chief of Staff and Co-founder of the Honor Bell Foundation. The Foundation, a Colorado nonprofit, 501(c) (3) corporation based in Denver, provides a unique funeral honor for deceased military veterans through the slow ringing, known as tolling, of a ceremonial **Honor Bell**.

The **Honor Bell** is a one-of-a kind 1000-pound bronze instrument used to render honors at the funerals of veterans and personnel killed in action to augment the dignity and respect owed to those that have served our nation.

The bell, which is housed at Fort Logan Cemetery in Denver, is used in a formal ceremony that is a centerpiece of military funeral honors. The Foundation recruits only military veterans and only they may toll the bell. The Foundation's mission is to create a community of veterans to foster public appreciation of military service and honor their fellow veterans with a proper, final tribute.

near the Christmas holidays making phone calls to encourage the last holdouts to please renew your membership.

If you decide you do not desire to continue your membership in SAR for 2020, I would appreciate it if you would communicate that to either Bob Haines or me. You might do this by returning the dues notice with written confirmation of your desire to withdraw, or email me (coyners@aol.com), or give me a call at 303-697-4347.

As in prior years, we ask that, in addition to your dues, you consider a donation to one or more of the programs in which your Chapter participates; namely, Patriot Chest, Eagle Scouts, Color Guard, JROTC/ROTC Program and the General Fund. Through your generosity, over the past two years we have purchased a musket and bayonet (shared with the Colorado Society), a tent, and two musician coats, which are used in our Patriot Chest and Color Guard activities. So, please consider a donation to these funds. Of the \$65 dollars in annual dues that applies to most of us, \$35 goes to National, \$20 to the Colorado Society, and our Chapter retains only \$10. While our Chapter at the moment is solvent, your BOM is continually exploring ways in which we can make our Society more recognized in our community, and to more effectively spread our message of the sacrifice made by our ancestors to win our freedom from Great Britain and establish the United States of America and our continued responsibility as citizens to maintain a free nation.

Finally, some of you seem to hold an annual contest as to who will be the last one to get their dues in by the deadline. Accordingly, the BOM recently approved my request to award a prize to the Compatriot who submits the last payment of 2020 dues. ** The prize for this honor this year--- you will be named Treasurer of the Mt. Evans Chapter, SAR for 2020!

So, unless you want to be Treasurer, please promptly mail in your dues for 2020 as soon as possible after receiving your notice. It will be sincerely appreciated!

Mike Coyner, Chapter Treasurer

** If all dues are received by November 30, 2019, the Treasurer will be appointed in the conventional manner.

The Honor Bell will be located in the Broken Tee's parking lot for everyone to experience. Please be sure to respond to our President Bob Haines' Evite when he sends it out for the November 7th meeting.

George Washington's Seal Ring



Probably SAR's most valuable possession is George Washington's seal ring. It rests in a safety deposit box all year, except for one night annually when it is taken out and placed on the finger of the new President General at his installation during the Congress.

The ring is gold with a thin band and delicate shank. The setting is a light orange carnelian incised with the Washington crest: a shield with three stars at the top and two transverse bands beneath; surmounted by a crown containing a griffin; underlain by a ribbon bearing the Latin words "Exitus acta probat," which is translated "the outcome proves the deed." The ring is housed in its original box and was given to the SAR in 1922 with an affidavit of authenticity from William Lanier Washington.

All living Presidents General are permitted to purchase a replica of the ring, which costs several thousands of dollars. If you meet a past PG, as to see his ring as he is likely wearing it!

Pre-Determination for Burials in a VA National Cemetery

At our September Chapter meeting, I mentioned the fact that if you are a veteran, you and your spouse might be eligible to be buried in a National Cemetery. The plot is free. Another benefit is that you may get a pre-determination of your eligibility by filling out a one-page application.

Did You Know?



Drummer Mike Coyner

The earliest recorded use of a drum in battle was in 684 BC in China. From banging on hollowed out trees to send messages, the use of a drum to signal instructions to armies in battle and activities in camp had developed to a well-established regimen by the time of the American Revolution.

In the din of battle, with smoke and noise of muskets and cannon, it was impossible for commanders to vocalize instructions to the army. Because of their pitch, which could be heard in the thick of battle, drums and fifes were used to signal the army to advance, turn right or left, retreat, etc. Drums and fifes were also used in camp to signal reveille, gather wood and water, call the sergeants to gather, signal the army to "fall in", etc.

Generally, each company in a Continental Army regiment had one drummer and fifer. At the beginning of the war, most of the signals used in the Continental Army were based on those of the British Army. On June 4, 1777, General George Washington complained that the "music of the army [was] in general very bad". He ordered that the drum and fife Majors exert themselves to improve it, or they will be reduced (demoted) and their extraordinary pay taken from them. In addition, specific hours were assigned "for all drums and fifes, of each regiment, to attend them and practice."

Because it was critical that a commander be able to quickly locate his drummer and fifer during battle, musicians were generally stationed close to the commander. In addition, drummers and fifers of the Continental Army wore uniforms with colors reverse to those of the army. We all recognize a Continental soldier with a blue jacket with red trim or "facing". Drummer and fifers, then, wore red

You can apply to find out in advance if you can be buried in a VA national cemetery. This is called a "Pre-Need Determination of Eligibility," and it can expedite the burial planning process for your family members in their time of need.

To obtain the necessary application form and more information about your burial rights as a veteran, please go to: <https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/pre-need-eligibility/>

Bill Valentine, VP, LTC, Inf, US Army, Ret.



Mt. Evans Awards Mile High Harley-Davidson a Flag Certificate

Luke Rutz, Mt. Evans Chapter Flag Appreciation Chair, recently awarded Mile High Harley-Davidson a Flag Appreciation Certificate. Located in Aurora, just off I-70 near Airport Road, the business has a huge American flag in the window. Mt. Evans and SAR appreciate those individuals and businesses who properly display the American Flag.

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

coats with blue facing. In this way, they could quickly be identified in a sea of blue jackets. They would also be identifiable to the British as "non-combatants", and, in theory, would not be fired upon as it was recognized that men and boys in these uniforms carried no arms. Drummers and fifers in the British army, as well, wore jackets the color of the facing of their units, but also generally wore more "elaborate" uniforms and distinctive headgear.

Some of you may have seen Curt Ledall or me wearing what might appear to be a "redcoat" uniform recently while drumming in a parade or posting colors with our Color Guard. We have not changed sides, but are wearing new "reverse" uniform coats recently purchased by our Chapter to more accurately portray what our Color Guard would have looked like during the Revolutionary War. For those of you who are interested, you might want to Google "Old Guard Fife and Drum" and watch a video of one of the premier Fife and Drum Corps in the US. You'll note that they wear red coats with blue facing.

So, next time you see Curt or me in a "red" coat. Please don't shoot. We're on your side!

Mike Coyner, Mt. Evans Chapter Drummer



Next Meetings

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

- Oct. 5 – COSSAR BOM, Johnson's Corner
- Oct. 9-10 – Patriot Chest presentations at Cresthill Middle School
- Oct. 19 – Chapter BOM at IHOP on Colorado Blvd.
- Nov. 9 – Mt. Evans Chapter Meeting, Broken Tee Golf Club
- Dec. 28 – Chapter BOM at IHOP on Colorado Blvd.