



Pikes Peak Chapter Hosts State COSSAR Board of Managers Meeting for April

The Pikes Peak Chapter hosted the Colorado State Sons of the American Revolution (COSSAR) Board of Managers meeting, conducted on Saturday, April 3rd. The meeting was the first SAR meeting of any kind conducted in-person at the Colorado Springs Doubletree Hotel, since the last Pikes Peak Chapter meeting held before the COVID-19 pandemic began, back in February 2020.

Pikes Peak Chapter attendees included President Rick Prescott, Sid Hughes, Richard Riepe, Emory Neal, Scott Tanner, Dave Mann, and Jim Brown in colonial uniform.

There were also two new members at the meeting who were sworn in - Compatriots Michael Lowe (Colonel, USMC, Ret) and Philip McDaniel (Colonel, USAF, Ret). The Pikes Peak Chapter offers a warm welcome to two of our newest Patriot members!



New SAR members Michael Lowe (left) and Philip McDaniel (right), being inducted into the Pikes Peak Chapter. State and Chapter Registrar Emory Neal is in the center.

2021 Pikes Peak Chapter Officers and Committee Chairs Inducted During Annual Meeting in January

At the annual meeting of the general membership on 9 January 2021, conducted remotely online via Zoom, the following members were elected and installed as officers of the Pikes Peak Chapter in the positions indicated for term year 2021:

OFFICERS:

President
Vice-President
Recording Secretary
Membership Secretary / Registrar
Treasurer
Chancellor
Chaplain
Historian

Rick Prescott
Terrence Moore
Richard L. Riepe
Emory Neal
Jim Brown
Gene Cheney
Thomas Foley
Dave Niedringhaus

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:

Awards
Membership
Resolutions, By-Laws and Constitution
DAR/CAR Liaison
Webmaster
Flag
JROTC/ROTC
Color Guard, Patriot Chest
Education
George Washington Portrait Program
Publicity
Chapter Newsletter
Eagle Scout Program
Veterans Committee
Americanism
Nominating Committee
Budget Committee
Constitution Day Banquet

Jim Barker
Emory Neal
Richard Riepe
Gene Cheney
Dave Mann
Sid Hughes
Richard Riepe
Sid Hughes
Jerry Stubben
Vacant
Vacant
Dave Niedringhaus
John McFarland
Scott Tanner
Dave Niedringhaus
On Call
Jim Brown
TBD



President's Update

Rick Prescott

Good News – after over a year without a live chapter meeting, we are planning a normal chapter breakfast meeting at the **DoubleTree Hotel's Mountain View room on May 15th at 9:30 am**. This will be an important meeting to start getting the chapter's activities back on track for the remainder of 2021. I highly encourage all members, old guard and brand new, to come out and help rekindle the comradery of our Pikes Peak Chapter.

A very key highlight for this meeting will be welcoming and becoming acquainted with the many new members who joined our chapter during the past year. If you are a new member, please attend this meeting. I want to personally welcome you to our group and properly induct you into our great patriotic society.

Because we were forced to cancel last year's Bill of Rights luncheon, I was not able to present our chapter's year-end individual awards. I will rectify that by making those presentations during the May meeting.

The "Ben Franklin Table" is a tradition within our chapter that is conducted near the end of each meeting. Members can bring small items (books, trinkets, wine, white elephants, you name it) to raffle off as a small fund-raising activity for the chapter. So, if you have any items you wish to contribute, bring them along to help jump start this traditional activity for 2021.

Make sure to mark your calendars for the first live meeting on **May 15th at 9:30 am**. I look forward to seeing you then.

Patriotically,

[Rick Prescott](#)

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New Members of the Pikes Peak Chapter

According to Chapter Membership Secretary and Registrar, Emory Neal, the Pikes Peak Chapter began 2021 with 99 members in good standing.

In addition, the Chapter added two new members in March: Philip Wayne McDaniel, and his son, Sean Philip McDaniel. Welcome to our newest members!

With these two additions, as well as the dual-membership of former Chapter President Gary Manning, the Chapter's membership stands at 102 as of the end of March 2021.

Pikes Peak Vietnam Veteran Recognized

One of the Pikes Peak Chapter's newest members, Colonel, USMC (Ret) Michael Lowe was recently presented the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Service Certificate for his service in Vietnam. The award was presented to him at his home by the Colorado Society and Pikes Peak Chapter Membership Chair and Registrar, Comp. Emory Neal.



COL (Ret) Michael Lowe and his wife Joan receiving a SAR War Service certificate for his service in Vietnam, from Comp. Emory Neal.



Comp. Michael Lowe (Colonel, USMC, Retired) and his wife Joan with SAR War Service certificate



Pikes Peak Eagle Scout Essay Contest Winner Recognized

The Pikes Peak Chapter's Eagle Scout Committee, comprised of Comps. John McFarland and Andy McCreight, has continued to meet and overcome the challenges of the COVID pandemic's shutdowns and restrictions during the first three months of 2021.

In the first week of the new year, on January 5, 2021, Committee Chairman John McFarland attended BSA Pikes Peak Council Troop 220's weekly meeting via Zoom, and was able to "present" last year's chapter level Eagle Scout Essay Contest winner, Jackson Greer, his medal and patch. The \$250 monetary prize earned by Jackson had already been mailed to him. Comp. McFarland was also able to present a medal and patch to the runner-up in last year's contest – Lucas Macias - who is also a member of Troop 220. During this Zoom meeting, Comp. McFarland took the opportunity to discuss the Sons of the American Revolution organization, details about the chapter's essay contest, and our relationship with the BSA. He also presented a patch to the third contestant in the Chapter's Essay Contest, Andrew Borders from Troop 194, virtually via Zoom. As is his habit, Comp. McFarland was in Continental Army uniform on video as he made each of those presentations.

On February 9, 2021, Comp. McFarland attended a Court of Honor for four new Eagle Scouts via Zoom, and virtually presented their certificates. He was also in Continental uniform for those presentations.

Comp. McFarland also attended the Colorado Society's annual George Washington luncheon in uniform (in person), and presented the State's Eagle Scout Essay Contest winner his trophy and check.

Comps McFarland and McCreight continue to lean forward with the Chapter's BSA Program support with an ambitious agenda for the remainder of 2021, which includes:

- Expanding BSA chapter committee from two to three
- Enhancing our BSA partnerships by increasing the essay submissions from two to ten
- Attending at least 15 Eagle Scout Courts of Honor and award the SAR recognition certificate
- Addressing SAR National to address BSA policy to include recognizing girls as well as boys, because they are now part of the BSA program

Pikes Peak Chapter Supports NSSAR Patriot Records Research and Updates

The Pikes Peak Chapter has been very active recently in providing support to the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR) Patriot Records Committee. Comp. John McFarland has dedicated a substantial number of hours during both 2020 and so far in 2021 in reviewing the Patriot Records for each member of the Pikes Peak Chapter and ensuring those are reflected in the NSSAR's records.

Compatriots McFarland and Prescott had Colorado's Patriot Record System more than 85% completed across the state, when the National Society hired an intern who scanned and added thousands of new documents to societies across the nation and hundreds in Colorado. So for a while it appeared our percentage of completion went down, however, that was only because the final product will be better and more complete. Since then, they have completed the Pikes Peak, Castle Rock, and Grand Mesa chapters back to 100% and are continuing to work through the state. If you would like to volunteer to assist them in their efforts, contact Rick or John.

Comp. McFarland's efforts have received National Society-level recognition, to include receiving a National-level Lafayette medal and certificate, as well as an additional second award (Lafayette medal Oak Leaf Cluster). Pikes Peak Chapter President Rick Prescott attended (virtually, via Zoom) the NSSAR Patriot Records Committee meeting on March 2nd, and serves as a Patriot Research System (PSR) volunteer.

Well done John and Rick!

Congratulations to Compatriot John McFarland, US Army, on his recent selection for promotion to Colonel!



Pikes Peak Chapter Budget for 2021 Approved

The Pikes Peak Chapter Board of Managers met via Zoom on February 20, 2021 to review and approve the 2021 Annual Budget, prepared and presented by Chapter Treasurer Jim Brown. The Chapter has programmed and approved spending for 2021 as outlined below:

Treasurer's Report for PPSAR Proposed Budget 2021

RESTRICTED FUNDS (IN SAVINGS ACCOUNT)	
Veteran's Cemetery Memorial Fund COSSAR Donation	\$500.00
Veteran's Cemetery Memorial Fund PP Chapter Donation	\$5,123.50
Knight Essay Contest (Cont Dick Marsh)	\$21.00
Middle School Brochures(Cont Dick Marsh)	\$31.00
Unrestricted Funds	\$6,235.10
TOTAL SAVINGS FUNDS	11,910.60

INCOME	Budget
Membership dues for 2021	\$1,049.00
Donations - Pike Peak Chapter Unrestricted	\$190.00
Wreaths Across America	
Ben Franklin Table (Estimated)	
Chapter Activities (BOR Luncheon)	
Kroger Rewards from member purchases	
ENT Dividends (Checking)	
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,239.00

Net after COSSAR/National expense

Net Unrestricted contributions 2021 Annual Dues Collection

Specified Donations for use in 2021	
Unused 2020 Classic Homes Grant for BOR lunch	\$500.00
2021 Specified Donations - Eagle Scout Award recd 2020	\$143.00
Carry forward Specified Donations - Eagle Scout Award	\$296.00
2021 Donations for Public Service Awards in- 2020	\$80.00
Carry f'w'd Specified Donations - Public Service Awards	\$393.00
Carry f'w'd Specified Donations - CAR Charter Support	\$70.00
TOTAL SPECIFIED DONATIONS	\$982.00
TOTAL FUNDS FOR OPERATIONS	\$2,221.00

OPERATING EXPENSES	Budget
2021 Medals, Awards	\$500.00
2021 Chapter Eagle Scout Essay Contest Winner	\$500.00
Bill Of Rights Luncheon	\$500.00
Secretary expenses	\$100.00
Treasurer Expenses	\$50.00
Registrar Expenses	\$250.00
Eagle Scout Committee Expenses	\$100.00
Patriot Chest / Color Guard	\$100.00
CAR Chapter Support	\$100.00
PP Veteran's Council Membership Fee	\$10.00
Memorial Books (up to \$50 each)	\$50.00
SAR Magazine Subscriptions for VA Nursing Homes	\$30.00
Friends of the SAR Library	\$25.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,315.00
Net Operating Income (NOI)	-\$94.00

Funded from Specified funds \$80 (2021) + \$393 (2020) = \$473

Funded from Specified funds \$142 (2021) + \$154 (2020) = \$296

Funded from Specified fund from Classic Homes (\$500)

Additional notice from Compatriot Jim Brown: COSSAR still has a limited supply of the Colorado 125th anniversary medals. Contact Jim Brown, Treasurer, for information. Jbrown@copper.net.



Pikes Peak Chapter Wounded Warrior Presentation

The Pikes Peak Chapter made a strong start to its 2021 campaign to support and recognize our veterans. On March 9, 2021, Chapter President Rick Prescott and Veterans Committee Chairman Scott Tanner were able to present, in person, the SAR Wounded Warrior certificate and coin earned during 2020 by Retired Army Staff Sergeant Michael Murphy. This award presentation, like several others, normally would have been presented at the Chapter's Bill of Rights Luncheon last December, but could not be awarded then as the luncheon had to be cancelled due to COVID-19.

President Prescott presented the certificate and coin to Staff Sergeant Murphy at Fort Carson's Ivy Fitness Center, where SSG Murphy is in training for a number of events, including swimming, for this year's Wounded Warrior Games. SSG Murphy's former Battalion Commander, LTC Thomas Garvey, and Command Sergeant Major, CSM Keith King, were also in attendance at the award presentation.



Pikes Peak Chapter President Rick Prescott presents the SAR Wounded Warrior Certificate and coin to SSG Michael Murphy

In addition to recognition of Wounded Warriors, the Chapter continues to support veterans in other ways. In December, Comps. Curtis Jenkins and Scott Tanner, and Scott's daughter Sydney, participated in the Wreaths Across America ceremony at the Pikes Peak National Cemetery, while dressed in period costumes. Compatriot Gary Manning's mom, Ruby, continues to produce knitted lap robes and blankets for veterans which our members dutifully distribute to local veteran's homes and organizations. The most recent donation of lap blankets and robes was by Comp. Sid Hughes to the Vietnam Veterans of South Denver facility.

Pikes Peak Chapter Supports Wreaths Across America

Back in December 2020, in what has become a seasonal tradition, compatriots from the Pikes Peak Chapter turned out to help lay wreaths on veteran graves as part of the national "Wreaths Across America" (WAA) program on Saturday, Dec. 19. The WAA mission is to place an evergreen wreath on the grave of every military service veteran in the U.S. during the holiday season. There are at least eight cemeteries in the greater Pikes Peak region, though Pikes Peak Chapter members focused their efforts on the "Pikes Peak National Cemetery" on the east side of the city.



Compatriot Curtis Jenkins places a wreath on a Veteran's grave at the Pikes Peak National Cemetery, Dec 19, 2020.

Due to COVID-19, local WAA organizers felt it necessary to re-format the wreath laying activities. In the past, the wreath laying was the culmination of a large and somewhat formal ceremony attended by hundreds of people. Such a large gathering was not possible this year, owing to the risks associated with the pandemic. Instead, wreaths were placed in hourly intervals throughout the day by smaller numbers of volunteers.

Compatriots Scott Tanner, daughter (and DAR member) Sydney Tanner and C.J. Jenkins wore their colonial clothing to place wreaths which garnered coverage and an interview by KRDO-TV in Colorado Springs. Other Pikes Peak chapter members also turned out to place wreaths. The cemetery, which opened in the autumn of 2018, now has more than 2000 veteran graves.



Sydney Tanner and Compatriots Scott Tanner and Curtis Jenkins, at the Pikes Peak National Cemetery in support of Wreaths Across America, Dec 19, 2020.



NSSAR's Patriot Biographies and Gravesites Data Base Update

A Note to All Pikes Peak Chapter Members from Chapter President Rick Prescott

The NSSAR is renewing its efforts to update and modernize Patriot databases to make them more complete, accurate, and useful, and is urging current members to provide biographical information for their Patriot(s). The SAR Patriot Biographies project began in 2014 to collect the biographies of the ancestors of SAR members to perpetuate the memory of our Revolutionary War Patriot ancestors by providing a means for the SAR members to submit biographies of their patriot(s). A worthy goal for Pikes Peak Chapter should be to significantly increase our members' Patriot Biographies within this national database. I urge each member to submit his own Patriot's biographical and, if known, his gravesite information on the NSSAR's on-line form. Additionally, if your Patriot's gravesite is known and/or a photo of the headstone is available, such as a personal photo or an entry from the Find-a Grave website, that information should also be included as an attachment to the submission. You spent considerable time researching your Patriot for your SAR membership; sharing that information on the national database could help educate others with the same Patriot and bring them into our Society as new members.

The weblink to the NSSAR form is at: <https://sarpatriots.sar.org/pdfs/Patriot-Graves-and-Biographies-Report-2020v1.pdf>

You should have received a fully completed example version of the NSSAR Patriot Graves and Biographies Report, sent out to all members along with this newsletter. If you did not receive an example copy and would like to have one, feel free to contact any of the Compatriots below to request one:

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2021 Pikes Peak Chapter Schedule – Upcoming Key Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
15 May 2021	Chapter Meeting	Doubletree Hotel, Colorado Springs, CO	09:30 – 11:00 am
21 Aug 2021	Chapter Meeting	Doubletree Hotel, Colorado Springs, CO	09:30 – 11:00 am
18 Sep 2021	Chapter Meeting	Doubletree Hotel, Colorado Springs, CO	09:30 – 11:00 am
16 Oct 2021	Chapter Meeting	Doubletree Hotel, Colorado Springs, CO	09:30 – 11:00 am
20 Nov 2021	Chapter Meeting	Doubletree Hotel, Colorado Springs, CO	09:30 – 11:00 am
11 Dec 2021	Bill of Rights Luncheon	Doubletree Hotel, Colorado Springs, CO	09:30 – 11:00 am
8 Jan 2022	Annual Meeting	Doubletree Hotel, Colorado Springs, CO	09:30 – 11:00 am