



# Grand Mesa Patriot

Grand Mesa Chapter, Colorado Society, Sons of American Revolution  
Fall 2023

## Upcoming Activities

The Grand Mesa Chapter holds quarterly meetings. \*COSSAR events.

### Quarterly Meeting

October 28, 2023, 11:00am  
Fiesta Guadalajara, 710 North Ave, Grand Junction, CO.

### Veterans Day Observance

November 10, 2023, 11:00am, Veterans Memorial, Fruita, CO (at the Visitors Center).

### Veterans Day Parade

November 11, 2023, 2:00pm, Downtown Grand Junction, CO. (Main Street)

### Bill of Rights Day

December 15, 2023

### Wreaths Across America

December 15, 2023, at 10:00am at Western Slope Veterans Cemetery, Grand Junction, CO.

## Greetings

This is the fall Grand Mesa Chapter newsletter. The newsletter reports on Chapter activities, past, current, and future. We also include topics that might be of interest to the Chapter members, i.e., BOM action items, NSSAR news that would affect the Chapter. We hope the newsletter will be a way to keep in contact with all Chapter members. The newsletter will go out by email the first month of each quarter. Members without listed emails will have a paper copy mailed to them. Hope you find this newsletter informative and enjoyable.

## 3rd Quarter in Review

August 5, 2023, was held in Grand Junction, CO with Chapter members attending.

August 12, 2023, COSSAR Annual Picnic. Thomas Hoffman attended the Picnic.

October 2, 2023: One Chapter member attend the Quarterly Military Honors ceremony for veterans who did not receive the honors during burial at Western Slope Veterans Cemetery, Grand Junction, CO

October 7, 2023, BOM. Thomas Hoffman attended the BOM for the Chapter.

October 12, 2023, Military Honors were preformed for William Buvinger who died in September 2023 at the Western Slope Veterans Cemetery, Grand Junction, CO. Three Chapter members were present. *See obituary on next page.*

October 13, 2023, Orchard Mesa Cemetery, Grand Junction, CO 81503. The Monument Dedication for Richard D. Mobley, co-founder of Grand Junction and a Civil War Veteran was attended by four Chapter members. The Chapter donated \$200.00 to support the monument. *See monument pictures on page 3.*

October 28, 2023, was held with three Chapter member present.

Grand Mesa Annual Meeting

January 20, 2023, 11:30am  
Fiesta Guadalajara, 710  
North Ave, Grand Junction

\*COSSAR Annual Meeting

January 27, 2023  
Venue TDB

\*George Washington  
Luncheon

February 2023, 11:00am  
Venue TDB

# William Buvinger

Oct 8, 2023



William Edward Buvinger March 21, 1932 - September 25, 2023 In the early evening of Monday, September 25, 2023 William Edward Buvinger "Bill" passed peacefully from this life.

Bill was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on March 21, 1932 to loving parents, Charles I. Buvinger and Helen P. Lynam.

From the two unions there were no children. Bill was predeceased by his parents and his eight older siblings. He left behind many good friends and his loving and spoiled cat, Cleo who will live with his friends.

Bill was a Veteran having served in the U.S. Coast Guard. He also enjoyed active membership in the Masonic Lodge, Fleet Reserve, American Legion Post 37, Sons of American Revolution, Sons of Union Veterans, War of 1812 Society, and several other organizations.

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## Grand Mesa Chapter

Officially organized in January 1997 and received its charter on May 17, 1997, the Chapter took its name, *Grand Mesa*, from the name of a prominent geographical feature in the Grand Valley.

The predecessor organization was the *Grand Valley Chapter* that was dissolved during the mid-1900s when all the Colorado State Chapters were reorganized into the Colorado Society (COSSAR).

Currently, the Chapter has over 29 active members. The Chapter meets quarterly. For upcoming schedule refer to Page 1.

The NSSAR is a tax-exempt organization pursuant to the provisions of Section 501c (3), Internal Revenue Code.

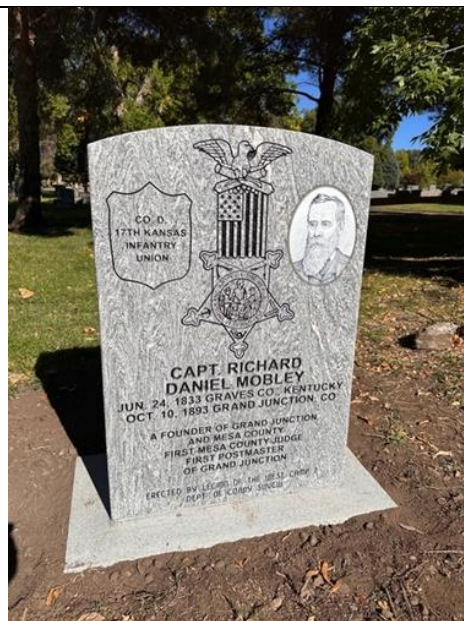
Bill retired as a Logistics Manager, Department of Defense, USAF Space Command.

A military service will be held on October 12, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado, 2830 Riverside Pkwy, Grand Junction, CO 81501.

Bill loved increasing his knowledge in various things that interested him and would take courses to increase that knowledge. Bill has now moved on to seek more light and knowledge.

[https://www.gisentinel.com/tributes/obituaries/william-buvinger/article\\_19db8ee7-8000-5088-a284-315f119fc7b6.html](https://www.gisentinel.com/tributes/obituaries/william-buvinger/article_19db8ee7-8000-5088-a284-315f119fc7b6.html)

## Richard D. Mobley Monument



## Chapter July Meeting

No Chapter meeting was held in July.

## Upcoming Chapter Meetings

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Fiesta Guadalajara, 710 North Ave, Grand Junction, CO.

**Grand Mesa Annual Meeting:** January 20, 2023, at 11:30am at Fiesta Guadalajara, 710 North Ave., Grand Junction, CO.

## Colorado Society- NSDAR

The Colorado Society of the NSSAR was formed on July 1, 1896.

To date, the Colorado Society is composed of five (5) Chapters with over 500 members.

The Society is a tax-exempt organization pursuant to the provisions of Section 501c (3), Internal Revenue Code. And it operates under the authority of the NSSAR.

For current list of Colorado Society - NSSAR officers go to the COSSAR website, [cossar.us](http://cossar.us).

## Veterans Day, November 11, 2023

Memorial Day is a federal holiday celebrated on the last Monday in May and is designated to honor military veterans that died while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

The history of Memorial Day dates to soon after the Civil War. Many towns began to observe special days to honor those lost in the Civil War. Although several cities claim to be the first to celebrate this national holiday, it is not clear which was the first to do so. In 1868 the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), began marking May 30 as a day to decorate the graves of those lost in war, known as Decoration Day. For the remainder of the 19th century more ceremonies of this type took place and became uniform across the country as the GAR began providing handbooks for local events.

By the beginning of the 20th century, the observance of various days to honor fallen soldiers merged into one day. It wasn't until after World War I however, that the day was modified to include those that died in all American Wars. After World War II the name "Memorial Day" became more common than "Decoration Day" and it became officially designated so by law in 1967. Memorial Day was observed on May 30 until 1971 when it became a federal holiday under the Uniform Monday Holiday Act.

*From a Proclamation from SAR PG John T. Manning, May 2020.*

## Request for Members

It would be interesting to read why a member joined the SAR. The answer can be about a paragraph long or longer and we will print it in a future newsletter as space permits. Send the article to [gmcossar@gmail.com](mailto:gmcossar@gmail.com)

**Note:** The articles that you submit will be read by SAR members.

## COSSAR New Member Manual

The Colorado Society of the Sons of the America Revolution (COSSAR) has created a manual for new members to help the member understand the SAR and how they help the Society and how the Society may support the member. This is the first edition of the manual so any comments as to how to improve the manual would be appreciated. Current members may find the manual helpful when they have questions about the Society.

[The manual is available at New Member's Manual.](#)

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### Last Thoughts

Please review this newsletter and let us know what you liked, did not like and what we should include in future issues to make it more useful. We need your help to make the Chapter a success.

#### Veterans Day 2023!

If you are able, please attend a Veterans Day event in your area to honor all Veterans from all wars.