



Grand Mesa Patriot

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

Upcoming Activities

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

Chapter Annual Meeting

April 15, 2023, 11:00am
Fiesta Guadalajara, 710
North Ave. Grand Junction,
CO 81501

Flag Retirement Ceremony

May 28, 2023, 5:00pm
Veterans Memorial
Cemetery, 2830 Riverside
Parkway, Grand Junction

Memorial Day

May 29, 2023, 10:10am
Veterans Memorial
Cemetery, 2830 Riverside
Parkway, Grand Junction

Fleet Reserve Association Float Wreath

May 29, 2023, -9:00am
Blue Heron Boat Ramp,
Colorado River

*COSSAR BOM

June 10, 2023 -11:00am to
3:00pm, Rock Bottom
Restaurant, Castle Rock, CO

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Greetings

This is the second Grand Mesa Chapter newsletter this year. 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.

2023 Year in Review to Present

The Chapter's activities to April 2023. The following are activities that Chapter compatriots attended and/or participated in.

- 9 January – One member attended the Quarterly Veterans Memorial Services at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado
- 26 January - Two members assisted in the removal of wreaths from Crown Point Cemetery, Veterans Cemetery, and Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado.
- 28 January – Five members attended the Grand Mesa Chapter Annual meeting.
- 4 February - One member attended the COSSAR George Washington Luncheon in Colorado Springs, CO.
- 29 March – One member attended, and one member participated in the Vietnam War Memorial services at Fruita, CO.
- 3 April – One member attended, and one member participated in the Quarterly Veterans Memorial Service at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado in Grand Junction.

Flag Day Picnic with DAR
June 17, 2023 -10:00am to 2:00pm, Eagle Rim Park, Grand Junction, CO
4th Parade (SAR-DAR)
July 4, 2023, 12:00am to 12:00pm, Downtown Grand Junction
*COSSAR BOM
August 5, 2023, 11:00am Grand Mesa Chapter hosting at Fiesta Guadalajara, 710 North Ave, Grand Junction.
*COSSAR Annual Picnic
August 12, 2023, 11am – 3pm, Ft. Lupton, CO Fort Logan
Constitution Week
September 11-17, 2023 Noon, 4th and Main St., Grand Junction, CO In support of DAR
Quarterly Services
October 2, 2023, 1:00pm Western Slope Veterans Cemetery, Grand Junction, CO
Quarterly Meeting
October 21, 2023, 11:00am Fiesta Guadalajara, 710 North Ave, Grand Junction, CO

Grand Mesa Chapter Annual Meeting

The Grand Mesa Chapter held its annual meeting, 28 January 2023, with the *Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as a joint meeting*. Each meeting included a review of activities for the previous months and coming months.

The 28 January Annual meeting had 5 members and one guest (not counting the Sons of the Civil War). The Chapter Officers were installed for 2023. Mark Brewer was installed as the Chapter's new president for 2023. Gary Brewer is Vice-President. Gary Parrott is Chaplain. Secretary and Treasurer were carried forward from 2022.



l-r: Gary Parrott, Chaplain; Thomas Hoffman, Secretary; Mark Brewer, President; Garry Brewer, VP.

Service Certificates were presented to the members shown below. (This covers the period from 2020 to present due to COVID.). The certificates were presented in-person to two members and the other certificates were mailed to the members.

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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.

Name	Service years
*William Edward Buvinger	45
Alvin Edward Foster	40
Charles Melvin Justice, Jr.	25
Paul Stuart Bony	20
Christopher James Fulmer	15
Bryce Landon Fulmer	15
*Garry Wayne Brewer	15
James Robert Perkins	10
Gary Carroll Douglass	10
Shawn Scott Smith	5
John Lindsay Myers	5
Glenn Elmer McNees	5

*Presented in-person at meeting.



l-r: Gary Parrott presents the Service Certificate for 15 years to Garry Brewer.

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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

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

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.



l-r: William Buvinger is presented with the 45 Year Service Certificate by Gary Parrott.

Flag Day, June 14

Flag Day would be an appropriate day for the Chapter to present to an individual and/or organization with the **SAR Flag certificate**.

Per the NSSAR Handbook Volume V:

"The Flag Certificate, authorized in 1987, is presented to individuals, companies and government agencies that fly the United States flag for patriotic purposes only. It is not to be given to any commercial enterprise that obviously flies it for advertising purposes."

If you know an individual /organization that flies the American Flag with respect, let us know and we can set up a time to present the Flag certificate to them. If they are outside the greater Grand junction area, when can ask a Chapter member who lives near to the recipient to present the Flag certificate or mail the certificate to them.

Send the name, address, and a short description as to why the Flag certificate should be presented to the individual /organization at gmcossar@gmail.com.

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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Officers may also be contacted by email at gmcossar@gmail.com

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.

Memorial Day 2023!