



Grand Mesa Patriot

Grand Mesa Chapter, Colorado Society, Sons of American Revolution
Winter-Spring 2022-2023

Upcoming Activities

The Grand Mesa Chapter holds quarterly meetings.

Quarterly Veterans Memorial Services

January 9, 2023. 1:00 pm
Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 2830 Riverside Parkway, Grand Junction

Chapter Annual Meeting*

January 21, 2023, 11:00am
Fiesta Guadalajara, 710 North Ave. Grand Junction, CO 81501

*Joint meeting with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

COSSAR Annual Meeting

January 28, 2023. 11:30 am
Hope United Methodist Church 5101 S. Dayton Greenwood Village, CO

George Washington Luncheon

February 4, 2023, at 11:30am
Maggiano's 500 16th St. Suite 150, Denver, Colorado, 80202-4265

April 1, 2023, COSSAR BOM

Mountain View Room at the Double Tree Hotel, Colorado Springs, CO

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Greetings

This is the first Grand Mesa Chapter newsletter in seven years. We plan to start up the newsletter as a quarterly issue. The newsletter will report on Chapter activities, past, current, and future. We will 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.

Year in Review

The Chapter activities for 2022 were low since the pandemic started in 2020. We hope that activities for the Chapter for 2023 will increase. The following are activities that Chapter compatriots attended and/or participated in.

- 3 January – One member attended the Quarterly Veterans Memorial Services at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado
- 13 February - One member attended the COSSAR George Washington Luncheon in Englewood, CO.
- 4 April – One member attended the Quarterly Veterans Memorial Service at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado in Grand Junction.
- 16 April – Three members attended the Chapter Quarterly Meeting.

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Quarterly Veterans Memorial Services

*April 3, 2023. 1:00 pm
Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 2830 Riverside Parkway, Grand Junction*

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*

Flag Day

*June 14, 2023 -11:00am
Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 2830 Riverside Parkway, Grand Junction*

Year in Review (continues)

- 19 May – The grave marking of Norman Kronvall tombstone was attended by three members and Mary Kronvall, Norm’s wife. To honor Norm’s memory, a rose bush was planted next to Norm’s grave.
- 29 May – Three members attended the Flag Retirement at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado.
- 30 May – Three members attended Memorial Day services at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado. The Chapter laid a wreath to honor veterans who died in the last year.
- 6 June – One member participated in services for Missing in America veterans at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado.
- 4 July – Three members participated in the 4th of July parade in downtown Grand Junction.
- 16 July – The Chapter’s Quarterly Meeting was attended by six members and one guest.
- 8 October – One member attended the COSSAR BOM on the front range.
- 15 October – The Chapter’s Quarterly Meeting was attended by three members.
- 11 November – Two members attended the Veterans Day services at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado.
- 12 November – Two members participated in the Veterans Day parade in downtown Grand Junction, Co.
- 7 December – Four Flag Certificates were presented to the Veterans Cemetery personnel at Orchard Mesa.

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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.

Year in Review (continued)

- 10 December – The Chapter presented the Martha Washington medal to the DAR Mount Garfield Chapter Regent, Sheryl Sue Buttolph Fitzgerald for all the work and cooperation between the SAR and the DAR.

Flag Certificate Presentations

The Chapter presents Flag Certificates to entities or individuals that fly the United States flag for patriotic purposes. The Orchard Mesa Cemetery staff of Grand Junction were presented certificates on December 7, 2022, at their office at the cemetery. Individual certificates were presented to Chris Keller, Greg Peterhans, James Elkins, and Rachel Seiff. See photo below that was taken during the presentation. The photo was submitted by Gary Brewer to The Daily Sentinel and appeared in the January 1, 2023, issue.



Pictured from left are Chris Keller, Greg Peterhans, and Rachel Seiff with Thomas Hoffman, Chapter secretary. Not pictured is James Elkins.

NOTE: If a member knows of an individual or entity that flies the US Flag in a proper matter and would like to see them presented with a Flag Certificate, please contact the Chapter Board at gmcossar@gmail.com.

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.

Martha Washington Medal

On December 10, 2022, the Chapter presented the Martha Washington medal at the Mt. Garfield Christmas Potluck to the DAR Mount Garfield Chapter Regent, Sheryl Sue Buttolph Fitzgerald for all the work and cooperation between the SAR and the DAR. This is one of the highest medals that SAR may present to a member of another organization.



Pictured above shows Gary Parrott, Chapter Vice-President, presenting the Martha Washington Medal and certificate to Sheryl Sue Buttolph Fitzgerald, Mount Garfield Regent, DAR.

Members Who Passed in 2022

The following Chapter members passed in 2022. The members and friends will miss them.

- Norman Kronvall – 1937-2022. The last founding member of the Grand Mesa Chapter.
- James Batten- 1943-2022
- Richard Pippenger- 1935-2022

Chapter Officers*

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*If approved by election during the Chapter's Annual Meeting in January 2023.

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

Last Thoughts

Since this is our first newsletter in seven years, please review and let us know what you like, not like and what we should include in future issues to make it useful. We need your help to make the Chapter a success.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023!