



Grand Mesa Patriot

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

Upcoming Activities

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

*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

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Greetings

This is the summer 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.

2nd Quarter in Review



May 29, 2023, Memorial Day. Ed Foster lays a wreath in honor of the Veterans who died in the line of duty and all Veterans who were honorable discharged from service at the Western Slope Veterans Cemetery, Grand Junction, CO. The photo was printed in the Grand Junction Sentinel edition of May 30, 2023.

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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.

May 28, 2023: Flag Retirement Ceremony was attended by Gary Parrott.

May 29, 2023: Memorial Day was attended by Gary Parrott and Ed Foster.

July 4, 2023: parades were attended by Chapter members in Grand Junction and Palisade.

July 10, 2023: had two members attend the Quarterly Military Honors ceremony for veterans who did not receive the honors during burial at Western Slope Veterans Cemetery, Grand Junction, CO

Chapter April Meeting

Highlights of the April Chapter meeting.

1. This was a joint meeting with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
2. Current Chapter membership is 28 including three Junior members.
3. The 150th COSSAR Anniversary plans are moving forward per the April 8, 2023, BOM.
4. COSSAR is planning to donate a bench in honor of the 250th American Anniversary. It will cost about \$3100 and is asking for donations from members and chapters.
5. Gary Parrott is investigating if the Chapter could donate a plat or sponsor a brick at the Fruita Vietnam War Memorial to honor the 250th American Anniversary and cost. Garry Brewer and Mark Brewer will investigate the cost of sponsoring a brick at Eagle Rim Park in Grand Junction, CO.
6. Future meetings: ZOOM/hybrid? The Chapter will continue in 2023 with meeting in-person.

Upcoming Events to Attend

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COSSAR Annual Picnic: August 12, 2023, 11am – 3pm, Ft. Lupton, CO Fort Logan. [Picnic Invitation](#).

Chapter Quarterly Meeting: October 21, 2023, 11:00am 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.

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

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!