



THE MT. EVANS CHAPTER GAZETTE

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November 9 Mt. Evans Chapter Meeting Attendees with the Honor Bell
(Photo by Karen Hampton)

Honor Bell Visits Mt. Evans Chapter, SAR

One thousand pounds of solid brass. Well, almost. A small portion of the medal comes from military awards and decorations contributed by veterans and the families of veterans, including a

Bringing Theodore Roosevelt to life

We have the pleasure of having Theodore Roosevelt visiting our January 11, 2020 Mt. Evans Annual Meeting. In keeping with other great program speakers, we will step back in time with

Congressional Medal of Honor. This is the Honor Bell, the brain child of Michelle Mallin and Louis Olivera, a military veteran who has since past away. While attending a funeral at Ft. Logan National Cemetery, Louis noticed that there wasn't anyone else present to honor the deceased veteran. He resolved to rectify this and the Honor Bell was culmination of this resolve.

The Honor Bell is 1,000 pounds of brass forged by the Verdin Company of Cincinnati, Ohio, the only US Company still manufacturing bells of this type. It had to be 1,000 pounds or more in order to be capable of being tuned to its somber tone. And it only could contain a small amount of medals from the awards and decorations in order to maintain the bell's integrity. On the bell is a circle of stars with one star raised. The bell is carried in a special purpose van. Within the van, the bell is attached to a special slide that allows it to be rolled out the back of the van where it can be tolled.



The Color Guard poses with Michelle Mallin and the Honor Bell

The Mt. Evans Chapter, representing the Compatriots of Sons of the American Revolution in the Denver Metro area, held one of its five meetings year on Saturday, November 11, 2019 during Veterans Day weekend. The meeting was held at the Broken Tee Golf Club in Englewood, CO. The veteran Compatriots were asked to wear or bring something in remembrance of their service or to wear their Revolutionary War uniforms. The meeting began with a posting of the Colors by the Mt. Evans Color Guard led by Compatriot Don Crago. The veteran Compatriots were asked to describe their military service, which was followed by a presentation by Ms. Mallin about the history of the Honor Bell. Several of the Honor Bell attendees, veterans who conduct the services and toll the bell, also

Don Moon's one-man, living-history performance as he brings to life the trust-busting, Rough Rider and noted conservationist, Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt.

Capturing the exuberance and cowboy persona of Roosevelt, Moon has been entertaining audiences nationally with his lively and engaging portrayals of the nation's 26th president. He takes us on an often-humorous tour through Roosevelt's life, telling of his achievements as a triumphant war hero, crusading politician, and the founder of the national park system. Don as Roosevelt also tells us about how the president overcame a sickly childhood and about his deep devotion to family and country, sometimes to devastating effect.



Moon, who has a history degree from the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, has been researching Roosevelt's life for the past 20 years.

This is another great Mt. Evans meeting that you will thoroughly enjoy. The Evite will be forth coming from President Bob Haines soon, so register early, bring a guest or a potential applicant for membership. John Hockley, our Chapter Registrar, would welcome your interested applicants.

Bill Valentine
Vice President

Annual Meeting and Elections

The meeting on January 11, 2020 will be the Chapter's Annual Meeting at which elections for officers for the new year will be held. Capt Bob Easterly, Chair of the Nominations Committee, has announced the following nominations:

- President: Bill Valentine

attended the meeting. At the conclusion, all of the Compatriots and their spouses posed for pictures outside with the Honor Bell and the Honor Bell Van.



Breakfast at the Broken Tee

The Mt. Evans Chapter awarded Ms. Mallin the SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal in recognition of her service to the veterans of Colorado. SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medals were awarded to the fourteen veterans who assist with the Honor Bell ceremonies at the veterans' services. "It was very special for us to have Michele, her team and the Honor Bell at our meeting this Veterans Day weekend," explained LTC Bill Valentine (U.S. Army, Ret.), the Vice President and Program Director for the Mt. Evans Chapter. "Recognizing and assisting veterans is a large part of the mission of the SAR and we are pleased to recognize another organization that is doing so much for those who have faithfully served and help preserve our freedom."

The Honor Bell Foundation, a Colorado non-profit 501(c) (3) corporation, managed by Ms. Mallin, has as its primary purpose the honoring of fallen veterans. The Foundation is currently raising funds for a second Honor Bell and Honor Bell Van that would be used for military funerals at Pikes Peak National Cemetery in Colorado Springs, CO. Those interested in the Honor Bell Foundation should visit their website.

!!!Treasurer's Message--Only A Few Days Left!!!

Compatriots. My sincere appreciation to all who remitted their 2020 dues upon receipt of the first notice that was mailed Oct 1st. It really helps in the preparation of year-end reports required by SAR. A few have responded to the 2nd notice, but almost 40 of our members have not yet renewed

- Vice President: Brad Balow and Rick Neeley
- Secretary: Alan Coombs
- Treasurer: Mike Coyner
- Registrar: John Hockley
- Chaplain: Robert Hampton
- Historian: Robert Gordon

Nominations may also be made from the floor during the Annual Meeting.

Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier



Did you know that there is a Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier? No, it isn't at Arlington National Cemetery. It is in Washington Square in Philadelphia, PA. It was erected in 1957 and contains the remains of a unknown soldier, whether American or British is unknown.

Flag Appreciation Certificate Awarded to Lawson's Paint & Body

Bob Haines, President of the Mt. Evans Chapter, awarded a Flag Appreciation Certificate to Doug Lawson, owner of Lawson's Paint & Body in West Denver. The location is just off of I-70 as it heads up the mountain toward Colorado's ski resorts.

The flag pole is topped by a large and very attractive eagle. The flag and eagle are great attractions for the thousands of travellers speeding up I-70 passing by them.

their membership for 2020. In order to prevent incurring a re-instatement fee, dues must be received by December 31. So, with increased Christmas mail volume just around the corner, please don't wait until the last moment to get your 2020 dues in the mail.

If you have misplaced the 1st or 2nd notice, please contact me via email (coyners@aol.com) or phone (303-697-4347) and I'll email you a dues notice.

Mike Coyner
ME Chapter Treasurer

Flag Retirement Certificate Awarded to Fairmount Cemetery

The Mt. Evans Chapter awarded Fairmount Cemetery with the Flag Retirement Certificate for its work in properly retiring used American flags. The presentation was made by Dr. Bill Valentine, the Chapter's Vice President, to Dr. Michael Long, Director of Business Development at the Fairmount Cemetery, located at 430 S. Quebec St. in Denver. If any compatriot is aware of or affiliated with an organization that properly disposes of American flags, let us know so that we might recognize their efforts.



L to R: Dr. Michael Long, Fairmount Cemetery;
Dr. Bill Valentine, VP

Contribute to Mt. Evans Chapter

While Compatriot dues are certainly appreciated, they aren't sufficient to fund all the Chapter's



The Sons of the American Revolution is proud to award Flag Appreciation Certificates to individuals, businesses and others who patriotically displays the American Flag.



Mt. Evans Board of Managers

The business of the Mt. Evans Chapter is conducted during the Board of Managers meetings held usually two weeks prior to the Chapter Meetings. All the plans, reports and decisions are made at the BOM so that time is not taken up during the Chapter meetings. All Compatriots are welcome to attend. If you want to know what transpired at the BOM meetings, the Secretary has the Minutes and the Treasurer has his financial reports and can be made available on request.

activities. So donations by compatriots are greatly appreciated and go a long way in funding our activities. If you donate to a specific activity, that donation is earmarked and only used for that activity, except in unusual circumstances.

There are two other ways to contribute to Mt. Evans. First, if you shop at **KING Soopers** and have a **KING Soopers** card. Go to the **KING Soopers'** website and click on "Community." There you can link your **KING Soopers'** card to the Mt. Evans Chapter. Thereafter, when you use your card, Mt. Evans receives credit. In this way, Mt. Evans received over \$90 from **KING Soopers** last quarter.

Second, you can contribute to **Wreaths Across America**. However, you must do this by December 2, 2019 in order to qualify for this year's wreath laying to be held December 14, 2019. Go to the Mt. Evans **Wreaths Across America** website at: www.wreathscrossamerica.org/CO0152P. For every \$15 wreath you purchase to honor a fallen veteran, \$5 is return to the Mt. Evans Chapter.

Thanks for helping out the Chapter!



Chapter Officers and Chairs

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- Patriot Chest – Robert Hampton
- Color Guard – Don Crago



Compatriot Don Erickson as a stylish Continental

Next Meetings

Don't miss the upcoming meetings of the Mt. Evans Chapter and the Colorado Society:

- Dec. 28 – Chapter BOM at IHOP on Colorado Blvd.
- January 11 – Chapter Annual Meeting at the Broken Tee Golf Club
- January 18 – COSSAR Annual Meeting at the Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery in Lone Tree
- February 16 – George Washington Luncheon – Arrowhead Golf Course (**PG Manning** will attend)

This is the last newsletter of the year

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR