



Pikes Peak Chapter Resumes In-Person Meetings

On Saturday, September 18, 2021, The Pikes Peak Sons of the American Revolution (PPSAR) chapter met for just the second time since the onset of COVID, as it resumed activities after its summer hiatus.

The day began with the PPSAR conducting its first in-person meeting of the fall season, and only its second since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in early 2020. The meeting was conducted at the PPSAR's traditional in-person location at the Double Tree Hotel in Colorado Springs.

Despite the challenges presented during the past 18 months, the PPSAR has actually expanded its membership substantially, from 90 members at the end of 2019, to 109 members as of the end of September 2021. That's a Chapter membership increase of over 21%! Recognizing its newest members as well as some of its long-time members was a centerpiece of the chapter's September meeting. Chapter President Rick Prescott, along with the assistance of Chapter Registrar Emory Neal, welcomed and presented membership certificates to its four newest members: new Compatriots Robert Polk; Fred Harring; Keith La Mee; and William Easton.



New SAR members Robert Polk (left); Fred Harring (center); and Keith La Mee (right) being inducted into the Pikes Peak Chapter.

Chapter President Prescott also presented Compatriot Jim Latham with a Certificate of Appreciation for his stalwart role in award presentations earlier in the year to local standout JROTC cadets. Finally, Chapter President Prescott presented a 30-year recognition certificate and pin to long-time member and past Chapter President, Compatriot John Ludecke.



PPSAR President Rick Prescott presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to Compatriot Jim Latham for his support to JROTC cadets



PPSAR President Rick Prescott presenting 30-year service certificate and pin to Compatriot John Ludecke



Pikes Peak Chapter President's Message

Rick Prescott

It's Fall already, where did the summer go? After over a year without any live chapter meetings, it felt great to finally meet again in May for that long awaited first post-COVID (hopefully) meeting. This proved itself as an important meeting to help get the chapter's activities back on track for the remainder of 2021. However, as you will read in this newsletter, COVID did not totally shut down our chapter's activities. I want to personally thank our Historian, Dave Niedringhaus for taking the time and effort in putting this newsletter together to share with our membership. "Thank you, Dave!"

Another remarkable accomplishment, especially considering our inability to meet, is that our membership actually increased significantly during the past year. Kudos go to our Registrar, Emory Neal. I guess being locked down at home provided the additional time to get those applications completed.

All of our chapter meetings and key activities are available on the annual calendar page within the COSSAR webpage. Each chapter has its own tab on that website. However, make sure to mark your calendars for our annual **Bill of Rights luncheon on Saturday, December 11th at 11:00 am.** I

wholeheartedly encourage all members to attend and help us celebrate the individual rights we enjoy as Americans, socialize, enjoy a good meal together, while also recognizing several deserving individuals who selflessly serve our community.

With 2021 flying by so quickly, January 2022 and the new year is on the horizon. Our January meeting centers on our annual chapter elections of new officers and their installation into office. Compatriot Sid Hughes is serving as chair of the Officer Nomination committee and charged with filling out the slate for our 2022 Officers. I urge everyone to consider placing your name on the ballot for one of our officer positions. We can only grow and expand our activities as a chapter by having members step up and serve the cause, much as our forefathers proudly served their communities and the nation. Enjoy this edition of our newsletter.

Patriotically,

Rick Prescott

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PPSAR Outstanding Citizenship Award presented to Carissa O'Donnell

On May 17th, the PPSAR presented its annual Outstanding Citizenship Award certificate and pin to Lewis-Palmer High School (LPHS) senior Carissa O'Donnell.

Each year, the PPSAR identifies a local high school student who truly embodies outstanding citizenship traits, academic achievement, and selfless service to their school and communities.

Carissa O'Donnell epitomized these attributes. She was a member of LPHS Student Council for all four years and served as the student body President during her senior year. She was a member of LINK crew where she helped freshmen students adjust to high school, a member of Rho Kappa - a Social Studies Honor Society - and was a member of the National Honor Society at LPHS.

Carissa was an athlete on the varsity Softball and Tennis teams at LPHS, and served as the captain of both teams.

Carissa made community service a priority. She volunteered for multiple projects at one of the local Elementary Schools, volunteered at After Prom at LPHS, cooked food for More than a Meal, and worked to improve search and rescue with the Colorado Ski Patrol.

On behalf of the PPSAR, Comp. Dave Niedringhaus presented the awards to Carissa at Lewis-Palmer High School's Annual Senior Awards night.

Pikes Peak Southwest Asia Veteran Recognized

One of the Pikes Peak Chapter's newest members, William Easton, was recently presented the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Service Certificate for his service in Southwest Asia.



PPSAR President Rick Prescott presenting the SAR Service Certificate to SW Asia Veteran William Easton.

The award was presented to him by PPSAR President Rick Prescott at the Chapter's September 18th meeting at the Double Tree hotel in Colorado Springs.



Pikes Peak Chapter Color Guard Supports Local DAR Chapter's 125th Anniversary Luncheon

On September 18, 2021, the Pikes Peak Chapter followed up its regular meeting at the Double Tree Hotel in Colorado Springs by sending four members of its Color Guard contingent to support the local Zebulon Pike Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR).



PPSAR Color Guard enters the Zebulon Pike DAR Chapter's 125th Anniversary celebration luncheon



PPSAR Color Guard posting the Colors

Four members of the PPSAR's very active Color Guard contingent – Compatriots Sid Hughes; Curt Jenkins; David Mann; and Richard Riepe – posted the colors for the NSDAR Zebulon Pike Chapter's 125th Anniversary celebration luncheon at The Pinery in Colorado Springs.



PPSAR Color Guard at Present Arms



PPSAR Color Guard retrieving the Colors



PPSAR Color Guard members David Mann; Richard Riepe; Curt Jenkins; and Sid Hughes

The PPSAR has maintained a long-time association with and mutual support to the NSDAR's Zebulon Pike Chapter, which has a proud record of promoting patriotism; education; and historical preservation within the Pikes Peak region.

The PPSAR extends its sincere gratitude and appreciation to photographer Gary Sherwood for his excellent photography, and for permitting us and the COSSAR to use his photos in our newsletters.



Ruby Morewood Honored with Martha Washington Medal

(Article Content provided by Comp. Gary Manning)

On Thursday, August 26th, the Pikes Peak Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (PPSAR) had the distinct honor and privilege to recognize a lady who has performed superb support to local veterans in several local Veterans Homes. For over four years, Ruby Morewood has been crocheting – and donating – over 400 lap robes (blankets) for veterans.

It all started in 2017, when she learned about veterans who needed the lap robes because they would get cold sitting in their wheelchairs. The PPSAR agreed to take delivery of the lap robes and donate them to three southern Colorado veteran's centers located in Walsenburg, Florence, and Monte Vista. Ruby and the PPSAR were joined by a local troop of Girl Scouts and a local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in 2017, with both organizations making and taking donations of blankets to support the project. Ruby's lap robes have also been used by the Veterans for Foreign Wars (VFW) for Honor Flights out of Denver. Additionally, Ruby has donated lap robes at the Brookdale Senior Living community (where she resides) on the south side of Colorado Springs. The most recent delivery of 35 lap robes was conducted by Chapter President Rick Prescott and his wife to the Spanish Peaks Veterans Home in July.



PPSAR President Rick Prescott presents the Martha Washington Medal to Ruby Morewood, as Comp. Gary Manning looks on.



Past PPSAR President Gary Manning and his mother Ruby Morewood.

Ruby has visited the centers in Walsenburg and Florence, where she received VIP tours of the facilities and appreciation from both staff and residents.

The award presented by the Rick Prescott, President, Pikes Peak Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution was the Martha Washington Medal, among the highest awards given by the Sons of the American Revolution to non-members. The medal is presented to a woman in recognition of outstanding service to the Sons of the American Revolution.

Local Colorado Springs TV station KRDO covered Ruby Morewood's story and the PPSAR's awarding of the Martha Washington Medal to her on its Friday, August 27th evening broadcast.



Pikes Peak Color Guard Supports Local School History Class

(Article content provided by Comp. Curt Jenkins)

Just prior to the summer hiatus, Pikes Peak Chapter Color Guard members David Mann, Scott Tanner, Sid Hughes and Curt Jenkins went to the Chipeta Elementary School on Colorado Springs' west side for their annual presentation on a soldier's life during the Revolutionary War.

The Chipeta Elementary School curriculum places considerable emphasis on U.S. history. When teaching about colonial life, the break with Great Britain and the war for independence, the teachers invite the Pikes Peak chapter to send its members to help bring history to life for the students.



Comp. Scott Tanner (left) shows his canteen while Comp. Curt Jenkins, Tanner's daughter (and DAR member) Sydney Tanner, and Comp. David Mann (seated, right) listen. (Photo by Comp. Sid Hughes)

"It's good to be back," said Scott Tanner, noting that the event was cancelled last year due to the COVID-19 shut-down. "This is perhaps our most important outreach of the year because we're helping the next generation learn what 'liberty' really means." Tanner was accompanied by his daughter, Sydney Tanner, a long-time supporter of Pikes Peak chapter activities. She attended the event wearing the period dress of a "camp follower" and spoke to the important role of women during the Revolutionary War.

In addition to Pikes Peak members wearing their uniforms, they also brought their wooden "Patriot Chest" full of replica accoutrements that soldiers of the period would have had with them: knives and forks, a quill pen, lanterns, a field drum and, of course, the ubiquitous musket.

"Seeing the flintlock spark is like seeing magic for the kids," says Mann. "Had we been able to be outside, we would have put some powder in the breach and raised a little smoke, which is a lot of fun to see."

A steady (and uncommon) morning rain forced everyone to remain in the school, but enthusiasm among the students was not dampened in the least. Most dressed up in Colonial-era clothing and all were keen to get their hands on all the kit from the soldier's knapsack.

The Chipeta Elementary administration thanked the Pikes Peak chapter with a donation and an invitation to come back again next year.



Comp. Curt Jenkins (right) explains when and how the field drum was played to Chipeta Elementary school students dressed in Colonial-era clothing. (Photo by Comp. Sid Hughes)



Comp. David Mann makes his flintlock musket spark for some 6th graders at Chipeta Elementary School. (Photo by Comp. Sid Hughes)



Comp. Sid Hughes Presents SAR Flag Appreciation Certificate to Frank and Linda Anthony

On June 27th, Comp. Sid Hughes, the PPSAR's Patriot Chest chairman, recognized two patriotic local Colorado citizens. Comp. Hughes presented Frank and Linda Anthony a SAR Flag Appreciation Certificate for properly displaying the United States Flag at their home in Franktown, Colorado. Kudos to the Anthony Family and to Comp. Hughes for this commendable display and recognition of patriotism!



Linda and Frank Anthony beside their American Flag display at their home on Franktown, Colorado. With Comp. Sid Hughes



Comp. Sid Hughes presenting the SAR Flag Appreciation Certificate to Linda and Frank Anthony

PPSAR Resumes In-Person JROTC Awards

After a hiatus in 2020 due to COVID, the Pikes Peak Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (PPSAR) once again presented several awards to outstanding Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) cadets from local high schools.



Comp. Jim Brown, in uniform, at JROTC Awards Presentation at Falcon High School, May 4, 2021

During April and May, the PPSAR presented Bronze JROTC medals and certificates to the following JROTC cadets:

<u>Cadet</u>	<u>Award</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
Kavan Sanders	Bronze JROTC Medal	Widefield High School	April 28	Rick Prescott
Benjamin Roy	Bronze JROTC Medal	Air Academy High School	May 3	Rick Prescott
Joe Mills	Bronze JROTC Medal	Falcon High School	May 4	Jim Brown
Michael Baca	Bronze JROTC Medal	Mitchell High School	May 7	Rick Prescott



Wreaths Across America Project

(Input provided by Comp. Sid Hughes)

The Chapter's support of the Wreaths Across America (WAA) program continues this year. The Chapter is online with all administrative work done to ensure our participation in the program. Our program supports wreath placement at the Pikes Peak National Cemetery and Evergreen Cemetery. The program does earn the Chapter monies based on the number of wreath sponsorships purchased through our WAA web site. The goal for the Chapter this year is for members to sponsor at least 100 wreaths. Chapter members, families, friends, and interested parties may sponsor wreaths for this program using the following link:

www.wreathscrossamerica.org/CO0143P

King Soopers Community Rewards Program

(Input provided by Comp. Richard Riepe)

PPSAR members are encouraged to sign up with King Soopers to get on the chapter's rewards program. To get signed up with the program, you will need a KS loyalty card, and use the number on that card to sign onto the rewards program. Signed up members who use their KS loyalty card upon check out will earn the Chapter an accredited percentage of the total sales amount. Go to www.kingsoopers.com; once logged on you can search for Pikes Peak Chapter Sons of the American Revolution or use our assigned number - A1650. Once there, click on enroll and enter the information required. The rewards that the chapter has received thus far this year total \$164.33, as of the Treasurer's Report for August 31, 2021.

2021 Pikes Peak Chapter Schedule – Upcoming Key Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
16 Oct 2021	Chapter Meeting	Doubletree Hotel, Colorado Springs, CO	09:30 – 11:00 am
20 Nov 2021	Chapter Meeting	Doubletree Hotel, Colorado Springs, CO	09:30 – 11:00 am
11 Dec 2021	Bill of Rights Luncheon	Doubletree Hotel, Colorado Springs, CO	09:30 – 11:00 am
8 Jan 2022	Annual Meeting	Doubletree Hotel, Colorado Springs, CO	09:30 – 11:00 am