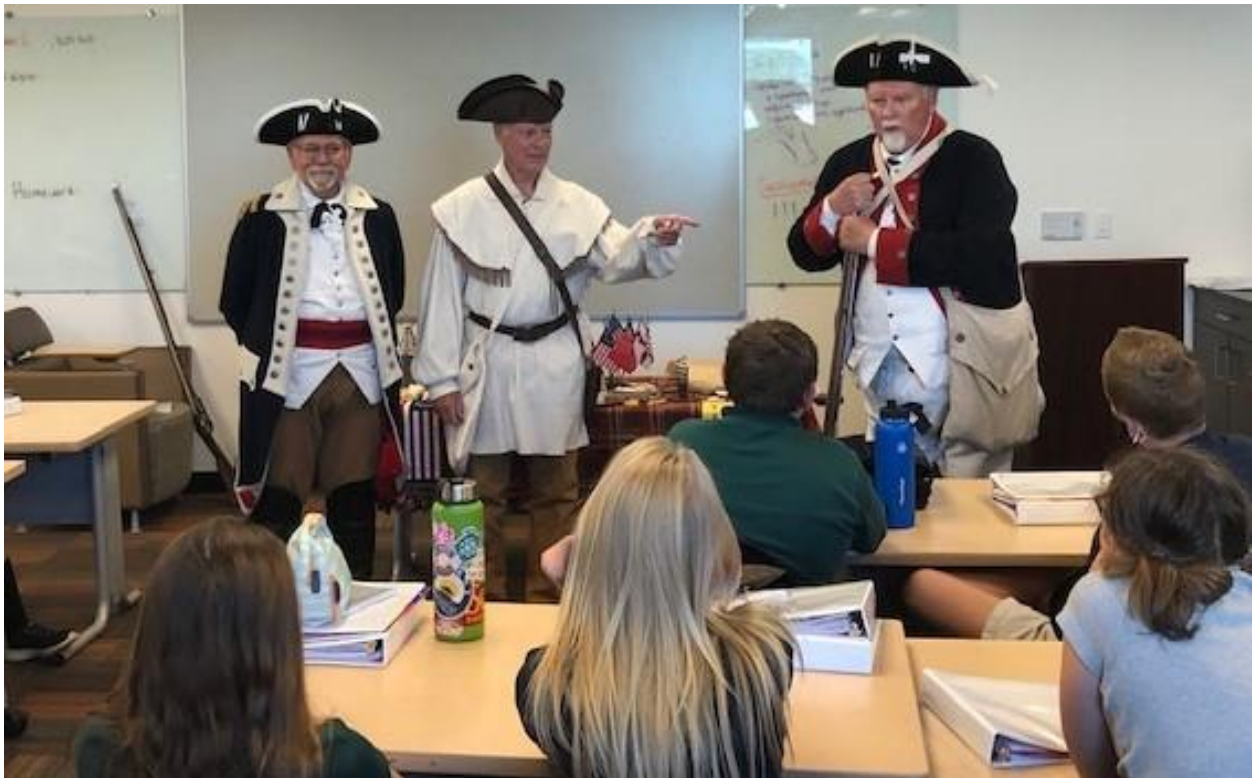


# HISTORY OF THE PATRIOT CHEST 100

## Sons of the American Revolution

February 2023



Colorado Presenters: Rob Hampton, Wayne Snodgrass, and Steve DeBoer

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Committee

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Presentations on the Revolutionary War in schools and for adult groups is one of the most effective outreach programs in the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). Many SAR Chapters have used Patriot Chests and Traveling Trunks (PC&TT) for decades. These Chapter presentations show replicas of clothes, uniforms, work tools, cooking utensils, dry foods, toys, weapons, and various items of everyday life from the colonial period and the Revolutionary War. Every presenter is unique in the types and variety of items they show. Some have just a few items in a bag and while others may have some 15 to 30 items within a box. If the presenter accumulated an abundance of items for presentations, the larger box was designated a Patriot Chest or Traveling Trunk.

This brief history covers the period of 2012-2022 highlighting the SAR's efforts in energizing our compatriots across the nation to become active in this National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR) PC&TT endorsed program.

## 2012

During the 2012 Arizona Congress and the Louisville Fall Leadership meetings, Compatriots Bobby Towns (GA) and Wayne Snodgrass (CO) met for the first time and discussed the Georgia Traveling Trunk and Colorado Patriot Chest programs. The Georgia Society seemed to be the most active SAR group with their Traveling Trunk presentations. Wayne and Bobby felt that sharing information and some general collaboration between their two groups would benefit presenters in both state societies.

## 2013

During the NSSAR Leadership meetings and the Kansas Congress in 2013, discussions on cooperation between the two state programs continued. Having become members of the NSSAR Education Committee, Wayne and Bobby shared their discussions with the other committee members. At that time, there were three active Chests in Colorado and seven active Trunks in Georgia presenting in schools, Heritage Fairs and Living History gatherings, plus other civic and church groups in their respective states. Bobby and Wayne decided to prepare inventories of items (artifact replicas) used in presentations along with their descriptions. They shared working draft lists via email.



Patriot Chest and Traveling Trunk items



Patriot Chest and Traveling Trunk items

## **2014**

During Spring Leadership, Wayne Snodgrass proposed to NSSAR Education Committee Chairman, Larry Stevens (TX) that the PC&TT information was available to be shared with other interested State Societies within the Education Committee. Bobby and his Georgia compatriots prepared a list with pictures of typical items on a CD to share at the Congress in South Carolina. The Patriot Chest and Traveling Trunk programs expanded among the State Societies as NSSAR interest increased. Colorado had four active Chapters while Georgia had eight active Chapters. Georgia's Bruce Maney was making more presentations than anyone in SAR. So, at Bobby's request, Bruce displayed his Traveling Trunk at the Fall Leadership meeting for attendees to see. Wayne and Bobby's "vision" of collaboration between state Societies was gaining momentum in chapters in Washington, Texas, and Arizona. Chapters in these states were re-energized, increasing their number of presentations and presenters. Compatriot presenters were able to add items to their collections and reach more schools in their local areas. Then, tragically, Bobby Towns became very ill mid-year and passed away in February of the following year.

## **2015**

Wayne Snodgrass continued to expand the vision of information sharing with participating State Societies, and promoting PC&TT programs' growth in societies outside the NSSAR Education Committee. There was a growing interest in the newly composed inventory of available historic items and where these items could be purchased.

Starting a new Chapter program takes about three to nine months. It includes identifying and collecting the relevant historical items, outlining an effective lesson plan, making school contacts, practicing and then making the initial presentations. Making the initial contacts with school teachers can be facilitated with mutual friends, DAR and CAR members, and family members/students. Once this startup period stabilizes, new opportunities open up for speaking engagements at schools, civic groups, and Heritage Fairs and Living History gatherings. However, more was needed than just sharing the information and progress at the Leadership meetings. Chapters which had experience with presentations and school relationships were encouraged to expand their outreach to more schools. Meanwhile, there were efforts to determine how to reach those State Societies which were not active in the Education Committee.

## **2016**

With Education Committee encouragement Wayne Snodgrass compiled a list of known presenters. From there, a list of Patriot Chest and Traveling Trunk users was prepared to discuss at the Leadership meetings. Active states included Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Georgia, Kansas, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, and Washington. The presentations format ranged widely from a simple briefing or lecture (no uniform, no show

and tell) to a comprehensive presentation in full military uniform with a Patriot Chest or Traveling Trunk with 20-30 items for show and tell sometimes including muskets. While Colorado had six active presenters and Georgia 10, other states had one to three active presenters at that time. It was proposed to promote these presentations across all SAR State Societies. Considerable work was required to contact the Societies to determine the level of interest, identify education leaders and presenters, and collect contact information on each presenter. There was also a need to determine if a presenter had a sponsoring Chapter and the number of chests or trunks in the Chapter. NSSAR Education Director Colleen Wilson was very helpful in updating the initial spread sheets containing these data. We wanted to create an interest in SAR presentations in states that had not done them before.

## **2017**

Education Director, Colleen Wilson helped in providing a list of State Society Presidents with email and phone contact information. Wayne Snodgrass made the effort to contact all the Presidents and identify the names of any education outreach presenters. The State Society Presidents were interested in being supportive. A few states had SAR presentation programs, but most did not. There was a need for information sharing between the states that did have programs. Wayne presented the "Patriot Chest Project" to the Executive Committee for approval as an official NSSAR project. The Executive Committee unanimously approved/endorsed the Patriot Chest Project. Wayne would be charged to promote PC&TT Outreach Presentation Programs in all states.

The Education Committee under Chairman Brooks Lyles organized a subcommittee including Wayne Snodgrass (Chair), Larry Stevens, Rick Reese (GA), Guy Higgins (SC), and Education Director Colleen Wilson, to contact the State Societies. The State Society Presidents were able to identify the names of Chapters and individuals who were using PC&TTs and making presentations. These presenters helped to identify the following needs:

1. Artifact replica descriptions, pictures, and sources to fill a Patriot Chest.
2. "How to make presentations" training for novice and experienced presenters.
3. Financial assistance for new Patriot Chests and upgrades for existing Patriot Chests.

Realizing that the Education Committee needed something to offer potential Users/Presenters, Wayne Snodgrass personally provided a donation of \$12,000 to help cover the costs for new and upgraded Chests and Trunks; the monies to be available to all of SAR. Wayne also created a Training DVD for both new and experienced presenters (with professional Audio/Visual help). Again, the cost for this tool, \$4,103, was covered by his additional donation to SAR. Please see Appendix A for the assistance package including:

1. Link to Patriot Chest Program description and Reimbursement Plan.
2. Link to artifacts replicas listing and sources.
3. Link to training DVD for new and experienced presenters.
4. Typical advertising flyer for a Chapter Presentation Program.

## 2018

SAR now had an attractive package to offer presenters. Using an updated Presidents' contact lists enabled the connections with the State Societies, their Chapters' education chairmen, and outreach presenters. A list of 55 presenters was created for the Spring Leadership Meeting. Many Chapters had re-energized their presentation activities and added items to their Chests and Trunks. Local Chapters were receiving more school invitations to do presentations. NSSAR Education Committee Chairman Brooks Lyles established a new subcommittee consisting of Wayne Snodgrass (Chair), Larry Stevens, Rick Reese, Paul Prescott(GA), Greg Lucas(WA), Steve Hart(WV), Pat Niemann(NC), and Lance Carter(WV) to identify presenters and those compatriots interested in becoming presenters. State Society Presidents helped identify the Societies, Chapters, and presenters interested in the program. The information collected included:

1. Chapters starting with new presenters and new Patriot Chests
2. Chapters restarting dormant Chests and Trunks with new presenters.
3. Chapters restarting with existing presenters and upgraded Chests.
4. Chapters combining resources and expanding the schools lists

At the 2018 NSSAR Congress in Houston, Larry Stevens displayed and discussed his Traveling Trunk for the attendees to learn about the Patriot Chest Project. This exposure along with the Education Committee actions encouraged some Chapters to restart their programs and some Chapters to start a new program.



Larry Stevens (TX) in a classroom



Brooks Lyles (NC) in an outdoor setting

2018 was the year of "great awakening" when many of the SAR Chapters' PC&TT inactive programs restarted their presentations. These Chapters responded to the call.

## 2019

Education Director, Colleen Wilson again updated all State Society Presidents' contacts and maintained the expanded presenter and chest data. Her spread sheets contained the State

Society, the Compatriot presenter names, Chapter names, and the number of Patriot Chests or Traveling Trunks. This data base was called "**Patriot Chest 100**". It was updated throughout the year and by year end included 104 presenters plus 97 Patriot Chests and Traveling Trunks located in 23 participating states and 71 participating Chapters. Appendix B lists the participating State Societies and Chapters. Hundreds of presentations in schools and for adult groups were conducted across the 23 State Societies' outreach education programs. The Americanism Score sheet would be modified in 2022 to accurately capture these numbers. \$5,000 had been spent thru 2019 in assisting purchases and upgrades of Chests and Trunks with \$7,000 still available. More than 400 copies of the training DVD were distributed upon request. The DVD was also posted on Youtube.com and the SAR Education website for general public use. A complete list of items available for PC&TT was provided under the "Education" tab at sar.org, including a picture, description, and "where to purchase" information.

This was the best year thus far for the **NSSAR Patriot Chest 100 Program** in terms of presentations, number of presenters, number of Patriot Chests and Traveling Trunks, and audience draw. Growth was exponential.

Also, the **Patriot Chest 100** presentations in the schools opened up a host of opportunities for other SAR Youth Programs, such as: Poster Contest, Brochure Contest, and the Knight Essay Contest.



Rick Reese (GA) in a classroom



Brooks Lyles (NC) in a classroom

## 2020

The **Patriot Chest 100** data base stabilized during the first quarter. Presentations were going strong as more presenters participated. Then, COVID 19 hit and schools suddenly halted all visitor presentations. Many schools closed, some tried to convert to ZOOM classes and home studies. SAR presenters continued to support those schools which remained open via ZOOM, DVD's, videos, and slide shows, but the SAR Patriot Chest growth came to a stop. Continued communication with the **Patriot Chest 100** during the COVID shutdown was a definite need. Wayne Snodgrass published 10 emails, sent to the **Patriot Chest 100** during August 2020 thru August 2021, the primary purpose of the emails being to update the 104 presenters on the Patriot Chest and Traveling Trunk activities across the 71 Chapters during the pandemic. See Appendix C for copies of the emails. A few Chapters were still making classroom presentations on ZOOM, live presentations in outdoor school yards, and/or sharing data packages, CD/DVDs, and slide shows with schools.

Appendix C includes:

1. Emails sent 10
2. Presenter experiences and stories 42
3. Attachments and links to data and videos 23

These emails were also used to promote the Education Committee introduction of the “Presenter Data Sheets” to assist the general public in connecting with presenters in their local areas, and the “Youth Protection Training” program to serve as guidance for presenters, and for any SAR member working with schools or youth organizations.

## 2021

These informational emails were sent to all the Patriot Chest 100 and NSSAR officers thru August 2021. Presenters were sharing their restart experiences and were responding to the Presenter Data Sheets and the Youth Protection Training requests. The number of presentations were still very limited during the fall start up in schools. Schools had their own challenges trying to create lesson plans and develop curriculum goals. With some schools opening classrooms, and with the growth in private and home schools, opportunities for Patriot Chest presentations slowly increased. Heritage Fairs and Living History presentation opportunities were still very sparse.

## 2022

As the pandemic danger receded, more schools were receptive to presentations in the 2021/2022 school year. Then, in 2022/2023, classroom presentations increased across the State Societies. The Heritage Fairs and the Family History events returned to their pre-pandemic levels Colorado is near 65% of the 2019 levels heading into the 2023 spring semester. Other State Societies are experiencing recoveries, as most schools now welcome the return of the Patriot Chest presentations to complement their lessons on Colonial and Rev War history. The **Patriot Chest 100** now needs a “broad scope revival”.



Colorado presenters: Wally and Susie Weart, Wayne Snodgrass, and Rob Hampton



# Future Plans and Acknowledgements

## ***Hope for the future Patriot Chest 100 Project***

Our hope is that the **NSSAR Patriot Chest 100 Program** will continue to grow and provide the excellent education outreach to our schools. Many presenters have “aged out” or moved on to other programs, however, new presenters are entering into the project. Our great challenge will be to rebuild the enthusiasm within the 71 Chapters who were participating in 2019 and bring more Chapters into the Project. With \$7,000 in funds still available for new chests, a solid data base of information, and the collective experience of the **Patriot Chest 100** presenters, a restart is not only possible but a “*must*” for the education of our Nation’s youth. The 104 presenters can attest to the joy and satisfaction earned when Fourth and Eighth Graders get excited about our Nation’s Founders.

## ***Final note of sincere appreciation***

Wayne Snodgrass thoroughly enjoyed this most important NSSAR Project, especially getting to know the compatriots in the **Patriot Chest 100** and the Education Committee. A very special “Thank You” is due to NSSAR Education Committee Chairmen Larry Stevens and Brooks Lyles, and Outreach Committee Chairman Tom Jackson; to NSSAR Education Director Colleen Wilson; to each of the helpful Patriot Chest Sub-committee members; to the SAR President Generals: Tomme, Guzy, Alter, Manning, Wright, and Pickette for their continuous support for the project; and especially to all the presenters in the **Patriot Chest 100** who are at the forefront of the SAR’s outreach education mission.

## APPENDIX A

1. Patriot Chest Program Description and Reimbursement Plan

Sar.org > Education > Patriot Chest 100 > Patriot Chest 100

2. Artifacts Replicas Listings and Sources

Sar.org > Education > Patriot Chest 100 > Patriot Chest 100 Vendors

3. Training DVD for new and experienced presenters

Sar.org > Education > SAR Educator videos & media > NSSAR Youtube  
( or go directly to Youtube.com > Patriot Chest )

4. Typical Chapter Presenter Advertising Flyer (see next page)



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**Request a Patriot Chest Presentation on your schedule!**

**Presentations use many reproduction artifacts for students to handle that make the American Colonial period and Revolutionary War real.**

**Designed to fit within a single class period, the topics are Life in Colonial Times, Run Up to War (events that led to America’s separation from Great Britain) , and You’re In the Army Now.**

**Contact Wayne Snodgrass, (720) 346-1226, [wsinmd@comcast.net](mailto:wsinmd@comcast.net)**

## APPENDIX B

### **The Patriot Chest 100**

DURING 9/2019-3/2020

Active presenters 104

Please contact the individual Chapter or the NSSAR Education Director via "SAR.org" for the names and contact information for each of these presenters.

Active Patriot Chests and Traveling Trunks 97

Active State Societies 23

Active Chapters 71

<b><u>STATE</u></b>	<b><u>CHAPTER</u></b>
Alabama	Tennessee Valley
Arizona	Prescott
	Tucson
California	Delta
	Gold Country
	San Diego
	Silicon Valley
	Kern
	Orange
Colorado	Castle Rock
	Mount Evans

<b>STATE</b>	<b>CHAPTER</b>
Colorado	Longs Peak
	Pikes Peak
	Grand Mesa
Florida	St. Augustine
Georgia	Athens
	Button Gwinnett
	Coweta Falls
	Joel Early
	Joseph Habersham
	Marshes of Glynn
	Mount Vernon
	Piedmont
	Robert Forsyth
	Capt. John Collins
	Col. William Few
	Little River
	Cherokee
Lyman Hall	
Idaho	Teton
	Fort Boise
Illinois	Zeally Moss
Indiana	Clarence A. Cook
Kansas	Charles Robinson

<u>STATE</u>	<u>CHAPTER</u>
Kansas	Sons of Plains Henry Levenworth
Kentucky	Gov. Isaac Shelby Col Aquila Hall
Minnesota	Minneapolis
Missouri	Spirit of '76 Ozark Mt Omaha
Nevada	Battle Born Patriots Northern Battle Born
North Carolina	Le Marquis de Lafayette Raleigh Mecklenberg
Ohio	Cincinnati
Oregon	Lewis and Clark
Tennessee	Col. Anthony Bledsoe Col. Benjamin Cleveland Kings Mountain
Texas	Pineywoods William Hightower
Virginia	James Monroe Col. William Grayson

STATE                      CHAPTER

Virginia                      Fairfax Resolves

Washington                Alexander Hamilton  
George Washington  
John Paul Jones  
Mid-Columbia  
Seattle  
Spokane  
Cascade Centennial  
Ft. Vancouver

West Virginia             Daniel Boone  
Capt. James Neal  
Point Pleasant

Wyoming                    Big Horn Basin  
Powder River  
Wyoming Society

## APPENDIX C

### August 2020 thru August 2021 Emails to PATRIOT CHEST 100

Emails sent to all 104 presenters	10
Presenter inputs published	42
Attachments and data/video links	23

These attachments were dropped to facilitate the inclusion of these emails. Please contact Wayne Snodgrass if you want the attachments to a specific email.

#### The emails:

1. Primary purpose was to share the “restart experiences” after the COVID nationwide shut down, and share how various school districts were dealing with the Patriot Chest presentations
2. Requested that the presenters complete a personal data sheet (form was attached)..... 9 completed by 2021
3. Provided the reimbursement form for new patriot chest purchase
4. Encouraged the presenters to complete the Youth Protection Training
5. Encouraged presenters to send in their experiences for the next email publication.

Dates when the emails were sent to presenters: 8/16/2020, 8/31/2020, 9/4/2020, 10/16/2020, 1/28/2021, 2/5/2021, 2/10/2021, 4/11/2021, 5/30/2021 and 8/11/2021.



# EMAIL # 1

**From:** DW Snodgrass <wsinmd@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 16, 2020 12:24 PM  
**To:** wsinmd@comcast.net  
**Subject:** FW: SAR PRESENTERS OF PATRIOT CHESTS AND TRAVELING TRUNKS  
**Attachments:** Blank Presenter Data Form Fillable 2020 (003).docx

## SAR Presenters of the Patriot Chests and Traveling Trunks

### Good afternoon Compatriots

This year has been the most challenging for us to work our mission of education and presenting our stories and sharing our replicas of Rev War and Colonial artifacts. We miss the personal interface with the youth in classrooms and also the adults in civic, veterans, religious, scouting, and other hereditary groups. We are all concerned about health, the near future, and how we will be able to restart our presentations in service to our communities and in support of our SAR mission.

We (Brooks Lyles, Chair of Education Committee, Wayne Snodgrass, VC Ed Committee and Chair of the Patriot Chest sub-committee and Colleen Wilson, NSSAR Director of Education) want to provide a way for this group to communicate with each other and share our experiences as we restart our presentations during the coming year. Hopefully, the COVID will be under control sometime during the school year and the youth and adult groups will return to normal activities. Most of you will experience a variety of approaches in your communities as restarts begin. We hope to share these experiences among the presenters which may assist all of us in our own start up activities.

Until we set up a better system, please send your comments, questions and experiences to me and I will forward to all 100 presenters (our list identified before the pandemic). I plan to include the PG & SG and Brooks and Colleen on the distribution for their information regarding our exchanges.

Initially, I am sending this to all 100+ as a blind copy.

As an example, here in Colorado, our state administration board for Charter Schools plans to open all schools for five days a week with all students attending. The public schools are different stories with each school district setting their own slow start-up approaches. As SAR presenters, we will contact the Charter Schools during the next couple of weeks including those we normally visit during the year. The Colorado public schools will be contacted as their district plans develop.

We are also interested in the COVID protective procedures being implemented by the school districts across the USA.

So, for now, please send your comments and experiences (in a “short” paragraph please), and I will forward these on to all.

During this interim period, we are also requesting that each presenter complete a “Presenter Data Sheet” (form attached) which will become a part of the “Information Exchange Initiative” as we expand our information sharing outreach programs. This should open new opportunities for contacts in your communities who are interested in having Revolution War or Colonial Period speakers or presentations. This initiative was started by Mike Tomme when he was the PG in 2017. Once completed, please send the form to Colleen via email to [cwilson@sar.org](mailto:cwilson@sar.org).

Please contact me if there are any questions.

Best regards to all,

Wayne Snodgrass [wsinmd@comcast.net](mailto:wsinmd@comcast.net) 720 346 1226

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## EMAIL # 2

**From:** DW Snodgrass <[wsinmd@comcast.net](mailto:wsinmd@comcast.net)>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 31, 2020 2:08 PM  
**To:** D. Wayne Snodgrass  
**Subject:** FW: SAR PRESENTERS OF PATRIOT CHESTS AND TRAVELING TRUNKS  
**Attachments:** Blank Presenter Data Form Fillable 2020 (003).docx

Good afternoon Compatriots

We have two recent responses from AZ and CO telling about their school start up experiences and the lack of opportunity (for now) to provide history presentations.

Are you having similar situations in your school districts? Please let us know. We all look forward to the gradual opening of our schools. We could learn what precautions are required from visiting Presenters i.e., Protective equipment, Covid testing, distancing, and sharing the reproductions of the artifacts in our Patriot Chests and Traveling Trunks. Please see the stories below.

Hi, Wayne!

Arizona has been particularly hard hit, unfortunately, and the schools are being appropriately cautious; some districts have opened only to close within days due to students or teachers testing positive. I will let you know what our experience is when we are invited back.

Best wishes,

Rudy Byrd, AZSSAR

Bro' Wayne,

The situation in Colorado is "developing." The governor extended the mask mandate for an additional 30 days which means both teachers and students must wear masks. For most this is not an issue. Many districts are using a format of two days a week in class and three days a week online. The intent is to minimize contact between possibly infected persons. Classical schools and some charter schools have reopened with in person classes, five days a week. Schools are using a cohort system in which all students in a single grade remain together during the day. School enrollments affect the cohort size but most run about 60 students. If a member of the cohort tests positive for CoVid19, then only that cohort will be quarantined.

All this means that Patriot Chest presentations have very narrow windows of opportunity during limited in-person school times. We expect more requests from Classical and Charter schools that are attempting to follow are more traditional school day.

Rob Hampton, Patriot Chest Chair, COSSAR

Thank you Rudy and Rob for your stories. Hopefully, others will also share their experiences. Best regards to all

Wayne Snodgrass \_\_\_\_\_

## EMAIL # 3

**From:** DW Snodgrass <wsinmd@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 4, 2020 7:10 PM  
**To:** D. Wayne Snodgrass  
**Subject:** FW: SAR PRESENTERS OF PATRIOT CHESTS AND TRAVELING TRUNKS  
**Attachments:** Blank Presenter Data Form Fillable 2020 (003).docx

Good afternoon Compatriots

We have new great responses from MD, MO, KY, WV, WY, and GA telling about their school start up experiences and the lack of opportunity (for now) to provide in person history presentations.

Are you having similar situations in your school districts? Please let us know. We all look forward to the gradual opening of our schools. We could learn what precautions are required from visiting Presenters i.e., Protective equipment, Covid testing, distancing, and sharing the reproductions of the artifacts in our Patriot Chests and Traveling Trunks. Please see the latest stories below.

Wayne, Maryland public schools are slated to start next week. Like most systems, they will be attempting both live and virtual instruction. Since most teach the period in the spring, this will not effect our efforts until then. Let us hope the spring brings us closer to a vaccine and an end to this pox upon us. Thanks, Lou Raborg NSSAR educational chairman.

Greetings All,

Missouri SAR has been pretty well shut down as far as classroom activity.

I reached out to the classes that I teach and offered to record programs for them. They are excited about this opportunity, because the school district isn't allowing any outside visitors.

I don't know how I will do this but I'm going to make it happen, because I have several years of history program experience with these classes and I don't want to lose momentum.

Good luck everyone,

Howard Fisk, MOSSAR

Wayne,

Many of our local schools are doing virtual classes or doing a rotating in-person/online format. Our chapter is working on offering virtual presentations so as to keep in touch with the schools.

Regards,

Scott Giltner

Secretary

Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter, Kentucky SAR

Compatriots In West Virginia I am aware that field trips are not going to be attempted and non-staff and non-students are not allowed in the buildings. My chapter members enjoy presenting to schools.

Ed Cromley

Point Pleasant Chapter

Good day Compatriot Snodgrass,

Wyoming is holding off on presentations until the Covid issue is further clarified or gone.

Chip White

President, Wyoming SAR

Hello Wayne,

I contacted all the known history teachers in Fremont County, Wyoming, public and private, and had virtually zero response.

The exception was St Margaret's Catholic School in Riverton which borrowed our Betsy Ross flag for a special salute to American patriots they did last year.

I'll be trying again this year.

Karl Falken, President

Wind river Chapter of the WYSSAR

Wayne

Georgia has this currently as an alternative option. While it is rather lacking in the face to face front, it at least continues to remind the schools that we are still around and willing to come when they are ready for us. See the Rick Reese input below.

### **Emil Decker, Compatriot**

Robert Forsyth Chapter

Editor – The Hornet's Nest

Compatriots,

Given the continuing health concerns for our students in Georgia resulting from the Covid-19 virus issues, I would like to offer some tools to support the study of the American Revolution should schools in your area elect to conduct **online learning** for the students. Please feel free to distribute these resources to schools in your Chapter's community if you would like to do so.

### **Piedmont Chapter's Traveling Trunk Video:**

This video was produced by the Piedmont Chapter. It is 38 minutes in duration. It shows three of our uniformed speaker's bureau members delivering an in-person Traveling Trunk presentation to a 8<sup>th</sup> grade class of students.

The program is presented by our SAR members dressed in colonial uniform or militia attire. It is an interactive presentation where we speak to the students about the Revolutionary War period using artifact replicas from our Traveling Trunk which are typical of items used by people living in that time period. This program gives the students a detailed sense of what life was like during that period in our history. This is the same presentation that we have made in-person to students in schools in the past.



Here is the link to the Traveling Trunk Video on YouTube  
<https://youtu.be/t3qhvDG5Rfk>

### **Question and Answer Course to support the Traveling Trunk Video**

The attached Q & A program is intended to reinforce the students' understanding about what life was like during the Revolutionary War period.

This course was designed by David Cook of the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter. It is available in a PowerPoint format or the PDF format attached to this message if file size is a consideration. It shows an item shown in the Traveling Trunk program in one slide followed by a slide telling the student what the item is and how it was used. The course contains 84 slides and could be modified to fit your local needs.

I have sent this information to eleven elementary schools in Fulton and Cobb Counties in order to make these resources available for course planning in the event that a school should determine online classes to be the best option for their students in this current environment.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need more information.

Best Regards,

Rick Reese, Jr.

Education Committee Chairman

Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution

Thank you Lou Raborg (MD), Howard Fisk (MO), Scott Giltner (KY), Ed Cromley

(WV), Chip White (WY), Karl Falken (WY), Emile Decker(GA) and Rick Reese (GA) for your stories. Hopefully, others will also share their experiences.

Please complete the attached “Presenter Data Sheet” and send it to Colleen Wilson at NSSAR [cwilson@sar.org](mailto:cwilson@sar.org) . Have a great Labor Day weekend.

Best regards to all

Wayne Snodgrass

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## EMAIL # 4

**From:** DW Snodgrass <wsinmd@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 16, 2020 2:16 PM  
**To:** D. Wayne Snodgrass  
**Subject:** SAR PRESENTERS OF PATRIOT CHESTS AND TRAVELING TRUNKS  
**Attachments:** Blank Presenter Data Form Fillable 2020 (003).docx; Patriot Chest Program Reimbursement Guidelines (3).doc

Good afternoon Compatriots

We have “new” great responses from VA, GA, CO, and the NSSAR Education Director telling about their school start up experiences and the lack of opportunity (for now) to provide in person history presentations. We have now heard from ten State Societies and our Education Director.

Are you having similar situations in your school districts? Please let us know. We all look forward to the gradual opening of our schools. We could learn what precautions are required from visiting Presenters i.e., Protective equipment,



## COVID testing, distancing, and sharing the reproductions of the artifacts in our Patriot Chests and Traveling Trunks. Please see the latest stories below:

Teleconference with Jeff Thomas, VA Patriot Chest Coordinator

In the Northern Virginia Schools there were four presentations given last Spring near the end of the school year just before the shutdowns.

We provided a virtual 15 minute Flag presentation showing the various Rev War Flags and some of the histories about the flags. This video was shared across the State with most Chapters.

We also provided three virtual patriot Chest Presentations that were also used last Spring, some were Zoom discussions.. Several schools have been contacted in Fairfax County this fall to provide these presentations either as a virtual or in-person when the school Districts will open and welcome us back. Virginia has three Patriot Chests ready to go when the opportunities arrive.

Jeff Thomas, Senior VP VASSAR

Wayne,

As we discussed briefly today, here are the education outreach efforts that I have made to provide schools with an alternative to in-person classroom presentations pertaining to the Revolutionary War period in our nation's history, in order to overcome the restricted access by outside volunteers that most schools are imposing for health and safety reasons during the continuing Covid-19 pandemic.

1. I shot a video of three uniformed members of the Piedmont Chapter speaker's bureau conducting an in-person Traveling Trunk program to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students of Vickery Creek Middle School about 5 years ago. The video is available by clicking on this YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/t3qhvDG5Rfk>
2. Compatriot David Cook from another GA Society Chapter developed a PowerPoint presentation of a Question and Answer set of slides to go with the Traveling Trunk video. It is an accompanying tool for teachers to use to reinforce and test students' knowledge of the video's content.
3. In addition, both the video and Q & A slides have been posted at the request of Colleen Wilson on the SAR Education website under "Patriot Chest 100" and "Education Resources".

These materials were sent to over **50** 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers within our Piedmont Chapter's area of Fulton and Cobb Countries in GA. I have already communicated with many of the teachers directly, but I tried to cover all of the 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers in each school based on the school's teacher directory.

A sampling of the feedback that I have received so far has been very positive, as shown in these examples:

1. Thank you so much for sharing the YouTube presentation and PowerPoint with us. I found it informative and very similar to the in person presentation you give. I watched the presentation first and found that I was wishing for close up shots of each item that was shown. I was pleasantly surprised to find my wish was granted in the PowerPoint. Overall, it is a job well done! Of course, nothing can compare to the face to face

- instruction, but in these interesting times this serves as a wonderful replacement. (4<sup>th</sup> grade private school teacher)
2. Wow...thanks so much Mr. Reese. This all looks fabulous. (4<sup>th</sup> grade private school teacher)
  3. Thank you so much for this! I'm sad we can't have you out in person, but the students will still benefit from the video and PowerPoint. (4<sup>th</sup> grade public school teacher)
  4. This is PHENOMENAL! Thank you very much for your quick response and great resources. I will share with the rest of the 4th grade team. Please stay safe. (4<sup>th</sup> grade public school teacher)
  5. Thank you for providing the link to the video and the PowerPoint Slides. This will be helpful. (University of West GA)
- Best Regards      Rick Reese (GA)

### Update from Colorado Patriot Chest Program

Patriot Chest presentations for September-October 2020

In spite of COVID restrictions, we were invited to Ascent Classical Academy to make four presentations to the 8th Grade, In four classes there were 120 students.

Melanie Hockley and Don Crago presented "Life in Colonial Times." This covered family life, schooling, apprenticeships, and the militia.

Steve DeBoer, Wayne Snodgrass, and Rob Hampton presented "Run Up to War" and "You're in the Army Now." This was an overview of the French & Indian War, the Intolerable Acts, Stamp Act, and Quartering Act and the Boston Massacre. They recruited volunteers for the army and demonstrated loading the muskets and the strategy of rank and file combat.

Robert (Rob) C. Hampton, Patriot Chest Program Chairman

**To:            Wayne Snodgrass**

### **Status of Non-Traditional Instruction in Kentucky Counties**

Non-Traditional Instruction (NTI) is ongoing for school districts surrounding SAR Headquarters in Kentucky. As recently as October 16 the long-awaited Jefferson County School Board announcement vanquished hopes that over 110,000 students would be returning to the classroom on October 28. Rising COVID-19 numbers are to blame. Both prerecorded and live virtual programming remain the recommended formats at all grade levels.

Variations exist between area public and private schools. Many private schools are conducting in-school instruction and are aligned with strict CDC guidelines. Some public schools in counties bordering Jefferson County are teaching students in the classroom with rotating attendance days and revised classroom schedules. The common denominator whether public or private is the current elimination of field trips, and in-person presentations.

An Education Summit coordinated by the Arts & Cultural Alliance in Louisville was conducted to provide community organizations specific guidelines for educational programming. School administrators representing a cross section of Kentucky school districts encouraged digital tools such as Google Classroom, Google Meets and Microsoft Teams. Area schools are discouraging ZOOM and Facebook due to security issues.

**From:        Colleen Wilson, NSSAR Education Director**

Thank you Jeff Thomas (VA), Rick Reese (GA), Rob Hampton (CO), and Colleen Wilson (NSSAR) for your stories. Hopefully, others will also share their experiences.

We have three requests to all Presenters:

1. Please complete the attached “Presenter Data Sheet” and send it to Colleen Wilson at NSSAR [cwilson@sar.org](mailto:cwilson@sar.org) .
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Please contact me if there are any questions. Best regards to all.

Wayne Snodgrass

NSSAR Education Committee VC

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## EMAIL # 5

**From:** DW Snodgrass <[wsinmd@comcast.net](mailto:wsinmd@comcast.net)>

**Sent:** Thursday, January 28, 2021 10:45 AM

**To:** Wayne Snodgrass  
**Subject:** SAR PRESENTERS OF PATRIOT CHESTS AND TRAVELING TRUNKS  
**Attachments:** Blank Presenter Data Form Fillable 2020 (003).docx; Patriot Chest Program Reimbursement Guidelines (3).doc

Good afternoon Compatriots

We have “new” great responses from GA, WA, KA, WV, and CO telling about their school start up experiences and the lack of opportunity (for now) to provide in person history presentations. We have now heard from eleven State Societies and our Education Director.

Are you having similar situations in your school districts? Please let us know. We all look forward to the gradual opening of our schools. We could learn what precautions are required from visiting Presenters i.e., Protective equipment, COVID testing, vaccinations, distancing, and safely sharing the reproductions of the artifacts in our Patriot Chests and Traveling Trunks. We may be experiencing a shift in public education to “more” virtual education utilized by most teachers. This presents a challenge to all of us: How do we accommodate the teacher’s requests for virtual Rev War information AND also encourage “safe” in-person classroom presentations by our SAR membership. Please share your ideas and your experiences. Please see the latest stories below:

Wayne,

Since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic in early March, Georgia schools (both public and private) have not permitted outside visitors or volunteers in the school buildings. As a result, Traveling Trunk in-school presentations have dramatically dropped. I have distributed the video of our Piedmont Chapter members making the Traveling Trunk presentation to an eighth grade class some years ago. This video has been sent to over 50 elementary school teachers, and the feedback has been very positive, with in excess of 130 views. The link to the Piedmont Chapter video is <https://youtu.be/t3qhvDG5Rfk>

Another Georgia Chapter created a PowerPoint Traveling Trunk Course on Colonial items. The PDF version of that course is attached for your review. It is a great Q&A tool for teachers to use in order to reinforce the facts conveyed by the Traveling Trunk presentations given by our members, or shown in the video presentations.

We are all hopeful that by the early part of the 2021-2022 school year our Traveling Trunk presentations will resume at full strength.

**Exceptions (noted from reviewing GA Society Chapter Annual Reports)::**

09-14-2020 – Blue Ridge Mnts Chapter – 27 students – Home School Cooperative

08-21-2020 – Coweta Falls Chapter – 20 adults – Scottish Rite of Columbus, GA

08-19-2020 – Coweta Falls Chapter produced a Traveling Trunk video for YouTube distribution – viewed 108 times at last count - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Os7kFmBLz9Q>

10-31-2020 – Little River Chapter – 106 students and teachers – Lincoln County Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes

12-17-2020 – Piedmont Chapter – 8 students – Home schooled by a retired teacher (Pictures attached)

I hope this is helpful.

Rick Reese, Jr. [rickreese@att.net](mailto:rickreese@att.net)

Hi Wayne

May I briefly share an interesting experience I had while presenting to a class. I wanted to focus on how the child in that Colonial time might observe happening around them personally. My wife assisted me by handing out molasses cookies that children of that era may have enjoyed and pointing out how the British sugar tax may have impacted that tasty family treat. Sometimes a child's memory will be impacted by multiple experiences including eating.

Nearly all of the many letters I received from this class thanked my wife for baking those tasty molasses cookies.

(incidentally, they were store bought cookies and we never represented them as baked by my wife, but the kids enjoyed them and I believe will remember our presentation better from adding taste to the event)

John C. Tipton [jctipton47@yahoo.com](mailto:jctipton47@yahoo.com)

Mid-Columbia Chapter

Washington State

Wayne

So far I have not been in any classrooms but now that we have teachers using zoom on a daily basis with the students and the students comfortable with the system I am working to get in the classrooms by

Zoom. The teachers have been overwhelmed this year and it may be the a gift to us the open new venues that we earlier could not get into. Time will tell.

Bobbie Hulse

President Kansas SAR

[bobbiesar2@att.net](mailto:bobbiesar2@att.net)

Hi Wayne

We finally completed our video of the Traveling Trunk. Click on to the link below and check it out. I based the video on the Georgia 4th grade Social Studies standards.

<https://youtube/Os7kFmBLz9Q>

Let me know what you think. (Hi Danny, I think you did a great job; will be shared with all; thanks, Wayne)

Danny Ginter [dgsaradan@gmail.com](mailto:dgsaradan@gmail.com)

Coweta Falls chapter

Hello Wayne

The Point Pleasant Chapter has a SAR box in which we carry:

A list of colonial sayings and their origins

A colonial soldiers daughters doll

A join or die broken snake flag

Flints used in fire locks

A jar containing black powder

Cartridges used to prime and load

Musket balls

Fire lock cleaning patches

Tri corn hat

Dice to play the game 2's and 5's

9 men's Morris game boards & pieces

Parts to assemble Whirly gigs

Iron pot in colonial style

A poster comparing Paul Revere to Sybil Ludington

Placards of participants of the battle of Point Pleasant.

Poster with the Youth contests on it

When we go to do presentations we dress period, bring up to five different flags, do bow and string fire starting, knot tying, and carry fire locks.

Sorry this reply is tardy as I have been consumed with the Battle Days Memorial on the 10th of October

and getting caught up on family responsibilities until now.

Ed Cromley(WV) [ed\\_cromley@hotmail.com](mailto:ed_cromley@hotmail.com)

SAR Brethren,

1. 29 September and 1 October at Ascent Classical Academy (4 presentations) to the 7th & 8th grades.

Teacher: Mr. Laminak

Number of Students: 30 in each class, 5 classes

Presenters: Melanie Hockley, Don Crago, Steve DeBoer, Wayne Snodgrass, and Rob Hampton

2. 12 December 2020 via Zoom to the Blue Spruce Chapter, DAR

Elizabeth Cohen, Regent

Number Attending: 21

Presenter: Rob Hampton This was a remarkable presentation as it was on Zoom. Ms. Cohen oriented all participants to using Zoom so that they conducted all their chapter business and all were able to participate in the Patriot Chest presentation. The ladies appreciated the presentation. All were "deputized" to contact local teachers to offer the Patriot Chest presentations.

I have spoken with administrators from Douglas County Schools. They tell me that as long as the governor's CoVid mandates remain in place, the schools are not permitted to have "visitors" in the schools. Patriot Chest presenters, as we are neither staff nor students are considered visitors. Thus presentations are at a stand-still in Colorado schools until the governor lifts the current restrictions and schools allow us in.

Zoom meetings have proven acceptable for adults as the presentation slides and pictures show on participants' computer screens. There is also some degree of participation as persons in the meeting can ask questions. I also showed the video recorded by the Piedmont Chapter. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t3qhvDG5Rfk&t=17s>

Robert (Rob) C. Hampton [hamptonrc@gmail.com](mailto:hamptonrc@gmail.com)

Wayne

Mark Heisten, Lou DaHarb, and George Smith did a Patriot Chest presentation on Saturday, 1/16/21 for a PEO ladies meeting. It was via Zoom. We crammed it into 1/2 hour.

Mark took a ton of photos and we are going to assemble a PowerPoint program. When it is ready I will distribute.

The next scheduled program is on 4/10/2021 for a retired teachers group.

I was a little rusty seeing the last presentation was in February 2020.

George Smith (CO) [sarguy01@gmail.com](mailto:sarguy01@gmail.com)

Thank you Rick Reese(GA), John Tipton(WA), Bobbie Hulse(KA), Danny Ginter(GA), Ed Cromley(WV), Rob Hampton(CO), and George Smith(CO) for your stories. Hopefully, others will also share their experiences.

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NSSAR Education Committee VC

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## EMAIL # 6

**From:** Wayne Snodgrass <wsinmd@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 8, 2021 4:47 PM  
**To:** D. Wayne Snodgrass  
**Subject:** Fwd: Patriot Chest & Traveling Trunk update



**Attachments:** PowerPoint Traveling Trunk Course on Colonial item1.pdf; Untitled attachment 00008.html

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** DW Snodgrass <[wsinmd@comcast.net](mailto:wsinmd@comcast.net)>  
**Date:** February 5, 2021 at 1:48:49 PM MST  
**To:** Wayne Snodgrass <[wsinmd@comcast.net](mailto:wsinmd@comcast.net)>  
**Subject:** Patriot Chest & Traveling Trunk update

Good afternoon Compatriots

Two up-dates for our PC/TT information exchange.

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Very best regards to all

Wayne Snodgrass      Vice Chair      Education Committee

## EMAIL # 7

**From:** DW Snodgrass <wsinmd@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 10, 2021 3:08 PM  
**To:** Wayne Snodgrass  
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Wayne Snodgrass

Vice Chair Education Committee

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## EMAIL # 8

**From:** DW Snodgrass <wsinmd@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 11, 2021 1:39 PM  
**To:** Wayne Snodgrass  
**Subject:** SAR PRESENTERS OF PATRIOT CHESTS AND TRAVELING TRUNKS  
**Attachments:** Blank Presenter Data Form Fillable 2020 (003).docx; Patriot Chest Program Reimbursement Guidelines (3).doc

Good afternoon Compatriots

We have “new” great responses from WVA, KY, VA and CO telling about their school start up experiences and the possibilities to provide in-person and Zoom history presentations. We have now heard from twelve State Societies and our Education Director.

Are you having similar situations in your school districts? Please let us know. We are seeing some openings of our schools as this academic year comes to an end. We could learn what precautions

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Patriot Chest Chairman Snodgrass,

I wanted to let you know about a new video presentation of the Virginia Society Patriot Chest Program. This presentation was made to a history class at Northumberland County High School. The students in the class recorded and created the video presentation. It is now promoted on the Virginia Society YouTube channel. Please feel free to view the video and share it with all who would find it beneficial. It is located at: <https://youtu.be/oBhEJ8q6e1w>

Regards,

Jeff Thomas

President

Virginia SAR

Wayne

As you know, Colorado has had six in-person Patriot Chest Presentations (three in October and three in February) in Charter Schools reaching 176 students. We have also had two Zoom Presentations to DAR and adult civic groups (in December and January). George Smith is now completing a new Power Point Presentation for in-class and Zoom meetings. This power point presentation will highlight a comparison of Colonial items from the Patriot Chest compared with the modern day similar items. Once completed, it will be shared with all presenters. There is an in-person Presentation planned for May with a large group of Retired Teachers, in hopes of establishing new and renewed contacts with current history teachers across

Colorado. We also expect to have our Patriot Chest Presentations again this summer with Living History groups and local Fairs as we did in 2019. Like everyone else, we hope that the school year this fall will again welcome our participation with many in-person presentations.

Rob Hampton, COSSAR Patriot Chest

Wayne,

The Daniel Boone Chapter in Charleston WV has 3 personal trunks, Steven Hart, Robert Dickinson and Joe Lycan. We have been visiting schools and doing demonstrations in Schools, Public Libraries and even yearly at the WV State Capital for the past 15 years.

The Chapter is in the process of getting a Chapter Trunk.

We have been doing demonstrations for years at Fort Randolph doing the summer weekends also.

Thank you,

Steven Hart

WVSSAR Past State President

Wayne,

Through my personal connection with re-enactors, I was put in touch with a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher who is wanting virtual presentations on the Revolutionary War. We have worked out the arrangements and we will be providing the required presentations via Zoom.

Regards,

Scott Giltner

Vice President

Kentucky Society, SAR

Thank you Steven Hart (WVA), Scott Giltner (KY), [Jeff Thomas \(VA\)](#)

and Rob Hampton(CO) for your stories. Hopefully, others will also share their experiences.

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Wayne Snodgrass

NSSAR Education Committee Vice Chair

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## EMAIL # 9

**From:** DW Snodgrass <wsinmd@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 30, 2021 9:03 PM  
**To:** Wayne Snodgrass  
**Cc:** Behrens; Belfield; Bree; Cromley; Dickinson; Dolan; Emerson; Falken; Flint; Francik; Gilbert; Greathouse; Hart; Hartung; Hoyt; Hutchins; Kraft; Lightburn; Nelson; Schultz; Smith; Stevens; Thomas; Tipton; Vernon; Weyler; White; Wills; Wolfe  
**Subject:** SAR PRESENTERS OF PATRIOT CHESTS AND TRAVELING TRUNKS  
**Attachments:** Blank Presenter Data Form Fillable 2020 (003).docx; Patriot Chest Program Reimbursement Guidelines (3).doc; Patriot's Chest - Slideshow Compressed - George Smith - FINAL - Jun 2021.pdf

### Good afternoon Compatriots

The NSSAR Education Committee is evaluating the current status of the Patriot Chest Program and trying to make it better. Please let me know your ideas/suggestions for improvement by this Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are exploring ideas like: 1. Expanding the reimbursement offerings, 2. Bringing the states on board who have yet to start a Patriot Chest, 3. Additional support to the current presenters. I apologize for the short notice and the request for a quick response. The committee is trying to explore ideas before the Congress Reports are submitted at the end of this week. Please let me know your thoughts. Thanks Wayne 720 346 1226

We have “new” great responses from CO, MD, and GA telling about their school start up experiences and the possibilities to provide in-person and Zoom history presentations. We have now heard from twelve State Societies and our Education Director.

What are the expectations for the “Fall Start-up” in your school districts? Please let us know. We have seen some full classroom openings in our schools as this academic year comes to an end. Please share what precautions may be required this fall for our Presenters, i.e., masks, COVID testing, vaccinations, distancing, and safely sharing the reproductions of the artifacts in our Patriot Chests and

Traveling Trunks. We may also be experiencing a shift in public education to “more” virtual education utilized by next year’s teachers. This presents a challenge to all of us: How do we accommodate the teacher’s requests for virtual Rev War information AND also encourage “safe” in-person classroom presentations by our SAR membership. Please share your ideas and your experiences. Please see the latest stories below:

Wayne

The Long’s Peak Chapter (COSSAR) has developed a power point presentation for our school classes. Along with the Patriot Chest we have already used this “well received” presentation in school classes as the year ended this month.. We hope to share this with the Patriot Chest 100 for their possible use this fall. Best regards, George Smith, COSSAR, 303 880 1253 SEE Attachment “Slideshow”

Wayne, Here in Maryland, Schools are opening. Unfortunately, for many of the teacher and school contacts I have, I am getting the same response. Most of our schools are not even allowing parents of the students in. Outside presenters just don't stand a chance to get in and speak to the kids. I hope that when we start the new school year, this will change. I do have a few teachers that are still driving the poster and brochure programs.

Thanks,

C. Louis Raborg Jr.

MDSSAR Educational chairman

Wayne

Lyman Hall Chapter GASSAR has done four Zoom sessions with a nearby Elementary School.

I initiate the Zoom. The school’s Media Center signs in, receives my presentation and sends it out via their CCTV system to all 4th grade classes.

I bought a ‘Document Camera’ so I can show closeup details of the many replica artifacts in our Traveling Trunk.

This method gets to more students but it does not make the same impact as being there. They like to handle and sniff.

I have researched all the county school systems in my Chapter’s area of operations. So far all of them expect to be back to in-person classes next Fall.



Carter J Wood

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678 895 1580

Thank you [George Smith \(CO\)](#), [Lou Raborg MD](#)), and [Carter Wood \(GA\)](#) for your stories. Hopefully, others will also share their experiences.

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Wayne Snodgrass

NSSAR Education Committee [Vice Chair](#)

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## EMAIL # 10

**From:** DW Snodgrass <wsinmd@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 11, 2021 4:16 PM  
**To:** Wayne Snodgrass  
**Subject:** SAR PRESENTERS OF PATRIOT CHESTS AND TRAVELING TRUNKS  
**Attachments:** Blank Presenter Data Form Fillable 2020 (003).docx; Patriot Chest Program Reimbursement Guidelines (3).doc; DAR letter.doc

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We have one “new” great response from CO telling about initiatives and the possibilities to provide in-person history and Patriot Chest presentations. Similar initiatives are also happening in other states. Please let us know.

This discussion may be helpful for the “Fall Start-up” in your school districts? The country is experiencing another “uncertain start-up” school year with the COVID Variants. Please share what precautions may be required this fall for our Presenters, i.e., masks, COVID testing, vaccinations, distancing, and safely sharing the reproductions of the artifacts in our Patriot Chests and Traveling Trunks. We may also be experiencing a shift in public education to “more” virtual education utilized by this year’s teachers. This presents a challenge to all of us: How do we accommodate the teacher’s requests for virtual Rev War information AND also encourage “safe” in-person classroom presentations by our SAR membership. Please share your ideas and your experiences. Please see the latest response below:

Wayne:

I thought you would be interested in the letter which I sent out on July 20. (See attachment). Our chapter desires to establish or reestablish contact with our geographic area DAR chapters. I was able to obtain email addresses for the chapter regents or planning persons. We have thirteen DAR chapters from the northern suburbs of Denver up to the Wyoming line. Over the past 15 years or so we co-sponsored events together. However, since our chapter has grown so much as has the DAR it was time to get going again.

Within three hours of sending out the attached letter we had received four appearances. This has grown to six DAR chapters, and eight appearances. Initially we only want to introduce the SAR and answer questions. Secondly, as a separate event we would do a shortened Patriot Chest program. We will have our new chapter tri-fold brochure for distribution by early September.

Additionally, last week I started contacting schools which in the past had done the Patriot Chest program. As of last Friday I had sent out emails to 17 schools. Our Colorado schools are resuming in-person instruction within the next ten days. Teachers are in the planning stage currently so I felt that now was the time for introductions. I have about 20 more schools to contact in the next two weeks.

**George Smith**

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Thank you Compatriot George Smith.

It would be great if all 100+Patriot Chest Presenters across the nation could maintain their skills, improve the history stories, and update their chest display items. This new 2021-2022 school year is very “uncertain” at the present because of the COVID variants. This fall, let us try to present to adult groups (DAR Chapters, SAR Chapters, Civic organizations, church groups, etc.). Hopefully, these actions will create new opportunities for entering the classrooms when most schools begin to allow SAR to participate in their history lessons.

We have three requests to all Presenters:

13. Please complete the attached “Presenter Data Sheet” and send it to Colleen Wilson at NSSAR [cwilson@sar.org](mailto:cwilson@sar.org) .
14. Please go to sar.org, e-Learning portal, and take the thirty minute Youth Protection Training Program, YPT. This is a NSSAR sponsored training program for all members who present to students in schools and other venues. NSSAR is now listing all members who complete the YPT.
15. Please apply for the 75% reimbursement (up to \$375) offered to Patriot Chest (Traveling Trunk) owners/presenters. Gather your receipts for your chests and the contents, and send them to Megan Krebs NSSAR Finance Director [mkrebs@sar.org](mailto:mkrebs@sar.org) for reimbursement. See Reimbursement Program description attached. The states which have used both of their allotments are CO, KS, WY, VA, and GA. The other state societies may apply for a reimbursement. Each Society may apply for two reimbursements.

Please contact me if there are any questions. Best regards to all.

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