



*The Delaware Crossing Patriot
Kansas Society
Sons of the American Revolution*

July 2024

Metro Kansas City's Oldest & Largest Chapter, Founded 1960

*The Revolution is coming!
Two Years - Four Days*

NEXT MEETING:

When: July 20, 2024

Where: Hilton Garden Inn. 12080 Strang Line Road, Olathe, KS 66062, 9:00am

Reservations & Cost: For reservations, email Secretary@dxsar.com or call Clay Shropshire 785-521-8122 by 7:00 PM, Tuesday, July 16, 2024.

Cost: **\$25.00/person**

CALENDAR & COMING EVENTS

July 2024

- 17 DX EC Meeting
- 20 DX Chapter Meeting

August 2024

- 3 BOG Meeting
- 14 DX EC Meeting
- 17 DX Chapter Meeting

September 2024

- 18 DX EC Meeting
- 21 DX Chapter Meeting

The President's Corner



By Ken Ludwig

July 4th will be the 248th birthday of this great nation. That means we are just two short years away from the semiquincentennial. The SAR has planned a decade of commemorations for the 250th anniversary. The first event was held this past December with the Boston Tea Party. The following is a list of the year and the celebration for the future years.

- 2023 Boston Tea Party
- 2024 The First Continental Congress

- 2025 Battles of Lexington and Concord
- 2026 Declaration of Independence
- 2027 Battle of Saratoga
- 2028 French Alliance
- 2029 Siege of Vincennes/Fort Sackville Battle of Kettle Creek
- 2030 Battle of Kings Mountain
- 2031 Siege of Yorktown
- 2032 Battle of Blue Licks
- 2033 Treaty of Paris

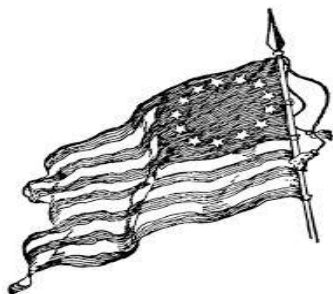
These are all National events, so if you are a color guardsmen, you get extra points if you attend in uniform.

I spent a few minutes trying to see if the state of Kansas has a plan for any celebrations in 2026. It appears that there may have been a bill passed to create a commission and I saw some indications that Kansas's efforts will be spear headed by the state historical society, but I could not find anything that mentioned a concrete plan or a list of proposed events. I did find some early proposed legislation that called for the SAR and the DAR to be part of this commission, but it appears that language was stripped from the final bill.

If any of you know or hear of any plans for our state, please let me know so we can share with the rest of our compatriots.

If you don't have anything going on, our color guard will be marching in the Lenexa parade on the 4th, so you would be more than welcome to come and see them walk by with the colors.

Enjoy your 4th! Be safe



Jim Thornton is presented a Certificate of Appreciation by Ken Ludwig.

Jim Thornton's Presentation of The Revolutionary War in Missouri

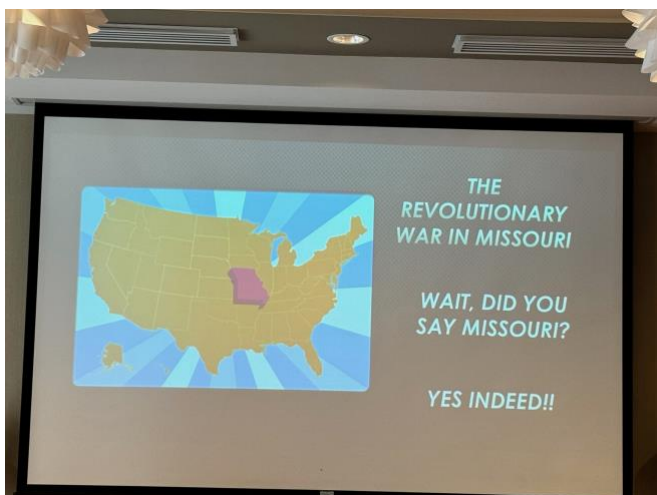
Compatriot Jim Thornton of the Monticello Chapter of the KSSSAR gave a wonderful presentation of his program on the Battle of St. Louis, aka the Battle of Fort San Carlos. It was the only Revolutionary Battle in what is now the State of Missouri. His research made his presentation very informative as it did not involve colonists versus the British but rather Spain versus the British led troops consisting mainly of approximately 300 native Indian forces of the Sioux, Winnebago, Sac and Fox Tribes.

The Spanish called the area St. Luis, which was part of the upper Louisiana Purchase. Fort San Carlos was also unique in that it had a 30 to 40 foot-tall tower with cannons on the top to defend the Fort. The cannon equipped tower so impressed the native Indians that they very quickly retreated and returned home even though they significantly outnumbered the troops defending Fort San Carlos. Jim Thornton's presentation was so impressive it prompted this writer to search and find several articles online of the history of the battle and its participants.

In addition to the Battle of St. Louis, Jim Thornton gave a shorth presentation on one of his Patriot Ancestors.



Jim Thornton presents his program on the Revolutionary War in Missouri.



The KSSAR Color Guard at the Old Shawnee Days Parade.

Your Color Guard at Work

Since the June Patriot newsletter your Chapter Color Guardsmen have been busy, which seems normal this time of year.

Kirk Rush, Dan Dryer, Clay Shropshire, Larry Tatum and Dewey Fry marched in the Old Shawnee Days Parade on Saturday June 8. Well, to be truthful, Dewey made it only about half way before dropping out due to physical problems and Larry made it about 15 steps farther. Thankfully, the other Color Guardsmen from DX and Alan Martin, and Jeffrey Winters from Monticello Chapter, Tom Chychota from Henry Leavenworth Chapter and Brian Vazquez from the Thomas Jefferson Chapter made it to the end.

The evening of June 8, Steven French, Clay Shropshire, and Dewey Fry joined other Color Guardsmen from KSSAR and MOSSAR in welcoming back home Veterans on and Honor Flight returning the Kansas City International after a trip to Washington DC. There were 47 Veterans split into two flights arriving at Kansas City International Airport. The Honor Flight was sponsored by Jackson Heights and Horton, Kan High Schools.

Steven French, Dewey Fry, Larry Tatum, Clay Shropshire, Rick Alley, Jeffrey Winters Presented

the Colors at the Lakeview Village Flag Day Celebration during the playing of our National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance.

Clay Shropshire and Dewey Fry was one of three units the participated in the Flag Folding Ceremony.

Earlier in the day, Dewey Fry also joined two Color Guardsmen from MOSSAR in a Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Commerce Bank Parking Garage at 8th and Main St. in Kansas City, Missouri.

Dewey Fry joined Alan Martin, Jeffrey Winters and Craig Dilliavou formed an Honor Guard at the graveside service of Philip Moody at the Lenexa Cemetery on June 22 for deceased WWII Veterans Phillip Moody. It was a hot, very windy day which took it tole on one Honor Guardsman who passed out and was successfully revived by person who immediately took charge of the challenge.

On Monday July 1, Steven French, Dewey Fry, Clay Shropshire , Dan Dryer and Dennis Nelson participated in a Patriotic program at Cedar Lake Village in Olathe. The primary program was a presentation by a choir made up of 25 Cedar Lake Village residents. Following the program, Color Guardsmen discussed with the colonial flags which they had placed on display in a visiting area of the facility.

The Color Guard received a very nice ovation in the program and many expressions of thanks from the residents who came to view the flags.



Alan Martin, Kirk Rush, Brian Vazquez, Tom Chychota, Clay Shropshire, Dan Dryer and Tom More.



The MOSSAR and the KSSAR Color Guard at the KCI Honor Flight.



Returning Veterans are welcomed the MOSSAR and KSSAR Color Guards.



Steven French, Dewey Fry, Larry Tatum, Clay Shropshire, Rick Alley, and Jeffrey Winters.



Dewey Fry and Clay Shropshire participate in the Flag Folding Ceremony



Alan Martin, Dewey Fry, Jeffrey Winters and Craig Dillivou at the gravesite of Philip Moody.



Dennis Nelson, Clay Shropshire, Dewey Fry, Steven French and Dan Dryer at Cedar Lake Village.



Steven French, Dewey Fry, Clay Shropshire, Dan Dryer and Dennis Nelson present the Colors at Cedar Lake Village.



The Delaware Crossing Color Guard visit with residents of the Cedar Lake Village.