



## *The Delaware Crossing Patriot*

### *Kansas Society*

## *Sons of the American Revolution*

March 2017

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

### CALENDER

#### NEXT MEETING:

When: March 18

Where: Hilton Garden Inn, 12080 S  
Strang Line Rd., Olathe, KS, 9:00AM

Reservations & Cost: For reservations, email  
[Secretary@dxsar.com](mailto:Secretary@dxsar.com) or call Kirk  
Rush (913)789-0975 by 3:00 PM, the  
Wednesday before.

**NEW BREAKFAST PRICE: \$17.00**

Program: Awards and Annual Recap, student  
orations, Wyandot Nation Presentation

### COMING EVENTS

3/2-4 Spring Leadership Meeting – Louisville

3/10 ff KSSSAR 125<sup>th</sup> Ann. Meeting – Topeka

5/6 Board of Gov. – Emporia

7/6 ff Annual Conf. - Knoxville

#### Editor's Note (Greg Millican)

Send news about your ancestor patriots, special events, career changes, history trips, etc., that may be included in the *Delaware Crossing Patriot*.

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### The President's Corner

By Stu Conrad

Honor.

Alexander Hamilton engaged in a duel to defend his "honor." Our Patriot Ancestors (at least those signatories on the Declaration of Independence and, perhaps, many others) pledged themselves to support the Declaration with their lives, fortunes and their "sacred honor." So it must be something quite valuable.

But what really is "honor" and what does it mean? For some young folks its their reputation, or their "rep" for short. And here's another interesting thing about "honor." It can only be awarded to you. It's not really something that comes from a vending machine or which can be easily acquired or purchased. Others must confer honor upon us. While we can so conduct ourselves that we can have honor bestowed on us (recalling that Marc Anthony's soliloquy that "...and Brutus is an honorable man"), but it can also be lost, forfeited by living in a slovenly or reckless manner.

Shakespeare described it thusly:

Good name in man or woman is the most perfect jewel of their lives. Who steals my purse steals trash; 'twas something, nothing, 'twas mine, 'tis his, and has been slave to thousands. But he who filches from me my good name takes from me that which not enriches him, and makes me poor indeed.

Sadly, when the media so conducts its inquiries in a manner that defames someone, that person often

has been heard to inquire: “Where do I go to get my honor back?” Fortunately, our Patriot Ancestors were not worried about this.

We bestow “honor” on our Patriot Ancestors, often because of their courage and devotion to the cause of our independence, but sometimes just because they were in the right place at the right time and simply had the courage to stand for the right, or had a thought about how posterity would regard them. Boy Scouts start their oath with the words: “On My Honor.” We ask them to be true to that pledge, such that if a young man raises his hand and commits to something On His Honor we often drop further inquiries of him into the subject and accept his statement.

Our Patriot Ancestors certainly deserve the honor that we accord to them, but we may not think of the honor that they have bestowed on us. Our Recessional refers to “a nation of free men.” How often do we think about the incredible gift of freedom that they have bestowed (“honored”) on us? We should recognize that this is honor that we have NOT earned, but has been given to us. We should treasure and protect the honor that we have NOT earned for ourselves as a result of our ancestors’ dedication to the principles of liberty and freedom that are enshrined in our founding documents.

(End of President’s Corner)

### **King Eagle Scout Scholarship Essay Winner** **(reported by Kirk Rush)**

Alexander Kolar was the DXSAR chapter winner for the King Eagle Scout Scholarship Essay contest. The voting was very close at the Kansas State level with the following results:

1. First – Alexander Kolar – Delaware Crossing
2. Second – Matthew Van Dyke – Fort Hays
3. Third - Jonathan Edmundson - Monticello



*I DXSAR King Eagle Scout Essay Winner: Alexander Kolar*

### **Knight Essay Contest Winner**

Winner of the George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest for the Delaware Crossing Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (DXSAR) is Michael Gimotty III. Michael is also the winner of the Kansas State Knight Essay Contest.



2 Stu Conrad presents a certificate to Michael Gimotty III.



3 Susan Gimotty receives commendation for encouraging Michael for writing essay.

### **Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest ( Reported by Dewey Fry)**

141 Fifth Grade students from Pioneer Ridge Middle School of the Gardner-Edgerton School District participated in the Poster Contest this school year. Five classroom teachers selected three each from their students to be among the 18 finalists to be judge by Delaware Crossing judges, Stu Conrad, Dick Nelson and Kirk Rush with some input from Dewey Fry, Poster Contest Chairman. Judging is always a very difficult task.

Dick Nelson, Kirk Rush, Junior Member Gavin Kurtz and Dewey Fry presented program describing colonial flags, a Color Guard uniform, a Charleville muskets and the cutting of a 5-pointed star was presented to all the Fifth Grade students, teachers, and guests. The students and teachers were treated to cupcakes and juice while waiting the judge's final decision.

The winner of the Pioneer Ridge Middle School contest was Jayden Good with his poster on



Francis Marion “The Swamp Fox”



4 Winning poster by Jayden Good

Additionally, Victoria Chandler, a fifth grade teacher at Pioneer Ridge who has spear headed the contest at Pioneer Ridge Middle School was presented the Martha Washington Medal for her outstanding efforts, both within Pioneer Ridge and to all of the fifth grade teachers in the Gardner-Edgerton District. She received a very loud ovation when presented the award. Cub Scout Pack 3201 of Olathe was also invited to participate. Their winner was Gavin Kurtz, who readily agreed Jayden Good’s poster to be superior; therefore, Jayden Good was declared the winner of the Delaware Crossing Chapter contest.



5 Jayden Good was presented a certificate

Jayden Good was presented a certificate and a \$50.00 Gift Card by Dewey Fry as his parents Heath and Kim Good watched. His poster will travel to the KSSSAR Annual Conference in Topeka March 11, for the state society contest.



6 Group picture of winning contestants and families

**Governor Proclamation for 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
**(Reported by Kirk Rush)**

On Friday February 17th Kansas Governor Brownback presented the SAR Kansas Society with a proclamation regarding the 125th anniversary of the formation of the Kansas Society.

In addition the KS SAR will present the Governor a US Flag certificate.

We can have up to ten attendees at the event and several of us will be in Colonial Uniform.

So 4 attendees:

- President Brooks Lyles in uniform
- VP and CGC Dennis Nelson in uniform
- CG Adjutant Dewey Fry in uniform

Shawn Cowing, Governor's office



7 125<sup>th</sup> year Proclamation by Gov. Brownback



9 Featured Speaker, Dr. Kurt Graham, Director of Truman Library

### George Washington Birthday Celebration

On February 18, 2017 Kansas and Missouri SAR and DAR chapters held the George Washington birthday celebration at the Ritz Charles convention center. Three pictures follow.



8 Color Guard at Head Table of GWBC



10 Katherine West, Dr. Kurt Graham, & Steven M. Howes, surrounded by color guard

### Preview of Program for March 18 meeting (Reported by Matt Brady):

On Saturday, March 18, 2017, The Zane Sisters, Kristen (*Yarónya?awi?* = *Voice that Floats from the Sky*) and Holly (*Wakqresatáhta?* = *She Who Extends Her Paw*), enrolled members of the Wyandot Nation of Kansas (bear clan), will share cultural and historical information and

artifacts about their tribe, and will speak about their tribes' (as well as neighboring tribes in Ohio's) and the frontier Zane family's involvement in the American Revolutionary War.

- Kristen Zane, PE, graduated from KU with a degree in Civil Engineering and has taken Federal Indian Law classes from UCLA. Although Kristen is now retired, she spent her entire Engineering career in the KC area and was the first minority and second woman President of the Kansas City Engineer Club. Kristen is currently working on a grant funded project with other retired tribal members to data archive all Wyandot records throughout the US and Canada and has previously served as Secretary of the tribal council.
  
- Holly Zane, JD, graduate from KU with degrees in Honors English and Law, has represented her tribe pro bono in federal litigation to preserve and protect its burial ground in Kansas City, Kansas, the Huron Indian Cemetery and has served in various roles on the tribal council. Holly has worked over the last decade as a Human Resources Professional for the State of Kansas.
  
- *(End of Patriot News letter)*