



*The Delaware Crossing Patriot
Kansas Society
Sons of the American Revolution
December 2023
Metro Kansas City's Oldest & Largest Chapter, Founded 1960*

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

NEXT MEETING:

When: December 16, 2023

Where: Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
13145 S. Black Bob Rd., Olathe, KS, Happy
Hour Starting at 6:00pm, Dinner at 7:00pm.

Reservations & Cost: For reservations, email
Secretary@dxsar.com or call Kevin Dyches
(913)-568-9998 by 7:00 PM, Tuesday,
December 12, 2023.

Cost: **\$45.00/person**

Program: DX Christmas Party



CALENDAR & COMING EVENTS

December 2023

- 13 DX EC Meeting
- 16 Wreaths across America
- 16 DX Chapter Meeting – Christmas Party

January 2024

- 17 DX EC Meeting
- 20 DX Chapter Meeting – Dr. Curt King “the Battle of Monmouth”

February 2024

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

The President's Corner



By Larry Tatum

What a year 2023 has been, our year came in with a bang and out with a party. Thanks to Vice President - Programs John Martin, the year began with U.S. Senator Roger Marshall M.D. as our guest speaker and is ending with our annual Christmas Party.

There have been many positive changes to our Chapter this year. Under of the leadership of Dewey Fry, we now have our own patriot chests (2), filled to the brim with historically accurate items of the daily life in the American colonies.

Dewey's watchful eye discovered that the dxsar.org website address, that we had lost some years ago, had become available. We acquired it and it is now the Chapter's web address.

Thanks to Historian Dennis Nelson, our Chapter meetings now include a member's patriot biography, a moment in the Revolutionary War, and the retirement of the colors at the conclusion of our meetings. He also restored the Delaware Crossing Anniversary as an annual event.

The prestige of our Chapter has increased by achieving eighth in the Nation for Americanism, the ever increasing size of our Color Guard, the participation of ten DAR Chapters in our Flag Retirement Ceremony, our Knight Essay Contest applicant placing fifth in the National Contest and our continuing strong involvement in community functions such as: parades, Naturalization Ceremonies, Honor Flights, Student Contests, Wreaths Across American, Awards, Festivals and area genealogical events.

I am certain that the growth in stature of the Delaware Crossing Chapter will continue long into our future.



Larry Tatum administers the SAR oath to Wendell Davis and Clay Shropshire as sponsors Dewey Fry and Tim Peterman witness.

New Members, Welcome Aboard!

David Clay Shropshire III and Wendell Lee Davis were inducted at our chapter meeting on November 18, 2023.

David was registered on July 14, 2023 by the NSSAR with Member No. 227173. His Patriot Ancestor is Abner Shropshire. John Schatzel was his Sponsor and Timothy Peterman his Co-sponsor.

Wendell was registered on September 15, 2023. His Patriot Ancestor is James Davis. Dewey Fry was his sponsor.

Photos accompanying this article show the gentlemen being administered the Oath of Membership by President Larry Tatum. Being pinned with the SAR Member Rosette by Dewey and Tim, lighting their ceremonial candles, and being presented the Delaware Crossing Chapter Challenge Coin by Dewey Fry.

Each spoke for a few minutes of his Patriot Ancestor.

Plans are being made for David to join the Color Guard.

Immediately after the induction ceremony the SAR Medal of Appreciation was presented to Barbara Shropshire a member of the Mission Hills Chapter KSDAR by Dewey Fry on behalf of the Kansas Society SAR for referring David for membership to the SAR. This was her first referral.

Cathy Lawrenz, who was present at the meeting, had been presented a Certificate of Appreciation at a Shawnee Mission Chapter KSDAR meeting for referring Wendell, he was her 6th referral. She has been presented a Medal of Appreciation and a Martha Washington Medal in is on her way to a Daughter's of Liberty Medal.

Thank you, ladies and gentlemen.



Larry Tatum presents Clay Shropshire with his Certificate of Membership.



Larry Tatum presents Wendell Davis with his Certificate of Membership.



Larry Tatum and Dewey Fry watch as Wendell Davis and Clay Shropshire light their patriot candles.



Dewey Fry presents Wendell Davis with his DX challenge coin as Larry Tatum and Clay Shropshire observe.



Dewey Fry pins the SAR rosette on Wendell Davis' lapel and Clay Shropshire is pinned by Tim Peterman.



Dewey Fry presents Barbara Shropshire with the SAR Certificate and Medal of Appreciation.



Delaware Crossing Anniversary Program

Those in attendance at our November 18, Chapter Meeting heard an excellent program on the history of our chapter presented by our Historian Dennis Nelson. It was very evident that Dennis had done many hours of research in creating the presentation of the 63-year history of our chapter.

Dennis reviewed the many leadership accomplishments of chapter members including Chapter, State and National officers and the Color Guard.

Included in the presentation was an Artificial Intelligence creation of the voice of President Ronald Regan reading the letter he wrote to the Delaware Crossing Chapter congratulating them on their 25th anniversary in 1985.

There is insufficient space in this newsletter to include the text of the presentation; however, you

may read it online at our website

<https://www.dxsar.org>

In support of the presentation, photos of the Delaware Crossing of the Kansas River and Grinter Place were displayed on presentation folders. The display was created by Dewey Fry. John Forbes brought a display of photos on a presentation folder of the 44th Anniversary of the Delaware Crossing Chapter. It will be stored by the Historian.

In addition, the artifacts in the Delaware Crossing Chapter Patriot Chests were on display as part of Anniversary Celebration.

An Anniversary cake acquired by President Larry Tatum and sugar free chocolate cupcakes baked by Pat Fry were enjoyed by many attendees.



Historian Dennis Nelson presents the Anniversary Program.



Display boards of the history of the Delaware Crossing Chapter .



The contents of the Delaware Crossing Patriot Chests.

Special DX Chapter Vote after 1st of year:

During the Delaware Crossing January chapter meeting, there will be a vote to raise yearly chapter dues from the current level of \$20/year to \$25/year. The dues increase will be in effect for 2025.

Items to consider to support dues increase:

1. Maintain website which benefits members, prospective members and youth contestants.
2. Supports technology needed for monthly program presentations (audio visual).
3. Costs to recruit new members.
4. Costs to present awards to recognize those in our communities for heroism, life savings, law enforcement, fire safety and good citizens.
5. Support the annual KC George Washington Birthday Celebration.
6. Costs of our annual Flag Retirement Ceremony.
7. Costs related to quality monthly programs.



Annual Christmas Concert of the Kansas City Horn Club

Compatriot Kirk Rush and his wife Lisa will be performing with the Kansas City Horn Club at their Annual Christmas Concert. The concert will be held on December 2nd at 4pm at the Leewood United Methodist Church.

I strongly urge you to attend this concert, it is guaranteed to get you into the Christmas spirit.



Bruce Smith presents James Dykes with the Fifth place National George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest Award.

James Dykes Places 5th in the National George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest

James Dykes' entry in the George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest has won not only First Place in the Delaware Crossing Chapter Contest, First Place in the Kansas SAR Contest, but also Fifth Place in the SAR National Contest. Bruce Smith presented James with a \$500 check and the Fifth Place Certificate from the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The Delaware Crossing Chapter is extremely proud of James' achievement.



Dan Dryer and Dewey Fry deliver gifts to a disabled veteran.

Gifts to Veterans

Thank you to the Delaware Crossing Chapter members who contributed to the Veterans Fund either directly or by sponsoring wreaths to Wreaths Across America through the Chapter. Dan Dryer and Dewey Fry delivered gifts to the Veterans in the Community Living Center at the VA Center in Leavenworth after the Veterans Day Parade. The nursing staff was impressed and very thankful.

We distributed gifts to 7 of the 9 veterans in the CLC (formerly called the Nursing Home). The 6 men and 1 woman enjoyed the visit and were looking forward to enjoying the gifts of snacks, candy, soft warm throws, and insulated coffee mugs. Per the staff, the Veterans very much enjoy the puzzle books and greatly enjoy the pizza parties they will have from the Pizza Hut gift cards we gave for to the staff for that use.

One man was there for treatment for Parkinson’s Disease. He knew very well what his condition was. He could not walk when he entered care a few weeks ago. While we were there in his room, he got up by himself with the aid of a walker. Began walking to the Day Room to get some caps, as he loves them. It took him a while as he had to stop and talk to Pat Fry and Susan Pomeroy on the way.

One man is 92 and has been there for 22 years. Though difficult, we did communicate with him, he was in his wheel chair.

Attached is an accounting of the gifts and a letter of thanks from the VA Center.

Items Donated to Veterans at Eisenhower Veterans Center by
Delaware Crossing Chapter Kansas Society Sons of the American Revolution
November 11, 2023

Type of Donation	\$ Amount
Mens Underwear	\$172.13
Mens Crew Socks	\$48.49
15 Fleece Throws	\$45.82
Mens Ball Caps	\$112.50
Puzzle Books & Personal Calendars	\$27.40
Food Snacks	\$87.93
Candy including Sugar Free	\$133.03
Pizza Hut Gift Cards	<u>\$150.00</u>
	\$777.30

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