



# *The Delaware Crossing Patriot Kansas Society*

## *Sons of the American Revolution*

April 2020

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

### **NEXT MEETING:**

**When:** To Be Announced

**Where:** Hilton Garden Inn, 12080 Strang  
Line Road, Olathe, KS 66062, 9:00AM

**Reservations & Cost:** For reservations, email  
[Secretary@dxsar.com](mailto:Secretary@dxsar.com) or call Preston Washington  
(816) 444-1198 by 3:00 PM, the Wednesday  
before

**Breakfast Cost:** \$17.00/person

**Program:** Chapter Awards

### **CALENDAR & COMING EVENTS**

Pending due to the coronavirus.

### **The President's Corner**



By Ken Ludwig

Compatriots,

Greetings Compatriots!

If you are like me, you are probably growing weary of this Coronavirus. All the talk. All the news reports. Shortages. Restrictions on movement, etc. But like it or not, it is our new reality and it has impacted our Chapter, with our March meeting being canceled, and unless the stay at home order is un-expectantly lifted, our April meeting will also be canceled.

It definitely makes taking over as president of the chapter a challenge I never expected.

Please join me in thanking our outgoing president, Kirk Rush, for his two years of leadership of the chapter. I know he did many things behind the scenes to keep our chapter running.

I feel whenever you take over the leadership of an organization like ours, it is reasonable to lay out what I hope to accomplish during my term.

1. My first goal is to keep the chapter strong and vibrant as we can through this Coronavirus event, so that when it is over, we can emerge stronger than ever.
2. I understand that this fall the Chapter will celebrate its 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. This is a milestone, and I feel we should celebrate it. I will be working with the executive committee to determine if this is something we want to pursue as a chapter. If you have any ideas, please let me know.
3. Support our chapter long term goals of increasing our membership, and support of our youth and community awards.
4. Encourage our membership to donate and build up our Youth Fund. The investment returns on this fund is what supplies the cash for all of our youth awards, so the more money we can get invested in this fund, the larger and more (in quantity) awards we can make. (As a side note, did you notice stocks are on sale at the moment? Great time to make a charitable contribution to the fund.)

I am sure that there will be other initiatives that I will need to address that will come down from the state and national level that will have to be rolled out to the membership. I just do not know what they may be at this point in time.

I know it is really early to mention this and it will not happen in my term, but I would like you all to start thinking about the fact that 6 years from now, we will be preparing to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday of our wonderful country. I firmly believe that there will be a resurgence of interest in all things related to the American Revolution, which we need to position ourselves to capture and capitalize on this period of interest. I fully

expect that our color guard will be invited to participate in many events, parades, etc. We may field requests for speakers. Interest in joining our organization may spike. Bottom line is that we need to start preparing for this event so we can meet all of the projected demands on our chapter. Remember, our patriot ancestors gave everything, (lives, livelihood, and fortune) to create this great country. All our country is asking of us now in this battle against the virus is to be responsible, stay home, wash our hands, and sit on the couch. Don't mess it up.

Stay well everyone!

#### **Editor's Note**

Due to uncertainty caused by the coronavirus, our future chapter meetings are pending an all-clear announcement from the authorities.

Therefore, I am in need of articles for the "Patriot" newsletter to make-up for the lack of meeting reports. Please forward to me at [larrytatum@aol.com](mailto:larrytatum@aol.com), any news, ancestor information, history trips or items of interest to the chapter members.

Your help is greatly appreciated,

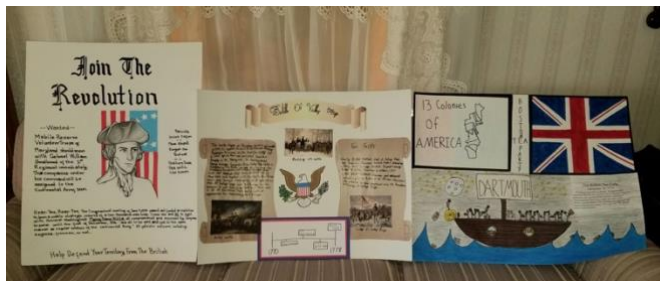
Larry Tatum, Editor

### **Delaware Crossing Poster Contest Winner Takes State!**

Compatriots,  
Thought you would like to know that Aubrey Gainers poster won the KSSAR Contest. It now will go to Richmond, VA to be in the NSSAR contest at Congress in July.

Attached is a photo of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place posters at state level, from left to right.

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### **This Month in Revolutionary War History**

What a month this was in American History, during 1775 the two most iconic events leading up to the Revolutionary War took place in April.

On April 18, 1775, Paul Revere and William Dawes made their famous ride to warn that “the redcoats are coming”. The “One if by land, two if by sea” was signaled by lanterns in the Old North Church bell tower. On the night of April 18, church sexton Robert Newman and vestryman Captain John Pulling, Jr. climbed the steeple and lit two lights to signal that the British were marching by sea (across the Charles River).

When I toured the Old North Church, it was explained, that the shining of lanterns at the church were unconfirmed until a doorway, that made the escape of the brave signalers possible, was discovered while the interior of the Church was being repaired.

The second event “the shot heard ‘round the world” occurred on April 19, 1775, when the forewarned Minute Men clashed with the redcoats at Lexington and Concord.

These two events along with Patrick Henry’s “Give me liberty or give me death” speech from the previous month, turned the “call to action” to “action” and the beginning of the Revolution.