



*The Delaware Crossing Patriot*  
*Kansas Society*  
*Sons of the American Revolution*  
 September 2021  
 Metro Kansas City's Oldest & Largest Chapter, Founded 1960

**NEXT MEETING:**

**When:** September 11, 2021, 10:00AM to 2:00PM

**Where:** Shelter House #1, Antioch Park, 6501 Antioch Road, Merriam, KS

**Reservations & Cost:** For reservations, email [Secretary@dxsar.com](mailto:Secretary@dxsar.com) or call Dewey Fry (913)-897-9502 by 5:00 PM, Saturday, Sept. 4, 2021

**Cost:** \$12.00/person, \$6.00/ age 12 to 6, under 6 Free

**Program:** Annual Picnic & Flag Retirement

**CALENDER & COMING EVENTS**

**September 2021**

- 8 DX EC Meeting
- 11 DX Chapter Meeting – Picnic and Flag Retirement

**October 2021**

- 13 DX EC Meeting
- 16 DX Chapter Meeting

**November 2021**

- 10 DX EC Meeting
- 13 DX Chapter Meeting

**The President's Corner**



By Ken Ludwig

Summer is over – Soon everything will be fall colors, pumpkin spice, football, and Halloween. We will blink, and it will be Christmas.

September brings us Labor Day. It seems like there are many news articles lately about labor – mostly lack of available labor.

As the owner of a small business, I am acutely aware about the vagrancies of labor. When I need it I can't find it. If I raise the pay, I can get people, but they are not qualified and

need lots of training, and just when I get them trained, then they jump ship. Labor is just one of the many frustrations in my life.

Businesses are not the only organization that needs labor to keep it alive, moving forward, and obtaining the objectives of the organization. Volunteer organizations like churches, Home Owner Associations, Boy Scout Troops, etc. need many people to perform all of the tasks required to keep the organization viable. Getting really close to home, Delaware Crossing Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution is also an organization that needs labor (people) to keep us strong and viable.

Due to a variety of factors including Covid and a recent relocation of a member that held several positions, the normal leadership progression in the Executive Committee has been disrupted. The Executive Committee desperately needs volunteers to fill several key positions to ensure a strong and stable chapter.

The main position that needs immediate filling is the Executive Vice President position. Other positions that need to be filled are the Vice President of Programs, Chaplin, Sargent at Arms, plus several minor positions. Please consider volunteering to fill one of these positions.

Absent volunteers, the Executive Committee will be asking people to step up and fill one of these vacancies.

Many of the openings we have are not hard tasks. Many can be done at home, at whatever timeframe you would like to do them.

Remember that many hands make the work light, and it is in everyone's best interest to keep our chapter strong and viable by having a strong and viable leadership structure.

September 11, 2021 is the date of our annual picnic and flag retirement ceremony. Please plan to come and bring your flags to burn. This year however it also coincides with the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of America being attacked by terrorism.

Please also take a moment sometime during the day to remember all who have lost their lives on that day and since as we attempt to stem the tide of terrorism in this world.

## ANNUAL PICNIC DELAWARE CROSSING CHAPTER SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2021  
10:00 AM-2:00 PM

At Shelter House No. 1, Antioch Park,  
6501 Antioch Rd, Merriam, KS  
*(See accompanying map, use the South Entrance)*



### Food Served at Noon

The menu will be smoked beef brisket, smoked pulled pork, baked beans, potato salad and coleslaw. There will be bottled water, lemonade and iced tea to drink and cookies for desert.



Come and enjoy the fellowship, food, fun. Restrooms are nearby. Hand cleaning provisions will be at the shelter. A fantastic playground is a short walk away. There are paved paths on which to stroll and a lake to view. There is a moderate distance walk from the shelter to the Fire Circle for the Flag Retirement Ceremony.

Bring your whole family! Invite the prospective members who are actively working with you on their applications. Please comply with the Johnson County Mask Mandate in effect on the date of the picnic. We will social distance as best we can dependent on attendance and number of tables.

Food planning is more critical than for a normal meeting, so please make your reservations in a soon as possible. We want to make sure there is enough food. To make reservations for the picnic, email [secretary@dlcsmr.com](mailto:secretary@dlcsmr.com) or call Dewey Fry at 913-897-9502 by 5:00 PM Saturday September 4, 2021. The fee is \$12.00 for those 13 and older, \$6.00 for children 6 through 12 and free to those under 6. In making your reservations please indicate the number in each age group.



### 1:00 PM: Memorial Service and Flag Retirement Ceremony



At 1:00 PM at the Fire Circle, a brief Memorial Service for recently deceased members of Delaware Crossing, Monticello and Henry Leavenworth Chapters will be conducted; immediately thereafter the Color Guard will conduct a Flag Retirement Ceremony with participation of members of the Boy Scouts of America. An adequate number of flags have been acquired for the ceremony; however, if you wish to retire a flag please prepare it by cutting the eyelets from it, then cut the blue field from it, then cut each stripe from it.

## 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Silent Auction

Thanks to a generous donation of multiple Revolution related and other items by compatriot Bob Capps, the Delaware Crossing Chapter has the opportunity to raise money to support several of our important efforts: Youth Fund, Veterans Fund and Color Guard Fund.

The donated items consist of 11 prints of which 10 are framed, 9 audio books on CD and several other items of interest. Some of these prints and books will be very recognizable to you. These items will be made available for bid in a silent auction format at our anniversary celebration. **This event is being held at 10am at The Grinter House on Saturday 13 November this year.**

An inventory of the Items that will be available is below. So, pick out your favorites and bring your checkbooks or your wallets and help support these three important programs with your contributions.

### **Prints:**

Battle of King's Mountain (Chappel) 7.5 x 9.5, framed and matted 15 x 18

Defiance at Fort Moultrie, SC (Hall) 7.5 x 9.5, unframed

Fort McHenry 15 x 17, framed and matted photo 18 x 22

George Rogers Clark (Welch) 7.5 x 5, framed and matted 8 x 10

Lee's Cavalry Skirmishing at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse (Chappel) 7.5 x 10, framed and matted 13 x 16

Marion Crossing the Pedee (O'Neill) 7.5 x 9.5, framed and matted 13 x 16

Ruins of Fort Ticonderoga (London Printing) 9 x 7, framed and matted 13 x 16

Siege of Charleston (Wilson) 7.5 x 9.5, framed and matted 13 x 16

Surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown (Hinshelwood) 7.5 x 9.5, framed and matted 13 x 16

Surrender at Yorktown (Whitechurch) 11 x 15, framed and matted 18 x 22

Washington in Command (Chappel) 9.5 x 7.5, framed and matted 12 x 16

**Audio Books**  
1776 (McCullough), Audio book on 5 CDs (6 hours)

Founding Brothers (Joseph Ellis), Audio book on 12 CDs (13.5 hours)

John Adams (David McCullough), Audio book on 9 CDs (9 hours)

The Founding Fathers Collection: Washington (Burns- 5 CDs), Adams (Diggins-5 CDs), Jefferson (Appleby-5 CDs), Madison (Willis-5 CDs) (20 hours total)

General George Washington: A Military Life (Edward Lengel), Audio book on 17 CDs (20.75 hours)

Patriots: Brotherhood of the Revolution (Joseph Ellis); 14 lectures on 7 CDs

The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt (Edmund Morris), Audio book on 8 CDs (9 hours)

Washington's Crossing (David Fischer), Audio book on 15 CDs (18 hours)



*Ruins of Fort Ticonderoga*



*Surrender at Yorktown*



Battle of Kings Mountain



Fort Mifflin



General George Rogers Clark



Surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown



Defense of Fort Moultrie (unframed)



George Washington



Siege of Charleston



Lees Cavalry Skirmishing at Battle of Guilford



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