



*The Delaware Crossing Patriot*  
*Kansas Society*  
*Sons of the American Revolution*  
 January 2022  
 Metro Kansas City's Oldest & Largest Chapter, Founded 1960

**NEXT MEETING:**

**When:** January 15, 2022

**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 Steven French (913)-832-6034 by 7:00 PM, Wednesday, January 12, 2022.

**Cost:** \$17.00/person

**Program:** John Forbes

**CALENDER & COMING EVENTS**

**January 2022**

- 12 DX EC Meeting
- 15 DX Chapter Meeting

**February 2022**

- 5 BOG Emporia, KS
- 9 DX EC Meeting
- 12 DX Chapter Meeting
- 19 George Washington Birthday Celebration

**March 2022**

- 9 DX EC Meeting
- 12 DX Chapter Meeting
- 18-19 State Conference - Abilene

**The President's Corner**



By Ken Ludwig

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

It looks like we all survived another trip around the sun. 2021 is now in our rear-view mirror, and I hope 2022 is better than 2021.

Our upcoming chapter meeting on January 15<sup>th</sup> is our annual business meeting with the primary order of business being the election of the chapter officers. This is your opportunity to elect the men that will guide our chapter over the next year, so please join us and vote.

In our May 2021 meeting, Mr. Bill Boillot of Founders Keep recommended that we read the book “The 5000 Year Leap”. I finally got around to obtaining a copy of it and am about ¾ of the way through it.

I find it very interesting, and I am finding it a shame that in our educational system that we were not taught the writings of our founding fathers to reinforce the principals behind our constitutional republic and why our fathers set up things like they did.

One of the most interesting things is the role of religion in our country. Examination of the founders’ writings reveal that they all were religious men and the basic tenets underpinning most of their writings was the Ten Commandments.

Their vision and desire was that the clergy and churches in this country were to be the moral compass of the country, a partner to the government and meant to preach and rail against any laws or policies the government was enacting or the misdeed a specific official has done, not the watered down don’t you dare say anything or we will rip away your tax advantaged status world we live in now.

Another principle they believed in was protecting equal rights not providing equal things. Yes, this means that there are winners and losers in this game of life, but it also did not mean they did not have any concerns for the poor and needy. They had a belief in calculated compassion, where the government does not help the needy completely, but help them to help themselves. They wanted to provide emergency help, but not allow that help to become “habitual”. They also believed that there was a level of support that started with the individual, up to the family, then the church, followed by the community, then the county, and finally the state. In no way they felt should the government be involved in the public welfare. Compare that to our current state of affairs.

This book contains a total of 28 principles all of a similar vein, that’s giving me a lot to think about.

In the spirit of full disclosure, I did research the author and he has been labeled as an extremely far right conservative, but the book is filled with excerpts of the founder’s writings that you can read and draw your own conclusions. Granted, he may have cherry picked the excerpts to support his viewpoint, but barring reading the full body of work of the

founders myself, which I do not have the access to, nor time to read, I cannot make that determination. Overall, I feel that the book is fair, and worth the time to read.



*Sheryas Krisman, violin; Lois Kim, violin; Ansh Gugnani, base; and Antonio Bianchi, viola.*

### **Enjoyable Holiday Meeting**

We who attended the Delaware Crossing Chapter meeting the evening of December 18, 2021, were recipients of an enjoyable evening. Those who did not attend missed good food, good conversations, great music, and a chance to purchase an item or two at the silent auction.

The music was provided by five students from Blue Valley Northwest High School. After playing for nearly an hour and a half they were each presented a Certificate of Appreciation and a \$50.00 check.

From left to right in the photo where they were playing, are Sheryas Krisman, violin; Lois Kim, violin; Ansh Gugnani, base; Jennifer Liu, cello; and Antonio Bianchi, viola. Having forgotten music stands, except of one, they improvised by using chairs at music stands and let the bass player use the music stand to place the printed music closer to see.



President Ken Ludwig presents Certificates of Appreciation to the members of the Blue Valley Northwest String Quintet.



**DXSAR Officer Nominations for 2021**

- President – Larry Tatum
- VP Programs – John Martin
- Secretary - Steven French
- Treasurer - Shawn Cowing
- Asst. Treasurer - Dick Nelson
- Registrar/Genealogist - Tim Peterman
- Exec VP – No nomination

**Please make an effort to attend the January meeting to vote on these nominations.**



Color Guard members – Commander Dewey Fry (DX), Alan Martin (MC), Kirk Rush (DX), Dennis Nelson (DX), Steve French (DX), Ken Ludwig (DX), Bruce Bowman (MC), Jeffrey Winters (MC), and John Forbes (DX).

**Wreaths Across America 2021**

On Saturday December 18, 2021, the Delaware Crossing Chapter joined other organizations at the Johnson County Memorial Gardens to observe the ceremony and to lay wreaths to remember those who had served the through the United States Armed Services. We could not lay a wreath at each veteran’s grave as there were only 642 wreaths and more than 3000 graves of veterans at JCMG. Of the 642, 150 were sponsored (donated) through our Delaware Crossing Chapter by 15 families. The chapter will receive \$750.00 for those 150 sponsored wreaths. \$375.00 will be deposited in the Veterans Fund and \$375.00 in the Kessler Youth Endowment Fund. The ceremony was to REMEMBER, the Veterans Fund is used to HONOR the living veterans and the KYEF is used to TEACH the young to learn from where their freedom and rights came. Thus, all three objectives, or points of mission, of Wreaths Across America will be fulfilled by the Delaware Crossing Chapter.

The youth who placed the ceremonial 8 wreaths for the 7 branches and the POW/MIA most probably will remember their participation for the rest of their lives; thus, their education begins on the remembering and honoring of veterans.

A few photos of the event accompany this article. Thanks to all who sponsored wreaths and all who participated in the ceremony and laying of wreaths.

Dewey Fry  
Chairman, Wreaths Across America Committee.



Louise and Gary Hicks place a wreath.



Kirk Rush lays a wreath at his grandfather's grave.



8 Wreaths were placed by youths for the 7 Branches of Service and the POW/MIA.



Ceremonially Laying of Wreaths by the Color Guard.