



The Delaware Crossing Patriot Kansas Society

July 18, 2015

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

NEXT MEETING:

When: 0900 – July 18th
Where: Hilton Garden Inn, 12080 S Strang
Line Rd. Olathe, KS

Program:

Reservations & Cost: For reservations, e-mail reserve@dxsar.com or call Stu Conrad at 913-897-3351 by 3:00 PM, the Wednesday before

COMING EVENTS CALANDER

Jun 27-Jul 1: National Congress
Aug 1 : Board of Governors – Emporia
Aug 15: Chapter Meeting
Aug 28-29: SCD Meeting – Little Rock
Sep 19: Chapter Picnic & Flag Ceremony

Meet Your Newest Member – Matthew Brady



Introducing one of our newest members, Mathew Brady. Mathew joins Delaware Crossing under the sponsorship of Dewey Fry. Mathew's Patriot Ancestor was Charles Randall, a member of the Massachusetts and Rhode Island Militias.



The President's Corner

Brian Revard, Pres. DX

Happy Birthday America! This month Americans will celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence 239 years ago on July fourth. It is difficult to truly comprehend what our forefathers risked and experienced for their act of defiance.

Many people will celebrate with family and friends by watching ball games, picnicking, enjoying the outdoors, and watching fireworks. Let us also always remember our Pledge to the SAR:

We the descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.

We are all blessed to live in such a great country.

I hope to see you at our next chapter meeting on July 18th. The program will be presented by Gary Hicks in character as Alexander Majors. Please plan to attend if you can. You will really enjoy this presentation.

I hope you all have a safe and fun July 4th. Fly you American flag high.

Happy Birthday America!

June Recognitions

At the June meeting of Delaware Crossing, President Brian Revard made several presentations and recognitions of members:

Richard Nelson, Assistant Treasurer and long-standing member valued contributor; was awarded the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal

Mike Miesinger, member of the DX and KSSSAR Color Guards; awarded a Certificate of Appreciation

Daryl Taylor, Chapter Chaplain; awarded a Certificate of Appreciation

Thank you for your contributions, gentlemen!

Susan Nelson Recognized

Susan Nelson, wife of member Dennis Nelson, and a DAR member was recognized by the chapter with the presentation of the SAR Medal of Appreciation. This medal is awarded to members of the DAR for significant contributions and referrals of SAR applicants. The DAR is recognized as a valuable asset in the identification and recruiting of new members. Congratulations, Susan.



David Overmeyer Visits from Saudi Arabia

Delaware Crossing member, David Overmeyer returned for a visit at the June chapter meeting.

David, a member since around 2003 and sponsored by Dewey Fry, has been living and working in Saudi Arabia most of the year since 1998.



David has worked for Saudi Aramco Oil Company in various teaching positions; from teaching young Saudi employees in academic pursuits in preparation for university studies abroad, to instruction in business communications.

David's Patriot Ancestor was John George Obermeyer who migrated to Pennsylvania in 1751. Somewhere during the process "Obermeyer" was transliterated to Overmeyer and the family later moved to central Kansas where David grew up on a farm near Salina.

Working full time overseas is not the dramatic shock that it once was, says Overmeyer. In the beginning, before the explosion of the internet, it was cause for celebration just to find a US newspaper. Those days, the culture shock and just missing home were the hardest things to overcome. Now with the growth of email, photo-sharing, Skype and the like; it really is not much different than living across town...[except for the time change], David relates.

One of David's passions is sailing...he acquired an Aquarius 23 footer that had been shipped there by previous employees, and became an avid sailor. David chides that, *I had to move to the desert to learn to sail.* Another hobby of David's is Falconing.

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While he doesn't own any of the birds of prey, he goes to the field with friends that do, and enjoys one of the national sports of Saudi Arabia.

If you were not able to attend the June meeting, I am sorry you missed seeing David – or the chance to meet him for the first time. He is a delightful man to speak with and a good friend, and really; opportunities to meet up with friends we have not seen for a while, or making new friends is what attending chapter meetings is, in great measure, what it is all about.

Take the opportunity to visit the July meeting – take the initiative to make a new friend or reacquire an old friendship.

Medal For Heroism Awarded to Scout

It just wasn't AJ's time to die, not if his brother Parker Ost would have anything to do about it.



Parker, a Life-rank Scout and Senior Patrol Leader with Troop 182 (Red Tail Hawk District), his father Kevin, and his brother AJ were walking the family dog near their home late one Sunday evening. While standing in a grassy area AJ was bitten on the lower leg by an adult copperhead.

During the pandemonium that often accompanies such an event, Parker had the presence of mind to kill the snake so that at the hospital, there would be no delays in verifying venom; track down and calm his panicked brother who started running to the house, and; orchestrated the drive to the correct

hospital equipped to treat the situation.

Not only was Parker's methodical and measured responses contributory to saving his brother's life, but under stress he recalled and applied the proper BLS protocols for treating such wounds – the application of which were in no small measure responsible for preventing secondary tissue damage and likely saving his young brother's life.

For his calm and measured response, in the face of imminent danger to his own life and safety, the National Society Sons of the American Revolution and the Delaware Crossing Chapter, awarded Parker Ost the Medal for Heroism, at the chapter June meeting.

Parker will be sitting for his Eagle Court of Honor this coming August. We look forward to his achieving that goal and hope to be having Parker participate in the Arthur B. King Eagle Scout Award contest in the near future.

Secrets of the Secret Service

Our June speaker, Craig Dillavou, may not have revealed any secrets of the Secret Service that he wasn't supposed to – but the mysteries of what the Secret Service does, it's history, and a lot of chapter member's questions were answered, if you attended the June chapter meeting.



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Craig Dillavou, is a retired Secret Service Agent and current Chapter President of the Monticello Chapter. He entertained members by relating some of the history of the Service, created by Abraham Lincoln; how he joined the agency and some of his stories along the way.

Craig also brought along a collection of photos which he shared and allowed guesses to name some of the more obscure of those photographed.



The Secret Service was created in 1865 following the Civil War in order to provide a federal response to currency counterfeiting which was rampant and out of control. At the time, there was no uniform federal currency and each banking entity issued its own currency which was often unique in design, color and paper stock.

Fighting counterfeiting was the primary objective of the Service up through the assassination of William McKinley in 1901. Succeeding to the Presidency, Theodore Roosevelt made the Presidential Protection Detail the primary objective of the Service – though to this day counterfeiting is one of many investigative focuses of the Secret Service.

Craig joined the Secret Service after serving in the Army Counter Intelligence Corps (CIC) during Vietnam. During his career he served in Little Rock, Chicago, Minneapolis and Kansas City. He also served on Former President Richard Nixon's protection detail where he accompanied the President and former First Lady on numerous trips and speaking engagements in China, Europe and across the nation.

Craig provided several stories, enlightening and at times amusing, enumerating experiences in investigating and apprehending suspects in several counterfeiting schemes as well as his experiences in the Presidential Protection Detail.

To those of you who know Craig, it was perhaps surprising; this unassuming peaceful man we largely know as the former proprietor of the *Wild Bird Store* in Overland Park; with the broad smile of a Helzberg and an affable laugh – kicking in doors and taking down the bad guys...a regular “Frank Horrigan” and “Jethro Gibbs” in one.



Just one of the very interesting programs we have to offer at chapter meetings.

On July 18 Gary Hicks will make an appearance in character of Alexander Majors, co-founder of the Pony Express and a Kansas City luminary. Make your reservations early.

South Central District Meeting

Make your plans now for attending the annual SCD Meeting August 28-29. This year's meeting will be at the Double Tree Hilton in Little Rock, Arkansas.

President General Tom Lawrence will be in attendance and will be the key-note speaker for the Friday evening banquet.

For more information, registration and a conference flier, check out the webpage at (use control-click):

<http://www.txssar.org/>

From their home page follow the “EVENTS” drop down menu to “South Central District”