



*The Delaware Crossing Patriot
Kansas Society
Sons of the American Revolution
December 2019
Metro Kansas City's Oldest & Largest Chapter, Founded 1960*

NEXT MEETING:

When: December 14, 2019

Where: Hampton Inn, 16555 Midland Dr., Shawnee, KS, 6:00pm (beginning of Happy Hour)

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

Buffet & Entertainment: \$45.00/person
Buffet includes Cedar Planked Salmon & Roasted Pork Loin with Cabernet Demi-Glace

Program: [Annual DX Christmas Party & a short Chapter Meeting](#)

Please make every effort to attend, we would like a large turnout for this annual event.

The President's Corner



By Kirk Rush

Compatriots,

'Tis the season for thankfulness, giving, and counting our blessings. We just experienced our annual holiday of Thanksgiving and Christmas is just ahead of us. I am thankful for the opportunity to spend time with my family in California and for the wonderful meals I've had an opportunity to enjoy. I'm sure most you are thankful for very similar things.

But what else do we have to be thankful for? What makes it possible for us to have holidays like Thanksgiving or any of our other National holidays? Think back to how our great country was founded. Our patriot ancestors fought hard and died to win our freedom from an oppressive, corrupt government and king. Because of their sacrifices we live in the greatest country on earth and enjoy more freedoms than just about anyone else.

CALENDAR & COMING EVENTS

December 2019

- 12/11 DX EC Meeting
- 12/14 Wreaths Across America
- 12/14 Annual DX Chapter Christmas Party – Hampton Inn, 16555 Midland DR, Shawnee, KS

We should be thankful for that and find ways to express our gratitude. How we do that? One way is by passing on to a younger generation the knowledge we have about how our country was made free and how we go about keeping our country that way. This isn't always taught in classrooms across the country the way it was when we were young. Unfortunately, American history is too often presented in a rather abbreviated form. By reaching out to our youth we can ensure that the message our founding fathers gave us gets passed on to the next generation.

You can help by participating in and supporting the multiple youth programs the SAR offers: King Eagle Scout Contest, Knight Essay, Rumbaugh Oration, Poster Contest, CAR liaison, etc. Please consider volunteering to help by either becoming a chairman for one of these programs or being a committee member. We need help with spreading the word to local schools and youth organizations. Our chapter committee chairmen: Bruce Smith, Dewey Fry, Dick Nelson and I will also need help with judging the applications we receive from contestants. Ask one of us how you can help.

Eagle Scouts Honored:

On Saturday November 9th, Chapter President and Eagle Scout Chairman Kirk Rush was in uniform at Troop 123's fall Eagle Court of Honor in Lenexa, KS to present SAR Eagle Scout certificates to the following Eagle Scouts: Jacob Andrew Hodson, Ryan Christopher Johnson, Charles Phillip Pattison IV, Benjamin Alan Phillips & Benjamin Richard Stove.

Holiday Meeting Entertainment

While we visit, wine and dine at our December 14 dinner meeting, we will be entertained by a string quartet composed of students from Blue Valley Northwest High School. The ensemble is to include two violins, one viola and one cello. Music will be a variety of holiday and popular tunes to serve as background music while you visit and eat.

The Director of Orchestra, Mike Arbucci, is not only an instructor but also a professional musician. He has always picked very good student musicians for personal appearances such as ours.

Delaware Crossing Color Guard Participating in the Leavenworth Veterans Day Parade



Summary of Delaware Crossing Chapter Nov 16, 2019 Meeting

William Hendricks presented a well-documented program of the Continental Marine Uniform and their weapons.



William Hendricks in Continental Marine Uniform

USS Stark Memorial Award

One of the awards that a state society and chapter can be presented is the USS Stark Memorial Award for service to veterans of our Armed Forces. Points are recorded for such items as the hours visiting with veterans, participating in such events as Wounded Warrior Programs, Patriot Grave Markings, attending funerals of veterans, and donation gifts to the veterans be they clothing, small items or big-ticket items. These can be donated by the individual, or chapter.

If you, as an individual member, have partaken in any of the above, please email or notify me, Dewey Fry, of your donation of time or goods to a veteran or veteran's organization. Be specific of time and location of visit or participation. Briefly describe the items donated and the value as some items are counted as each and some items the value determines the points allocated. The chapter will be credited for its member's donations.

Please notify me by the end of December.

Dewey Fry-Veterans Committee Chair
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William Hendricks with musket rifle

Veterans Day Visit

On Veterans Day Monday November 11, after marching more than 2 miles in weather reminding us of Valley Forge and enduring ice-covered streets, Steve French and Dewey Fry visited with 14 veterans in the Community Living Center of the Eisenhower Veterans Center in Leavenworth. We distributed many items that had been purchased by your donation to the Veterans Fund and Wreaths Across America.

Paper bags that contained candy, chips and protein bars were distributed to each veteran. Lap throws and weekly planners, which they all appreciate, were also given to each.

Some additional items such as socks, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, etc. were placed in general stores from which they will be supplied as needed. One of the most appreciated gifts was the \$150.00 of gift cards for Pizza Hut. Those in the CLC, which was formerly called the nursing home, love their pizza parties. We were told the supplies such as toothbrushes would last a year; but the Pizza Hut gift cards would be used in about three months, maybe before the first of the year.

Dewey maintained his tradition of giving them 100 caps to be shared with those veterans in the domiciliary after the veterans in the CLC got their pick of what each veteran wanted.

The gifts were appreciated; however, talking with each and thanking them for their service met with genuine appreciation.

