



*The Delaware Crossing Patriot
Kansas Society
Sons of the American Revolution
October 2023
Metro Kansas City's Oldest & Largest Chapter, Founded 1960*

*The Revolution is coming!
Two Years - Nine Months - Four Days*

NEXT MEETING:

When: October 21, 2023

Where: Hilton Garden Inn. 12080 Strang Line Road, Olathe, KS 66062, 9:00am

Reservations & Cost: For reservations, email Secretary@dxsar.com or call Kevin Dyches (913)-568-9998 by 7:00 PM, Tuesday, October 17, 2023.

Cost: \$22.00/person

Program: The Battle of Brandywine

CALENDAR & COMING EVENTS

October 2023

- 18 DX EC Meeting
- 21 DX Chapter Meeting

November 2023

- 4 BOG Meeting
- 15 DX EC Meeting
- 18 DX Chapter Meeting – DX Anniversary Celebration

December 2023

- 13 DX EC Meeting
- 16 DX Chapter Meeting – Christmas Party

The President's Corner



By Larry Tatum

Our annual picnic was a great success with a packed house. I always look forward to the wonderful BBQ that Pat and Dewey Fry prepare, and they out did themselves this year.

The Memorial Service was especially somber, due to the large number of fallen compatriots and eight DAR Chapters participated in the Flag Retirement Ceremony. I urge all of our members to attend next year's picnic, you won't regret it.

On the national level, a new brand manual has been approved. When I first heard about this, I thought “Oh what now”. But after reading it, I like the new regulations. The SAR has had a branding problem for many years. The population at large has no idea what the SAR is.

Part of the problem are the titles that the different SAR organization levels have. The state level has been “The Kansas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution”. This has been shortened to “Kansas SAR”. Our Chapter’s title has been changed to “Delaware Crossing Chapter SAR”.

The term, society and the reference to the State, has been eliminated from the titles. The new branding emphasizes that we are the SAR and hopefully the SAR brand will become synonymous with our mission statement: "The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our country."



IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Delaware Crossing website address has been changed to: dxsar.org. The password remains unchanged.

Facebook at Delaware Crossing Chapter-KSSAR



Wreaths Across America

The Wreaths Across America wreath laying event at Johnson County Memorial Gardens (JCMG) is soon approaching. It will be on Saturday December 16 at 11 am Eastern Time all across our nation and beyond. Our Delaware Crossing Chapter members have made us the largest sponsoring group at JCMG since the event began there. Our involvement has encouraged the Monticello Chapter KSSAR and some KSDAR Chapters to participate at JCMG as Sponsoring Groups. We should continue to be the leader.

I just want to remind you that for every wreath you sponsor, Wreaths Across America sends \$5.00 to our Delaware Crossing Chapter. That \$5.00 is split 50% to the Veterans Fund and 50 % to the Kesler Youth Endowment Fund. Therefore, you not only honor veterans by laying wreaths; it helps us to Remember, Honor, Teach.

As of the writing of the article we now have 216 wreaths sponsored for this year's event. The deadline for sponsoring a wreath is November 28th.

You may go online to sponsor by Credit Card or you may complete the accompanying form and mail a check to Wreaths Across America. To sponsor online follow the directions on the accompanying KS0027P, WAA Day Poster and proceed. Where it tells you to go to the website, just click on it.

If for some reason that should not work for you, then click on the following link. [Home - Wreaths Across America](#), click on **Local Sponsor Group** in the center of the webpage, check the number of wreaths you wish to sponsor, then fill in **Select Group Sponsor** with **Delaware Crossing Chapter KSSAR**.

Your sponsorship, donation, is greatly appreciated. If you wish to make a Grave Specific Sponsorship. Click on **Specific Cemetery** in the middle of the webpage. Type in the name of the cemetery, if it appears click on it, then **Grave Specific** and proceed. You will need the name of the person and grave plot for a wreath to be laid there.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me.

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Delaware Crossing Wreath Across America
Committee Chairman



Steven French, Evan Edwards, Dan Dryer, Dewey Fry, Alan Martin, Ken Ludwig, Turner Bruce, Dennis Nelson, and Kirk Rush (off Frame).

Special Moments of the Chapter Picnic, and Flag Retirement Ceremony

We all enjoyed the food and comradery of the DX Chapter Picnic; however, this year there was a special moment before the picnic.

As Dewey Fry backed his truck into the parking space for unload all the containers, table and food for the picnic he noticed a gentleman sitting in a chair behind his car in the shade of a tree.

As the Fry's truck was being unloaded and transferring much to the shelter the gentlemen was walking toward the truck on his way to the restroom. Pat Fry was having difficulty carrying the roaster full of baked beans. He asked if he could carry the roaster to the shelter for her, which he did.

At the shelter he saw the Delaware Crossing sign that had been posted and inquired about our organization. He and Dewey Fry talked for about 5 minutes about our Chapter and the SAR. He then excused himself and went to the restroom, he passed the truck again. This time Dewey was preparing the take the final items to the shelter. The gentleman asked if he could help again. He stated he would like to talk some more about the SAR.

They finished transferring the containers to the shelter and talked for another 10 minutes before the gentleman left thanking us for allowing him to help and learn of the SAR and how he could begin to trace his ancestry, as he has no knowledge.

The Flag Retirement Ceremony brought additional special moments. Two Boy Scouts from Troop 123, Evan Edwards and Turner Bruce joined the Color Guard as they marched into position. During the ceremony, they both helped to prepare the flag for retiring it by fire.

Twelve local Chapters of the KSDAR were invited to participate in the Flag Retirement Ceremony following the picnic. Eight of those Chapters had representatives who participated in retiring flags by fire. The chapters were as follows, James Ross Chapter, John & Hattie Possum Chapter, Mission Hills Chapter, Olathe Chapter, Shawnee Mission Chapter, Three Trails West Chapter, Tomahawk Chapter, and Quivira Crossing Chapter. This is the greatest number of KSDAR Chapters represented at any of our Flag Retirement Ceremonies.

A Certificate of Commendation in recognition of service to the community for proper retirement of

unserviceable United States Flags was presented to Representatives of seven of the Chapters at the picnic. A photo accompanies this article of the presentation. Due to delayed communication, the same type of certificates were presented to the Quivira Crossing Chapter early the following week and to the Boys Scout at their Troop Meeting on September 19th.



Steven French, Dan Dryer, Dewey Fry, Kirk Rush and Ken Ludwig.



Larry Tatum, Steven Fry, Evan Edwards, Dennis Nelson, and Turner Bruce.



Color Guard Commander Steven French retires a flag.



Dennis Nelson, Dewey Fry, Gary Hicks and Kirk Rush.

Outreach at Gardner Historical Museum

On Saturday September 23 the Gardner Historical Museum had a celebration of its 20th Anniversary. Our Delaware Crossing Chapter members displayed items from the Delaware Crossing Chapter had a booth at the celebration at which our Patriot Chests items were displayed and attempts to inform the public of Sons of the American Revolution were made. Delaware Crossing Chapter members participating were from left to right in the photo, Dennis Nelson, Dewey Fry, Gary Hicks and Kirk Rush.

Dewey arrived at 8 am and helped volunteer set up the pop-up tent and a table furnished by the museum. An additional table provided by Dewey was also set up. Dennis Nelson soon arrived as we ready to set the displayed items and promotional pamphlets on the tables. Also arriving was a rain storm. It rained very hard at times. It tapered off and stopped for awhile around 10:30 am. We



Representatives of the James Ross Chapter, John & Hattie Possum Chapter, Mission Hills Chapter, Olathe Chapter, Shawnee Mission Chapter, Three Trails West Chapter, Tomahawk Chapter, and Quivira Crossing Chapter DAR and Larry Tatum.

positioned the items from the Patriot Chests on the table, which took until noon as we had to cover at times due to intermittent showers and we were requested to listen to one of the featured guest speakers at 11:00 am.

The effect of the rain was that very few of the general public visited the celebration. We got to talk to three men about potential membership to the SAR and to two young elementary school students about the items on display.

Gary Hicks of our chapter was one of the featured speakers. He portrayed Alexander Majors and American Freight Pioneer and a Co-Founder of the Pony Express. His freight pioneering included the Santa Fe Trail. Alexander Majors was an early prominent resident of the Kansas City, Missouri region.

Alexander Majors was so much a contributor it took Gary over an hour to present his program. Gary must have thought Dewey Fry fell asleep and nearly fell out of his chair when one leg of the chair suddenly sank in the mud.

Two photos of Gary are included. One him giving his presentation and one of him called on his cellphone in the mid-1800's checking the progress of a shipment on the Santa Fe Trail. It is amazing how Gary closely resembles to appearance of Alexander Majors.



Gary Hicks as Alexander Majors.



Alexander Majors (Gary Hicks) on his cell phone.



Dewey Fry, Kirk Rush, Brian Vazquez, Jeffery Winters, and Leonard Roberts.

Your Color Guardsmen at Work

Since our last newsletter your Delaware Crossing Chapter Color Guardsmen have participated in three events.

On September 9, Kirk Rush commanded the KSSSAR Color Guard in the Johnson County Old Settlers Days Parage in Olathe. Also in the Color Guard was Dewey Fry and dual member Jeffrey Winters with primary membership in the Monticello Chapter. This is the second year in a row that the KSSSAR Color Guard has won Best Marching Group, with the title came a check for \$125.00 and a ribbon.

In photo from left to right is Dewey Fry, Kirk Rush, Brian Vazquez of the Thomas Jefferson Chapter, Jeffrey Winters of the Monticello

Chapter and Leonard “Bit” Roberts of the Sons of the Plains Chapter.

On the night of Wednesday September 27, DX Color Guardsmen, Dewey Fry, Dennis Nelson, and Dan Dryer were joined by Monticello Chapter Color Guardsmen Alan Martin and Jeffrey Winters representing the KSSSAR and five Color Guardsmen Mark Parks, Roy Hutchinson, Robert Grover, J. Michael Robertson, Stephen Sullins, and Ivan Stull from MOSSAR in welcoming home 90 veterans from an Honor Flight at Kansas City International. The Color Guard was joined by Patriot Guard Riders, KSDAR and members, MSSDAR members and about 200 others in welcoming home and thank the veterans for their service as the entered from the hallway. The crowd went both west and east of the exiting isle.

Expressions of the veterans vary at each event. Many thank us for being there. They are always surprised, some have looks of shock, some have very broad smiles and some cry.







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BY DENNIS NELSON HISTORIAN

Can't wait for the monthly Patriot Newsletter to see the latest Delaware Crossing news.

Follow us on Facebook at Delaware Crossing Chapter-KSSAR.

The chapter had 15 posts from August 24th to September 20th. And be sure to like us.



WREATHS *across* AMERICA

Please make checks payable to:

Wreaths Across America
 PO Box 249
 Columbia Falls, ME 04623

Call 877-385-9504 with any questions.
Thank you for your sponsorship and joining us in our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach!



2023 Wreath Sponsorship Order Form

Sponsored wreaths are placed on grave markers at state and national veterans' cemeteries, as well as at local and community cemeteries each December for National Wreaths Across America Day.

Your donation will ensure the placement of a veteran's wreath for one or more veterans laid to rest at the participating location of your choice.

All sponsored veteran wreaths are shipped directly to the location selected by the sponsor on this form. Wreaths are not shipped to individual wreath sponsors.

SPONSORSHIP TYPE	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Individual = 1 Wreath	\$17.00		
Family = 4 Wreaths	\$68.00		
Small Business = 10 Wreaths	\$170.00		
Corporate = 100 Wreaths	\$1,700.00		

For quicker processing and the convenience of paying with a credit card, debit card, Google Pay, or PayPal, veteran wreaths may be sponsored online by scanning the QR Code above or by visiting: www.wreathscrossamerica.org/KS0027P

You should be the only one to enter your credit card information at checkout on the Wreaths Across America website. For your security, do not share this information with anyone else who offers to place an order for you. To verify the validity of the QR Code, always check that wreathscrossamerica.org is part of the web address when sponsoring wreaths online.

If you prefer to pay with a check, please complete this form and mail it along with your check to Wreaths Across America at the address listed in the box above.

To split your donation between multiple groups and/or locations, please list the IDs and dollar amounts for each.

CHECK #	CHECK DATE	SPONSOR NAME FOR DISPLAY
GROUP ID(s)	KS0027P	EMAIL ADDRESS
LOCATION ID(s)	KSJCMG	PHONE #
DOLLAR AMOUNTS(s)		MAILING ADDRESS

SPECIAL REQUESTS

Please note in memory/honor of requests do not place a wreath on a specific loved one's grave.

IN MEMORY OF REQUEST	The "In Memory Of" Name will be listed on the Wreaths Across America online Remember Wall, along with your personal message.
NAME FOR MEMORY WALL POST	
SPONSOR EMAIL ADDRESS	
MESSAGE (optional)	

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IN HONOR OF REQUEST	An email will be sent to your chosen recipient from Wreaths Across America letting them know of your donation of sponsored veteran wreaths in their honor.
RECIPIENT NAME	
RECIPIENT EMAIL ADDRESS	
MESSAGE (optional)	