



The Delaware Crossing Patriot
Kansas Society
Sons of the American Revolution
 April 2024
 Metro Kansas City's Oldest & Largest Chapter, Founded 1960

The Revolution is coming!
Two Years - Three Months - Four Days

NEXT MEETING:

When: February 20, 2024

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

Reservations & Cost: For reservations, email Secretary@dxsar.com or call Clay Shropshire 785-521-8122 by 7:00 PM, Tuesday, April 16, 2024.

Cost: **\$25.00/person**

Program: "Beginning Genealogy", Mary Dempsey, The Midwest Genealogy Center.

CALENDAR & COMING EVENTS

April 2024

- 17 DX EC Meeting
- 20 DX Chapter Meeting

May 2024

- 4 BOG
- 15 DX EC Meeting
- 18 DX Chapter Meeting

June 2024

- 12 DX EC Meeting
- 15 DX Chapter Meeting



The Dykes Family, Bruce Smith and Bryan Wampler

Kansas Society Youth Contests Swept by Delaware Crossing Chapter Contestants

All five Delaware Crossing Chapter Youth Contest Winners also won the KSSAR State Level Contests.

The Delaware Crossing Chapter Arthur M. and Berdina King Eagle Scout Contest was won by Nathan Phillips. The Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration Contest was won by McKenna Rhodes. The George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest was won by James Dykes, the Sgt. Moses Adams Middle School Brochure was won by Gavin Dykes and the Elementary School Poster Contest was won by Brycelyn Spire. All will be entered into the National Society Contests.

Kirk Rush is our chapter Eagle Scout contest Chairman, Bruce Smith our Oration Contest, Knight Essay Contest and Brochure Contest Chairman and Dewey Fry our Poster Contest Chairman. All student first three place chapter level contestants received certificates and checks and some receive medals.

The Dykes family went to the KSSSAR Annual Conference to observe James present his essay and receive his First-Place award. They wound up also seeing both sons, James and Gavin awarded First-Place. James for his essay and Gavin for his brochure. Brochures and Posters were judged at the Annual Conference.

A video of the oration by McKenna Rhodes was played as she could not attend the conference. The poster by Brycelyn Spire poster was hoisted by Bruce Smith when announced as First-Place.



Bruce Smith presents Gavin Dykes with the Brochure Contest 1st Place Prize Check.



Bruce Smith holding 1st Place Poster, Recil Robinson



Bruce Smith presents James Dykes with the 1st place essay medal.



Kansas Color Guard at the March 13th Naturalization Ceremony

Your Color Guard at Work

Since our March 8, 2024 chapter meeting your Color Guardsmen have been busy.

On March 13 they participated in a Naturalization Ceremony at Johnson County Community College in which 331 applicants from 72 countries took their Oath of Citizenship. Standing before them and presenting the colors as the said the Pledge of Allegiance for the first time as citizens of the United States of America were, from left to right in the photo, Kirk Rush, Dewey Fry, Jeffrey Winters, Dennis Nelson, Steve French, Larry Tatum and Dan Dryer.

On March 15 and 16 the KSSSAR Color Guard presented the Colors at the evening dinner on March 15 and 5 times on March 16, once at the Opening Ceremony, once at the Memorial Service, once at the Business Meeting once at the Youth Luncheon, and once at Saturday evening Banquet. Friday evening Kirk Rush and dual DX members Alan Martin and Jeffrey Winters participated. Saturday Kirk Rush and Dewey Fry of DX and dual DX Members Alan Martin and Jeffrey Winters participated.

Advancing the Colors in the Opening Ceremony the first three Color Bearers were Alan Martin, Kirk Rush and Dewey Fry. The same marching order was used for going to the church for the Memorial Service and at the service. The photo at the Memorial Service shows only half the Color Guardsmen with Alan

Martin on the far left. Upon return from the church to the Cosmosphere, the KSSSAR Officers, Committee Chairman and Members lined up in front of the Color Guard. Alan Martin, Kirk Rush and Dewey Fry are the first three color bearers on the left.

At the evening banquet Alan Martin of the Monticello Chapter, and dual member with DX, was presented the Edgar E. Grover Colonial Soldier of the Year Award.

On March 25 the KSSSAR Color Guard was invited by the MOSSAR Color Guard to participate in a Medal of Honor Memorial Ceremony at the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and Museum in Independence, MO at which 6 Medal of Honor recipient were memorialized. The Medal of Honor recipients included the last WWII veteran to receive the medal Hershaw Woodrow "Woody" Williams who died on June 29, 2022 at the age of 98. KSSSAR Color Guardsmen gather for a photo, they are from left to right KSSSAR Color Guard Commander Bill Marshall, Dewey Fry, Kirk Rush, Steven French, Clay Shropshire, Jeffrey Winters, Brian Vazquez and Bobbie Hulse (VPG of the South Central District). Not in the photo is dual member Robert Grover from MOSSAR.

On March 29, Dewey Fry participated in the visitation of Carolyn Grover, deceased wife of Robert Grover a recent Life Member of DX. Later that evening, Kirk Rush, Alan Martin, Jeffrey Winters and Clay Shropshire and Dewey Fry participated in the 10:30 pm arrival of an Honor Flight from Washington D.C. that had 23 veterans sponsored by Southern Coffey County Kansas Schools.



New Citizens with the Color Guard – Kirk Rush, Dewey Fry, Jeff Winters, Dennis Nelson, Steven French, Larry Tatum, and Daniel Dryer.



Bill Marshall presents the Color Guard of the Year Award to Allan Martin, Debbie Martin, Bryan Wampler.



Kansas Color Guard at the State Conference.



MOKAN Color Guard at the March 29th Honor Flight.



Kansas Color Guard advancing the Colors.



Dewey Fry and Jeff Winters with a returning Veteran.



Clay Shropshire, Alan Martin, and Brian Vasquez greet a returning Veteran.



Dewey Fry and Jeff Winters greet a returning Veteran.



Larry Tatum administers the SAR Oath to Wendol Jarvis.

Welcome New Member Wendolyn Jarvis

President Larry Tatum administered the Oath of Membership to Wendolyn Mark Jarvis at our March 9, 2025 Chapter Meeting. He was presented his New Member Packet including his Membership Certificate by President Tatum, presented his Membership Rosette Pin by his Co-sponsor Timothy Peterman, lit a candle in honor of his Patriot Ancestor John Harding from New Jersey, and told a bit of history of him. Then he was presented a Delaware Crossing Challenge Coin.

Wendolyn was registered on October 20, 2023. Personal commitments kept him from being inducted until our March meeting. Please take additional opportunities to welcome Wendolyn to DX and the SAR.



Tim Peterman presents Wendol Jarvis with his SAR Rosette.



Wendol Jarvis lights his Patriot Candle.



Wendol Jarvis tells about his Patriot Ancestor.



Larry Tatum presents the DX Challenge Coin to Wendol Jarvis.

Medals and Awards Presented at the March 9, 2024 Delaware Crossing Chapter Meeting for 2023 Service

Our Chapter Annual Awards were presented to members at our March 9 meeting. They were as follows with accompanying photos.

Certificate of Appreciation -

David James Yuengert – For serving as Executive VP for past several months.

Gary LeRoy Hicks-For serving as Sargent at Arms and keeping Delaware Crossing Chapter Executive Committee informed of the process of revising the Kansas Society Constitution and By-Laws.

Certificate of Distinguished Service -

David Allen Proffitt- For serving as Assistant Treasurer .

Kevin James Dykes-For serving as Secretary.

Chapter Henry Knox Achievement Medal -
(Precedence 42)

The Henry Knox Medal is a new NSSAR Medal. It is being presented to several Officers, Committee Chairmen and a member who have met the qualification which are as follows: *“The Chapter Henry Knox Achievement Medal may be awarded by a Chapter to a Compatriot or non-SAR member to recognize a specific outstanding contribution, achievement, accomplishment, deed, performance, or effort that advances the mission, governance, programs, or activities of that Chapter. This award is not limited by a specific time of service requirement and may be presented to recognize a singular act or multiple acts.”*

The following members were presented the Chapter Henry Knox Achievement Medal.

Rick Durand Alley-For serving as Webmaster and being a Color Guardsman.

Stuart William Conrad-For serving as Chancellor, Parliamentarian and Kesler Youth Endowment Fund Trustee.

Shawn Cowing-For serving as Treasurer for 13 or more years.

Daniel Ray Dryer-For serving as JROTC Committee Chairman and becoming a Color Guardsman.

Steven Dean French-For Serving a Chapter Color Guard Commander.

H. Dewey Fry-For serving as Chairman for the following Committees, Awards and Medals, Flag Display, Elementary School Poster Contest, Veterans Visits, Wreaths Across America, DAR Liaison and Mentoring and being a Color Guardsman.

Kenneth Wayne Ludwig-For serving as BOG Representative and Kesler Youth Endowment Fund Trustee and being a Color Guardsman.

Dennis Dean Nelson-For serving as Chairman of the Americanism Committee and the Facebook Committee and being a Color Guardsman.

Timothy Edward Peterman-For serving as Registrar/Genealogist. and Outreach Committee Chairman

David Stone Pierson-For sponsoring 200 wreaths for Wreaths Across America through our Chapter

Kirk David Rush-For Eagle Scout Committee Chairman and being a Color Guardsman

Bruce Robert Smith-For Rumbaugh Oration, Knight Essay and Brochure Contests.

Chapter Roger Sherman Commendation Medal
(Precedence 41) -

John Charles Martin, Jr.-For serving as Vice President of Programs for 2 years

Chapter Past Presidents Pin -

Larry Dale Tatum
for serving as President the past 2 years.



Larry Tatum presents David Yuengert with the Certificate of Appreciation.



Larry Tatum presents Gary Hicks with the Certificate of Appreciation.



Larry Tatum presents Daniel Dryer with the Certificate of Distinguished Service.



Larry Tatum presents David Proffitt with the Certificate of Distinguished Service.



Larry Tatum presents Steven French with the Henry Knox Medal.



Larry Tatum presents Shawn Cowing with the Henry Knox Medal.



Larry Tatum presents Dewey Fry with the Henry Knox Medal.



Larry Tatum presents Ken Ludwig with the Henry Knox Medal.



Larry Tatum presents Tim Peterman with the Henry Knox Medal.



Larry Tatum presents Dennis Nelson with the Henry Knox Medal.



Dewey Fry presents the 1st Place Poster Certificate and check to Brycelyn Spire.

SAR Elementary School Poster Contest at Pioneer Ridge Middle School

First and explanation of why and Elementary School Poster Contest was held at a middle school. In the State of Kansas, the history of the Revolutionary War period is held during the 5th grade year. The vast majority of Kansas School have grades 1 through 5; however, in the Gardner-Edgerton School District the 5th grade is in Middle Schools. There are three Middle Schools in this

school district, only one will participate in the Poster Contest; that is the Pioneer Ridge Middle School.

In the 2023-2024 School Year there are 150 students in the 5th Grade. All are encouraged to participate. The 6 teachers of the 5th Grade judge the posters and the best three from each teacher's class are entered into the final judging done by Delaware Crossing Chapter members. This year that judging was done on February 29 at PRMS by Compatriots Larry Tatum, Dan Dryer, Wendell Davis with assistants of Poster Committee Chairman Dewey Fry. It took a little more than 45 minutes to judge which posters finished First, Second and Third.

After the First, Second and Third Place Posters were chosen, the posters are turned over to reveal and record the name of the student who created it and the name of the student's teacher.

It was determined the First Place Poster was about the Battles of White Plains, Pell's Point, and Valour Island in New York.

The following day, March 1, a program was presented to the 5th Grade students and teachers. The program is the Presentation of the Colors, reciting of our Pledge of Allegiance, describing of 8 colonial flags and the SAR USA 250th Anniversary Flag, the describing of a flint-lock musket, a demonstration of the cutting of a 5-pointed star with one snip of the scissors as Betsy Ross did for George Washington, the presenting of a certificate award to each 5th Grade teacher and the announcement of the First, Second and Third Place posters at PRMS and the presenting of Certificates to the student artist of each.

The First Place Poster student artist and her parents were invited to our March 9, Chapter Meeting where she was presented a First Place certificate and a \$50.00 check.

For this article, the names of the Second and Third Place student artists are being withheld for reasons of privacy with the exception of the to be published in our newsletter.

The program had been scheduled after the first few weeks of school and confirmed by email; including the judging of the posters the morning of February 29 before the program on March 1.

Someone dropped the ball this year and failed to place it on the planning calendar. Although we had judged to determine the final three posters the morning before, it was a surprise to some when we showed up to present the program on March 1 and a greater surprise of others a PRMS who knew we were coming that we were not scheduled. We found out just how important this contest is to PRMS the day of the judging and the day of the program. When we arrived, we found the stage was being used by a choir for practice. Therefore, we could not set up the podium, flags in stands, nor tripods for the 3 posters, on the performing area of the stage nor do a sound system check. Set up was even further delayed as high school band was due to arrive and play for 8th Grade band students to encourage them to take band in high school. Our program which was to start at 8:30am was rescheduled to about 8:55am by permit us to setup the flags.

The PRMS 5th Grade teachers stepped up and took over rearranging their schedules and those of their students including elective classes to allow the presentation of the program and the serving of cupcakes and juice boxes after.

Apologizes were made by several teachers and staff for the mix-up. This program is very appreciated by the teachers and staff at Pioneer Ridge Middle School. The following was disclosed during our two days at the school. As the four members judged the posters on February 29, a 5th Grade teacher, Ms. Sarah von Fosson, explained to Pat Fry, the wife of Dewey Fry, how valuable a teaching tool the contest is.

The purpose for the contest to the SAR is to teach the students about the founding and founding fathers of our nation. At PRMS it is used by the teachers for that purpose, but also for several other purposes. It is used to teach and for the students to learn how to research information, how to organize that information and how to present that information in an informative grammatically correct manner. For this contest, the method of presentation is art with graphics.

During the preparation for the program by those presenting the program, the PRMS Art Teacher, Chris Frye, conversed with Pat Fry (no relation) telling her the poster contest generates enthusiasm throughout the school and a better appreciation for art.

The poster contest is promoted in the school newspaper with articles and photos. The First Place Poster for both the PRMS and Delaware Crossing Chapter Contests about the Battles of White Plains, Pell's Point and Valcour Island is by Brycelyn Spire. The Second Place Poster, "DAILY NEWS", for both contests is by Evalyn Wachtel. The Third Place Poster "THE BOSTON TEA PARTY" for both contest is by Cali Cambell.

Brycelyn Spire's Poster went on to win First Place in the Kansas Society Poster; it will be going to the National Society Contest. Dewey Fry traveled to Pioneer Ridge Middle School on March 29 and presented the Second and Third Place Chapter awards to Evalyn Wachtel and Cali Cambell.

He then presented Brycelyn Spire a certificate and \$200.00 check for her poster winning the KSSAR Poster Contest. Her poster will be entered into the NSSAR Elementary School Poster Contest in July. If it wins one of the first three place, it will be displayed at the NSSAR Headquarters in the Museum until next school year.



Richard Cox presides over the Poster Assembly.



Clay Shropshire, Steven French and Larry Tatum.



Dewey Fry explains the Brown Bess Musket.



Dewey Fry presents Flag Pins to the Fifth Grade Teachers.



Dewey Fry presents the Betsy Ross Five Pointed Star to a fortunate fifth grade teacher.



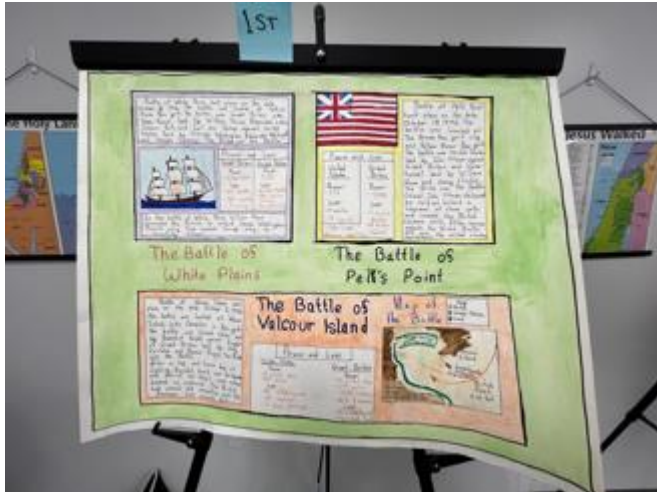
Dewey Fry presents Cali Cambell with the 3rd Place Certificate.



Dewey Fry presents Certificates to the Fifth Grade Teachers.



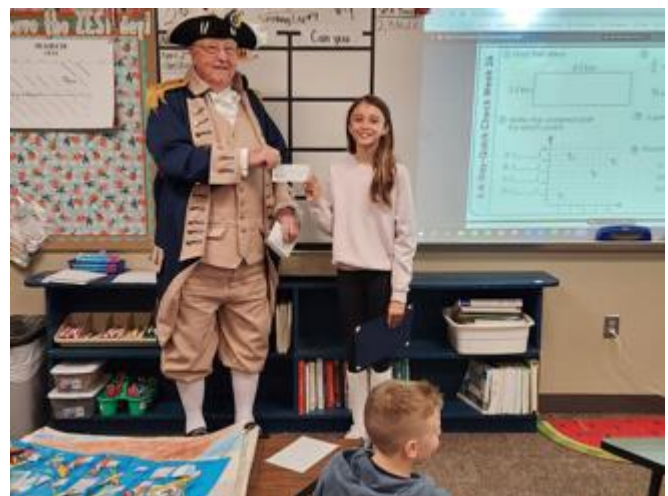
Dewey Fry presents Evalyn Wachtel with the 2nd Place Certificate.



Dewey Fry presents Cali Cambell with the 3rd Place Check and Certificate.



Dewey Fry present the 2nd Place Certificate to Evalyn Wachtel.



Dewey Fry presents the 2nd Place Check to Evalyn Wachtel.



Dewey Fry presents the 1st Place Certificate to Brycelyn Spire.



Dewey Fry presents the 1st Place Check to Brycelyn Spire.



Bruce Smith presents the 1st Place Brochure Certificate and Check to Gavin Dykes.

Dykes Brothers win Chapter Contests

James Dykes won the Delaware Crossing Chapter George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest titled “Benedict Arnold-The Rest of the Story”. It presented both sides of his military careers in both the Colonies and Great Britain and covered the viewpoints of Arnold being referred to as both a patriot and a traitor.

Gavin Dykes, won the Delaware Crossing Chapter SGT. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest on The Declaration of Independence.

Both brothers went on to win the Kansas Society SAR State Level Contests; with mean their creations will be entered into the NSSAR Contests.



Bruce Smith presents the 1st Place Essay Certificate to James Dykes.