



## *The Delaware Crossing Patriot*

### *Kansas Society*

### *Sons of the American Revolution*

March 2019

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

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

**When:** March 16

**Where:** Hilton Garden Inn, 12080 S Strang  
Line Rd., Olathe, KS, 9:00AM

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

**Breakfast price:** \$17.00/person

**Program:** Presidents Awards + John Forbes  
on "Sara Ruddell Davis".

#### **CALENDAR & COMING EVENTS**

03/09 Genealogy Day – see article below.

03/13 DX EC Meeting, at Pegah's, 2122 W.87<sup>th</sup> St,  
Lenexa, KS; be there at 5:30 PM if eating dinner.  
Meeting begins at 6:00 PM.

03/16 Chapter Meeting. President's awards.

03/22-23 State Conference – McPherson, KS

#### **Editor's Note (Greg Millican)**

Send news about your ancestor patriots, special  
events, career changes, history trips, etc., that may  
be included in the *Delaware Crossing Patriot*.

You may reach me at

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(913) 268-4932.



#### **The President's Corner**

By Kirk Rush

#### **Support Our Youth**

Later this month is the 127<sup>th</sup> KSSAR Annual  
State Conference in McPherson, KS. Have you  
made your plans to attend? In addition to a great  
opportunity to network and socialize with your  
fellow Kansas compatriots, it's also an opportunity  
to witness the support the SAR gives to the youth  
in our communities.

NSSAR has several contest programs available for  
youth to participate in where they can receive  
scholarship awards. Check them out on the SAR  
website: [https://www.sar.org/education/youth-  
contests-and-awards](https://www.sar.org/education/youth-contests-and-awards). On Saturday 3/23/19 we will  
have our KSSAR Youth Awards Luncheon  
during the state conference. The state winners of  
several of our youth programs will be present to  
receive their award and give a presentation of their  
essays or posters. I encourage you to attend and  
learn a little about awards and contests available.

I also encourage you to help support our youth  
programs in our chapter. Even though we have  
chairmen who have volunteered to oversee and  
administer the different youth programs in our  
chapter, we can use everyone's help. In fact, we  
are currently looking to fill the JROTC chairman's  
position.

It's sometimes difficult to find youth who want to  
participate. Getting the word out is one of the  
greatest challenges. I truly believe more youth

would participate if they knew about the programs available. You can help spread the word. Let your kids or grandkids know. Ask them to let their friends know. Let people know at your work place. The more youth we have participating, the better!

If you want to help out, have more questions or know of a youth who wants to participate in a program, have them contact one of our chapter chairmen. We are:

Eagle Scout Contest	Kirk Rush	913-638-9075
Poster Contest	Dewey Fry	913-897-9502
Rumbaugh Orations Contest	Greg Millican	913-268-4932
Knight Essay Contest	Greg Millican	913-268-4932
JROTC Awards	OPEN	

*(End of President's Corner)*

**Summary of Delaware Crossing Chapter February meeting:**

At the beginning of the meeting, Gary Hicks was inducted as a new member of the Chapter. Gary's patriot's name was Benjamin Pashall Sr. Also at the Chapter meeting John Forbes and his son, Bradley, added three supplementals to their registered patriot family member documentation.



*1 Gary Hicks with raised hand is inducted, John Forbes is his sponsor.*



*2 Gary Hicks lights candle at induction ceremony.*

The 2019 winner of the Delaware Crossing Chapter of the Knight Essay Contest was Nicholas Gimotty. Nicholas' parents, Michael and Susan Gimotty, were present for the award to Nicholas and also received a certificate for being coach/encourager for Nicholas. Brian Pendleton, eagle scout, is shown in the picture reading his winning essay for the King Eagle Scout essay contest.



3 Nicholas Gimotty, winner of the Knight Essay contest, shown reading his essay.



5 Kirk Rush (left) presents Brian Pendleton as the winner of the Eagle Scout Essay Contest.

The speaker at the February chapter meeting was Tim Peterman, speaking on “Autosomal DNA”



6 Speaker Tim Peterman.



4 Brian Pendleton, winner of the King Eagle Scout Essay Contest at the DXSAR local chapter level. Shown reading his essay.

**Genealogy Day Resource Fair set March 9:**

The 2019 National Genealogy Day Resource Fair can help you explore your family history. The free fair is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 9. It is presented by the Johnson County Genealogical Society and hosted by the Johnson County Library at the Central Resource Library, 9875 W. 87th St., Overland Park. SAR will have a table at the Fair.



**The Thirty Third Annual George Washington Birthday Celebration (GWBC):**

The GWBC was held February 23, 2019 at Embassy Suites KCI, 7640 Tiffany Springs Parkway, KCMO. Keil Hileman, of Monticello Trails Middle School (history teacher) was the guest speaker. Mr. Hileman was the state of Kansas, teacher of the year in 2004, and a finalist at the national level that same year. He also holds many other awards. His speech was four topics not commonly covered about George Washington:

- His horsemanship
- His sense of humor
- His honor
- His heroic achievements.



7 Keil Hileman, speaker at GWBC.



8 George Washington's favorite horse, "Nelson", carried him thru most of the Revolutionary War ("Blueskin" maybe pictured).

**Article by Ken Ludwig):**

**Our Forefathers Flags**



9 The Moultrie Flag

Most of the flags we have studied so far had their roots in battles fought in the northern colonies. This month's flag is the Moultrie Flag, which was the first American Flag flown in the south.

Charleston, South Carolina has two islands at the mouth of their harbor. The north island is called Sullivan Island, and the south island is called James Island. In 1775, James Island had a fort called Fort Johnson located on it, that was occupied by the British.

The South Carolina Safety committee was concerned about the British presence at the fort, and the fact that the British were freely sailing into and out of the Charleston Harbor. They tasked Colonel William Moultrie to take Fort Johnson from the British so the Americans could control the Harbor. Prior to launching his attack, since there was no official US Flag, Moultrie commissioned a flag with blue field and a white

crescent in the upper left corner. (The crescent is actually a gorget, which is a piece of armor worn to protect the neck. Some of our color guard wear gorget's as part of our uniforms.) There is some discussion among historians about whether the gorget on the flag has "Liberty" on it or not. Moultrie's own description of the flag did not contain the addition of Liberty to the gorget.

Now back to the story. In 1775, Moultrie's men successfully captured Fort Johnson with minimal resistance. From 1775 to 1776, to further strengthen the harbor defenses, South Carolina built a fort on Sullivan Island and called it Fort Sullivan. In 1776, one week before the signing of the Declaration of Independence, Fort Sullivan was attacked by the British, with the Moultrie Flag snapping in the breeze above the fort. The fort was constructed using sand and the local Palmetto Palm, which allowed it to absorb a brutal day of bombardment by the British, and still remain standing. Because of this protection, the American cannon were able to inflict damage on just about every British ship. The victory was decisive and along with swaying the local public opinion to the patriots, kept the British out of the south for three years.

Post battle, Fort Sullivan was renamed Fort Moultrie, and the flag became the flag of the South Carolina militia. The flag with the addition of a Palmetto palm became the state flag of South Carolina.



*10 South Carolina State Flag*

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