



*The Delaware Crossing Patriot
Kansas Society
Sons of the American Revolution
October 2020
Metro Kansas City's Oldest & Largest Chapter, Founded 1960*

NEXT MEETING:

When: October 17, 2020

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

Reservations & Cost: : For reservations, email Secretary@dxsar.com or call Steven French (913)-832-6034 by 3:00 PM, the Wednesday before

Cost: \$17.00/person

Program: "The Declaration of Independence"

The President's Corner



CALENDER & COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 2020

- 14 DX EC Meeting
- 17 DX Chapter Meeting

NOVEMBER 2020

- 11 DX EC Meeting
- 14 *DX Chapter Meeting – 60th Anniversary Celebration, Grinter House*

DECEMBER 2020

- 16 DX EC Meeting
- 19. DX Chapter Meeting

By Ken Ludwig

With the autumnal equinox recently past, we are now fully into Fall with the days getting shorter and the temperature getting cooler. Fall brings many things to many different people. For some, it brings football games, Halloween, leaf peeping (followed by that thankless job of raking leaves), and according to the store displays, it is time to start thinking about Christmas. For those of us with agrarian backgrounds, fall is a time of harvest, when you gather the lands bounty into your storage bins and celebrate the fruits of

your years' worth of effort tilling and tending the soil. It is the time where you can turn that effort into cash by selling your crops to support your family for the next year.

I know from reading the pension application accounts of my militia ancestors, that serving during the fall troubled them greatly, as even though they wanted to serve the war effort, they were also needed at home to bring the harvest in. Although not universally true, in general the war effort waned on both sides during the late fall to the early spring. I am sure that the armies on both sides were looking forward to a time of rest, but they also knew that winter is right around the corner and waging a war against the elements with potentially minimal provisions, poor shelter, and inadequate gear will make the upcoming months not enjoyable.

Anyway, whatever your pleasure is for this fall season, I encourage you to enjoy it.

As a chapter, we are getting closer to our 60th anniversary. I would encourage you to strongly consider attending this event which will be held at the Grinter House in KCK on Saturday November 14th at 10:00 am. Grinter House will be closed for the season, but they are opening it up that day for a private tour by us, plus the director of the site will be our speaker of the day, providing us with the history of the site.

Ken Ludwig

When actions are taken, especially when reinforced, consequences are often unanticipated. One very unintended consequence of a very logical action was the Declaration of Independence. Now for that story

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John Forbes will explain at the October meeting -



2020 Delaware Crossing Picnic, Memorial Service and Flag Retirement

On September 18, the Delaware Crossing Chapter Picnic was attended by 29 people. William Edward Herrman was inducted into the SAR via the Delaware Crossing Chapter at the picnic.

William Edward Herrman's Patriot ancestor was Peter Brown who was a 2nd Lt. Col in John H. Stone's Co, 1st Maryland Regiment. He also took the Oath of Allegiance in Washington County, Tennessee in 1778 to make a land entry.

Following the picnic, a Memorial Service was conducted for 8 compatriots whose deaths had been reported in the past year from the Delaware Crossing and Monticello Chapters. The service was conducted by Chaplain Bruce Smith with assistance of Bill Herrman ringing the bell and Lisa Rush playing Taps.

Past (inactive) members of Delaware Crossing Chapter were Philip Kent Kelso, James Gaylord Crowley, Elmer Allison Weir, and William Phillip Morgan. Inactive member from Monticello Chapter was Keith Quentin Hays, III. Members current at time of death were John D. Bouck, Jr., John "Jack" Mahan Brooks and Sheldon Maurice Crossette.

Immediately following the Memorial Service, a Flag Retirement Ceremony Conducted by President Ken Ludwig, CG Commander Steve French, Dan Dryer and Color Guardsman Gavin Kurtz.

The Color Guard for both ceremonies consisted of Commander Steve French, Alan Martin of MC, Dewey Fry and Gavin Kurtz of DX.

The food prepared by Dewey and Pat Fry was extraordinary and numerous compliments were given by the members at the picnic. Many favorable comments from DAR attendees of the Memorial Service and Flag Retirement Ceremony were received by Dewey during and for a few days following the events.



William Edward Herrman receives his certificate of membership.



Dewey Fry presents William Edward Herrman with the SAR member rosette.



William Edward Herrman is given the SAR Oath by Ken Ludwig.



William Herrman lights a candle to honor his Patriot Ancestor.



President Ludwig conducts the Fallen SAR Members Memorial Service.



The flag of the United States is prepared for retirement by Color Guardsmen Gavin Kurtz and Steven French, assisted by Dan Dryer.



Color Guard Captain Steven French retires the flags.



Enticed by Dewey's BBQ, a hungry mob plans to crowd in line.



Vigilant security thwarts the hungry mob's plan.