



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

NEXT MEETING:

When: January 18, 2020

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

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

Breakfast Cost: \$17.00/person

Program: Pennypacker Mills and George Washington by Bob Capps

The President's Corner



By Kirk Rush

Compatriots,

Happy New Year! I hope each of you had a great Christmas and holiday season spending time with family and friends. With us entering a new year *and* a new decade, now is a good time to reflect back on the past twelve months and use what we've learned to look forward to what we can accomplish in the next twelve months. We have had some changes within our chapter in recent months and there will be more to come. We will hold an election at this month's chapter meeting for the new executive officers for 2020-2021. The nominees were announced at December's Christmas Dinner and are listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

We also have had some recent changes within the executive committee. For various reasons some of our committee members who have served the chapter for many years have had to either step down from their positions or cut back on their involvement in the chapter. In no case was it because they just didn't want to do it anymore. No one can continue to do something forever, nor should we expect them to. Change is good anyway

CALENDAR & COMING EVENTS

January 2020

- 1/15 DX EC Meeting
- 1/18 DX Chapter Meeting

February 2020

- 2/1 BOG Meeting - Emporia, KS
- 2/12 DX EC Meeting
- 2/15 DX Chapter Meeting
- 2/22 GWBC – Embassy Suites KCI, Kansas City, MO

because it creates an opportunity for fresh ideas to spring forth and for us to build an even stronger chapter.

For those of you who have volunteered to fill some of the vacated positions, thank you very much! You have helped to make things continue to run smoothly and made my job as president much easier. We still have several executive committee positions which need to be filled to include finding a new chaplain. Please consider sharing your time and talent with your chapter by stepping up to help out. We need your ideas and creativity. It's what keeps our chapter vibrant and growing!

Induction of Four New Members

Four family members were inducted at the December 13, 2019 meeting of our Delaware Crossing Chapter.

James Herbert Linn and his grandsons, Charles Keith Winger, Samuel Robert Winger and Thomas Joseph Winger took the Oath of Membership administered by President Kirk Rush. Tim Peterman, their co-sponsor, placed the SAR Member Rosette on the lapel of each beginning with James. James is the father of Donald Herbert Linn, Cottonwood Falls, Kansas, and a member of the Delaware Crossing Chapter.

From left to right in the photo are Charles, James, Keith and Sam.

James (Jim) lead the family in the lighting of candles in memory of their Revolutionary War Patriot Ancestor as his grandsons looked on. Sam light his candle last as his grandfather looked on, then Jim told briefly of their Patriot Ancestor.

Welcome gentlemen to the Delaware Crossing Chapter, Kansas Society, Sons of the American Revolution.



Charles Winger, James Linn, Kurt Rush, Keith Winger, Sam Winger & Tim Peterman



James Linn lights his candle in memory of his Patriot Ancestor.



Tim Peterman pins the SAR Member Rosette on James Linn's lapel.

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Sam Winger lights his candle in memory of his Patriot Ancestor as his Grandfather, James Linn, looks on.

2019 Review

The first organized Wreaths Across America was successful for a first-time event. 306 wreaths were delivered for distribution; of those 193 came from sponsoring through our Delaware Crossing Chapter. There was praise immediately after the event from several sources for the way the event came off for a first-time event. Several DAR Chapter members stated they will encourage participation at this location next year.

The initial goal for Delaware Crossing was 300, we fell a bit short. Although Johnson County Memorial Gardens had 3000 posted on their WAA web page, the Location Coordinator had initially set a goal of 300 which was exceeded.

The KSSSAR Color Guard received accolades for its participation which included a very surprising \$250.00 donation from Johnson County Chapel and Memorial Gardens. A letter from accompanies this article.

A couple photos of the Color Guard appears with this article. In addition to the Color Guard, which was comprised of member from three different chapters, a thank you must be issued to those members who Color Guardsmen hand out the wreaths, they were Dick Nelson, Larry Tatum, and Dan Dryer from the Delaware Crossing Chapter and Jeff Winters from the Monticello Chapter.

Color Guardsmen were, from Delaware Crossing Ken Ludwig, Kirk Rush, Dennis Nelson, Steve French, Gavin Kurtz, John Forbes, and Dewey Fry; from Monticello, Alan Martin and Bruce Bowman; from Thomas Jefferson, Robert Wandel.

A very heart felt thank you to all who sponsor a wreath and to all who participated.

Dewey Fry
Wreath Across America Committee Chair



The Color Guard participating in the placing of wreaths honoring the Branches of the Armed Services.



Bruce Bowman, Alan Martin, Dewey Fry, Ken Ludwig, Gavin Kurtz, Dennis Nelson, Kirk Rush, John Forbes, Robert Wandel & Steve French

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December 17, 2019

Delaware Crossing Chapter KSSAR
19105 Hadley Street
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Dear Dewey, Pat, and members of Delaware Crossing Chapter KSSAR:

On behalf of Wreaths Across America I would like to thank you for your generous donation of 193 wreath sponsorships at our location, Johnson County Funeral Home and Memorial Gardens. This is our first year to be a participating location, and we have exceeded our initial goal thanks to donations like yours.

Thank you members of Delaware Crossing Chapter KSSAR for being willing volunteers at the event. Happy holidays!

Sincerely,

Rick Brenneman

Wreaths Across America Location Director

Funeral Director, Johnson County Funeral Chapel and Memorial Gardens

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Executive Committee Summary

Still seeking a replacement for Daryl Taylor who has stepped down as chapter Chaplain. We need to fill this position as soon as possible.

Bruce Smith will assume the duties of Sergeant-at-Arms starting in January.

Nominations for 2020-2021-chapter officers were presented to the committee by past president Stu Conrad.

No cash award has been given to 2nd or 3rd place winners in the youth's contests for the last several years. Kirk Rush proposed that the chapter reinstate the presentation of cash awards to 2nd & 3rd place winners when multiple entries are received. A motion was made, seconded and passed by the committee set cash awards to \$500 for 1st place, \$200 for 2nd place & 100 for 3rd place.

The committee decided to submit the June issue of The Patriot newsletter to NSSAR for consideration in the newsletter contest. The June issue contained reports on the Sarah Ruddell Davis grave marking which took place in May.

The committee decided to support GWBC by presenting \$100 to the GWBC committee.



The Color Guard placing wreaths on graves of veterans.

Death of John Bouck

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Compatriot John D. Bouck, Jr., he passed away at about 8:40pm on Wednesday December 18, 2019. John became a member of the Sons of the American Revolution on October 6, 2017. His Patriot Ancestor was Jabez Hancock who was a Private in the Massachusetts Militia fighting in Capt. John Carpenter's Company, Col. Ezra Woods Regiment.

He was very pleased that he was able to be a member of the Sons of the American Revolution as his wife Mary had become a member of the DAR him and his son Christopher a member of the SAR before him.

John attended many chapter meetings during his short membership. He was able to walk from the car to the meeting room when he first joined, as his health declined, he required the use of a wheelchair. He always brought one to three antique artifacts to each meeting, most from the Revolutionary War period.

John's Memorial Service was held on Friday December 27, 2019.

We offer sincere condolences to his family; he will be missed.

If you wish to read his obituary it may be seen at the following link online.

<https://www.maplehillfuneralhome.com/obituaries/John-Bouck/#!/Obituary>

Hello, DX Chapter Ladies!

It's Lisa Rush, and I am excited to tell you that at the Christmas party, it was suggested that we get together and make a basket for the GWBC Silent Auction this year. I volunteered to head up this project and am looking for your help in this endeavor.

First of all, would we like to form a committee to put the basket together as not everyone may be available to help with actually making it? When and where would be a good time and place to meet?

Would we like to have a "theme" as this would make it easier and more elegant to know what all exactly, we need to collect and assemble? (Just a few suggestions and I would love to hear all of yours: KC Chiefs items, men's beverages, ladies cooking, dinner and movie tickets, Royals items, Spa related items, Food and wine, collection of gift cards from various places, Historical, KC Symphony or Ballet tickets...?)

I would like to have all the basket items donated if possible.

What would be the decided upon total value of our basket?

And, last but not least, I need to have the basket ready to be delivered to me on/by Friday, February 14th.

Please email me with your answers to the above, suggestions and when is a good date that we can get a committee together.

Thank you for your help!

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