



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

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

NEXT MEETING:

When: March 9, 2024

Where: Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
 13145 S. Black Bob Rd., Olathe, KS 66062,
 9:00am

Reservations & Cost: For reservations, email
Secretary@dxsar.org or call Kevin Dyches
 (913)-568-9998 by 12:00 PM, Monday,
 March 4, 2024.

Cost: **\$25.00/person**

Program: Chapter Awards

CALENDAR & COMING EVENTS

March 2024

- 6 DX EC Meeting
- 9 DX Chapter Meeting
- 16 State Conference

April 2024

- 17 DX EC Meeting
- 20 DX Chapter Meeting

May 2024

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

The President's Corner



By Larry Tatum

The last two years have been monumental for the Delaware Crossing Chapter.

Thanks to John Martin, we have had excellent programs including a visit from United States Senator Roger Marshall. Ken Ludwig recruited the National SAR First Place winner, James Schultz, to compete in the Rumbaugh Oration contest and the Knight Essay. Under Bruce Smith's watchful eye, two of our Knight Essay

contestants have placed 5th in the National finals. Thanks to Dennis Nelson, DX placed 8th in the nation for Americanism and we have adjusted our meetings to include patriot biographies along with moments in the Revolutionary War.

Kirk Rush has always been successful in recruiting Boy Scouts to participate in the annual Flag Retirement Ceremony and the King Eagle Scout Essay Contest. Our Eagle Scout Essay winners have consistently won at the State level.

Under the guidance of Dewey Fry, every year we have had in excess of 100 Poster Contest entries and in recent years, two have placed second Nationally. With Steven French's leadership, the Chapter's Color Guard has grown each year and has participated in every Honor Flight, Parade, and Naturalization Ceremony in our area.

Web Master Rick Alley has made certain that our website is up to date and the DX email is properly addressed and functioning at dxsar.org.

As you probably noticed, all of the chapter's successes are products of the work by committee chairmen, officers and dedicated members of Delaware Crossing. These efforts will continue to produce the high level of success for which the Delaware Crossing Chapter SAR has become known.

As my term as president is ending, I want to thank all of the DX members for helping make my time in office so memorable.

Thank you, everyone.



2023 Americanism Report Filed by Dennis Nelson, Americanism Chairman

In the Americanism contest, DX reported 18,506 points compared to 14,013 for 2022. In the President General Streamer contest, DX reported 6,655 points compared to 7,175 points for 2022. Combined totals were 25,161 points for 2023 compared to 21,188 for 2022.

Some highlights from the report are as follows:

- \$1,245 awarded to youth contestants from Kesler Youth Endowment Fund earnings
- 173 medals/certificates awarded to youth
- \$9,505 in donations to NSSAR charitable funds by members
- 71 programs presented by chapter members
- 36 certificates/medals were presented to non-SAR members
- 7 new members, 0 reinstatements and 0 supplementals

- State, district and national meetings attendance – 35
- 99 media references from non-SAR sources
- 5 Patriot Chest presentations at history/genealogy events
- Color guard attendance at events -215 including 5 parades, 12 Naturalizations, and 11 Honor Flight Receptions.
- Top ten events based on points earned – Poster Contest 4,150; Eagle Scout Contest and Awards 875; Essay Contest 625; Library Genealogy Day 555; Wreaths Across America 525; Flag Retirement Ceremony 510; Veterans Day Parade 435; Fourth of July Parade 380; Old Shawnee Days Parade 345; Heartland Honor Flight Reception 315.

Congratulations to all chapter members for their efforts whether it is active participation in the chapter, participation in the color guard and/or providing financial support though dues and donations.

The winners of the 2023 contests will be announced at SAR Congress in July and the release of individual chapter results in the fall of 2024.



Nadalie Clark, Receptionist; Debbe Mitts, Vice President; Blake Freeman, Vice President; Dewey Fry; Nick Allen, Vice-President & Personal Banker and Conner Caldwell, Vice President Treasuries Management.

Flag Display Commendation Awarded to Outdoor Bank

On February 8, 2024 Dewey Fry, Chairman of the Flag Display Committee presented a Certificate of Commendation in recognition of exemplary patriotism in the display of the Flag of the United States of America to the Overland Park Branch of Outdoor Bank.

The bank was recently remodeled. The final remodeling was the erecting of three flag poles. On the poles were the US Flag, the Kansas Flag and the Chiefs Flag.

Soon after the flags were displayed, Dewey Fry bluntly asked Vice President Blake Freeman why they displayed the US Flag. His immediate reply was “because we are patriotic”. He said the Foote

family, from Bucyrus, Kansas, who own Outdoor Bank, is very patriotic.

Upon the initial raising of the flags the bank personnel deemed the lights were too dim. Therefore; the US Flag was raised every morning and lowered every evening until new lighting could be installed.

The Overland Park Branch of Outdoor Bank is the largest of 11 dispersed across Kansas. As a consequence of that, several corporate officers are officed there.

The accompanying photos are of Dewey Fry presenting the Certificate to Vice President Blake Freeman. Mr. Freeman wished to have several in a photo of the presentation; therefore, in the group photo left to right are: Nadalie Clark, Receptionist; Debbe Mitts, Vice President; Blake Freeman, Vice President; Dewey Fry; Nick Allen, Vice-President & Personal Banker and Conner Caldwell, Vice President Treasuries Management.

Additional photos are of Vice-President Blake Freeman and Dewey Fry and of Blake Freeman, Nick Allen and Dewey Fry at the flag poles.

This is only the second business in his 16 years of being Flag Display Committee Chairman that a Flag Display Commendation Certificate has been awarded to a company, as many readily admit they fly the US Flag for promotional purposes.

Should any member of Delaware Crossing wish to have a Flag Commendation Certificate presented

to a person or company who displays the US Flag for patriotic reasons, please contact Dewey Fry.



Vice President Blake Freeman and Dewey Fry.





Vice President Blake Freeman, Dewey Fry and Vice President Nick Allen.



Kirk Rush, Steven French, Dennis Nelson, McKenna Rhodes, Dan Dryer, Sydney Esh, Dewey Fry, Nathan Phillips, and Ken Ludwig.

Youth Contest Awards Presented for Three Contest

Awards were presented to youth at our February Chapter Meeting for three of the SAR Youth Contests at the Chapter Level. They were the George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest, The Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration Contest and the Arthur M. And Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest.

In the Eagle Scout Contest First Place was awarded to Nathan Phillips of Boy Scout Troup

123 in Lenexa. Second Place was awarded to Haley Flores of Troop 6222 in Overland Park. Third Place was awarded to Ryan Rowlett of Boy Scout Troup 123. Much more than an essay is entailed in winning the Eagle Scout Contest, much of it in the projects the Scout has done and the Merit Badges earned.

Nathan Phillips was presented his award at our Chapter Meeting, Ryan Rowlett was presented his award at a Troop 123 Meeting.

Nathan Phillips was also the First Place KSSAR Contest Winner

First Place was awarded to James Dykes for his essay titled "*The Other Side of the Story*". Second Place was awarded to Samuel Olson for his essay entitled "*The Evils of Paper*". Third Place in the Knight Essay Contest was awarded to was awarded to Sydney Esh a student at St. James Academy for her essay titled "*The Women of the American Revolution, the Supporting Pillars*". Second Place Sydney Esh was at the meeting to accept her award. Sam Olson and James Dykes were busy at other endeavors.

In the Rumbaugh Oration Contest Third Place was awarded to Sydney Esh for her oration titled "*A Changed World 250 Years Later*". Second Place to Samuel Olson for his oration titled "*The Lessons of Colonial Monetary System*" and First Place was awarded to McKenna Rhodes, a Senior at Blue Valley West High School, for her oration titled "*Sacrifice and Service-Major Samuel Phillips*".

In each of the contest the awards were a \$100.00 Dollar Check for Third, a \$200.00 check for Third and a \$500.00 check and Medal for First Place. McKenna Rhodes was also the First Place in the winner of the KSSAR Oration Contest.



Nathan Phillips presents his King Eagle Scout Essay.



Kirk Rush presents Nathan Phillips with the DX Eagle Scout Essay First Place Certificate and cash prize.



Kirk Rush presents Nathan Phillips with the State Eagle Scout First Place Certificate, and Medal.



Kirk Rush presents Ryan Rowlett with the DX Third Place Eagle Scout Essay Certificate.



McKenna Rhodes presents her Rumbaugh Oration.



Bruce Smith presents McKenna Rhodes the State First Place Rumbaugh Oration Certificate, and Medal.



Bruce Smith presents McKenna Rhodes with the DX First Place Rumbaugh Oration Certificate, Medal and cash prize.



Bruce Smith presents Sydney Esh with the DX Third Place Rumbaugh Oration Certificate.



Ann Scott, Vice Regent for Missouri of the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association Board.

Review of 2024 George Washington Birthday Celebration

The 2024 George Washington Birthday Celebration was held on February 17, at the Holiday Inn at 87st and US 69. For first timers it was impressive, for those of us who have attended many more years it was not. The room was much too small to comfortably accommodate the number of attendees, the gift baskets for auction and the flags and Color Guard. In addition, many

were displeased with the food and food service. The number of attendees had to be limited due the space available.

For those who enjoyed the bunting decorated head table and flag display on risers for numerous years, we truly missed it this year due to the lack of floor space and low ceiling.

The Color Guard had to negotiate the cramped quarter and low light fixtures in the Advancing and Presentation of the Colors.

Greg Beck, of the Henry Leavenworth Chapter, did his usual outstanding duty as Master of Ceremonies despite an inadequate sound system. The main speaker, Ann Scott, Vice Regent for Missouri of the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association Board, presented a well-organized and informative program on George Washington and the women most important to him in his life. She was presented the Martha Washington Medal.

The Missouri State Society Children of the American Revolution President, Eliana Henery and Kansas State Society Children of the American Revolution President, Austin Roberson were honored for their President Projects.

Chief of Police J. P. Thurlo and two Officers accepted the Medal for Heroism for Officer Jonah Oswald of the Fairway, KS Police Department who was killed in the line of duty in August of 2023.

There were 19 Color Guardsmen this year as compared to 23 last year. Of the 19, 10 were from

the Kansas Society and 9 from the Missouri Society. Of the 10 from the Kansas Society 5 were from the Delaware Crossing Chapter, 3 from Monticello and 1 each from Konza Prairie and Sons of the Plains. Delaware Crossing led all chapter, Kansas or Missouri, in numbers of Color Guardsmen.

5 DAR Ladies joined SAR Color Guardsmen in Advancing and Presenting the Colors as Color Bearers with DAR Flags.

DX was one of the 3 KSSSAR and 2 MOSSAR Chapters Co-Sponsoring the GWBC as a Platinum Sponsor.

Written by Dewey Fry



GWBC Color Guard.



L-R front/back: Stephen Sullins MO, Bill Marshall KS Commander. Row 2 – Dennis Nelson KS, Craig Dillavou KS, Robert Grover MO/KS, Allen Martin KS, Dewey Fry KS, John Forbes KS. Row 3 – Kirk Rush KS, Peter Reynolds MO, Jeffrey Winters KS, Clay Shropshire KS, Mark Parks MO. Row 4 – Ivan Stull MO, Michael Hahn MO, and Bobbie Hulse SCD VP General. (Not pictured: J. Michael Robertson MO, John Stewart MO, and Roy Hutchinson MO.



Chief of Police J. P. Thurlo accepts the Medal for Heroism for Officer Jonah Oswald.



Kirk Rush, Dennis Nelson, Craig Dillavou, Robert Grover, Stephen Sullins, Alan Martin, Ann Scott, Dewey Fry, and Bill Marshall.



Bill Marshall and Kirk Rush display the George Rogers Clark Flag.