



The Delaware Crossing Patriot

Kansas Society

Sons of the American Revolution

February 2017

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

CALENDER

NEXT MEETING:

When: February 11

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

Reservations & Cost: For reservations, email
Secretary@dxsar.com or call Kirk
Rush (913)789-0975 by 3:00 PM, the
Wednesday before.

NEW BREAKFAST PRICE: \$17.00

Program: Knight and Eagle Scout Essays

COMING EVENTS

- 2/04 BOG Meeting – Emporia
- 2/08 DX Executive Committee Meeting
- 2/11 DX Chapter meeting
- 2/18 George Washington Birthday Celebration

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 Gregory.millican@gmail.com, and phone number (913) 268-4932.



The President's Corner

Huzzah to the Color Guard!

I wanted to spend just a few lines this month on what drew me into the SAR was the Color Guard. I am, perhaps, in a position to offer a somewhat unique perspective on Color Guard service because, as many of you know, I am not part of our Color Guard unit. Although I didn't know it at the time, our chapter Color Guardsmen were what attracted my attention in the first place.

Most of you know that being in the Color Guard requires an additional bit of dedication to the SAR. Getting "dressed up" in the uniform of our patriot ancestors requires some additional activity at a level not all of us can muster. It also involves attention to detail that may not often be fully appreciated.

But I digress. One morning, several years ago, I was driving out of our subdivision on my way to my downtown office. As I approached Old Metcalf on 188th street, I observed someone in what appeared to be a colonial uniform in the front yard of one of our neighbors, a [retired] marine. [I have, since then, come to understand that there is no such thing as a "retired" marine.] Anyway, I stopped and walked over to the uniformed man who appeared to be taller than my neighbor and inquired about the occasion. I was informed that my neighbor was receiving a flag display certificate from the SAR for conspicuous and

appropriate display of our flag during the day and the night. I was reminded about the SAR and, upon advising the Color Guard member that my father had been a member of the SAR at a chapter in Massachusetts, and my interest in educating the young Scouts in the Troop that I chaired, my initial interest was noted and followed up.

I became interested, again, in our organization. As an old history teacher (Raytown South HS) and a Scout leader, this struck a chord with me. Before long, I was invited by the tall Color Guard member, Dewey Fry, to get involved in an application process that, for him, proved to be somewhat intimidating. I was not able to find any of the materials in my dad's effects, but was able to point Dewey to the location of dad's application and, before long, I was inducted to Dewey's credit.

This long personal reminiscence is provided to make two points:

First, the Color Guard becomes our ambassadors. The colorful and unusual attire attracts attention and interest and not only promotes the SAR but promotes patriotism and respect for our patriot ancestors.

Second, the Color Guard is a significant recruiting tool. We should not only support this dedication but never fail to recognize the investment of time that Color Guard service entails. Their function is not just limited to our chapter meetings and the presentation of the colors, but also the impact that colonial dress has on the public at large in recruiting new members to our organization.

If you have the time to invest, may I encourage you to explore the financial assistance that is available at our chapter level and at the state level as well. Both can make a substantial impact on the economics of procuring a period uniform.

(End of President's Corner)

Voting for new Officers

Brian Revard presided over the voting for the chapter officers, as chairman of the Nominating Committee.

Newly elected officers, for Apr 2017 to Mar 2018:

President: Stuart W. Conrad

Executive Vice-President: Kirk D. Rush

Vice-President for Programs: Matthew S. Brady

Secretary: Kenneth W. Ludwig

Treasurer: Shawn R. Cowing

Assistant Treasurer: Richard A. "Dick" Nelson

Registrar/Genealogist: Timothy E. Peterman

Additionally, a Trustee for the Kesler Youth Endowment Fund was elected, Dennis Nelson, for the next 3 year term, April 2017 through March 2020.

Deceased former DX members:

Chapter members extend their prayers and sympathy for families of Robert Earl Jones, Jr. and Shelby St. Martin.

Patrician Traffas was the speaker at the January Chapter meeting:

Patricia Traffas spoke on the history of local trails in the Kansas – Missouri region. Some of the trails covered by Pat were the Lewis and Clark Trail, Santa Fe Trail, Oregon Trail, California Trail, Fort Leavenworth Military Road, and Gum Springs Route. She has extensive knowledge of markers along these trails, and has been involved in the restoration of some of the markers.



1 Program speaker Patricia Traffas



2 Stu Conrad presents certificate of appreciation to Pat Traffas