



The Delaware Crossing Patriot Kansas Society

March 2015

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

NEXT MEETING:

When: **14 March 2015; 9:00 a.m.**
Where: Hilton Garden Inn, 12080 S Strang
Line Rd. Olathe, KS

Program: Chapter Awards and Medals

Reservations & Cost: For reservations, e-mail
reserve@dxsar.com or call Richard Cox at 913-
387-7598 by 3:00 PM, the Wednesday before

COMING EVENTS CALANDER

Mar 14: Chapter Meeting
Mar 18: New Citizenship - JCCC
Mar 21: KSSSAR Annual Conference
Apr 18: Chapter Meeting
Rumbaugh Orations
Apr 24: New Citizenship – KC,K
May 9: BOG – Emporia
May 16: Chapter Meeting
Road from Concord to Lexington
May 29: New Citizenship – KC,K
May 30: Memorial Day Ceremony-KCMO
Jun 06: Old Shawnee Days Parade
Jun 20: Chapter Meeting
U.S. Secret Service; Experiences
Jun 26: New Citizenship – KC,K
Jun 25-Jul 2: National Congress – Louisville
Jul 18: Chapter Meeting
TBD
Jul 31: New Citizenship – KCK
Aug 01: BOG – Emporia
Aug 15: Chapter Meeting
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The President's Corner

Brian Revard, Pres. DX

I enjoyed visiting with many of you at the George Washington's Birthday Celebration last month. The Color Guard was impressive, the speaker was excellent, the awards were well deserved, and the food was good. All in all, a great turnout and an enjoyable day and a time to visit with old friends.

March is a busy month. Our chapter awards meeting is on Saturday the 14th followed the next week with the KSSSAR Conference in Leavenworth on the 20th and 21st. Please make plans to attend these events and reconnect with friends you haven't seen for awhile. If you need a ride to either of these events, call me. We will make every effort to arrange transportation for you.

Your DX chapter officers and committee members are working hard to provide interesting and meaningful programs at our meetings, promote youth activities, and the represent our chapter with the Color Guard at various events. I hope you will join us on the 14th for a great breakfast and good company.



Introducing Our Newest Member



Compatriot John Weaver was inducted into the chapter at the February meeting of Delaware Crossing. John is directly descended from his patriot ancestor James Weaver – a Private in the Virginia Line. Welcome to the chapter, John.

Geo. Washington Birthday Celebration

Another successful George Washington Birthday Celebration was concluded on February 21st. There were approximately 270 in attendance, 19 of which were DX members (plus their guests).



For those newer members, or those who have not been able to attend this event, the GWBC is a separate not-for-profit organization formed under the Missouri Society, SAR. Members of the committee include SAR and DAR members from the greater Kansas City metro area, including the respective Chapter Presidents. It is a year long effort, headed up by General Chairman Dewey Fry. Color Guard command duties are alternated between the KSSSAR and MOSSAR Color Guard Commanders.



This year's event was conducted by Master of Ceremonies, Bob Corum and was headlined by the key note speaker Rear Admiral T. Thomas Stanton, USN(ret). The Admiral's comments were entertaining and well received. As he related, in addition to the medals and positions of leadership he has accumulated in the Navy, he also holds the distinction of the highest ranking navy officer in his hometown of Higginsville, Missouri.

In addition to the keynote speech, the presentation of the colors and the elegantly served luncheon; the GWBCC makes several important awards to members and the public. This year, the Medal for Heroism was authorized for Julio Gonzalez who at great risk to his own life, saved several persons from a burning car. The Law Enforcement Award was presented to Jackson County Prosecutor, Jean Baker. The Martha Washington Medal was awarded to DAR member Ann George, and our keynote speaker Adm. Thompson was awarded the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal.



In addition to the formalities and enjoyment of food and fellowship, the primary purpose of the Kansas City George Washington Birthday

Celebration is to honor our Founding Father and first president. It is important work; to recognize and continually remind an increasingly apathetic public of the importance of honoring our patriotic ancestors and in particular, President George Washington. If you were unable to attend the event this year, I urge you to put it on your calendar for next year.



Reader Contest – FREE BREAKFAST!

See if you can identify the men in the pictures below. Email your answers to secretary@dxsar.com The entry with the most correct answers will be treated to a free meeting breakfast at the April 18th meeting.



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Eagle Scouts Honored

Eagle Scout Chairman Kirk Rush was kept a bit busy in early February presenting certificates to scouts who had earned their Eagle Rank.



On February 7 Compatriot Rush presented Certificates of Recognition to Nathan Kilkenny, Brady Franklin and Teren DeBok in a Court of Honor.

Charlie, as he prefers to be called, was presented the H. Roe Bartle traveling ring by the original Eagle Scout recipient. He will get to enjoy it for a short period before it continues its travels.

In addition, Lance Erickson was presented his Certificate of Recognition at our February Chapter meeting.

Each Court of Honor attended by a SAR Compatriot gives an opportunity to strengthen to bond between the Boy Scouts of America and the SAR.

Erickson Crowned “King”



...as in Arthur M. King, Eagle Scout Scholarship Award recipient for Delaware Crossing. Lane

Erickson presented his essay to the chapter and will be competing at the State level.

Knight Essay Winner is State Winner Too!

Salina Ye, a Senior at Blue Valley Southwest, was the Delaware Crossing Chapter Winner of the George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest. Stu Conrad presented her with a certificate and a check in the amount of \$400.00. Stu Conrad announced that Salina had also won the KSSSAR Contest and her essay will be forwarded to the NSSAR for judging. Salina is to read her essay at the KSSSAR Annual Conference at Ft. Leavenworth on Saturday March 21 during the luncheon program.



Shu-Wen Ye, Salina's mother, was presented a Certificate of Commendation for encouraging her daughter to participate in the contest.

Warrior Profiles (a continuing series)

Dorie Miller

Doris (Dorie) Miller was a cook-third class aboard the USS Virginia on that fateful day at Pearl Harbor. Upon the attack, Miller went to his battle station only to find it destroyed. He was then directed to the bridge to administer first aid to his mortally wounded skipper, Capt. Mervyn Bennion.

With no training on the weapon, Miller manned a .50 caliber machine-gun until he ran it out of ammunition. He is credited with a probable kill of at least one Japanese Zero. Miller was considered the first African-American hero of WWII and was one of 646 Americans lost when a single torpedo

sank the U.S. Escort carrier *Liscome Bay* near the Gilbert Islands on November 24, 1943.



Photo # 80-G-408456 Doris Miller wearing Navy Cross

KSSSAR Conference – Be There!

The annual state conference of the Kansas Society will be held Friday, March 20th and Saturday the 21st.

On the following pages you will find the brochure detailing the activities and a registration form.

If you have not already done so, register now as the deadline is March 14th.

This conference is important to attend. It is important for you as individual members, and it is important to the Society to have your support and participation.

At this year's conference we will be inducting a new state society president, Brooks Lyles. Our own Bob Capps will be stepping down after two very productive years and it's important for DX members to show their support to Bob.

We will also be having a change in command for the KSSSAR Color Guard. Dennis Nelson will be promoted to Major General and will be taking the reins with the formal Change in Command Ceremony.

Saturday morning will be the memorial service. We have lost several dear friends of the chapter and the ceremony will be held on post at the beautiful chapel – if you have not seen this chapel it is a must.

Review the following pages and make your reservations now.



Kansas Society
Sons of the American Revolution
Welcome to Fort Leavenworth!

The 123rd KSSAR Annual Conference

Overview

The Henry Leavenworth Chapter, the home chapter of KSSAR's next President, is proud to host the 123rd Annual Conference and cordially invites you to Leavenworth on 20-21 March 2015.



Activities will commence on Friday afternoon at 3:00 pm at the Frontier Army Museum with tour of the museum. Guest will be able to begin check in at the on-post Holiday Inn Express after 4:00 pm. There will be a wonderful dinner at June's Northland, 614 Pottawatomie St in Leavenworth on Friday evening at 6:00 pm. Saturday finds us at the Frontier Conference Center (formerly the Officer's Club) for registration beginning 8:00 am. Activities there will include our business meeting, Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, and Chapter "Best Practices" Workshops as well as the Youth Awards Luncheon (BBQ Buffet) where the Knight Essay winner and the Eagle Scout Essay winner will present their works. The historic Memorial Chapel will be the site of our annual Memorial Service to departed compatriots. In the afternoon there will be a ladies' outing in downtown Leavenworth. An optional post tour narrated by Compatriot Dick Wright will be available prior to dinner. At 6:00 pm we will begin the formal portion of the evening with a short happy hour followed by a wonderful Duo Entree meal featuring Salad, Petite Filet Mignon and Focaccia Encrusted Chicken Breast, Rissole Potatoes, Vegetable Medley and a dessert of Coffee and Chocolate Layer Cake. The evening ends with the installation of new State and Chapter Officers.

Host Chapter's Greeting

Welcome to beautiful Leavenworth, Kansas! Leavenworth looks much different from the 1820s when Col. Henry Leavenworth founded what later became Fort Leavenworth, the oldest continuously active military installation west of the Mississippi River. Leavenworth is the First City in Kansas and has a wealth of history and tradition. If you have time, drive by City Hall where a statue of President Abraham Lincoln celebrates Lincoln's first speech as a candidate for President of the United States. I encourage your participation in the exciting events planned for this year's conference. We of the Henry Leavenworth Chapter are proud to be the chapter hosting this year's State Conference and hope you have an enjoyable stay in our fair city.

Rev. Vernon Welkner
Pastor High Prairie Church
President, Henry Leavenworth Chapter Sons of the American Revolution

Special Guest

National Society, Sons of the American Revolution Secretary General Tom Lawrence of Texas will join us during our meeting. Tom will be here for all of the weekend's activities including the informal dinner at June's Northland on Friday evening. He will be the Key Note Speaker at the Banquet on Saturday evening.

Attire for Friday is travel casual. Saturday for the meeting portion is either a Color Guard uniform or the ubiquitous blue blazer. Saturday evening will be Color Guard Uniform or a dark suit.

Please include the Registration Form above with your check made payable to: KSSAR

Mail to:
Dennis Nelson
11733 W 102nd St
Overland Park, KS 66214-2687

Due Date is: 14 March 2015

**Making your Room Reservations at
Hoge Hall, Holiday Inn Express Fort Leavenworth**

I have set up a block of 20 rooms for arrival 3/20/2015 and check out 3/22/2015. When attendees call the front desk (913-684-4091) to book a room, please have them mention that they are with the "Kansas State SAR Meeting" in March. We will take their information and credit information over the phone.

The special rate for the conference is \$80.00 + tax per night. Check in time is at 4 pm, however if rooms are available earlier in the day, we will most certainly get them in their rooms sooner.

Check out time is 11 am on Sunday morning. We have complimentary hot breakfast and Wi-Fi for all of our guests. Breakfast starts at 7 am on Saturdays & Sundays.

Please feel free with any questions or concerns you may have.

Thank you for your interest in staying with us!

Sincerely,
Rebecca Fischer
IHG

Addresses and POC Phone Numbers

Hoge Hall – Holiday Inn Express
214 Grant Ave, Bldg 695
Fort Leavenworth, KS 66027

Frontier Conference Center
350 Biddle Rd
Fort Leavenworth, KS 66027

June's Northland
614 Pottawatomie St
Leavenworth, KS 66048

Memorial Chapel
626 Scott Avenue
Fort Leavenworth, KS 66027

Frontier Army Museum
100 Reynolds Avenue
Fort Leavenworth, KS 66027

Vern Welkner, HL Chapter President 913-758-0045
Neal Hanley, HL Chapter Secretary 913-250-5577
Brooks Lyles, KSSAR Vice President 913-306-4261
Dennis Nelson, KSSAR Treasurer 913-888-0131

Conference Schedule

Friday 20 March:

2:00-5:00PM Tours of the Frontier Army Museum and Lewis and Clark Center
 4:00PM-UTC Room Check in at Hoge Hall Holiday Inn Express
 6:00PM Dinner at June's Northland

Saturday 21 March:

7:00AM Breakfast at Hoge Hall
 8:00AM Registration at FCC Opens
 9:00AM Memorial Service (Memorial Chapel)
 10:00-11:00AM Business Meeting
 10:00-11:00AM Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
 11:30-1:30PM Youth Awards Luncheon
 1:30PM-UTC Chapter Best Practices Work Shops and Chapter Awards Presentation
 1:30PM-UTC Ladies Auxiliary Tour of Leavenworth Historical Sites (and Shopping ☺)
 6:00PM –Cocktail Hour (Cash Bar)
 6:30PM - Banquet FCC Ball Room

REGISTRATION FORM

Compatriot Name	
Chapter	
Phone number	
Email address	
Guest Name(s)	

Event	Number Attending	Amount	Total
Friday Dinner		Pay As You go	
Registration Fee		\$ 10.00 (compatriot only)	
Saturday Lunch		\$ 24.00	
Saturday Banquet		\$ 48.00	
Grand Total			