The Delaware Crossing Patriot
Kansas Society
Sons of the American Revolution
May 2025
Metro Kansas City's Oldest & Largest Chapter, Founded 1960

The Revolution is coming!
One Year- Two Months - Four Days

NEXT MEETING:
When: May 17, 2025

Where: Milburn Country Club, 7501 W 69th St., Overland Park, KS 66204, 9:00am

Reservations & Cost: For reservations, email Secretary@dxsar.org or call Clay Shropshire 785-521-8122 by 7:00 PM, Tuesday,
May 12, 2025.

Cost: **$23.00/person**

Program: Mary Sweat – "Vietnam War Nurse"

CALENDAR & COMING EVENTS

May 2025

3 BOG
14 DX EC Meeting
17 DX Chapter Meeting

June 2025

18 DX EC Meeting
21 DX Chapter Meeting

July 2025

16 DX EC Meeting
19 DX Chapter Meeting

The President's Corner

By Vincent Clark

Last month the nation celebrated the 250th anniversary of the battles of Lexington and Concord. On the morning of April 19, 1775, 700 British soldiers began a march from Boston to the town of Concord to seize and destroy the colonists' armaments. Paul Revere and his associates spread news of this British action. When the British arrived in Lexington, a town on the way, they found the militia drawn up on the town green. After both sides' indecision about what to do next, they were startled when a shot went off. The British troops then fired volleys,

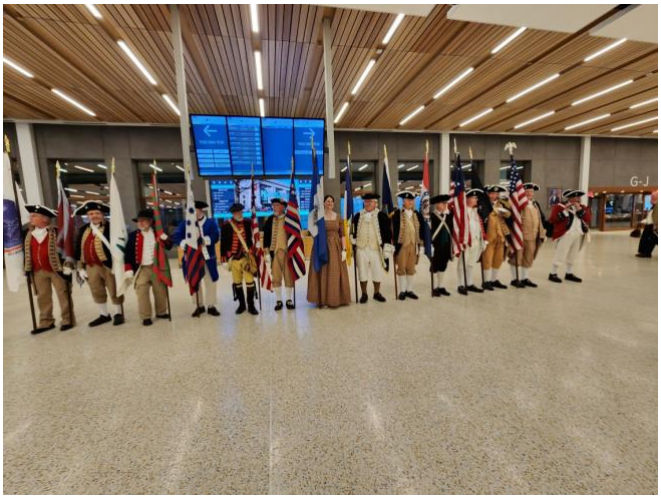
killing eight militiamen. (A British soldier was injured but not killed)

The British then marched on to Concord. When they reached it, they met a vigorous defense. Eventually, they gave up the attack and marched back to Boston while the colonist shot at them, hiding behind trees and stone fences.

Why are these events important? First, although this may sound too aggressive, the colonists' actions showed that at a certain point principles must be defended. Previously, the British government had initiated a series of measures to punish the colony: the Stamp Act, the Sugar Act, closing Boston's harbor, and abolishing the Massachusetts legislature. But finally, when the British set out to deprive the colonists of their ability to defend their principles, the people resisted.

Second, that resistance began a war that created a new kind of nation with principles unlike those of any other country at that time--with power based on the people, not a king, and the people's rights secured in the founding documents.

What can we, as members of an organization dedicated to supporting these principles, learn from these events? They teach us that we must never compromise our fundamental principles, as delineated in the SAR Recessional: a dedication to the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent legal system, and personal freedom--and a determination always to defend them.



MOSSAR and the KSSSAR Color Guards at the KCI Airport.

Your Color Guard at Work in April 2025

Delaware Crossing Chapter Color Guardsmen were busy during the month of April, in addition to our meeting on April 12, they participated in greeting Veterans who were returning from Washington DC who had taken a sightseeing day there and Presented the Colors at a Naturalization Ceremony.

An Honor Flight Sponsored by Central Heights High Schools of Kansas returned to Kansas City the evening of April 16. There were 48 Veterans on the flight. Welcoming them home were Color Guardsmen from MOSSAR and KSSSAR. Among them were Dewey Fry, Steven French and Clay Shropshire from Delaware Crossing and Jeffrey Winters and Alan Martin dual members of Delaware Crossing.

On April 22, at a Naturalization Ceremony at the Robert J. Dole US Court House in Kansas City, Kansas, Delaware Color Guardsmen Dewey Fry and Clay Shropshire were in the Color Guard that Presented the Colors commanded by Dewey Fry who led 88 new citizens the first time they recited our Pledge of Allegiance as a US Citizen. After the ceremony a reception is held in Room 180 where the new citizens and their families and friend are served cookies and punch by DAR and

they can have their photos taken with the Color Guard and many times with the judge who presided over the court session.

Later that evening Color Guardsmen Dewey Fry, Clay Shropshire, Alan Martin and Jeffrey Winters were in the composite Color Guard from MOSSAR and KSSSAR who welcomed home 25 Veterans who were returning to Kansas City on an Honor Flight sponsored by Southern Lyon County Kansas High Schools.

On April 26, Color Guardsmen Dewey Fry and Alan Martin were part of a 7 man Color Guard composed of 5 KSSSAR and 2 MOSSAR Color Guardsmen Presented the Colors for our Pledge of Allegiance and the playing of our National Anthem, posted and retired the Colors at a program that was presented by Clifton Truman Daniel at the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum in Independence, Missouri. The program was about Clifton Daniels personal relationship with his Grandparents Harry and Bess Truman. It comical and enjoyable to learn of their relationship and how in Daniels perspective Harry Truman was his grandpa first and foremost before any official capacity. He did not know his grandfather was a President until he started school in the 6th first grade 8 years after the fact.

An Honor Flight April 29, 2025 with 23 veterans sponsored by Wamego, Kansas High School 23 Veterans returned to Kansas City at 9:20 pm. Delaware Crossing Color Guardsmen participating were, Dewey Fry and Clay Shropshire. Alan Martin and Jeffrey Winters also participated.

The Color Guard welcome the returning Veterans.

Dewey Fry greets a returning Veteran.

Dewey Fry greets a returning Veteran as the MOSSAR piper plays a Revolutionary War tune.

Clay Shropshire, John More, Jerry Vest, Dewey Fry and Troy Phillips with the presiding Judge and an new U.S. Citizen.

The colors are presented by the KSSSAR and MOSSAR Color Guards.

Clifton Truman Daniels.

Clifton Truman Daniels presents a program about his relationship with his grandparents, Harry and Bess Truman.

Returning Veterans are Welcomed Back by the MOSSAR and KSSSAR Color Guards.