



The Delaware Crossing Patriot Kansas Society

Sons of the American Revolution

March 2020

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

NEXT MEETING:

When: March 21, 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: Chapter Awards

The President's Corner



By Kirk Rush

Compatriots,

This is my last installment of the President's Corner as your chapter president. Two years ago, each of you had enough confidence in me to bestow me with the honor of being the Delaware Crossing Chapter President. I hope in some small manner I have lived up to your expectations of leading as chapter president. As I said two years ago, we have many great things happening in our chapter that makes it stand out among other chapters. I believe this to still be true today. Some of the things I listed then are: We have very robust support for the various SAR youth programs. We have a participative chapter Color Guard which has been active in community events and parades for many years and is consistently available to support the KSSAR Color Guard. We are supportive to our country's military veterans and we have a history of recognizing local heroes, law enforcement and first responders. We also work to recognize patriotism among the citizens of our community.

CALENDAR & COMING EVENTS

March, 2020

- 3/18 DX EC Meeting
- 3/21 DX Chapter Meeting
- 3/27-28 State Conference – Salina, KS

April, 2020

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

A few other specific events which have taken place and I am particularly proud of are: Our chapter showed strong support and participation in the compatriot grave marking for President Dwight D. Eisenhower in Abilene, KS. We have had multiple state winners in our youth contests who also did well at the national level. We put together and carried out the first and so far, ONLY Patriot grave marking in the state of Kansas for Patriot Sarah Ruddell Davis. After several years of supporting 'Wreaths Across America' at Leavenworth National Cemetery, we have started a new 'Wreaths Across America' event in our own back yard at Johnson County Memorial Gardens. We have been a very strong supporter for the annual George Washington Birthday Celebration event (thank you Dewey & Pat Fry). I could go on, but I think you get the picture.

We have a strong Executive Committee (EC) and without them it would have been extremely challenging for me to be able to fulfill my duties as President. Thank you all for the support I have received. I'd like to especially thank Dewey Fry, Ken Ludwig, John Forbes, Dick Nelson, Dennis Nelson, Jim Mozena & Steve French for helping me keep things straight and for helping put multiple events together. I also like to thank some of our newest EC members who were willing to step up and fill in some vacated EC positions: Bruce Smith, Larry Tatum, Steve French and Rick Alley.

Later this month I will step down as chapter president and pass the torch to Ken Ludwig. I'm sure he will do an outstanding job (probably better than me) in leading our chapter. Several other EC members will be stepping into new roles as well. Please give Ken and all the new EC members the support you have shown for me.

Most humbly yours,

Kirk Rush

Program Summary of the February 15, 2020 Meeting

Tim Peterman gave a captivating history of one of his many Patriot Ancestors.



Tim Peterman

Executive Committee Summary

Compatriot Bruce Smith has accepted the position as Chapter Chaplain. We are still seeking a nominee to fill the position of Vice-President for Programs.

The 1st place chapter winner for the 2019 King Eagle Scout essay contest has also won 1st place at state. His application has been forwarded to the national Eagle Scout chairman so he can compete at the national level.

The DX Youth Poster Contest will be held at Pioneer Ridge Middle School in Gardner, KS. Contest judges from our chapter will be at the school on Thursday afternoon, February 27th to review the posters and determine the winners. The winners will be announced at a ceremony at the school the following morning, February 28th.

The DX Youth Poster Contest will be held at Pioneer Ridge Middle School in Gardner, KS. Contest judges from our chapter will be at the school on Thursday afternoon, February 27th to review the posters and determine the winners. The winners will be announced at a ceremony at the school the following morning, February 28th.

The annual contract for 2020 with the Hilton Garden Inn has been approved, signed and submitted back to the Hilton Garden Inn.

Last month, the committee decided to support GWBC by putting together a gift basket to auction off at GWBC and to present the proceeds to the GWBC committee. Lisa Rush, wife of Compatriot Kirk Rush along with other wives of DX chapter members has assembled four gift baskets to be auctioned off at GWBC next Saturday. The committee has also become a Platinum Level Sponsor for GWBC by submitting a separate donation of \$105.

The Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Award Chapter Level Winner, Charles Jayson Horner



Eagle Scout Charles Jayson (Chase) Horner presents his winning essay

Kirk Rush Presents Chase Horner “The Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Award”



Kirk Rush, Chase Horner & Parents, Gina and Stephen Horner



Gina & Stephen Horner (parents of Award-Winning Scout, Chase Horner)

New Inductee Patrick Purvis Lights his Candle



Patrick Purvis

Americanism Poster Contest at Pioneer Ridge Middle School

146 5th grade students participated in the poster contest this year at Pioneer Ridge Middle School in the Gardner-Edgerton School District. On Thursday February 27, Compatriots Larry Tatum, Gary Hicks, Dan Dryer, and Dewey Fry judged the 18 posters selected by the 5th grade teachers to be the finalists.

This year, a winner, 2nd place and 3rd place were chosen. A program was presented attended by the all the 5th grad students, their teachers and the Principal. Dan Dryer was the program MC and was aided by Dewey Fry, Steve French and Gary Hicks.

The Principal, Mr. John McIntire aided Dewey in demonstration the cutting of a 5-pointed star with one cut of the scissors. There is always a look of surprise on the helper's face when they unfold the small piece of paper and view the 5-pointed star.

The Principal, Associate Principal and the six 5th grade teachers were presented Certificates of Appreciation and a Delaware Crossing Chapter Challenge Coin.

Then, for the first time, the student with the winning poster was announced at the end of the program. Also, for the first time, 2nd and 3rd places were announced.

The winning poster was Join the Revolution by Audrey Gainer; 2nd place was The Battle of Lexington & Concord by Rhemi Pascal, and 3rd place was The Patriot Pages by Kayden Stoffal.

Each student was called to the stage to stand beside her poster to be recognized with a certificate as the awards were presented in reverse order.

Audrey was very visibly shaking, from surprise and nervousness. She did not expect to win and did not certainly expect the thunderous applause.

After the program the students, teachers, administrators were treated to cupcakes that compose a US Flag and juice.

In a phone conversation Audrey's very proud mother said Audrey cried when telling her that her poster had won. Her mother said Audrey had spent many hours on the poster and was not satisfied with it when she turned it in, although her mother had told her that it was beautiful.

The following photos are of the announcement of the winners, the winners with their posters in the Commons area.

The final picture is of the winning poster. The poster will be shown at our March chapter meeting and be in the competition at the State Society Annual Meeting on March 28. Unfortunately, Audrey cannot be present at the chapter meeting as she has a soccer game at 10:00 am. She is so good that two coaches have been recruiting her.

2020 Delaware Crossing Posture Contest Winners

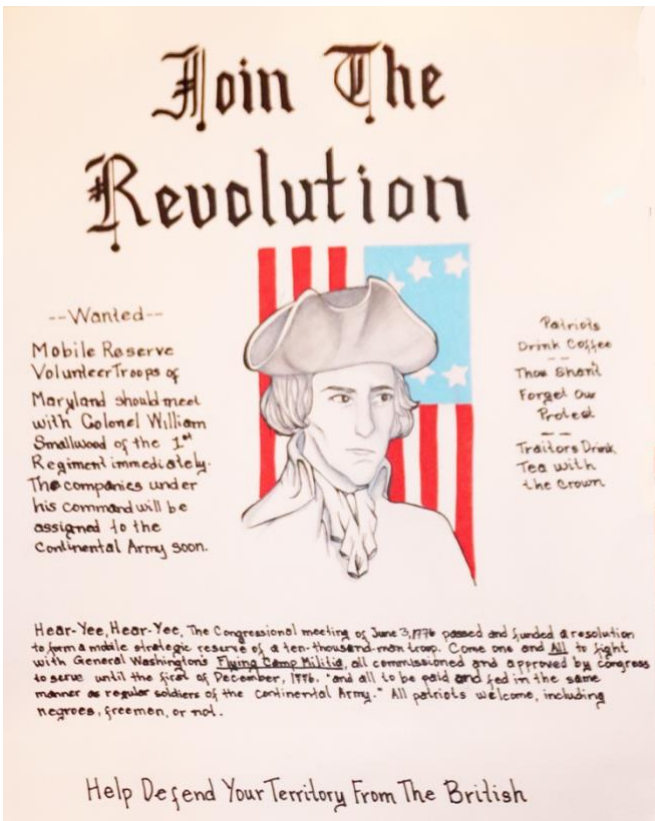


Figure 1 Dewey Fry, Audrey Gainer, Rhemi Pascal, Kayden Stoffal & Steven French

Dewey Fry Presents the Poster Contest Certificates



First Place



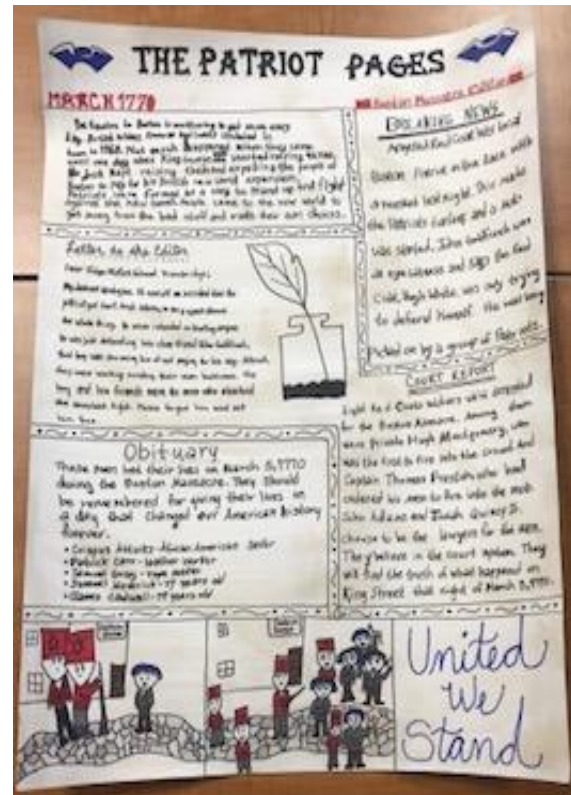
Join the Revolution by Audrey Gainer

Second Place



The Battle of Lexington and Concord by Rhemi Pascal

Third Place



The Patriot Pages by Kayden Stoffal

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We should all be better at meeting others in our chapter. One way that helps greatly in this effort is name tags. For many people (I am one of them) hearing a name and also reading that name greatly helps in the retention of that name.



Are you aware that you can order engraved name tags through the SAR store? Several members of the chapter already own these name tags (see picture for an example) and I encourage everyone to purchase one. Here is the link to where you can order.

<https://store.sar.org/category/name-tags>