



The Delaware Crossing Patriot

Kansas Society

May 2016

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

COMING EVENTS CALENDER

NEXT MEETING:

When: May 21

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

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

Program: To be announced; also remaining flag live auction

May 7th Board of Governors Meeting

May 21st Chapter Meeting

July 9-13 National Congress

Editor's Note (Greg Millican)

This is a new experience being the "*Delaware Crossing Patriot*" editor. I am following in the foot steps of Compatriot Richard Cox who has done an excellent job as editor and web master the last three years. In this issue, be sure to take advantage of the **email Flag Auction** exclusive in this issue of the "*Delaware Crossing Patriot*". Also, please do send news about your ancestor patriots, special events, career changes, history trips, etc. You may reach me at Gregory.millican@gmail.com, and phone number (913) 268-4932.



The President's Corner

Stu Conrad, President, DX

I'd like to take a moment to favorably comment on the contribution that Richard Cox has made to DX Chapter. Dick has served as Chapter President, Secretary, and most recently Vice-President for Program. Additionally, he has served as a Kesler Trustee and several other jobs around the Chapter for which there were no titles including an important player (and CG Commander) in the Color Guard for our Chapter. In all these positions, Dick has served faithfully and with distinction. He has been and continues to be a true asset to our Chapter. In the wealth of medals and awards that are distributed by SAR, there should be a recognition for Dick's many years of service.

Over many years of service in Scouting, I've noticed that recognition for faithful volunteers are sadly few and they are widely time separated. Perhaps this mention is small recognition for the many jobs that Dick has faithfully fulfilled.

And, as long as we're talking about Scouting (with which organization SAR has a special relationship) I have noticed over the years a minimization of American History in classrooms. I believe that it behooves SAR

members to replace or restore that emphasis. A couple of years ago, I attended a meeting that was actually on the anniversary of D-Day. Sadly, few of the adults even remembered the significance of the day in American and world history.

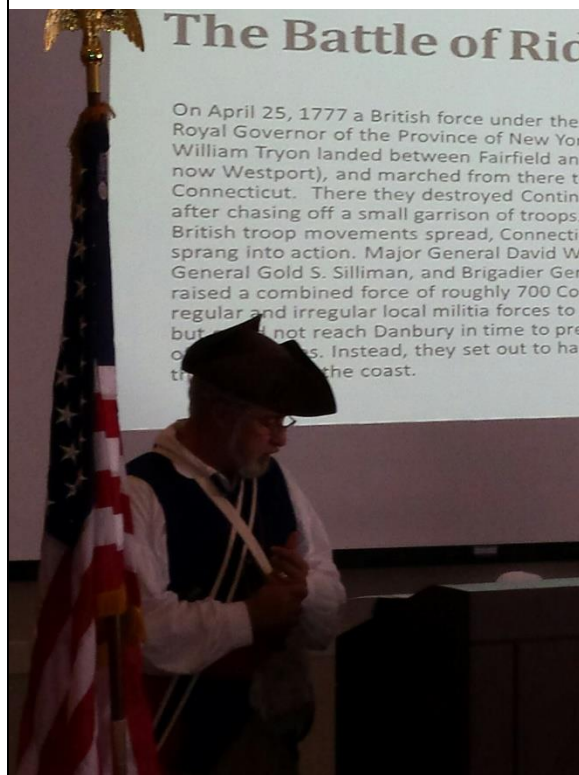
Scouting's First Class rank requires the scout to meet with an elected official, an attorney, or a notary, to discuss their rights and obligations as Americans. In starting out I usually ask them to identify where their rights come from. Most respond "the government."

Think about that for a moment. As we work through the issue with these young minds, I direct them, first, to the words of the Declaration of Independence, noting that rights come from the Creator. Then we talk about the words of the First Amendment, that "Congress shall make no law abridging..." which surely would not be the case if Congress were charged with responsibility to create rights. Those rights already exist or they could not be "abridged."

I'd like to suggest that we be more attentive to what is going on – perhaps not going on – in our schools. Young minds are impressionable and we do good service by attempting to replace or restore the teaching of American History and the values that have made America the place it has historically been. Our initial pledge as SAR members is to "defend [these values] against every foe." Those words should not become a rote recitation, but, rather a commitment to lead in a challenge that is perhaps as daunting as many of our patriot ancestors faced.

(End of President's Corner)

At the April Chapter Meeting:



Brooks Lyles presenting program on Sybil Ludington

Sybil Ludington on 4-26-1777 rode from New York to Connecticut to warn of an approaching British regiment; for the possible attack on her father and his regiment. In a ride of 40 miles she braved weather, British patrols, and defended herself against would be assaulters with pistol fire. Her ride was twice the length of Paul Revere's and unlike Revere, she actually completed her mission.

Patriots Day Parade:

Below are three pictures taken at the Patriots Day Parade, Apr 16, in McLouth, KS.



Fred Kaffenberger Remembered:



Wanda Kaffenberger, on left in dark blue, was presented a plaque in memory of her deceased husband Compatriot Fred Kaffenberger at the Patriots Day Celebration in McLouth, KS, on April 16. Fred faithfully marched in the McLouth Patriots Day Parade for several years, carrying the Sons of Liberty Flag.

The plaque was presented immediately prior to a short speech by Colonel Roger H. Donlon, US Army Retired, the first recipient of the Medal of Honor for the Viet Nam War and a 2002 recipient of the SAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal.



1 Fred Kaffenberger picture previously displayed

From the Board of Governors meeting:

Brooks Lyles announced at the Board of Governors meeting that the Kansas State Lapel Pin has been chosen. Brooks will order them for sale to members. Lapel pin:



Flag Auction

Wanda Kaffenberger donated some of the vast collection of flags of deceased Compatriot Frederick Kaffenberger Jr. to the Delaware Crossing Chapter. The chapter retained a 50 Star US Flag for use in Flag

Folding Ceremonies, a Bunker Hill Flag and a First Navy Jack Flag. All other flags and banners are to be auctioned off to chapter members. The proceeds from the auction will be deposited equally in the Kesler Youth Endowment Fund and the Color Guard Fund of our chapter per Wanda's wishes; these were two of Fred's favorite activities.

All bids should be emailed to Dewey Fry at deweyf@kc.rr.com. When a bidder is out bid, Dewey will notify that person. **The auction will begin at 8:00 AM May 12, 2016 and will end at 7:00 PM May 19, 2016.** The high bidder will be notified and purchase confirmed.

Any checks should be made out to Delaware Crossing Chapter SAR. The flags will be available for pickup at the May 21, 2016 Delaware Crossing Chapter Meeting, anyone desiring the flag to be mailed to them will be assessed the cost of mailing in addition to Any flag or banner not receiving a bid via email will be auctioned live at the May 21 Meeting. Some images are shown to confirm the design of that specific flag or banner.

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The minimum, or opening bid, shall be \$5.00. The minimum incremental bid shall be \$1.00. Happy Bidding!

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Item 1. British Union Jack Flag— polyester printed, slightly used, very good condition, no manufacturer ID, labeled "Made in Taiwan". The British Union is the current flag of Great Britain. The British Union Jack, of the same design, was used on many colonial flags including the US Grand Union.



Item 2. St. George's Cross (Flag of England)-nylon printed, slightly used, very good condition, no manufacturer ID. Saint George's Cross is the current flag of England, it appeared on early colonial flags such as in the canton of the Bunker Hill Flag with the blue field.



Item 3. St. Andrew's Cross (Flag of Scotland)-Nyglo, nylon printed flag, in box, made Annin, very good condition, original price \$32.95. Saint Andrew's Cross is the current flag of Scotland; it was used on some colonial flags.



Item 4. 15 Star US Flag (Star Spangle Banner)-Polyester printed knit, not in box, very good condition, No Manufacturer ID. The 15 star flag is the Star Spangled Banner.

Item 5. 34 Star US Flag-polyester printed, new in package, unknown manufacturer.



Item 6. 48 Star US Flag-printed-polyester printed, new in package, unknown manufacturer, (Arizona was 48th State).

Item 7. 50 Star Flag, printed nylon, unknown manufacturer, stamped on binding “NFB” for National Federation of the Blind, new in package.

Item 8. 50 Star Flag, printed nylon, unknown manufacturer, new in package.

Item 9. 50 Star Flag, printed nylon, unknown manufacturer, new in package.

Item 10. 50 Star Embroidered Star and sewn nylon Banner (has a sleeve, not eyelets),

Dura-Lite Nylon by Dettra Flag Products which was purchase by Annin in 1998, very good condition (Can be used as Flag like a parade flag).

Item 11. 2nd Marine Division Flag, printed one side, polyester knit, new in package.

