



*The Delaware Crossing Patriot
Kansas Society
Sons of the American Revolution
January 2023
Metro Kansas City's Oldest & Largest Chapter, Founded 1960*

*The Revolution is coming!
Three Years - 6 Months - Four Days*

NEXT MEETING:

When: January 21, 2023

Where: Hilton Garden Inn. 12080 Strang Line Road, Olathe, KS 66062, 9:00am

Reservations & Cost: For reservations, email Secretary@dxsar.com or call Steven French (913)-832-6034 by 7:00 PM, Tuesday, January 17, 2023.

Cost: **\$20.00/person**

Program: U.S. Senator Roger Marshall

CALENDAR & COMING EVENTS

February 2023

- 4 BOG Meeting
- 8 DX EC Meeting
- 11 DX Chapter Meeting
- 18 George Washington Birthday Celebration

March 2023

- 8 DX EC Meeting
- 11 DX Chapter Meeting
- 18 Kansas Society Annual Conference

April 2023

- 12 DX EC Meeting
- 15 DX Chapter Meeting

The President's Corner



By Larry Tatum

Even with the cold weather, wasn't it nice to have a white Christmas. I believe that it occurs about once every fifteen years. I hope that your holiday season was as good as mine and we have a great year ahead of us.

The year starts off with U.S. Senator Roger Marshall as our guest speaker on January 21st. Be sure to make an effort to attend this special meeting. We want to have a full house.

We have reserved both meeting rooms for the expected attendance and plans have been made to have an impressive opening with a large Color Guard to present the flags. In addition to the Senator's program, we will be voting on the amendments to our constitution and bylaws, the election of the 2023 officers, a new member induction, and the presentation of a two Lifesaving Medals.

Extra effort is being made to schedule quality programs for the 2023 year. You won't want to miss any of them. As always, we are trying to increase the participation in all of the Delaware Crossing events and 2023 looks to be a successful, productive, entertaining year.



Our guest speaker for the January 21st meeting will be U.S. Senator Roger Marshall

Senator Marshall plans to speak about current events on Capitol Hill including the results of the mid-term elections and the latest legislation that he has co-sponsored with Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA); the Digital Asset Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2022. This bipartisan legislative proposal should be of keen interest given the recent developments around the collapse of FTX and certain parts of the crypto economy.

Senator Marshall will also cover additional bipartisan legislative efforts including food for medicine, addressing credit card swipe fees, environmental and energy matters.

Please join us in what should be a very interesting presentation.

**Baseball Coaches Who Save Life of Teenager
are to be Recognized**

Seventeen-year-old Blue Valley High School Student Davis Dwight was practicing at Mac N Seitz in August, 2022, when he collapsed.

Per their own words “It’s an incident that keeps me up at night at times. It’s an incident that fills my mind and my heart,” Crouch said. “I was having a typical conversation with a 17-year-old kid about a situation that happened earlier with him – he broke his wood bat — and then two minutes into the conversation he just passed out.”

Crouch yelled for help and called 911. Coach and former Royals catcher Mike Macfarlane came running. Dwight was not breathing.

“I started compressions right away. Still couldn't feel a pulse. I was scared, praying, hollering — get help,” Macfarlane said. “Things got real serious when he started turning blue, gasping at times for air, but still no pulse, no reactions, no anything.”

They were informed their actions in those critical 12 minutes saved the youths life. As it turned out it was his heart failing, the doctors at the hospital were able to stabilize him and place an external defibrillator on him while they continue to determine the cause.

Davis Dwight spent five days in ICU, of his one week in the hospital; one week later he went back to school. He has since started a project to have defibrillators placed in schools for future use in life saving. Someday those defibrillators may save another life as those who have been trained in CPR, as Mike Macfarlane and Nik Crouch have, may not be around. Additionally, with Davis Dwight encouragement, the evening of Tuesday October 25, 2022, at Blue Valley High hundreds of people received CPR training.

There has been a delay in our Delaware Crossing Chapter recognizing Mike Macfarlane and Nik Crouch due to prior meeting dates being in conflict with events such as a championship baseball tournament and a hip replacement surgery on Mike since we first talked. However, as they never gave up on applying CPR, they also never gave up on accepting recognition for their act; both are scheduled to be at our January 21, 2023 Chapter Meeting to be presented the SAR Life Saving Medal.

Mac N Seitz celebrated their 26th year in business October 2022.





Lois Kim – violin, Megan Wang – violin, Ansh Gugnani – bass, Jennifer Liu – Cello, and Shreyas Krishanan – viola.

Delaware Crossing Holiday Party

Three dozen people enjoyed good food and good music and good company at the December 18, Delaware Crossing Chapter Holiday Meeting.

The 5-piece string ensemble from Blue Valley Northwest High School again entertained us while we dined. They were, left to right in the first photo, Lois Kim-violin, Megan Wang-violin, Ansh Gugnani-bass, Jennifer Liu-cello and Shreyas Krishanan-viola.

The students selected and programmed the music they played. Four of the five, played for us in 2021, when their teacher as for students again in 2022 they readily volunteered. That should be taken as an indication that they enjoyed us as much as we enjoyed them.

President Larry Tatum presented each of them a Certificate of Appreciation and a check.



Ansh Gugnani



Jennifer Liu



Shreyas Krishanan



Megan Wang



Lois Kim



Dewey Fry, Alan Martin, Jason Kurtz, Kirk Rush, John Forbes, Larry Tatum, Jeff Winters, Ken Ludwig, and Steve French.

Wreaths Across America 2022

Thanks to the members of Delaware Crossing Chapter the Wreaths Across America event was a success on December 17. Thank you to those who sponsored wreaths and those who participated in the ceremony and the laying of the wreaths. Members John Martin, Daniel Dryer, Gary Hicks, David Proffitt, and Dick Nelson and many of their spouses were present at the event.

Thank you to those who were in the KSSSAR Color Guard. Seven of the nine were from Delaware Crossing, Photos of the nine-man Color Guard accompany this article that show those left to right in the column were Dewey Fry, Alan Martin (Monticello Chapter) Jason Kurtz, Kirk Rush, John Forbes, Larry Tatum, Jeffrey Winters (Monticello Chapter and dual member of DX), Ken Ludwig and Steve French. The Color Advanced the Colors, Presented the Color when

each of the ceremonial wreaths were laid and during the playing of Taps.

It is becoming a tradition that children place the 8 wreaths on the stands during the ceremony at the Mausoleum.

Immediately after Taps, the Color Guard Retired the Colors and ceremonially laid wreaths after which those attending the ceremony, including the Color Guardsmen, were dismissed to lay wreaths throughout the cemetery. One of those was Jason Kurtz a Delaware Crossing Chapter Junior Member and Color Guardsman.



Color Guardsmen Dewey Fry, Alan Martin, Jason Kurtz, Kirk Rush, John Forbes, Larry Tatum, Jeff Winters, Ken Ludwig, and Steve French.



Dewey Fry, Alan Martin, Jason Kurtz and Kirk Rush



Taps were played following the ceremonial placing of wreaths for the Armed Forces.



Wreaths were placed to honor each of the Eight-Armed Forces.



Susan Pomeroy and Dan Dryer observe the placing of the Armed Forces wreaths.



Kirk Rush, John Forbes, Larry Tatum, Jeff Winters, and Ken Ludwig



The Color Guard marches to designated veteran's graves.



The Color Guard places wreaths on designated veteran's graves.



Color Guardsman, Jason Kurtz



A ceremonial wreath is placed.