



# *The Delaware Crossing Patriot*

## *Kansas Society*

April 2016

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

### **NEXT MEETING:**

**When:** April 16<sup>th</sup>.  
**Where:** Hilton Garden Inn, 12080 S Strang  
Line Rd. Olathe, KS

**Program:** Brooks Lyles Presenting  
"Sybil Ludington"

**Reservations & Cost:** For reservations, e-mail  
**Secretary@dxsar.com** or call Kirk Rush 913-789-  
9075 by 3:00 PM, the Wednesday before

### **COMING EVENTS CALANDER**

April 16<sup>th</sup> Chapter Meeting  
May 7<sup>th</sup> Board of Governors Meeting  
May 21<sup>st</sup> Chapter Meeting  
Jul 9-13 National Congress

### **Editor's Note (Richard Cox)**

For the past 3 years I have enjoyed bringing you your monthly "Delaware Crossing Patriot" but this April issue will be the last for which I serve as Editor. The newsletter will continue, better than ever, under the editorship of Greg Millican, who will also be taking over the position of Webmaster for [www.dxsar.org](http://www.dxsar.org). It is our hope that members will continue to provide news and articles of interest because after all, this is your newsletter. Everyone is encouraged to send Greg news about you as our members – special events, new discoveries about your patriot ancestor(s), career changes...we would like to make this newsletter about you! You can email Greg at [gregory.millican@gmail.com](mailto:gregory.millican@gmail.com). It's been a great experience and I know you will continue to look forward to a great newsletter under Greg's guidance.



### **The President's Corner**

Stu Conrad, Pres. DX

**Compatriots:** It is both an honor and challenge to begin service as DX Chapter President. Our Chapter has a long and distinguished history within the SAR and it would be my hope not only to continue but to extend that history. The honor part is easy. We have a large group of distinguished compatriots who have served in this position from whom I welcome advice and guidance. I hope they will find me an eager learner. The challenge part is harder. It will require commitment from all of us to the betterment of DX Chapter and it will require help and assistance from many of our loyal compatriots to give me an assist where needed. I hope to challenge us to better ourselves in at least these areas:

**Increased Attendance:** Although our programs are interesting and good, there is always room to improve attendance. People vote with their feet, but we often don't find out the reason they are staying away. I hope that our membership will communicate about this and be willing to make a presentation. If you are willing to contribute to this effort, please let us know.

**Youth Programs:** We had an excellent result with our recent Knight patriotic essay program and Compatriot Millican has given honorable service in leading these important youth program. The Rumbaugh Oration is coming up and promises to have good results. These are opportunities for DX Chapter to increase interest in American History and in the principles of liberty.

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**Scouting Programs:** I would also like to strengthen our connections with Boy Scouting. We rightly give emphasis to the Eagle Scout essay program and I have given large portions of time over more than 60 years to Scouting and deeply believe its favorable impact on community youth can be helpful. Sadly, American history is shuffled aside in our schools, but we can do our best to amplify its importance through DX Chapter programs.

As you can tell, that's a full bucket list. With your help, we can continue to make great progress

### KSSAR 2016 Annual Conference

The KSSAR annual conference was held in Fort Scott this year on March 18-19. The event kicked off with a casual dinner hosted by the local chapter at *Crooners Steakhouse* and was well attended.

The conference was held in the historic section of Fort Scott's downtown and began with the annual Memorial Service where the State Society remembers and pays its respects to those members who passed away in the past year. DX members included in the memorial, included: Frederick Kaffenberger (12/12/15) and Herrick Hurst Kesler (1/15/16).

The business meeting was highlighted by opening comments from Secretary General Michael Tomme who attended the entire conference.



Several awards were presented to chapters. Of note were ribbons awarded to Delaware Crossing in multiple categories, including for Scouting and Knight Essay participation, shown below being accepted by Kirk Rush and Stu Conrad.



A new "George Washington Fellow" was recognized, with our own Dennis Nelson receiving his pin from State President Brooks Lyles



After the business meeting, the KSSAR Color Guard commanded by Dennis Nelson and attended with the other members and led by Secretary General Tomme, marched to the Veteran's Memorial for a wreath laying ceremony



(Photo Credit: Fort Scott Tribune)

The local paper, the *Fort Scott Tribune* was present did a nice piece on the SAR and our conference. You can see this article at [www.fstribune.com/story/2288197.html](http://www.fstribune.com/story/2288197.html)

It was just a bit on the chilly side for outdoor festivities but in comparison to the Leavenworth event a few years ago, we at least didn't need to suffer a winter storm.

Fort Scott was an excellent host, the local chapter as well as the town. The conference attendees took advantage of just about all the historic town had to offer and enjoyed greetings from the City Manager as well as a member of the city council.

If you have an opportunity to visit Ft. Scott, about an hour to the south, it would be well worth your trip.

Of course one of the highlights of the conference is the annual youth luncheon. There was stiff competition in the Youth Poster Contest, and while the Delaware Crossing entry did not prevail, the winning poster from Bennington Chapter was an excellent choice.

The rest of the youth programs was pretty much a clean sweep for Delaware Crossing: The DX Knight Essay winner, Leah Sosland was noted as the state winner. Leah could not be present on a Saturday but her winning essay was read by Diane Ungvasky, spouse of State President Brooks Lyles.



(Leah Sosland shown earlier, accepting the Chapter award)

Likewise, the Delaware Crossing Chapter's winning Eagle Scout winner, Alexander Kolar was a state winner. Alexander was out of the country on a school trip but his parents were in attendance and his winning essay entry was read by his mother.



(Alexander Kolar, published earlier)