



The Delaware Crossing Patriot
Kansas Society
Sons of the American Revolution
 April 2022
 Metro Kansas City's Oldest & Largest Chapter, Founded 1960

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

NEXT MEETING:

When: April 16, 2022

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, Wednesday, April 13, 2022.

Cost: \$17.00/person

Program: "The Legacy of the Santa Fe Trail" by Gary Hicks, President – Kansas City Area Historic Trails Association.

The President's Corner



By Larry Tatum

I am truly honored to be elected as the 2022 president of the Delaware Crossing Chapter. And as the presidents before me, I have a few goals for us, as a Chapter, to strive for.

The Delaware Crossing Chapter is not just the oldest and largest chapter in the area, but I consider it as being in the top tier of SAR Chapters Nationally.

Members and guests are greatly impressed with the decorum in which our meetings are conducted and the high quality of our programs and speakers.

CALENDER & COMING EVENTS

April 2022

- 13 DX EC Meeting
- 16 DX Chapter Meeting

May 2022

- 18 DX EC Meeting
- 21 DX Chapter Meeting

April 2022

- 13 DX EC Meeting
- 16 DX Chapter Meeting

In no small part, the precision of the Color Guard in their Presentation of Colors and their many flags on display, lend the proper atmosphere to the meetings.

I would like to take all opportunities available to promote the Color Guard in our chapter and to publicize their functions. We also need to take the steps to grow the active membership of the Color Guard. I, for one, plan to join the Color Guard and become an active member.

Although we are active in the community, there is room for improvement, and we need to seek greater publicity of the chapter's involvement around the area. I know that many of us are restricted by time constraints, but those of us that are able, should alert the membership of opportunities for chapter participation. Increased involvement in the community and the subsequent notoriety should increase the prestige of becoming a member of the Delaware Crossing Chapter and perhaps fuel growth of our membership.

The membership needs to be more involved in chapter meetings and functions. I am going to host planning meetings so that suggestions can be evaluated and implemented towards increasing member participation.

I have tried in my personal and business life to have as much fun as possible and it's true that if what you are doing is fun, it's not work.

The Delaware Crossing Chapter is fun, the activities that we attend are fun, our members look forward to the comradery of the chapter. The programs are outstanding, and OH Boy, do I love breakfast with eggs, cheesy hash browns, lots of bacon and biscuits with gravy.

The goal of increasing participation and attendance at our chapter meetings should be a given as we continue with the history that Delaware Crossing has and strive to make our Chapter even more prestigious, more active, and more fun.





The Legacy of the Santa Fe Trail

Compatriot Gary Hicks, President – Kansas City Area Historic Trails Association, will present the April 16, 2022, program on *The Legacy of the Santa Fe Trail*. I encourage all to attend this fascinating program filled with local history and little-known facts. Don't forget to make your reservations.

The presentation will review:

- **200th anniversary year of the Santa Fe Trail**
- **Today's National Historic Trails System**
- **Evolution of claims and conquest of Central America and the North American Continent**
- **Napoleon Bonaparte and early 19th Century Spain**
- **Economic conditions in the United States**
- **Mexico's independence from Spain**
- **Santa Fe Trail and the opening of trade between U.S. and Mexico in 1821**
- **The Santa Fe Trail in the Kansas City Area**

2021 Americanism Report **Filed by Dennis Nelson, Americanism** **Chairman**

The 2021 report was filed by March 1, 2022. In the Americanism contest, DX reported 7,245 points compared to 7,397 for 2020. In the President General Streamer contest, DX reported 6,355 points compared to 6,690 points for 2020. Combined totals were 13,600 points for 2021 compared to 14,087 for 2020.

Some highlights from the report are as follows:

- \$2,000 awarded to youth contestants from Kesler Youth Endowment Fund earnings
- 136 medals/certificates awarded to youth
- Chapter participated in 11 public service events and 3 historic celebrations
- 31 certificates/medals were presented to non-SAR members
- 10 new members, 1 reinstatement and 4 supplementals
- State, district and national meetings attendance – 54
- Color guard attendance at events - 114

Congratulations to all chapter members for their efforts whether it is active participation in the chapter and/or providing financial support though dues and donations. If you make donations to NSSAR Funds individually, please let me know the amounts and funds by email. My email is dnfromkc@swbell.net.

The winners of the 2021 contests will be announced at SAR Congress in July and the release of individual chapter results in the fall of 2022.



2022 Kansas State Conference

Our Chapter should be extremely proud of what we have accomplished in 2021. We not only received First Place in every Youth Contest that we entered but listed below are the Streamers that were awarded for the many activities in which Delaware Crossing participated.

What is especially gratifying, is that we participate in these activities as a normal function of the Chapter, not as a concerted effort to gain points.

In addition to these awards, we received a streamer for Dewey Fry and Tim Peterman being selected as the recipients of the 2021 Ellis Spirit Award. David Comer was selected as the 2022 Ellis Spirit Award. The Ellis Spirit Award is presented for outstanding service to the Kansas Society Sons of the American Revolution. It is the highest Kansas State Society Award.

Congratulations to Dewey, Tim and David for the well-deserved recognition.

2021 Streamers Presented to the Delaware Crossing Chapter Kansas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

PARIOTIC POSTER CONTEST
JROTC & ROTC AWARD
RUMBAUGH ORATION CONTEST
KNIGHT ESSAY CONTEST
EAGLE SCOUT CONTEST
FLAG CERTIFICATE
FLAG RETIREMENT CERTIFICATE
DAR REFERRAL
AMERICANISM REPORT
MEETING ATTENDANCE
USS STARK REPORT
LIBERTY BELL
WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA
PARTNERS IN PATRIOTISM AWARD
MEMBERSHIP RETENTION

2021 ELLIS SPIRIT AWARD RECIPIENTS –
DEWEY FRY & TIM PETERMAN

IN ADDITION –

THE SILVER 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
AMERICAN REVOLUTION MEDAL WAS
PRESENTED TO:

DENNIS NELSON
KIRK RUSH

2022 ELLIS SPIRIT AWARD RECIPIENT –
DAVID COMER



Kaylee Fletcher with her 1st Place Poster & Certificate.

Kaylee Fletcher wins KSSAR Poster Contest

On Friday February 25, a program was presented to 108th 5th Grade students and 8 faculty members of Pioneer Ridge Middle School to announce the 3 best posters in the SAR Americanism Poster Contest at the school level.

Larry Tatum acted as Master of Ceremonies and was assisted in the presentation by Dewey Fry, Steve French and Dennis Nelson. Nine Colonial flags and the 250th Anniversary Flag were described by Larry as Dewey, Steve and Dennis displayed them.

Dewey Fry presented a few statements in regard to the Brown Bess musket while displaying it. Dewey Fry also illustrated the cutting of a 5-pointed star with a single snip of the scissors as Betsy Ross had demonstrated to George Washington.

This year Ms. Von Fossen showed her amazement as she unfolded the star and showed the students who responded with surprise and appreciation.

The 6 teachers were awarded Certificates of Appreciation and a 250th Anniversary lapel pin for their support of the contest and guidance of the students.

The final presentation of the program was the awarding of Third, Second and First Place Certificates.

To arrive at the top three posters by the following method. The teachers had selected the best three from each of six classrooms.

Larry Tatum, Gary Hicks and Dewey Fry judged the final 18 posters on Thursday February 24 to select the top three; rules and a categorized score sheets were used in the judging of the posters. The task was difficult as verified by the 2 hours it took to accomplish it.

Third Place was awarded to Lyla Marion Winder for her poster on the Townsend Acts, Second Place was awarded to Adalyn Rose Woerdehoff for her poster on the Gun Powder Incident. First Place was awarded to Kaylee Fletcher for her poster on the Boston Tea Party. When Kaylee's name was announced the students gave a very significant applause including several cheers.

After the program, cupcakes arranged as a US Flag and apple juice were served in the cafeteria area. There the students could ask questions, exam the posters and the musket more closely.

The same three posters won the Delaware Crossing Chapter Poster Contest as there were no other entries either from other schools or by individuals.

Kaylee Fletcher and her family were invited to our March 12 chapter meeting where she was awarded the Chapter 1st Place certificate and a check for \$50.00. The 2nd and 3rd place certificates and checks were delivered to Pioneer Ridge Middle School on March 21 after the students returned from Spring Break.

On March 19 at the KSSAR Annual Conference the poster of Kaylee Fletcher won First Place. Kaylee will be presented a certificate and check in the amount of \$200.00 for having the First-Place poster. Dewey Fry emailed Kaylee's mother and informed her, of course she is very proud. She also informed him that Kaylee had used tea bags to color the ship; how is that for creativity.

Her poster will be making the trip to the NSSAR Annual Congress in Savannah Georgia to be judged in the National Level Contest in July.



Ms. Von Fossen shows her amazement of the five-pointed star made with one cut of the scissors by Compatriot Dewey Fry.



Dewey Fry presents Kaylee Fletcher with the 1st Place Certificate.



Dewey Fry displays the Brown Bess musket to an eager student.



Pat Fry creatively arranged the cup cakes as an American Flag.

DX Almost Sweeps KSSSAR Youth Awards.

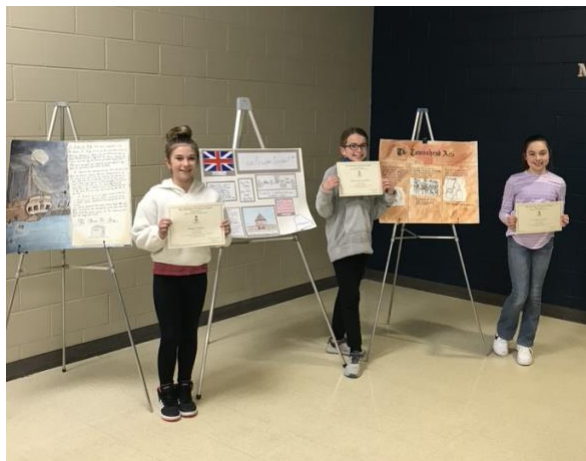
The Delaware Crossing Chapter youth program contestants won all but one of the awards at the KSSSAR Annual Conference on March 19 in Abilene.

Benjamin Alan Philips won the KSSSAR State Level Eagle Scout Contest.

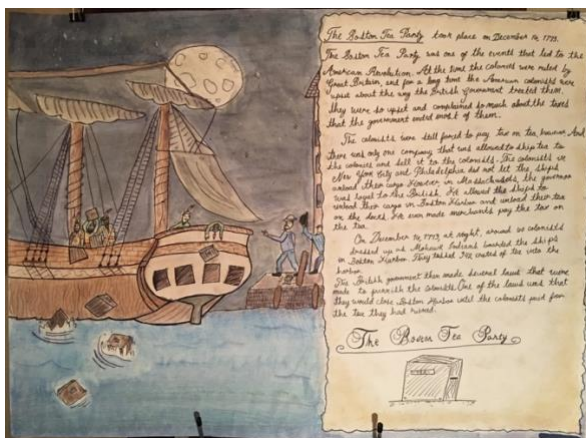
James Schultz won both the George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest and the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration Contest at the KSSSAR State Level.

Kaylee Fletcher won the KSSSAR State Level Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest. DX did not have a Brochure Contest contestant, or we very possibly could have swept all the youth awards at the State Level.

Our chapter has done of good job on finding good constants for the contests for the 2021-2022 school year. We have given them the opportunity to learn of the founding of and founders of our nation, whereas they probably would have never had the opportunity in the teachings at their schools. Not only did they learn, but they were also rewarded for learning and presenting what they learned.



1st Place Winner - Kaylee Fletcher, 2nd Place Winner - Adalyn Rose Woerdehof, & 3rd Place Winner - Lyla Marion Winder.



Kaylee Fletcher's 1st Place Winning Poster "The Boston Tea Party"



Delaware Crossing President Larry Tatum receives his oath of office from Kansas State President Vern Welkner.

Larry Tatum Installed at KSSAR Annual Conference

Newly elected Delaware Crossing Chapter President Larry Tatum was officially installed by KSSAR President Vernon Welkner at the KSSAR Annual Conference in Abilene on Saturday March 19, 2022.

Larry had the privilege of being the only new officer installed during the KSSAR Annual Conference.

The accompanying photos are proof that he pledged to perform his duties to the best of his abilities.

Heck, we of the Delaware Crossing Chapter all knew that or we would not have elected him, President. Let us band together and help in meeting his goals and objectives.

Dewey Fry



KSSAR Conference attendees' wives at the Seelye Mansion.

The KSSAR State Conference had something for Everyone.

While the SAR State conference attendees were occupied in serious business and training meetings, our wives were able to take in the many attractions in Abilene.

The above photo is of the Seelye Mansion, a privately owned 1905 Georgian Revival home that is open for public tours.



Kansas State President Vern Welkner present Delaware Crossing's 2021 Streamers to Larry Tatum.



Flag folding ceremony during the KSSAR Memorial Service.



Kansas State Color Guard Commander Dewey Fry, Larry Tatum.



Past Kansas State President Bobbie Hulse, Past Delaware Crossing President Kirk Rush.