



# *The Delaware Crossing Patriot Kansas Society*

June 2015

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

## **NEXT MEETING:**

When: June 20<sup>th</sup> 0900 hrs  
Where: Hilton Garden Inn, 12080 S Strang  
Line Rd. Olathe, KS

**Program:** History and Experiences of the  
Secret Service – Craig Dillavou

**Reservations & Cost:** For reservations, e-mail  
[reserve@dxsar.com](mailto:reserve@dxsar.com) by 3:00 PM, the  
Wednesday before

## **COMING EVENTS CALANDER**

Jun 27-Jul1 National Congress  
Jul 18 Chapter Meeting – Gary Hicks as  
Alexander Majors  
Aug 15 Chapter Meeting – Bob Capps  
“Volontaires Estrangers de Lauzon”  
Sep 19 Annual DX Picnic & Flag  
Retirement Ceremony  
Oct 17 Chapter Meeting  
Nov 21 Chapter Meeting – Brooks Lyles  
“The Trail from Concord to  
Lexington”

## **June Program**

Be sure to attend the June meeting and hear Craig Dillavou's program on the US Secret Service. Craig is an SAR member and a retired agent with the Secret Service. Come hear his unique perspectives as a former agent, including his experiences with the Presidential (former) Protection Detail.



## **The President's Corner**

Brian Revard, Pres. DX

I am pleased to say that our meeting reminder calls are working! Attendance was up at the May meeting and we expect a good turn out in June as well.

If you have not attended a meeting for a while, come and enjoy breakfast with friends and hear an interesting program. We miss you!

This month the program will be presented by Craig Dillavou, US Secret Service, "Tales from Experience". I am excited to hear his presentation. The meeting will start at 9:00AM June 20th at the Hilton Garden Inn in Olathe. The breakfast buffet is very good and the company is excellent!

This month is also the National Congress in Louisville on June 27-July 1. Plan to attend if you can. If you can't go, then be sure to come to the chapter meeting and let your representatives know your thoughts or concerns.

Looking ahead, we continue to have high quality programs scheduled for chapter meetings. In July we will have Gary Hicks as Alexander Majors. In August we will have Bob Capps presenting "Volontaires Estrangers de Lauzon". Then in September will be our annual picnic and flag retirement ceremony.

I wish you all the best with your summer plans and hope to see you at a chapter meeting.

### **Introducing our Newest Member**

Please extend a hearty welcome to our newest inducted member, Steve Johnson. Steve is the son of Bradford Johnson, also a DX member, and was inducted at the May chapter meeting.



Steve (center) was inducted by Executive Vice President Shawn Cowing and his rosette was presented by his sponsor, Tim Peterman.

### **Did You Think Brooks Got More Handsome?**

As reported earlier, the program for the May chapter meeting was to be Brooks Lyles, KSSSAR President and member of the Henry Leavenworth Chapter, on “The Trail from Concord to Lexington”.

Unfortunately, Brooks was detained by a medical emergency and wasn't able to attend. So if you thought Brooks had changed his appearance you weren't mistaken, as Richard Cox served as a stand in speaker with a reprise of his program on the Waycross B-29 Crash of 1948. The Waycross incident took the life of Cmpt Cox's Uncle while performing experiments with what was then prototype guided missile technology. The ensuing litigation brought by civilian contractors was heard by the US Supreme Court and for the first time invoked application of the State Secrets Act.

Brooks will plan to be back in October or November, so we will get a chance to hear his excellent program.

### **Kirk Rush Receives Honor**

Chapter Color Guard Commander Kirk Rush was awarded the Bronze Color Guard Medal at the May chapter meeting.

The Bronze Color Guard Medal recognizes exemplary and dedicated service to the chapter, state and district. To receive such an award, the member must accumulate 300 points over three years of service. Points can be awarded for chapter service as well as state and district service.

Kirk is also the Eagle Scout Chair in addition to being promoted to Chapter Commander earlier this year.



## **2015 JROTC Honorees**

The 2015 JROTC Medal Recipients are Cadet Nathan Yang from Washington High School in KCK, Cadet Daniel Beger from Shawnee Mission North High School and Cadet Blake Johnson from Shawnee Mission West.

Washington is affiliated with the Air Force; Shawnee Mission North the Navy; and Shawnee Mission West the Navy.

Compatriot Sheldon Vazquez, our DX JROTC Committee Chairman (below left) attended the presentation to Cadet Yang on 16 April at Washington High School.



Sheldon has served our chapter well Chaiman for several years and is the Commander of the JROTC at Shawnee Mission West.

## **Medal of Honor – Donald Cook (Vietnam)**

Donald Gilbert Cook: Colonel, United States Marine Corps and POW.

Col. Cook was a POW during the period 21 December 1964 to 8 December 1967. Despite the fact that by so doing he would bring about a harsher treatment for himself, Colonel (then Captain) Cook established himself as the senior prisoner, even though in actuality he was not.

Cook willingly and unselfishly put the interests of his comrades before that of his own and, eventually, his life.

Giving more needy men his medicine and drug allowance while constantly nursing them, he risked infection from contagious diseases while in a rapidly deteriorating state of health.

This unselfish and exemplary conduct, coupled with his refusal to stray even the slightest from the Code of Conduct, earned him the deepest respect from not only his fellow prisoners, but his captors as well.

Rather than negotiate for his own better treatment, he steadfastly frustrated attempts by the Viet Cong to break his indomitable spirit, and passed this same resolve on to the men whose well-being he so closely associated himself.



Knowing his refusals would prevent his release prior to the end of the war, and also knowing his chances for survival would be small in the event of continued refusal, he chose nevertheless to adhere to a Code of Conduct far above that which could be expected.

His personal valor and exceptional spirit of loyalty in the face of almost certain death reflected the highest credit upon Colonel Cook, the Marine Corps, and the United States Naval Service.

