



The Delaware Crossing Patriot Kansas Society,

September 2015

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

NEXT MEETING:

When: **Sep 19th 10:00 – 2:00 PM**

Where: **Antioch Park, Shelter #1
6501 Antioch, Merriam**

Program: Picnic, Flag Retirement, Memorial

Reservations & Cost: For reservations, e-mail reserve@dxsar.com or call Stu Conrad at 913-897-3351 **by 5:00 PM, 9/12/15**

COMING EVENTS CALANDER

- Sep 19th: Annual Picnic
- Oct 17th: Chapter Meting – Brooks Lyles presenting “The Road to Lexington and Concord”
- Nov 21st: Chapter Meeting – 55th Anniversary of the Chapter ! Look for special events
- Dec 11th: Annual Christmas Gala



The President's Corner



Brian Revard, Pres. DX

Where did the summer go? It seems like school was getting just out. Now, the kids are back in school, football season has started, and the Royals are looking like the are playoff bound.

Speaking of school, this is a perfect time to remind all members that the SAR has some fantastic youth programs.

Poster Contest, Eagle Scout, Essay, and Oration contests are great ways for young people to learn more about our country's founding and earn some cash as well.

If you have kids, grand kids, nieces, nephews, or friends that do, let them know about these programs the SAR provides.

I am always amazed when prizes go unclaimed because of lack of participation. Help us get some participants this year and help these young people earn some cash. Go to SAR.org to find contest details.

I hope to see you all at the DX picnic this month on the 19th. We will have excellent food, fellowship, and a flag retirement ceremony. See the article in this newsletter for more details.

A Patriot From a Different Angle

If you were not at the August meeting you missed a very interesting program presented by Bob Capps as he described one of his patriot ancestors, Charles DePaul and his involvement in the *Volontaires Etrangers de Lauzon*.



We all know that the French signed a treaty recognizing the American Colonies in 1778 and the invaluable support the French provided thereafter, including the 'coup de gras' to the British efforts at Yorktown. But outside of certain famous leaders such as Lafayette, Rochambeau and DeGrasse we rarely get an insight into the French troops. Well hold on to your hats:

The *Volontaires Etrangers de Lauzon* were not your model elite troops. Resplendent uniforms, disciplined majesty, stoic heroism...all terms which used to describe Lauzon's legion ('Legion'), would be – well, erroneous shall we say. It was noted that the 'Legion' was Rochambeau's most troublesome of troops.

Arriving on the 64-gun "Provence" on July 11, 1780 in Narragansett, the Legion established their HQ in Lebanon, Connecticut. The Legion marched to White Plains and then with Rochambeau to Yorktown where they were posted north of Yorktown, in Gloucester.

The Legion was at its peak, 1,000 men strong. Made up of men from 15 different countries and speaking 8 languages the Legion was anything but homogenous. Bob related that though they took orders and talked in 8 different languages, uniformly everyone cursed in Hungarian.

The Legion was in most respects somewhat freewheeling in their conduct and interaction with others. 20% of their officers were involved in duels during their stint and the desertion rate of 13% was twice the norm. Notwithstanding that these and other French troops were an invaluable ally and not to look a gift horse in the mouth – I couldn't help but picturing these troops as a cross somewhere between "Oddball" or "Crapgame" of Kelley's Heroes fame - and the somewhat sociopathic Telly Savales character in the Dirty Dozen's "Major Wright".

Thanks to Bob for providing an entertaining and insightful program, from an angle we don't often get a chance to explore. If you are not attending chapter meetings on a regular basis, you are missing out on some very interesting programs.



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DELAWARE CROSSING CHAPTER SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2015
10:00 AM-2:00 PM

At Shelter House No. 1, Antioch Park,
6501 Antioch Rd, Merriam, KS
(See accompanying map, use the South Entrance)



Food Served at Noon



The menu will be barbecued beef, smoked pulled pork, baked beans, potato salad and coleslaw, maybe a hot dog or two. There will be bottled water, lemonade and iced tea to drink and cookies for desert.

Come and enjoy the fellowship, food, fun. Restrooms are nearby. Hand cleaning provisions will be at the shelter. A fantastic playground is a short walk away. There are paved paths on which to stroll and a lake to view. There is a moderate distance walk from the shelter to the Fire Circle for the Flag Retirement Ceremony.

Bring your whole family! Invite the prospective members who are actively working with you on their applications.

Food planning is more critical than for a normal meeting, so please make your reservations in a soon as possible. We want to make sure there is enough food. To make reservations for the picnic, email reserve@dxsar.com or call Dewey Fry at 913-897-9502 by 5:00 PM Saturday September 12 The fee is \$10.00 for those 12 and older, \$5.00 for children 6 through 11 and free to those under 6. In making your reservations please indicate the number in each age group.



1:00 PM: Memorial Service and Flag Retirement Ceremony



At 1:00 PM at the Fire Circle, a brief Memorial Service for recently deceased chapter members will be conducted; immediately thereafter the Color Guard will conduct a Flag Retirement Ceremony with participation of members of the Boy Scouts of America. An adequate number of flags have been acquired for the ceremony; however, if you wish to retire a flag please prepare it by cutting the eyelets from it, then cut the blue field from it, then cut each stripe from it.

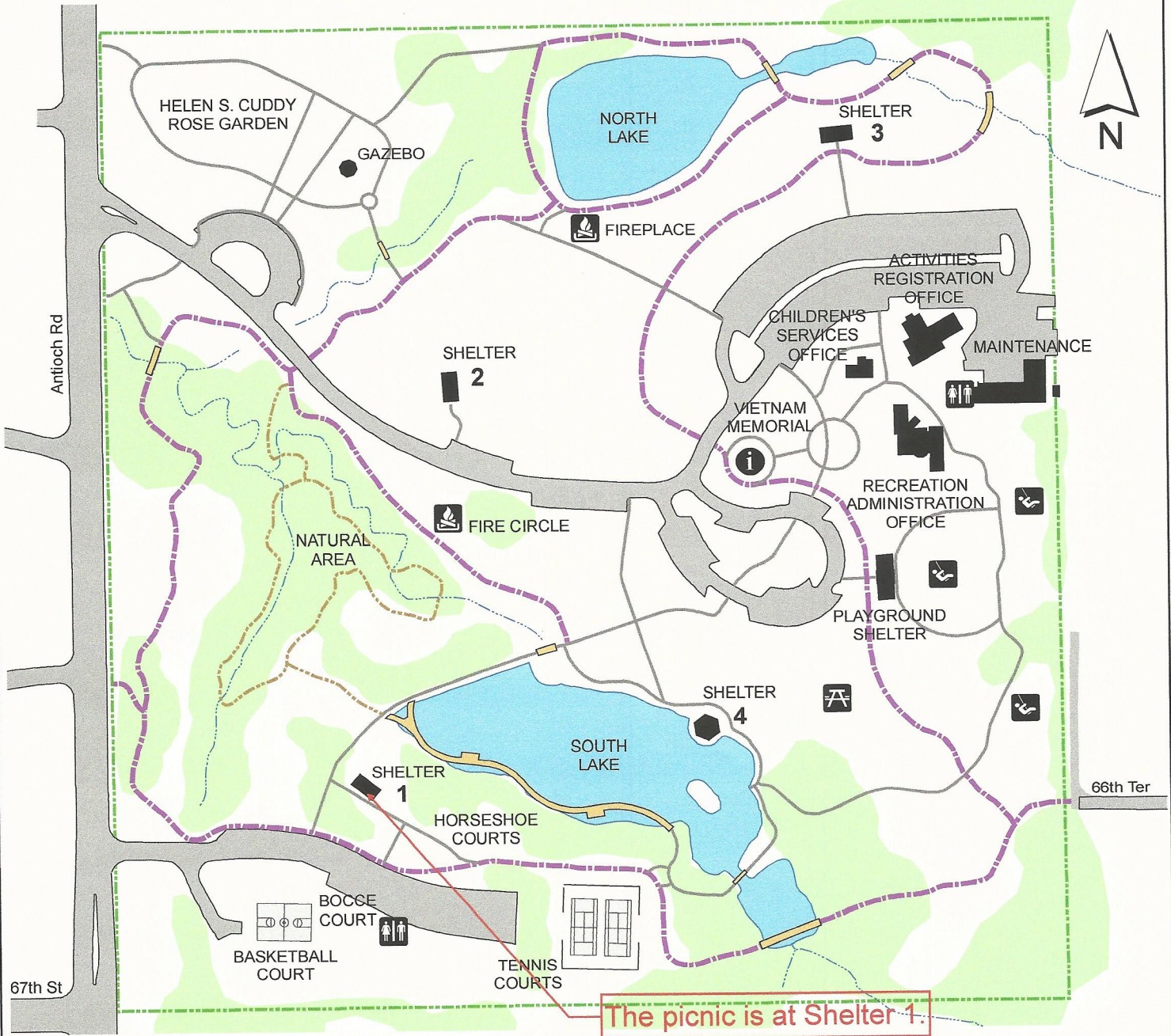
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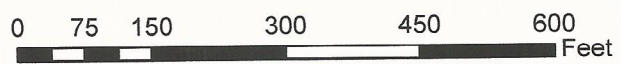
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- Playground
- Picnic Area
- Restroom
- Fireplace
- Paved Multi-Use Trail
- Sidewalk
- Hiking Trail
- Building
- Forested
- Park Boundary



Map Date: 1/5/2007