



The Delaware Crossing Patriot

Kansas Society

Sons of the American Revolution

January 2018

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

CALENDER

NEXT MEETING:

When: Jan 20

Where: Hilton Garden Inn, 12080 S
Strang Line Rd., Olathe, KS, 9:00AM

Reservations & Cost: For reservations, email
Secretary@dxsar.com or call Ken
Ludwig (913) 897-0379 by 3:00 PM,
the Wednesday before.

Breakfast price: \$17.00/person

Program: Election of Officers; and Dr.
Breen on Daniel Gookin and King Philip's
War.

COMING EVENTS

01/17 DXSAR EC meeting, at Oak Park Library,
95th St., Overland Park, KS

01/20 Chapter meeting

02/14 DXSAR EX meeting

02/17 Chapter meeting

02/24 GW Birthday Celebration

Editor's Note (Greg Millican)

Send news about your ancestor patriots, special
events, career changes, history trips, etc., that may
be included in the *Delaware Crossing Patriot*.

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The President's Corner

By Stu Conrad

Resolutions. Make them. Keep them.
Forget them. What would be your resolutions for
the New Year?

Permit me to suggest some worthy candidates for
my SAR Compatriots. Possibly one might be to
be more welcoming toward new inductees at our
monthly meetings. This January, we will have
annual elections to fill positions in our Chapter.
We have already tried to include some recent
inductees in the mix and I might hope that we
would include more in appointive positions. A
key factor for new inductees is to get them
involved in the affairs of the Chapter. We could
all take some lessons there, and, as St. Paul said:
"The prince of sinners I."

Another could be to work on encouraging
potential new recruits to join our organization.
Our current PG has set membership growth as a
priority and this means that each of us should take
special note of opportunities to recruit. We tend to
be an "older" group and that translates to each of
us being attentive to opportunities that our non-
SAR relationships expose. For example, I've
made some inquiries among my acquaintances
outside the SAR to not only explore interest but
also potential qualification. Current events
suggest emphasis on other patriotic organizations
as potentials, including VFW, the American

Legion and the military. Some of those folk might well be interested in looking further into the SAR because of our emphasis on patriotism and our genealogical connections. We should also not forget about our sisters in the DAR, not only as a source of potential new members but generally in support of their objectives.

Renewals of membership should be included. Attrition through death and disinterest affects our organization, too. Unless the ranks are infused with new inductees, we will not long survive.

Reflect upon our emphasis on youth. We are just now starting the cycle of patriotic essays and orations through local high schools. Those young people should be supported and encouraged. And, let me not forget about our emphasis on Eagle Scouts. Each of these young peoples' interests, expressed through their participation in the essay and oration contests reflects, more than a passing interest in their Revolutionary War progenitors but, also, a potential interest in the history of our nation; a subject that is sadly given only passing reference (or heavily truncated) in many of our politically correct schools today.

You can doubtless think of others that could become part of our "resolution package." I hope that they will become not only thought about in the next few days but become part of our commitment for this year and not easily set aside. Happy New Year!

(End of President's Corner)

Special DX Chapter Vote on Jan 20, 2018:

During the Delaware Crossing January chapter meeting, there will be a vote to raise yearly chapter dues from the current level of \$15/year to \$20/year. The dues increase will be in effect for 2018.

Nominations for the chapter year of April 2018 to March 2019:

Article IV of our Chapter Constitution cites the 7 officers that are to be elected at the Annual Meeting which is in January of each year. In accordance with our Constitution and By-Laws, a Nomination Committee is appointed to nominate persons for each of the 7 offices, if possible. Brian Revard, our immediate past president was named as chairman of the nomination committee. He presented the slate of nominees of the nominating committee at the December Chapter Meeting; in compliance with our Constitution and by-Laws. Additionally, a Trustee of the Kesler Youth Endowment Fund is to be elected each year at Annual Meeting. Recent tradition has been to nominate the immediate Past President to be the newest Trustee for a 3 year term; if that person is unavailable then the next Past President is selected. Brian Revard, Richard Cox, and Dennis Nelson are the current Trustees through March 2018. The nominee for the next 3 year term of April 2018 through March 2021 is Stu Conrad, with Dennis Nelson rolling off as a Trustee. This slate is published in the *Patriot* newsletter, at least 2 weeks in advance of the Annual meeting.

Nominations:

- President:* Kirk Rush
- Exec. Vice-President:* Ken Ludwig
- Vice President for Programs:* Matt Brady
- Treasurer:* Shawn Cowing
- Asst. Treasurer:* Dick Nelson
- Secretary:* Preston Washington
- Registrar/Genealogist:* Tim Peterman
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- Kesler Youth Fund Trustee:* Stu Conrad

2017 Chapter Christmas Party:

The chapter Christmas Party was held at the Hilton Garden Inn on December 9, 2017. The American Legion Band played Christmas selections during the party. The dinner was buffet style, with main entrée of Lasagna or chicken DeBurgo.



2 President's table at the dinner.



3 American Legion Band.



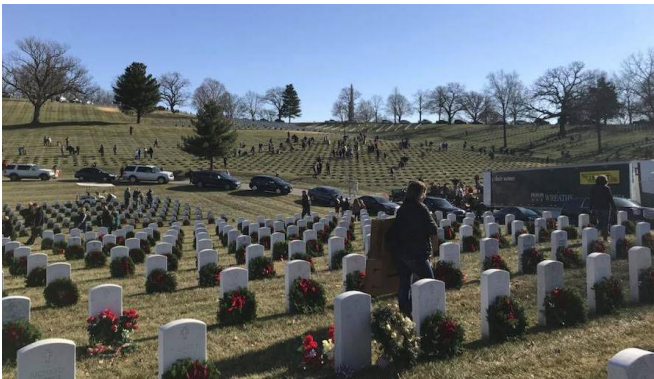
1 Dinner is served.

Wreaths Across America:

Wreaths were placed on veteran graves at the National Cemetery in Leavenworth, Kansas on Dec 16, 2017.



4 SAR color guard at Wreaths Across America



5 Wreaths being placed on graves at the National Cemetery in Leavenworth, Kansas.

Dr. Breen will speak at the chapter meeting, Jan 20 :

We will be hearing from Louise Breen, Associate Professor of History at Kansas State University. Professor Breen teaches a variety of courses on early America, including Colonial America, American Revolution, and the Early Republic. Currently she is writing a book on the English puritan minister and Cromwellian partisan John Oxenbridge, whose career spanned the Atlantic

world. Oxenbridge's experiences shed light on the transatlantic community of puritan "saints" during the English civil wars, and the diverse responses to the calamitous (for puritans) Restoration of Stuart monarchy.

On January 20th, 2018, she will deliver a presentation on colonial figure Daniel Gookin. During King Philip's War, Gookin was a militia leader in Massachusetts who became very unpopular for wanting to use Indians as spies, guides, and auxiliaries. He was caught up in an era when colonists were moving toward a more "racialized" understanding of native peoples, becoming more interested not in converting or "civilizing" the Indians but rather sweeping them off their lands prefiguring attitudes toward natives in the Revolutionary period.

(End of Patriot News letter)