



*The Delaware Crossing Patriot*  
*Kansas Society*  
*Sons of the American Revolution*  
 August 2021  
 Metro Kansas City's Oldest & Largest Chapter, Founded 1960

**NEXT MEETING:**

**When:** August 21, 2021

**Where:** Hilton Garden Inn. 12080 Strang Line Road, Olathe, KS 66062, 9:00am

**Reservations & Cost:** For reservations, email [Secretary@dxsar.com](mailto:Secretary@dxsar.com) or call Steven French (913)-832-6034 by 7:00 PM, Wednesday, August 18, 2021.

**Cost:** \$17.00/person

**Program:** Korean and Vietnam War Pilot Dean Cling

**The President's Corner**



By Ken Ludwig

**FOUNDATIONS AND SHODDY WORKMANSHIP**

This month's article is really more of a commentary that I hope makes some of you to think.

The middle of June, my youngest daughter closed on her first house. She is all excited but had about 6 weeks between closing and when she had to be out of her apartment. So, she decided she wanted to do all of these remodel projects prior to moving and guess who got to do all of the labor?

**CALENDER & COMING EVENTS**

**August 2021**

- 7 BOG – Ellsworth, KS
- 7 Prairie Minuteman Chapter Chartering
- 18 DX EC Meeting
- 21 DX Chapter Meeting

**September 2021**

- 8 DX EC Meeting
- 11 DX Chapter Meeting – Picnic and Flag Retirement

**October 2021**

- 13 DX EC Meeting
- 18 DX Chapter Meeting

She had tile floors in the kitchen, main hallway and guest bathroom. There were cracked and loose tiles throughout the floor. This became the first project she wanted to do, rip out the tile and replace it with vinyl plank flooring. I was dreading this, because if a tile floor is properly installed, it is virtually impossible to tear up. Luckily, because of poor workmanship, they ripped up easily.

We also had an example in Miami, Florida, where not maintaining the foundation of a building, it rots away and catastrophically fails and kills many in the process. So, at this point, you are probably wondering what a home improvement project and a building collapse have to do with the SAR?

Well, it is building on the proper structure ensures a good outcome. Had the contractor initially installed the tiles correctly, I doubt they would have cracked or popped loose. Properly maintaining the foundation also keeps your building from not falling down.

I feel that many of the current laws being passed are actually tearing at the foundation of our country, threatening to collapse our society because of how much it has been weakened. I also feel that the cracks and divisions that are forming in our society is a result of “Shoddy Workmanship” where congress is passing laws built not on a firm foundation or subfloor, but not really thinking through the long-term effects of what they are doing. It may look good at first, but before long it pops loose and exhibit cracks. They then continue to pass more laws to cover up the loose tiles and cracks, instead of ripping it out and starting over from scratch and doing it right this time.

I am sure that our founding fathers would be slapping us upside the head screaming “You Idiots! You have it all wrong and that is not what we intended!”

The frustrating thing is I do not know how to fix this issue. I have never been part of the political process except to vote and complain about too many ads on TV. I do not know any politicians and have never contributed to a campaign. The sad thing is that I feel that whatever I would / could do, it really would not have an effect and I would still be swept along in this tide of bad laws.

If any of you have any thoughts on what we could do to stem this tide, I'm all ears.

### **Our Speaker this month is Dean Cling**

Dean is a retired Air Force officer / pilot that served in both the Korean and Vietnam wars. One tidbit on his service is he was shot down behind enemy lines and evaded capture. An organization called Patriot Features has made a video about his service that we will be showing followed by additional comments and questions from Dean.



### **Passing of Delaware Crossing Chapter Compatriots**

Our Chapter has lost three members during the past few months.

Compatriot Donald Herbert Linn passed on February 22, 2021. He was NSSAR No. 209245 and KSSAR No. 3343. His Patriot Ancestor was Adam Linn, Private in the Pennsylvania Militia. Donald attended one chapter meeting, it was difficult for him to attend as he lived in Cotton Wood Falls, Kansas.

Compatriot Charles Ralston Bannister passed on May 16, 2021, in Kansas City, MO. He was NSSAR No. 171598 and KSSAR No. 2638. He filed for membership under Patriot Ancestor Bartholomew Booth. He signed the Oath of Fidelity in Frederick County, Maryland. Charles also had 10 Supplemental Applications Registered. Charles suffered greatly with COPD and did not attend chapter meetings.

Compatriot Hugh Ronald Dittmore passed on June 28, 2021, in Grand Vile, Michigan where he lived. He was NSSAR No. 213426 and KSSAR No. 3565. His Patriot Ancestor was John Dittmore, Private, Captains Jonas Parker, William Ballard and Asa Coburn, 7<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Regiment.

Compatriots, job well done, rest in peace.

**Photos of the July Chapter Meeting for those that were unable to attend.**





