



*The Delaware Crossing Patriot*  
*Kansas Society*  
*Sons of the American Revolution*  
 March 2023  
 Metro Kansas City's Oldest & Largest Chapter, Founded 1960

*The Revolution is coming!*  
*Three Years - 4 Months - Four Days*

**NEXT MEETING:**

**When:** March 11, 2023

**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, Tuesday, March 7, 2023.

**Cost:** **\$22.00/person**

**Program:** Chapter Awards

**CALENDAR & COMING EVENTS**

**April 2023**

- 12 DX EC Meeting
- 15 DX Chapter Meeting

**May 2023**

- 15 DX EC Meeting
- 18 DX Chapter Meeting
- 6 BOG Meeting

**June 2023**

- 14 DX EC Meeting
- 17 DX Chapter Meeting

**The President's Corner**



By Larry Tatum

The sun is shining, Spring is coming and March is filled with great activities. St. Patrick's Day, March Madness Basketball, the parade season begins, and the Kansas State Society's Annual Conference is being held on March 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> at the Olathe Indian Creek Library, located at 16100 W 135th St, Olathe, KS 66062.

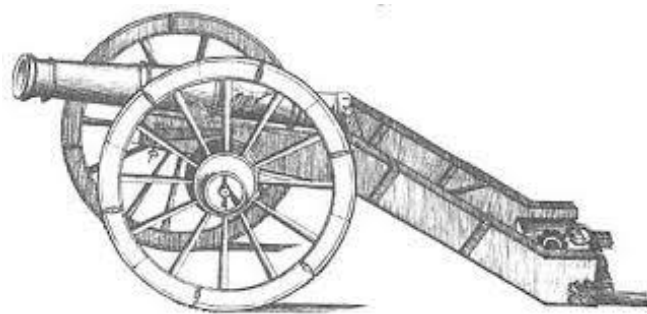
After some discussion at the February BOG, it was decided that the \$25 registration fee would not be

charged for attending and voting at the Business Session on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am until 12:00pm.

There are several important issues that will be voted on during the Business Session, and it is critical that Delaware Crossing has a substantial representation at the meeting.

Again, there is no cost to attend and the meeting will be held on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am until 12:00pm, at the Olathe Indian Creek Library, located at 16100 W 135th St, Olathe, KS 66062.

I hope to see you there.



Larry Tatum gives Wes Wilson the SAR Oath.

### **Compatriot Byron Wesley Wilson Inducted**

Compatriot Byron Wesley “Wes” Wilson was inducted at our February 11, 2023, Delaware Crossing Chapter Meeting. Wes was Registered as a new member on December 31, 2022 and assigned NSSAR Member No. 224780.

Wes’s Patriot Ancestor is Zenas Briggs, he served as a Private in Elijah Walker's Co., Col. Pope's Regt, Bristol Co. Militia, Dec 8, 1776 Alarm, 21 days; John Hathaway's Regt., Brig Gen Godfrey's Brigade, Bristol Co. Aug 2. 1780 for 5 days on Tiverton RI Alarm.

It took the effort of Wes, Kirk Rush his Sponsor and Dewey Fry to get Wes’s Application approved after many months delay as a result of COVID19 and poorly communicating State of Oklahoma in regard to obtaining the Death Certificate of his grandmother. With his persistence as an Armed

Forces Veteran, Wes succeeded. Welcome aboard Wes.



Larry Tatum presents Wes Wilson with his SAR Membership Certificate.



Kirk Rush pins on Wes Wilson's SAR Rosette.



Wes Wilson lights his Patriot candle.



*Nathan Phillips presents his Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest Essay.*



*Committee Chairman Kirk Rush presents Nathan Phillips with the Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest winner's Medal, Certificate, and a \$500.00 check.*

### **Youth Contests and Contestants**

We had two of our youth contest contestants at our February Chapter Meeting. Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest winner for our Chapter is Nathan Phillips of Scout Troop 123. Nathan read his essay at our February 11 meeting. It was revealed that Nathan is also the Kansas Society contest winner and will be entered into the National Society Sons of the American Revolution contest.

Nathan was awarded \$500.00 and a medal by Committee Chairman Kirk Rush for being our chapter contest winner. He will be presented a trophy and check for winning the state level award on March 18, at the Youth Luncheon of the Kansas Society at the Annual Conference in Olathe.

This award is significant to our Chapter as Arthur Mansfield King was an early President of our Delaware Crossing Chapter.

The winner of the George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest for the Delaware Crossing Chapter level was James Dykes. He presented his essay at the February Chapter Meeting on the Battle of Pell's Point. A little known but pivotal battle in the Revolutionary War in New York.

James is student and athlete in Desoto High School. He was awarded \$500.00 and a medal by

Committee Chairman Bruce Smith for his winning the Delaware Crossing Chapter Contest.

His essay was entered into the Kansas Society SAR Contest and expectations are that he will be announced the State Level Winner and presented an award and a check on March 18 at the Youth Luncheon at the KSSSAR Annual Conference.

Photos of the two young men presenting their essay and receiving their awards accompany this article.



Committee Chairman Bruce Smith presents James Dykes with the Knight Essay Contest Winning Certificate.



James Dykes presents his George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay.



Committee Chairman Bruce Smith presents James Dykes with the Knight Essay Contest Winning Medal.



First Place Pioneer Ridge Middle School Poster winner, Carley Anderson.



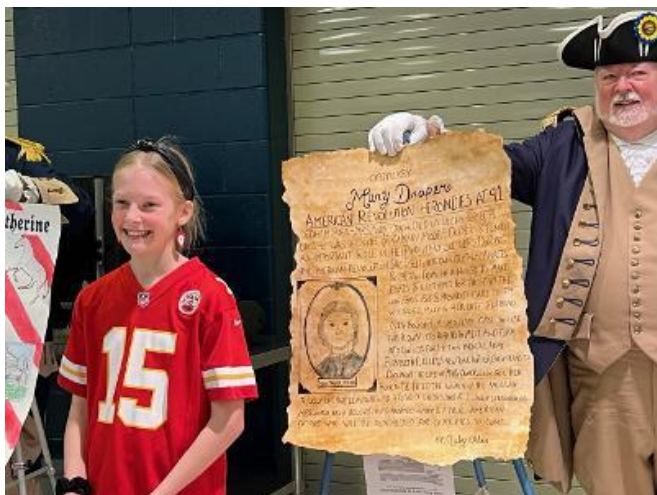
Third Place Pioneer Ridge Middle School Poster winner, Cadence McGuire.

### Elementary School Poster Contest at Pioneer Ridge Middle School

An annual event is the Poster Contest at Pioneer Ridge Middle School in the Gardner Edgerton School District. It is unusual that the Fifth Grade is in Middle School, but it is in Gardner Edgerton Schools.

The Fifth Grade is the grade that has been designated by the State of Kansas as the grade in which history of the Revolutionary War is taught, that is what qualifies PRMS fifth grade students for the Elementary School Poster Contest.

151 students participated, 18 finalist posters were chosen by the 6 Fifth Grade teachers. Delaware



Second Place Pioneer Ridge Middle School Poster winner, Ruby Ellis.

Crossing Chapter judges selected the top three, Third, Second and First and recognized the students who created them at the end of the judging. After the program in the auditorium, the students enjoyed cupcakes and juice boxes.

The program was presented by Delaware Crossing Members. Dan Dryer was Master of Ceremonies, Larry Tatum, Dennis Nelson and Dewey Fry displayed flags as Dan Dryer described each of 9 flags.

Dewey Fry described a Brown Bess to the students and teachers and demonstrated how to cut a 5-pointed star with one cut of the scissors as was done by Betsy Ross.

The teachers were presented Certificates of Appreciation and miniature Liberty Bells, that did ring, for their assistance and support of the program.

Each teacher received a very vocal response and applause from the students.

In the past several years, the Delaware Crossing Chapter's top three winners have come from Pioneer Ridge Middle School. That decision will have to be delayed a bit, as there is at least one, and maybe two more entries from students other than at Pioneer Ridge Middle School. These one or two additional posters are due by March 4, which is after the writing of this article.

They will be judged competitively with the three from Pioneer Ridge and the top three will be announced at our March 11, Chapter Meeting.

The winner will be entered into the Kansas Society SAR contest on March 18, at the Annual Conference in Olathe.



Master of Ceremonies, Dan Dryer.



Dewey Fry demonstrates cutting a five-pointed star with one scissor snip.



Dewey Fry demonstrates the loading and firing of a Brown Bess Musket. Dennis Nelson is standing in the background.



Fifth Grade teachers are presented with model Liberty Bells by Larry Tatum and Dewey Fry



The Fifth Grade Teachers are presented with Certificates of Appreciation by Dewey Fry.



Pat Fry made a representation of the American Flag with cupcakes for the students.



**2022 Americanism Report Filed by Dennis Nelson, Americanism Chairman**

In the Americanism contest, DX reported 13,648 points compared to 8,150 for 2021. In the President General Streamer contest, DX reported 7,175 points compared to 6,355 points for 2021. Combined totals were 20,823 points for 2022 compared to 14,505 for 2021.

Some highlights from the report are as follows:

- \$1,795 awarded to youth contestants from Kesler Youth Endowment Fund earnings
- 118 medals/certificates awarded to youth
- Chapter participated in 20 public service events including 7 Naturalization ceremonies
- Chapter participated in 16 historic celebrations which included 9 Honor Flight receptions at Kansas City International airport
- 25 programs presented by chapter members
- 51 certificates/medals were presented to non-SAR members
- 18 new members, 5 reinstatements and 0 supplementals
- State, district and national meetings attendance – 49
- Color guard attendance at events – 139
- 75 media references from Non-SAR sources (3,750 points)

Congratulations to all chapter members for their efforts whether it is active participation in the chapter, participation in the color guard 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](mailto:dnfromkc@swbell.net).

The winners of the 2022 contests will be announced at SAR Congress in July and the release of individual chapter results in the fall of 2023.

**In Need of Executive VP**

Compatriots, our Chapter is in need of an Executive Vice-President. We need a member willing to become President in March 2024 at the end of the term of President Larry Tatum. Per our Constitution and By Laws the term for officers, including the Chapter President, is a one-year term. The President can be elected to a second consecutive one year term. He may be reelected but only after having set out for at least one year.

That means someone else must become President at the March 2024 meeting. It would behoove someone who is considering being President in the future to assume the Executive Vice-President office now to get some experience in that office prior to stepping up and becoming President. There are several past Chapter Presidents who are willing to help a prospect gain experience during the upcoming year.

If you have any interest in becoming, or desire in being Chapter President, please contact the immediate Past President Kenneth Ludwig, President Larry Tatum or any of the Past Presidents and including me. We can inform you of our experience as President.

Dewey Fry