



The Delaware Crossing Patriot Kansas Society Sons of the American Revolution September 2025

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

*The Revolution is coming!
Ten Months- Four Days*

NEXT MEETING:

When: September 20, 2025

Where: Shelter House #1, Antioch Park,
6501 Antioch Rd. Merriam, KS Food Served
at Noon.

Reservations & Cost: For reservations,
email secretary@dxsar.org or call Dewey Fry
at 913-897-9502 by 8:00 PM, Saturday,
September 13, 2025.

Cost: \$16.00 for those 13 and older, \$8.00 for
children 6 through 12 and free to those under
6.

CALENDAR & COMING EVENTS

September 2025

17 DX EC Meeting
20 DX Chapter Picnic Celebrating the 750th Chapter
Meeting

October 2025

15 DX EC Meeting
18 DX Chapter Meeting

November 2025

1 BOG
12 DX EC Meeting
15 DX 65th Anniversary Celebration at the Grinter House

The President's Corner



By Larry Tatum

It's not Fall yet, but with the change in weather it sure feels like it. The last quarter of the year is a whirlwind for me. All of the holidays and the return of football speeds the time up.

Don't let the whirlwind keep you from attending some of the most enjoyable Chapter meetings that occur during this time every year.

First is the annual picnic. The food and comradery can't be beat. We also commemorate the fallen compatriots of the Monticello, Henry Leavenworth and Delaware Crossing Chapters with a Memorial Ceremony and worn American

flags from across the area are honored in the annual Flag Retirement Ceremony.

Second is the Annual Anniversary Celebration held during our November meeting. This year, we will be celebrating our 65th anniversary with a special meeting where the Chapter began, the Grinter House. We are also holding a silent auction during the event and donations of items to be auctioned would be greatly appreciated.

And third is the annual December Christmas Party to be held at the Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church. As always, the food will be catered and the entertainment will put us all in the Christmas spirit.

Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend these wonderful Chapter events.



Final Results of the 2024 Contest **by Dennis Nelson, Americanism Chairman**

The NSSAR has posted on its website the details of the 2024 Americanism /President General's Streamer Award contest. Delaware Crossing Chapter competed with 56 chapters that submitted reports for the category of 91-150 members. There were four membership categories and a total of 355 out of about 600 chapters submitted reports. Americanism recognizes chapters that participate in outreach education efforts and who acknowledge community leaders for their efforts to perpetuate the goals of the SAR. In the Americanism contest DX finished 3rd (2023 – 2nd) and received a certificate from the NSSAR at Congress in July. Compared to all chapters, DX ranked 5th out of about 600 chapters which ranks Delaware Crossing in the top 1%.

The President General's Streamer contest recognizes chapters for their efforts to achieve the administrative goals of the SAR and who contribute to the success of the SAR. In the PG Streamer contest, DX was 4th (2023 –4th).

The President General's Cup recognizes chapters that best achieves the goals of both Americanism and President General's Streamer award contest. In the President General's Cup contest, the points for Americanism and PG Streamer are combined and divided by the number of members in the chapter to arrive at an average of overall points per member. DX scored in 12 out of 13 categories, qualifying to compete for the President General's Cup. DX finished 3rd (2023-5th) and received a certificate from the NSSAR at the Congress in July.

Congratulations to all chapter members for their efforts whether it is active participation in the chapter and/or providing financial support through dues and donations. These results clearly demonstrate that Delaware Crossing is one of the best SAR chapters in NSSAR for both outreach and administrative support of SAR programs.



Blue Licks Battlefield Monument.

Your Color Guard at Work

On July 29, Dewey Fry and Alan Martin traveled to Abilene, KS and participate in the annual Wild Bill Hickok Parade on a sunny 104-degree day. Fortunately, Alan got to drive his truck enjoying the air conditioning and Dewey rode on the trailer that was pulled by Alan's truck. KSSSAR Color Guard Commander Bill Marshall, Bit Roberts, John More, Brian Vazquez and Doug Brabb marched in the KSSSAR Color Guard in front of the truck. Although it was very hot it was still enjoyable seeing all the people lining the streets and especially the numerous small children. This parade has more small children spectators, by far, than any other parade Dewey Fry has participated in during his 20 plus years of being the KSSSAR Color Guard.

On August 16 Compatriot Clay Shropshire visited the Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park in Carlisle, Kentucky. The Battle of Blue Licks occurred on August 19, 1782 on a hill next to the Licking River. When the battle was fought it was in then Fayette County Virginia which now is Robertson County, Kentucky. The Kentucky militia commanded by Daniel Boone lost the battle that day as they were outnumbered 350 to 182.

On August 17, 2025 Clay participated in 5 Patriot Grave Markings conducted by the Lafayette Chapter of the KYSSAR in Lexington, Kentucky, using the Delaware Crossing Chapter Wreath in

two ceremonies, Clay also was able to attend a Kentucky Society State Meeting.

Clay carried the State of Kansas Flag in every Color Guard event in Kentucky.

On August 19, 2025, Larry Tatum, Steven French, Bruce Smith and Dewey Fry were joined by Alan Martin and Jerry Vest of the Monticello Chapter and John More of the Charles Robinson Chapter in Presenting the Colors and leading then new citizens in our Pledge of Allegiance in a Naturalization proceeding at the Robert J. Dole Federal Courthouse in Kansas City, Kansas. As has become customary; the new citizens and their families and friends posed for photos with the Color Guard during the reception following the court proceedings.

There were 39 new citizens from 18 countries.



The Delaware Crossing Wreath placed by Clay Shropshire.



Dewey Fry aboard the KSSSAR trailer pulled by Alan Martin.



The Wild Bill Hickok Parade Route.



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Larry Tatum, Jerry Vest, Alan Martin, a new U.S. Citizen, Dewey Fry, John More, Steven French and Bruce Smith.



HOW OUR YOUTH AWARDS IMPACT THE **RECIPIENTS** **By Ken Ludwig**

We spend a lot of time and effort promoting, executing and funding the youth awards contests including the Poster contest for elementary students; Brochure contest for middle schools; Knight Essay, Rumbaugh Oration, Eagle Scout, and now video contest. We seldom get any feedback from the past winners of our contests as to how entering and winning our contests has impacted their lives.

As some of you know, James Schultz who won our Delaware Crossing Chapter and Kansas State essay and oration contests, and ended up winning the national oration contest back in 2022, is the son of the Pastor of my church. I knew as he was growing up that James had a great interest in history and I encouraged him for several years to enter our contests, which he is very glad that he finally listened.

Benefits were pretty immediate by winning the chapter and state contests as the cash awards helped fund his college plans, but the real benefits started kicking in when he attended congress to give his winning oration. It was there where he

met a fellow Kansas compatriot Dr. Ashley Null who is an Anglican Bishop researching Reformation theology. He invited James to go on research trips to Germany and Tunisia, where he served as an intern for the Wittenberg Center for Reformation Studies.

Of course, winning the national oration contest came with a big check that really helped the college fund.

This spring, James applied to become an intern for Senator Jerry Moran in Washington DC. He indicated that he felt that a major contributing factor for landing this internship was his experiences with the SAR contests, which improved his public speaking, professionalism, and civic pride.

My wife and I had scheduled a vacation to Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown, and Yorktown, so we modified our trip, hopped on a train up to DC where we met James at the Senator's office where he proceeded to give us a private tour of the US Capitol, showing us places where the normal tours do not get to go. We spent a few minutes in the House Gallery, watching them debate the Cyber currency bill, saw both of the statues that Kansas has in the Capitol (Dwight Eisenhower and Amelia Earhart), and enjoyed all the great art in that building.

James indicated that he loves his internship. Some of his duties include of course providing Capitol tours, watching every Presidential speech, talk, news conference, and writing a summary for the chief of staff, answering the phones and to the best of his ability to help the constituents that have called in with a problem. He admitted he is much more into politics than he was before. James passes along his sincere thanks and warm feelings to every member of the Delaware Crossing chapter of the SAR, which he says gave him his start into the public foray.



Larry Tatum presents the Lifetime Achievement Award to Dennis Nelson.

Dennis Nelson Presented the Delaware Crossing Chapter Lifetime Achievement Award

At our August 9, Chapter Meeting Dennis Nelson received the Delaware Crossing Chapters highest award, the Lifetime Achievement Award by President Larry Tatum. Dennis should have been presented the award at our annual awards meeting in March meeting; however, personal health problems prevented the presentation. As personal health problems continued and then internal leadership forgetfulness problem occurred, the presentation was postponed until all issues were resolved before our August meeting. We did save the best for last, just a bit longer than we intended.

Dennis has served the chapter in multiple offices and Committee Chairman. He is a Past President of both our Chapter and the Kansas Society and the KSSSAR State Color Guard Commander. For the past few years, he has been our Chapter Historian, Americanism Committee Chairman and has revived the presentation of Milestone in the Revolutionary War presented at each Chapter Meeting.

Whenever you can, take the time to thank Dennis for his significant active support of the Delaware Crossing Chapter, the Kansas Society and the NSSAR. This honor is well deserved.

The Passing of Richard “Dick” Boyd Hartzler

Richard Hartzler became a member of the Delaware Crossing Chapter, the Kansas Society SAR and the National Society Sons of the American Revolution on July 31, 1975. He paid his dues annually and became an Emeritus Member (50 year member) on July 31, 2025; therefore, did not have to pay any dues after 2024. He was presented an Emeritus Member Certificate by the NSSAR.

A brief obituary of Richard Hartzler accompanies this article. Services will be on Saturday September 6, 2025 at Colonial Presbyterian Church, 9500 Wornall Road, Kansas City, Missouri 64114 with Visitation from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

To view the complete obituary, where to send donations, and memories by others visit Dignity Memorial online by clicking on the following link: [Richard Hartzler Obituary - Kansas City, MO](#)

OBITUARY

Richard Boyd Hartzler

NOVEMBER 14, 1939 – AUGUST 15, 2025



IN THE CARE OF

Mt. Moriah, Newcomer and Freeman Funeral Home & Mount Moriah Cemetery South

Richard Boyd “Dick” Hartzler was born in Kansas City, MO on November 14, 1939 and died in Raymore, MO on August 15, 2025.

A graduate of Southeast High School, he served in the Navy, both active and reserve. On his return he attended Kansas City Aero Mechanics School, worked at Bendix, and then TWA for 32 years as a mechanic. He loved singing and was in the choir at Colonial Presbyterian Church for over 50 years and was a 50+ year member of the Barbershop Harmony Society. He was also a member of Delaware Crossing Chapter Sons of the American Revolution and Grandview VFW Post 8100.

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SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

**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 smoked beef brisket, smoked pulled pork, baked beans, potato salad and coleslaw. There will be bottled water, lemonade and iced tea to drink and cookies for desert.



Restrooms are close to the shelter.

Setup will begin at 9:00am. Social time will can begin as early as 10:00am. Call to order will be at 11:50 am. Come and enjoy the fellowship, food, patriotism. There are paved paths on which to stroll and a lake to view. Invite family members and the prospective members who are actively working with you on their applications.

Food planning is more critical than for a normal meeting as it is being prepared by Dewey and Pat Fry, 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 to secretary@dxc.org or call Dewey Fry at 913-897-9502 by 8:00 PM Saturday September 13, 2025 as food preparation plans will be finalized on Saturday September 13. The fee is \$16.00 for those 13 and older, \$8.00 for children 6 through 12 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

*In
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of*

At 1:00 PM at the Shelter House, a brief Memorial Service will be conducted for recently deceased members of Delaware Crossing, Monticello and Henry Leavenworth Chapters.



Immediately following the Memorial Service, 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 you may, please prepare it by cutting the eyelets from it, then cut the blue field from it, then cut each stripe from it. C.A.R. Societies and KSDAR Chapters and each Boy Scout participating will be awarded Flag Retirement Certificates. If far too many flags are brought for the ceremony, they will delivered to other organizations.

