



*The Delaware Crossing Patriot
Kansas Society
Sons of the American Revolution
October 2019
Metro Kansas City's Oldest & Largest Chapter, Founded 1960*

NEXT MEETING:

When: October 19, 2019

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

Reservations & Cost: For reservations, email Secretary@dxsar.com or call Preston Washington (816) 444-1198 by 3:00 PM, the Wednesday before

Breakfast price: \$17.00/person

Program: [“The Convention of States”](#) presented by [David Copeland](#)

CALENDAR & COMING EVENTS

October 2019

10/16 DX EC Meeting

10/19 DX Chapter Meeting

November 2019

11/2 BOG Meeting – Wichita, KS

11/13 DX EC Meeting

11/16 DX Chapter Meeting

December 2019

12/11 DX EC Meeting

12/14 Wreaths Across America

12/14 Annual DX Chapter Christmas Party – Hampton Inn, 16555 Midland DR, Shawnee, KS

The President's Corner



By Kirk Rush

Greetings, Compatriots!

Wreaths Across America (WAA) is only two months away. Our chapter has supported and sponsored this event for the last several years but this year is different. Instead of participating in the veterans' ceremony and laying wreaths at the Leavenworth National Cemetery as we have in the past, we will be hosting our own wreath laying event right in our own back yard at Johnson County Memorial Gardens in Overland Park. Being a veteran myself, I have always enjoyed the opportunity to honor our military veterans whom we have lost by participating in the ceremony and laying wreaths on their tombstones; but this year will be even more meaningful for me personally. My grandfather, Edward J. Rush, who served under Colonel Harry S. Truman while assigned to the 381st Field Artillery, is buried at Johnson County Memorial Gardens. This is the first time I will have an opportunity to lay a wreath on his grave. In the accompanying photograph, Ed Rush is 8th man standing from the right (or fourth man to the left of the periscope field glasses) with his arms crossed and Col. Truman is the first man on the left seated in a chair.

Please consider sponsoring through the Delaware Crossing chapter by purchasing one or more

wreaths. For every \$15 wreath purchased, Delaware Crossing receives \$5. That \$5 is then used by our chapter to support living veterans at the VA hospital in Leavenworth, KS (coincidentally where I happen to be employed). I have witnessed firsthand how much this kind of support means to them. More specific details about how to purchase wreaths through our chapter and how to honor or remember a specific veteran are provided elsewhere in this newsletter.

Lastly, I'd like to express my deepest gratitude to Compatriot Dewey Fry for organizing this event and getting it all set up for us. Dewey has spent immeasurable hours working with WAA at Leavenworth in the past and even more hours this year to have this hosted at Johnson County Memorial Gardens. When you see Dewey, please take a moment to thank him for all his hard work. Now go buy some wreaths!



**Summary of Delaware Crossing Chapter
September 21, 2019 Picnic:**

Dewey and Pat Fry have once again managed to provide a wonderful annual social event and flag retirement/memorial service for the DX Chapter. I've attached my photo to illustrate what happens when an open BBQ buffet is provided:



A "well fed" Larry Tatum



Steven French and Ken Ludwig



John Forbes, Mr. & Mrs. Gary Hicks, Dick Nelson

Delaware Crossing Flag Retirement/Memorial Service



Kirk Rush, Ken Ludwig, Dewey Fry and Steven French



Kirk Rush, Dewey Fry and Ken Ludwig

Wreaths Across America

On December 14, 2019 at 11:00 am CST, the Wreaths Across America wreath laying event will take place in more than 1800 cemeteries across America.

There are 29 cemeteries in Kansas participating; locally there are three cemeteries that participate in the event, Ft. Leavenworth National, Leavenworth National, and Johnson County Memorial Gardens.

The Delaware Crossing Chapter has participated at Leavenworth National for 9 years, this year we have chosen to support the event at Johnson County Memorial Gardens, 11200 Metcalf Avenue, Overland Park. The ceremonies have grown in Leavenworth have grown to more than 5000 wreaths at each location. It is time to grow another location and also grow one more close to our chapter membership.

I have set the goal of 300 for this year. With more than 150 members, we should be able to achieve that goal. Keep in mind this year's theme "Every plays a part" as stated by that veteran to the young boy. It would be commendable if every Delaware Crossing Chapter member played there part.

You recently were emailed a letter and form explaining the theme for 2019 and how you may sponsor (donate) a wreath. The wreaths you purchase sell for \$15.00 each whether you sponsor through Delaware Crossing Chapter or not. For each wreath sponsored through the Delaware Crossing Chapter the chapter will receive \$5.00. That \$5.00 is current split between honoring the living veterans, primarily at the CLC and the Domiciliary at the Eisenhower Veterans Center in Leavenworth, and supporting our youth programs toward the goal of educating them on the founding acts, documents and founders of our nation.

The laying of the wreaths at the cemetery is the REMEMBER theme, HONOR is for living veterans and TEACH is to be oriented toward our youth.

It is a very pretty site to see many wreaths leaning against the white gravestones in a National Cemetery; however, it is not the sight that is meaningful it is the remembering. Remembering the service of the veterans who have passed whether they be buried in a National Cemetery or a private cemetery even with flat lying grave markers as in many Memorial cemeteries.

You may go online and donate to participating cemetery throughout the nation. Just go to the Wreaths Across America web site, click on the MENU at the upper right of the screen and search for location. If you have a family member or acquaintance who was a veteran and who was buried in another cemetery many miles away and you wish to donate a wreath in general to that location or to the specific grave, it may be done if the cemetery is participating in the event and may be accepting Grave Specific sponsorship.

If you wish to help organize the event and prepare for the event please contact me at deweyf@kc.rr.com or 913-897-9502.

Dewey Fry



Dewey Fry making presentation to Paige Noth

Poster Contest Winner Presented Certificate and Check

Paige Noth of Pioneer Ridge Middle School, who won the Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest of the Delaware Crossing Chapter Contest and the Kansas Society last school year, also won 2nd Place at the national level in July at Annual Congress in Costa Mesa California.

Her parents desired to have the National Society certificate and \$150.00 check presented to her at her school. Paige Noth was presented her National Society awards on September 11 at an all school Pep Assembly at Pioneer Ridge Middle School by

Compatriot Dewey Fry, DX Poster Contest Chairman. During the presentation she received 3 very significant ovations from the student body. All students who had attended PRMS in the 5th grade and now in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade recalled when they participated. Such loud applause surely will encourage the new 5th graders and their teachers and administrators. The presentation being on 9/11 heightened the patriotic aspect of the contest.



Paige Noth's "Nationally award winning" poster

The poster has been framed and placed on display at the SAR National Headquarters in Louisville along with the 1st and 3rd place posters for the 2019-2020 school year. By the time Paige gets her poster back it will have traveled more than 4700 miles and will have been seen by several hundred if not a few thousand people.



Lawrence E. Woodworth, Dewey Fry

Certificate of Commendation Presented for Properly Displaying the US Flag

Mr. Lawrence E. Woodworth of Overland Park of 7904 W 137th Terrace, Overland Park was presented a Certificate of Commendation in Recognition of Patriotism in the display of the Flag of the United States on September 26, 2019 by Compatriot Dewey Fry in behalf of Delaware Crossing Chapter. In one photo the light that illuminates the flag at night is photo switch controlled and mounted just behind the Flag on his garage. Mr. Woodworth we very pleased with the receiving of the certificate and stated "I feel very honored to have received this certificate". He plans to frame it and mount it on a wall in his home.

The Color Guard presented the colors for the Leawood Rotary Club 5K Run on September 2, 2019:



Dewey Fry, Ken Ludwig, Kirk Rush & Steven French

Editor's Note (Larry Tatum)

Chapter Executive Committee approved minutes are available on the web site: DXSAR.com under "LOOK INSIDE".

Send news about your ancestor patriots, special events, career changes, history trips, etc., that may be included in the Delaware Crossing Patriot. You may reach me at larrytatum@aol.com