



The Delaware Crossing Patriot Kansas Society

Sons of the American Revolution

February 2020

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

NEXT MEETING:

When: February 15, 2020

Where: Hilton Garden Inn. 12080 Strang Line Road, Olathe, KS 66062, 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 Cost: \$17.00/person

Program: Youth Contest Winners

The President's Corner



By Kirk Rush

Compatriots,

What Would Your Patriot Ancestor Think?

What if you could build a magic time machine and bring your Patriot Ancestor forward in time to meet you? Consider the sacrifices he and his family made to be a Patriot for the American Revolution. How would he judge you? Would he consider you a Patriot? Would he think you are doing enough of the right things for your country?

Obviously most of us have not had to go through the trials and tribulations our Patriot Ancestors had to endure. After all they were willing to sacrifice EVERYTHING for what they believed in: their property, their freedom, their livelihoods, their families, their very LIVES! They were willing to put it all on the line.

What have we done to be Patriots and serve our country? Some of us are Military Veterans; some of us are First Responders; some of us support our Veterans and First Responders; some of us have held public office; and some of us have been willing to speak up when it was needed (and not necessarily convenient to ourselves). Think about

CALENDAR & COMING EVENTS

February 2020

- 2/1 BOG Meeting - Emporia, KS
- 2/12 DX EC Meeting
- 2/15 DX Chapter Meeting
- 2/22 GWBC – Embassy Suites KCI, Kansas City, MO
- 27-29 Spring Leadership – Louisville, KY
- 28 Poster Contest – Pioneer Ridge Middle School

it: what have you done or dared to show support for your country?

I don't believe we all have to go to the same extremes that some of our Patriot Ancestors went through nor do I think they would expect it of you either. But what would they think? Would they be proud to claim you as their descendent? Would they be pleased by what you've done to support our country? Ask yourself; and then think what else you might be able to do.

Kirk Rush



Bob Capps

Program Summary of the January 17, 2020 Meeting

Bob Capps gave an especially interesting program concerning his family's religious persecution in Europe, their migration to America and their connection to George Washington.

Executive Committee Summary

We are still seeking a replacement for Daryl Taylor who has stepped down as chapter Chaplain. We need to fill this position as soon as possible.

Nominations for 2020-2021 chapter officers were finalized with the committee by past president Stu Conrad.

1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners have been selected for the 2019 Knight Essay and King Eagle Scout youth contests. The 1st place winners or both contests will be invited to our February meeting to read their essays aloud and received their awards.

The date has been set for the Youth Poster Contest at Pioneer Ridge Middle School in Gardner, KS. Contest judges from our chapter will be at the school on Thursday afternoon, February 27th to review the posters and determine the winners. The winners will be announced at a ceremony at the school the following morning, February 28th.

The Hilton Garden Inn sent a revised contract for 2020 to the chapter with a slight monthly cost increase due to the rising cost of food. A motion was made, seconded and approved by the committee to accept the revised contract and to absorb the cost increase without passing it on to chapter members for 2020.

The committee decided to support GWBC by putting together a gift basket to auction off at GWBC and to present the proceeds to the GWBC committee. Lisa Rush, wife of Compatriot Kirk Rush is working with the wives of other DX members to collect items to include in the basket.



Kirk Rush presents Medal for Heroism to Mr. Jim Young observed by Mrs. Debbie Young

Medal for Heroism Presented to Mr. Jim Young

The evening of November 11, 2019, Mr. Jim Young was traveling home from his job at Honeywell in north Olathe when he noticed a car on the train tracks of the edge Park St just west of Kansas St in downtown Olathe. Johnson County Sheriff's Deputy had just left his job at the jail to also go home when he saw the same event. He stopped his car and went to aid the driver of the car on the tracks immediately followed by Jim Young. Deputy Davis went the driver's side and Jim Young to the passenger side rear where they attempted to push the car from tracks with the assistance of the driver applying power to the car. The tires of the car spun, but the car would not move. Then things got very dangerous.

Per a KMBC TV 9 interview, Mr. Young stated *"I'm looking off to the right and seeing this headlight getting bigger and bigger and the horn is going"*

They encouraged the driver to exit his vehicle and go to safety, he refused. Deputy Davis then exercised his authority and physically removed the driver from the vehicle as Jim Young stood by. In the interview Sheriff Calvin Hayden commented

about watching the video *"When I first saw it, it scared me to death. I saw these two guys and I'm yelling at the screen, 'Get out of the way. Get out of the way'."* As shown in a surveillance video, all three cleared the tracks with Jim Young trailing with only 2 seconds to spare before the car was destroyed.

Sheriff Hayden recognized both men for their courage and presented them with a Johnson County Sheriff's challenge coin.

Mr. Young said of Deputy Davis *"They put their lives on the line. All I did was try to push the car off the tracks and do what I could. But Mark is the one that got the guy out of there"*.

Criteria for the SAR Medal for Heroism state that it *"recognizes outstanding bravery and self-sacrifice in the face of imminent danger, i.e., acts which involve great personal courage and risk to the recipient."*

While verifying the actions of Deputy Davis for recognizing him with the SAR Medal for Heroism, statements by he and Public Information Officer Deputy Claire Canaan, stated that Mr. Young was just a deserving of the award as was Deputy Davis. Mr. Davis will be presented the Medal for Heroism at the George Washington Birthday Celebration on February 22, 2020.

President Kirk Rush presented the Medal for Heroism to Mr. Young at the Delaware Crossing Chapter meeting on January 18, 2020 as Mrs. Debbie Young stood by and observed.

Kansas Society



128th Annual Conference

Chartered March 31, 1892

Salina, Kansas March 27-28, 2020

Hotel Accommodations

Comfort Inn & Suites

1949 N. 9th St.
Salina
(785) 502-8007
Group Code: Sons of the American Revolution Room
Rate is \$89 + tax per night

Continental Breakfast

Deadline is February 27, 2020

Frequently Asked Questions

Who attends an Annual Conference? Any compatriot and his guest, chapter officers and state leaders—it's for every Kansas SAR Compatriot.

May I attend only the Saturday events?

Absolutely!

My wife isn't a member of the Ladies Auxiliary, can she still attend? All spouses are warmly welcomed to attend any ladies events.

May I wear my color guard uniform all day Saturday? Yes, you may!

When is the ladies activities? Most ladies will attend most of the activities: Friday evening dinner, Memorial Service, Youth Luncheon, Evening Banquet.

What is the attire? Friday night is business casual. Saturday events a bit more formal, gentlemen: color guard attire or coat and tie; ladies: church attire for Youth Luncheon. Business/cocktail dress for the evening banquet.

Schedule of Events

Friday, March 27, 2020

5:00p.m.- Registration begins
Martinelli's Little Italy, Calabria Room 158 S. Santa Fe, Salina
(Parking in lot southwest of restaurant on Walnut St.)
6:30p.m.- Italian Buffet
Martinelli's Little Italy, Calabria Room Program TBD

Saturday, March 28, 2020

7:30a.m.- Breakfast at Hotel for those staying there
8:15a.m.- Color Guard Muster and Rehearsal
9:00a.m.- Memorial Service
Location TBD
10:00a.m.- Business Meeting and Election of Officers Martinelli's Little Italy Meeting Room
Ladies Activity
11:00a.m.- Poster and Brochure Judging
11:30a.m.- Color Guard Muster and Rehearsal for Luncheon
12:00a.m.- Youth Awards Luncheon
Martinelli's Little Italy Calabria Room, Installation of State and Chapter Officers, Secretary General Jack Manning Remarks, State Awards and Certificate Presentations

2:30p.m.- Workshop TBD Martinelli's Little Italy Meeting Room

4:00p.m.- Free time
5:30p.m.- Color Guard Rehearsal
6:00p.m.- Reception Cash Bar Opens
6:40p.m.- Receiving Line
7:00p.m.- Prairie Minutemen Chapter, Ellsworth Chartering Banquet
Martinelli's Little Italy, Calabria Room, Installation of New Chapter Officers, Presentation of the Charter