



The Delaware Crossing Patriot

Kansas Society

Sons of the American Revolution

April 2018

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

CALENDER

NEXT MEETING:

When: Apr 21

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: "Intrigue behind the Creation
and Operation of the Pony Express."

Speaker: Gary Hicks, see article at end of
newsletter.

COMING EVENTS

04/18 DXSAR EC meeting, at Oak Park Library,
95th St., Overland Park, KS, 6:00 PM

05/5 BOG meeting

05/16 DX EC Meeting

05/19 DX Chapter Meeting

Editor's Note (Greg Millican)

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

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The President's Corner

By Kirk Rush

Compatriots: I'd like to thank each of you for having confidence in me and bestowing me with the honor of being DX Chapter President. I hope to live up to your expectations of leading as chapter president; and to borrow from the Cub Scout motto I will "do my best". We have many great things happening in our chapter that makes it stand out among other chapters. Just to list a few: We have very robust support for the various SAR youth programs. We have a participative chapter Color Guard which has been active in community events and parades for many years and is consistently available to support the KSSSAR Color Guard. We are supportive to our country's military veterans and we have a history of recognizing local heroes, law enforcement and first responders. We also work to recognize patriotism among the citizens of our community.

We have a strong Executive Committee (EC) and without them it would be extremely challenging for me to be able to fulfill my duties as President. I want to thank each and every one of them for the support I have received and will continue to receive. I will be relying on them very heavily to help guide me through my term!

We are always looking for new talent to help out with the EC and we have some positions open on the EC to be filled. To name a few: Middle School Brochure Award, JROTC Award, Fire Safety, EMS and Law Enforcement Awards. This is your chapter. Please consider volunteering to help your chapter continue to be the strong, vibrant chapter it is and continue to grow. Come talk to me or any member of the EC to see how you can help. We'd love to have you!

(End of President's Corner)

March Meeting in Review:

The March meeting was a full event well attended.

Alister Berns-Hoyt, Kansas Society C.A.R. President was presented SAR's C.A.R. Silver Medal of Appreciation by Dennis Nelson, Kansas Society SAR President and Dick Nelson Kansas Society SAR C.A.R Liaison.

Alister's project is to gather funds to acquire and train dogs for Loving Paws Animal Therapy. He is a Freshman at Shawnee Mission West High School active as a percussionist the Marching and Concert bands, soccer and tennis.



1 Alister Berns-Hoyt receives Silver Medal of Appreciation, presented by Dick Nelson(left) & Dennis Nelson(right).

Gary Garten who became a new member on March 9, 2018 was inducted. Gary's ancestor was Philip Boyer who fought as a Private in the 6th Pennsylvania Reg't of the Continental Line. Dewey Fry was his sponsor. Welcome Gary to the National Society Sons of the American Revolution, Kansas Society and Delaware Crossing Chapter.



2 Gary Garten (center), Stu Conrad (right), Dewey Fry, sponsor (left)

March is our chapter's annual awards for members meeting. Several members were presented awards with the highlight being the presentation of the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal awarded to Dick Nelson for his many years of devoted service to the Delaware Crossing Chapter.



3 Dick Nelson (left) receives Distinguished Service Medal from Stu.

Compatriot Brooks Lyles of the Henry Leavenworth Chapter presented the program in regard to the dress, policy, equipment, typical missions, and contributions of the militia men who fought in the Revolutionary War. Also, the perception American and British Generals had about the Militia, and the battles where they failed to perform and where they succeeded.



4 Brooks Lyles spoke on Militias and Militiamen, wearing period clothing.



5 Brooks (Right) receives speaker commendation.

Brooks discretely changes in authentic clothing during his presentation to provide better understanding of the attire and hardware of the militia.



6 Artifacts of the Militiamen. . (picture from previous speaking engagement)

At the end of the meeting, the change of command from Stu Conrad to Kirk Rush occurred as Kirk was presented the chapter gavel by Stu, and in turn Stu was presented the Past Chapter President Pin.



7 Gavel pasted to Kirk Rush (Right) by Stu.



8 Stu Conrad presented Past Chapter President Pin by Kirk.

Kirk Rush Installed as New Chapter President:

Kirk David Rush was installed as the Delaware Crossing Chapter 42nd President by Secretary General Warren M. Alter at the 126th Annual Conference of the Kansas Society on March 24, in Junction City. All new officers become official upon the installation at the Annual Conference. Let's all be appreciative of those who step up and accept offices and leadership roles in our Chapter and the Kansas State Society.



9 Warren Alter installs Kirk Rush (Uniformed) as DXSAR president.

Delaware Crossing Chapter Winner of the Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest Wins State Contest:

Brookelyn Hatton, Fifth Grade student at Pioneer Ridge Middle School, Gardner-Edgerton USD, won First Place in the Kansas Society SAR Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest. Early this year she won the contest at her school, then she won the Delaware Crossing Chapter contest. She has yet to be presented a certificate as a school winner, a certificate and \$50 as our chapter winner and \$100.00 as the state First Place.

Her poster will be transported to the NSSAR Annual Congress for judging the National Level Contest at Annual Congress in mid-July.

At the Pioneer Ridge Middle School, a program was presented to the Fifth Grade students, teachers and guests after which they were served cupcakes and juice in the Commons area.

Brookelyn is the youngest child of Shawn and Christina Hatton and is a student in Miss Alison Hancock's Class.



10 The winning Poster.



11 Cupcake Treats for all Students/Teachers/Guests.



12 Brookelyn Hatton, the proud winner. Dewey Fry holds the poster.

Flag Certificate Presented to the Roberts:

Ray and Carol Roberts of Overland Park, Kansas was presented The Certificate of Commendation for properly displaying the flag of the United States of America by Compatriot Dewey Fry on March 18. They proudly fly their house mounted flag well lighted by three lights at the home on 152 Place in Overland Park. The Roberts hold a party on the 4th of July each year for family, neighbors and friends to celebrate Independence day. They provide entertainment, including a jump room and food. Not only that, but the sing a pretty

good happy birthday as their family had gathered March 18 to celebrate family birthdays, and to Dewey as his 75th birthday was on March 18.

If you know of a person or company the properly displays the US Flag please advise Flag Display Chairman Dewey Fry, so they may be recognized with a certificate.



13 Ray (right) & Carol Roberts receive Commendation for flag display.

Pat Fry presented the Molly Pitcher Medal:

Pat Fry, wife of Dewey Fry, was presented the Molly Pitcher Medal by Dennis Nelson, Kansas Society President, on behalf of the National Society, at their Annual Conference on March 24 in Junction City.

The Medal must be personally authorized by the National Color Guard Commander.

To qualify for the Molly Pitcher Medal, the woman's husband must have earned the Silver Color Guard Medal and have earned a minimum of 300 points at State, District and National events

in active support of her Color Guard husband. Chapter events are not included in the point count in spite of the work expended for them.

The only State level event currently recognized by the National Color Guard Commander for this medal is the Annual Conference.

One cannot merely accompany their Color Guard husband to an event to earn points. They must have made a contribution to supporting of the Color Guard. Pat has helped to assemble and disassemble wooden flag poles at a few hundred meetings, programs, parades, and naturalization ceremonies over the years supporting Dewey and other Color Guardsmen. She has provided water at the end of parades, sewn bags for storing and transporting flags and flag stands, made shoe buckles to slide on Color Guardsmen shoes, driven a truck pulling a flatbed trailer made into a float in Parades in Ottawa and Overland Park, and taken photos of Color Guardsmen and others on numerous occasions. The vast majority of this work is not recognized toward the Molly Pitcher Medal. The Molly Pitcher Medal has rarely been presented to a woman in Kansas as there are so few National events in Kansas and the opportunities to contribute at the events in other states are few.

Pat is looking forward to other ladies from Kansas being awarded the Molly Pitcher Medal.



14 Dennis Nelson presents Pat Fry the Molly Pitcher Medal.

Program for April 21, 2018 Delaware Crossing Chapter Meeting:

Gary Hicks, who presented a great program “The Life and Time of Alexander Majors” at our July 2015 chapter meeting, will once again present a program to our chapter on April 21. His program this time is “Intrigue behind the Creation and Operation of the Pony Express” a portion of which was the affect Alexander Majors had on the Creation of the Pony Express.

(End of Patriot newsletter)