



***The Delaware Crossing Patriot  
Kansas Society  
Sons of the American Revolution***

February 2026

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

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

**NEXT MEETING:**

**When:** February 21, 2026

**Where:** Milburn Country Club, 7501 W 69<sup>th</sup>  
St., Overland Park, KS 66204, 9:00am

**Reservations & Cost:** For reservations,  
email [Secretary@dxsar.org](mailto:Secretary@dxsar.org) or call Clay  
Shropshire 785-521-8122 by 7:00 PM,  
Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

**Cost:** **\$23.00/person**

**Program:** Youth Awards

**CALENDAR & COMING EVENTS**

**February 2026**

- 7 BOG
- 18 DX EC Meeting
- 21 DX Chapter Meeting

**March 2026**

- 11 DX EC Meeting
- 14 DX Chapter Meeting
- 21 Annual State Conference – Chanute, KS

**April 2026**

- 15 DX EC Meeting
- 18 DX Chapter Meeting

**The President's Corner**



By Larry Tatum

Our February Chapter Meeting is going to be a stem winder. The Youth Contests Chapter Winners will present their Rumbaugh Oration, Knight Essay and Video entries. The Delaware Crossing Youth Contest Winners have always been of the highest quality and they often continue on to win at the State level. For many years, our youth contestants place at National and sometimes they win 1<sup>st</sup> Place.

These contests, along with the King Eagle Scout Award, the Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest, and the Adams Middle School Brochure Contest, are the cornerstones of the SAR

Historical Education goals that we have endeavored to achieve. And I believe that, thanks to our long serving committee chairmen, we have excelled in reaching the goal of furthering the historical education of the youth in our area.

I don't know what the weather will be like, hopefully, it will be better than it is as I write this article. But we all need to attend the February meeting to give our contestants support for their efforts in these important contests.



Dr. Isaias McCaffery presents the Last Stand at Rebel Creek Program

### January Meeting in Review

Our January meeting was on a blustery cold morning which made available some parking spaces near the club house. Seems no golfers wished to play that day.

Dennis Nelson did his usual great job presenting the Milestone in Revolutionary War History. The program, Last Stand at Rebel Creek, was about the Osage Indian Tribe, especially during the Civil War period. It was presented by Dr. Isaias McCaffery. The program was very interesting and covered the demise of the Osage Indian Tribe which was once a very large and dominate tribe in the Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas region.



Dr. Isaias McCaffery



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**Annual Chapter Elections were held. Officers elected were as follows:**

President: David Clay Shropshire III

Executive Vice: President-OPEN

Vice-President of Programs: Richard W. Woody

Secretary: OPEN

Treasurer: Kevin Dyches

Assistant Treasurer: Scott Crossette

Registrar-Genealogist: Timothy Peterman

An accompanying article addresses the Open Positions.





Bruce Smith, Clay Shropshire, Dewey Fry, Alan Martin, Steven French, John Moore, and Brian Vasquez.

### Your DX Color Guard at Work

As is typical of the first few weeks of the new year, Color Guard activity have been slow, but it will very quickly pick up as it is the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the beginning of the United States of America.

On January 6, 2026, the KSSAR Color Guard Presented the Colors at a Naturalization Ceremony by the Kansas District Court which took place at the Wyandotte County Community College.

83 applicants from 33 countries took their Oath of Allegiance and stayed for at least an hour after the ceremony to have their pictures taken with the Color Guard.

The Color Guardsmen from left to right in the photos with the new citizens are Bruce Smith, Clay Shropshire, Dewey Fry (from Delaware Crossing), Alan Martin (MC), Stephen French (DX), John More, (CR) and Brian Vazquez (TJ) For his first time, Alan Martin led the entire audience in our Pledge of Allegiance including the 83 new citizen who recited it for the first time as a new US Citizen.



Bruce Smith, Clay Shropshire, Dewey Fry, Alan Martin, Steven French, John Moore, and Brian Vasquez with New U.S. Citizens.



Bruce Smith, Clay Shropshire, Dewey Fry, Alan Martin, Steven French, John Moore, and Brian Vasquez with DAR members.



Bruce Smith, Clay Shropshire, Dewey Fry, Alan Martin, Steven French, John Moore, and Brian Vasquez with a new U.S. Citizen.



Alan Martin, Dewey Fry, Steven French, Bruce Smith, Brian Vasquez, John More, and Clay Shropshire.



Alan Martin, Dewey Fry, Steven French, Bruce Smith, Brian Vasquez, John More, and Clay Shropshire.



Clay Shropshire, John More, Brian Vasquez, Bruce Smith, Steven French, Dewey Fry, and Alan Martin.



New U.S. Citizens take the Oath of Allegiance to the United States.



### **ATTENTION MEMBERS!**

Your Delaware Crossing Chapter needs your involvement. We have been the leading chapter in the State of Kansas for many years.

We are in need of an Executive Vice- President and a Secretary for at least the next year.

Clay Shropshire has been Secretary for 2 years and Executive Vice-President for 1 year. He, as well as others who served in those Offices will help you get started and along the journey.

The duties of the Offices from our Chapter By-Laws are as follows:

Section 2. Executive Vice-President The duties of Executive Vice-President are as follows: 2a) To serve as President of the Chapter in the event of absence, disablement, resignation or death of the President.

2b) To provide leadership in the planning and development of methods and programs as to how to integrate new members into the work and fellowship of the chapter.

2c) In cooperation with the President, he shall prepare a packet of orientation materials for presentation to each inductee as soon as possible.

2d) To be the directing and coordinating officer for the Chapter's community relations programs, as represented by, but not limited to the standing committees on the programs for the following:

- 1) Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Patriotic Oration Contest,
- 2) George and Stella Knight Research Paper Contest,
- 3) Eagle Scout Recognition and Scholarship Program,
- 4) JROTC Awards and Enhanced JROTC Award,
- 5) Children of The American Revolution (C.A.R.) Liaison,
- 6) Law Enforcement and Fire Safety Awards and such other community relations programs as may be adopted by the Chapter,
- 7) Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest,
- 8) Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest,
- 9) Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Liaison,
- 10) Medal for Heroism.

2e) To serve as chairman of any task force appointed by the President such as recommending economies and exploring funding initiatives for community projects.

2f) To serve as an ex-officio member of all standing committees pertaining to community relations.

Section 4. Secretary The duties of the Secretary are as follows:

- 4a) To give written notice of all meetings of the Chapter membership, which may be through the monthly newsletter or by email.

4b) To give written, by email, notice of all meetings of the Executive Committee when directed by the President to do so.

4c) To keep the minutes of all meetings of the Chapter Executive Committee and of the Chapter, in accordance with the Order of Business stated in Article VI of the By-Laws, and in a format approved by the Chapter Executive Committee; to give a summary of each Chapter meeting at which business is conducted in the following monthly newsletter; to distribute a copy of the minutes of all Board meetings to each member thereof.

4d) To handle all general correspondence of the Chapter and to keep copies thereof, together with copies of correspondence received from the President.

4e) To be responsible for the Chapter's monthly newsletter and photographs, provided that the President may appoint a newsletter editor and/or photographer in lieu of the Secretary.

4f) To keep a correct list of the members of the Chapter and their addresses for the Chapter's mailing list, together with the names and addresses 1) former members 2) prospective members 3) A miscellaneous list of other SAR chapter and State Society officers and other patriotic organizations, as shall be consistent with the purposes of the Chapter.

4g) To cause to be maintained as to each member correct and updated personal information which can be used to publish a Chapter Roster, which roster shall be a part of the Chapter Handbook.

4h) To maintain and supervise a Secretary's Handbook, whose contents shall consist of three-hole punched 8.5 x 11 pages, with the subject matter to be presented in the following order: 1) Current Chapter Officers, designating the Executive Committee by asterisks; 2) A listing of past Presidents; 3) A listing of the Chapter members who have distinguished themselves and

the Delaware Crossing Chapter by having been elected to the Presidency of the State Society or to an office of the National Society;

4) A short history of the National and State Society.

Many of us have worked for many years as officers and Committee Chairman. Some of us are getting on in age and it is becoming more difficult to carry the load.

With so much turmoil in our nation we need desperately to present our message to our countrymen and especially to our youth. Our youth programs are excellent and might be the only programs that educate our youth on the Founding Fathers and the Founding of our Nation.

Serving in an Office or on a Committee will keep the NSSAR message alive.

Executive Vice President, Secretary and Chair of Several Committees.

If you have any interest in serving in one of the Open Offices or on a Committee, please come to our February Meeting or contact our President Larry Tatum or our President Elect, Clay Shropshire or me.

New Officers will assume their duties at the end of our March Meeting.

Respectfully, H. Dewey Fry