



*The Delaware Crossing Patriot*  
*Kansas Society*  
*Sons of the American Revolution*  
 October 2021  
 Metro Kansas City's Oldest & Largest Chapter, Founded 1960

**NEXT MEETING:**

**When:** October 16, 2021

**Where:** Hilton Garden Inn. 12080 Strang Line Road, Olathe, KS 66062, 9:00am

**Reservations & Cost:** For reservations, email [Secretary@dxsar.com](mailto:Secretary@dxsar.com) or call Steven French (913)-832-6034 by 7:00 PM, Wednesday, October 13, 2021.

**Cost:** \$17.00/person

**Program:** The Rumbaugh Orations

**The President's Corner**



By Ken Ludwig

**Where have all the Heroes gone?**

I spent some time around 9/11 watching documentaries commemorating the 9/11 attacks on our country. One of the ones that touched me the deepest was the CBS 60 minutes show about the Fire Department of New York and their response to the planes hitting the World Trade Centers.

I was in awe how they described company after company of firefighters showing up, receiving orders to go into the two buildings, picking up 70 pounds of gear, and walking up 100

**CALENDER & COMING EVENTS**

**October 2021**

- 13 DX EC Meeting
- 16 DX Chapter Meeting

**November 2021**

- 10 DX EC Meeting
- 13 DX Chapter Meeting – 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

**December 2021**

- 15 DX EC Meeting
- 18 DX Chapter Meeting

flights to rescue people and fight the fires. They continued to go into the one standing tower after the first tower had fallen. They refused to evacuate when given the order to do so, because they were still trying to get injured people out of the building. These men and women have something that I do not know if I have – the willingness to risk my life for others.

The FDNY lost 343 members that day. That is between 3 and 4 percent of their workforce. In addition to the lost lives, they also lost a lot of equipment, but yet they carried on.

The police departments lost about 60 people that day, I am sure doing just what the firefighters were doing – trying to help people to safety.

Let us also not forget the call of “Let’s Roll!” on Flight 93 where the passengers took back the plane to avoid further damage to another target.

Our country was full of Heroes that day.

We also benefit from another set of heroes. Our patriot ancestors to the men and women who fought in our most recent wars are heroes because they have stepped up to risk their lives to protect the rest of us.

This is one of the many reasons why this country is so great, that so many are willing to sacrifice for others.

So where have the heroes gone? It seems to me that our society is more and more concerned about what is in it for me – not what is the best for everyone. The police that were praised for their bravery 20 years ago, are now vilified and disrespected.

Our chapter has a Heroism award, we are always looking for worthy candidates for this award, so if you hear or know of anyone who may qualify for this award, please let me know, as we really want to honor these individuals.

We also have a Police/Fire award, so if you know anyone who serves in those organizations that deserves the award, please let me or one of the chapter officers know and we will get process rolling to honor them.



### Leadership Needed Now

The Delaware Crossing Chapter is at a critical junction in our organization. COVID and relocation has had a significant effect on our organization. Several new members have not participated in meetings or become committee members or chairmen primarily due to COVID19.

Our Executive Vice President, elected with our President in January 2020, resigned due to the pandemic and valid personal major health concerns. His replacement, and somewhat President-elect, Bruce Smith, has resigned the position as he has recently taken advantage of the housing market and has relocated to near Oak Grove, MO to be closer to family. Our chapter By-laws allow for a President to serve a one-year term and succeed himself one time for a total of 2 years. That means our current President cannot be reelected in our January annual election. Nor can the bylaws be changed until the meeting.

Our chapter is in need for members to step up and accept the responsibility of guiding this chapter for at least one year at the positions of President and Vice-president.

We are in a different posture than we were a year ago. We have the vaccinations and other measures to help protect us from contracting whatever COVID variant is most active. Vaccinations are not perfect, but they greatly enhance our abilities to fight off the disease. It is time to cautiously move ahead, but move ahead.

Many, such as myself, who are past officers and presidents of the chapter have remained active participants either at the chapter, state, district or national levels or all four.

Personally, I will celebrate my 20<sup>th</sup> year as a member of SAR on November 29. I have been active all twenty years and have missed only one scheduled meeting in 19 years 11 months. That absence was due to an uncle's immediate health needs. Why? Because we honor our forefathers who sacrificed greatly to create a nation that provides us freedoms and liberty and we need to educate our youth in a manner in which they are willing to learn the source of their freedoms and liberty.

If you are willing to serve in the guiding of the Delaware Crossing Chapter, please contact our Nominations Chairman Kirk Rush at a meeting, via email at [kirkrush@att.net](mailto:kirkrush@att.net) or phone 913-638-9075. If you wish, contact any officer who will relay the information to the presiding officers or the Executive Committee.

Dewey Fry



*The Grinter House*

### **60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Delaware Crossing Chapter**

On November 13, 2021 we will celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of our chapter November 1, 1960 in the Grinter House which is now called Grinter Place State Historic Site and is located at 1420 S 78<sup>th</sup> St, Kansas City, KS 66111.

Mark the date on your calendar now.

The celebration will be in Grinter Hall in the Grinter Visitor Center, called the barn, which is really an annex meeting building immediately north of the house. We have access of the barn from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. The building is managed by Friends of Grinter, Inc.

The celebration was to have taken place last November; however, COVID 19 caused cancelation.

The event will begin with our standard meeting opening practice, then there will be a in costume history of Moses Grinter presentation by Bill Nicks who is Grinter Place site administrator and a Lenexa City Councilman. After his presentation, Bill will guide tours of the Grinter House, small groups at a time. The charge for the tour will be \$3.00 per person.

After the tours the celebration will resume in the annex "the barn". There we will enjoy a meal catered by HyVee of Garden Salad, Chicken Fingers, Oven Baked Ham, Roasted Red Potatoes and Green Beans Almondine. Desert will be an anniversary decorated cake. The fee for the meal will be \$20.00 per person.

Reservations will be called for beginning October 14 and will have to be made no later than October 28 as we have been informed food must be ordered no later than October 29.

After the meal a program of some of the history of Delaware Crossing Chapter will be presented.

From the Grinter House, one can look across the Kaw or Kansas River where the Delaware Crossing was and from which we derived our name.



Grinter Visitor Center

**Final Results of 2020 Americanism Contest**

by Dennis Nelson, Americanism Chairman

The NSSAR has posted on its website the details of the 2020 Americanism/President General’s Streamer Award contest. Americanism recognizes chapters that participate in outreach education efforts and who acknowledge community leaders for their efforts to perpetuate the goals of the SAR.

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.

The President General’s Cup recognizes chapters that best achieves the goals of both Americanism and President General’s Streamer award contest. DX competed with 34

chapters that submitted reports for the 100-199 member category.

In the Americanism contest DX finished 4th (2019 - 5<sup>th</sup>) with 7,317 in points. In the PG Streamer contest, DX was 4th (2019 – 18<sup>th</sup>) with 6,690 points.

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 14 categories qualifying to compete for the President General’s Cup by scoring in at least 12 out of 16 categories.

DX finished 4th (2019 – 9<sup>th</sup>) with an 86.43 average points per member.

Congratulations to all chapter members for their efforts whether it is active participation in the chapter and/or providing financial support though 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.

If you would like to read about how Kansas and its chapters performed for 2020, see the KSSAR “Liberty Bell” newsletter November 1, 2021 issue.

**October 16th DX Program**  
**“The Rumbaugh Orations”**

Presented by Peter Grassl of Charles Robinson chapter

**THE WINNERS** — the 2021 NSSAR 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place winning Rumbaugh Orations.

What does a winning oration sound like? What are some of the factors that could have distinguished them from their competitors? The semi-final qualifying videos for the top three Rumbaugh Orations at the 131st Congress in Renton, WA will be viewed, and you'll want to clap! An overview of the Rumbaugh program, the scoring system, and the knockout factors will be presented. A brief discussion of each Oration will take place. How would the audience score the Oration?

Peter Grassl has been an NSSAR Rumbaugh Orations judge since 2011. He is a past president of DX, the Kansas Society, former Vice President General of the mighty South Central District and is one of three Kansas SAR men who were awarded the prestigious Minuteman award.



### **Wreaths Across America 2021**

It is that time of year that we begin to concentrate on Wreaths Across America. Delaware Crossing Chapter will again participate in the ceremony at Johnson County Memorial Gardens at 11200 Metcalf Avenue, Overland Park, KS. The ceremony and wreath laying at the graves of veterans will be start at 11:00 am on Saturday December 18. More than 2500 locations are to start their ceremonies at the same time, 12:00 pm, noon, Eastern Standard Time.

The objectives of Wreaths Across America are REMEMBER, HONOR, TEACH. Remember our fallen U.S. Veterans, Honor those who serve, and Teach your children the value of freedom. The Delaware Crossing Chapter fulfills the REMEMER objective by its members participating in the laying of wreaths and participation in the Wreaths Across America event at Johnson County Memorial Gardens.

Even if you do not sponsor a wreath, you are encouraged to participate in the laying of the wreaths and encouraged to bring your young children and grandchildren to participate. Wreaths are priced at \$15.00 each. Delaware Crossing is a Sponsorship, AKA Fundraising, Group that receives \$5.00 for each wreath Sponsored (purchased) through them. Delaware

Crossing uses the money donated to fulfill two of the three objectives. Half of the money goes to honor the veterans who reside at the Community Living Center at the Eisenhower Veterans Center and Domiciliary in Leavenworth. Half of the money goes to educate our youth the origin and value of freedom through our youth contests.

Sponsorship of one or more wreaths can be done by check, or money order accompanying a Wreath Sponsorship Form which has both the Location ID and Fundraising Group ID on it.

If one wishes to sponsor one or more wreaths and pay by credit card, PayPal or GPay, they must conduct the transaction online. Use the pull-down menu at Wreaths Across America (<https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org>) on the upper right of the screen. Click on SEARCH LOCATIONS/GROUPS, then Local Sponsorship Groups, then type in on the line at the top of the page "Delaware Crossing Chapter KSSAR" the click on Delaware Crossing the Sponsor. Complete the form. Click on START THE CHECKOUT if using a credit card.

If you wish to sponsor a wreath for a veteran at another location, just search for the location in the pull-down menu and use your credit information to sponsor at that location. It is best to have a name and grave location if at a National Cemetery.

If you wish to sponsor by check, the check must be written to Wreaths Across America. The form to use can be downloaded from "wreathscrossamerica.org" and mailed to Wreaths Across America.

Dewey Fry  
Chairman, Wreaths Across America Committee