



The Delaware Crossing Patriot Kansas Society

October 2015

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

NEXT MEETING:

When: Oct 17th 9:00 am
Where: Hilton Garden Inn, 12080 S Strang
Line Rd. Olathe, KS

Program: “*The Road to Lexington & Concord*” by Brooks Lyles,
KSSSAR President

Reservations & Cost: For reservations, e-mail
reserve@dxsar.com or call Stu Conrad at 913-
897-3351 by 3:00 PM, the Wednesday before

COMING EVENTS CALANDER

Oct 9-11 Shawnee Indian Mission Fall Fest
Oct 17 Chapter Meeting
Nov 21 Chapter Meeting **55th Anniversary**
Dec 11 Christmas Party – in lieu of meeting
Dec 12 Wreaths Across America

November Meeting to be Special – Anniversary

The November 21st chapter meeting is going to be very special indeed. This will mark our chapter's 55th Anniversary and it is vitally important that every member make a special effort to attend.

Delaware Crossing is the state's oldest chapter and celebrating 55 years is an auspicious milestone.

We will be extending a special invitation to all past presidents of the chapter to attend, so this will be a very special time to connect with the past, the present *and* the future.

Not only will we be celebrating our anniversary and not only will you have an opportunity to meet or 'catch up' with past presidents, but the program will be given by 'yours truly', on *Notorious Spies of the American Revolution...* well there you go...



The President's Corner

Brian Revard, Pres. DX

We had an outstanding picnic, memorial service and *flag retirement ceremony* on September 19th.

The food was excellent and the turnout was very good with many chapter members and guests and the weather was perfect.

The color guard looked great, and we had several boy scouts help retire some flags. All in all a huge success! Thank you to all the people that helped put this event together.

As we begin the last quarter of 2015 we have more excellent meetings ahead of us. Our next meeting is on October 17th. I especially want you to mark your calendars for the November 21st chapter meeting where we will be celebrating the 55th birthday of the Delaware Crossing Chapter. We are inviting all past DX chapter presidents to attend so we can get a group picture. Then we will have our Christmas dinner meeting on December 11th.

Don't forget the essay and oration contests are just around the corner. If you have family members or friends with high school age kids, let's get them involved and help them earn some scholarship cash.

***** **DUES** *****

Don't forget – Dues Notices have been mailed out. Just 'Git-R-Done' and while your at it, don't forget to add something for our various funds!

Support the Shawnee Indian Mission Festival!

Coming up very shortly from 9 October to 11 October is the Shawnee Indian Mission Fall Festival. This is a great event to attend and is an organization that John Forbes of our chapter and others, are intimately involved in. As a chapter, we need to make a special note to attend. All events are FREE

On Friday the 9th from 1800-2100 There is a free concert featuring the 'Snorty Horse Band'. Food and drink available. Bring chairs, a blanket and enjoy the show.

Saturday starts at 1000 and runs to 1700 featuring musicians, 'spirit talkers' (hey, a chance to get that documentation you've been looking for) , dancers, a puppet show and living history demonstrations.

As a bonus, starting at 1930 there will be entertaining 'camp fire stories' a sure-fire hit with the kids and 'kids-at-heart'.

Sunday runs the same hours with similar events.

The Mission is located at 3403 W. 53rd in Fairway

Check out the web at:

http://www.kshs.org/shawnee_indian

2015 Annual Picnic

As Brian mentioned in his article, we had a great time at the annual picnic this year. Thanks to Dewey and Pat for once again providing the food and set up. Thanks to the Scouts who helped us with the retirement ceremony. It was also a chance to remember our compatriots who passed away this past year.



Philmont is Quite an Experience

Compatriot Kirk Rush spent two and a half weeks this past June attending high adventure camping with his Boy Scout Troop 123 at Philmont Scout Reservation in northern New Mexico. For 15 days Kirk was lead adviser for a crew of 4 adults and 7 boys ranging in age from 14 to 18 years old. Kirk and his crew backpacked over 70 miles through the Sangre de Cristo mountains at elevations sometimes in excess of 11,000 feet above sea level.

This was the culmination of several months of preparation & training to be able to withstand the physical rigors of hiking daily through the back-country with a 45 to 50 lb. backpack at high elevations for an extended period. Every year thousands of Boy Scouts and adult leaders make the trek to Philmont for a camping experience that is often a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

The SAR and Boy Scouts of America share many common values in regards to duty to country, honor and patriotism. Kirk works closely with the Boy Scouts to help instill these values in young men and to help make scouts aware of our country's rich history.



Talk It UP! Knight Essay and Rumbaugh

Following is from a promotional piece written by our Rumbaugh/Knight Chair, Greg Millican.

*The take away here is that even though it has been increasingly difficult to penetrate the bureaucracies of the various school districts and to gain their participation – YOU have a great opportunity to promote this valuable (and I mean \$\$\$) program. Any of us who have children, grand children or (ahem...) Great Grand children in the area who are of high school age – make sure you talk to them about this opportunity. Let's **make a concerted effort** to get a record number of participants this year by leveraging our own families. REMEMBER- even if these kids do not live in the area, still talk to them about it and encourage them to contact whatever local society chapter is near them.*

The Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), Delaware Crossing Chapter, is sponsoring an oration contest and an essay contest for students in grades 9 through 12. These contests provide cash scholarships for the top three winners. If you have a relative or neighbor eligible for the contest, invite them to enter.

SAR's contests are designed to explore the influence of the Revolutionary War on present day America and the events that shaped American history. Winners at the local level will compete at state contests with a chance to go to the national contests. Cash awards are given to the top three winners at each level.

The primary rules for the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Orations Contest are as follows:

- Oration must be original, not less than five minutes or more than six minutes in length.
- The subject shall deal with an event, personality, or document pertaining to the Revolutionary War and show a relationship to America today.
- Notes and props may not be used in the presentation.

The primary rules for the Knight Essay Contest are as follows:

- Essay must be an original researched and proven topic written in English.
- The topic shall deal with an event, person, philosophy, or ideal associated with the American Revolution, the Declaration of Independence, or the framing of the U.S. Constitution.
- Source at least five (5) references with at least three (3) being published book sources.
- References from encyclopedias and internet sites will be accepted, but are not considered as part of the three published book sources.
- The essay must be a minimum 800 to a maximum 1,200 words in length.

Entry Deadlines:

Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration entry deadline **March 8, 2016.**

Knight Essay Contest entry deadline **December 31, 2015.**

Complete rules and entry forms are listed at www.dxsar.com [will be available on the chapter website by 10/2] and www.sar.org

Posters, entry forms, and complete rules for these contests are available online. Please forward this information to any students that may be interested.

Greg Millican, Chairman, Rumbaugh Oration and Knight Essay contests



That's SIR to You, Mister

On Sunday September 13th, Compatriot Charles Rush was promoted to Sergeant in the Kansas National Guard.

His father, Cmpt. Kirk Rush (a US Army veteran and former Sergeant himself), was there to help pin on Sgt. Rush's new rank. Kirk removed his old Sgt. rank from his hat and pinned it onto Charles' hat.

Charles is currently a Combat Medic assigned to the 1077th Ambulance Company in Olathe, KS. Charles is being reassigned to Medevac unit in Salina, KS and will be departing to San Antonio, TX in November for six months of training to become a paramedic and Flight Medic in the Kansas National guard.

Congratulations Cameron!



Overland Park Fall Festival Parade

The annual Overland Park Fall Festival was attended by SAR, DAR and CAR. The float seen below was provided Dewey Fry and driven by Pat-Mario Andretti-Fry.

The Color Guard was represented by DX'rs Richard Cox, Dewey Fry and Fred Kaffenberger (not pictured) and MX compatriot, Lyman Miller.

It was a great parade and absolutely perfect weather. This parade always draws a large and appreciative crowd.

Thanks goes out to Barbara Comer and her fellow DAR for organizing the participants and giving us the opportunity to march.



Editor's Note – Help Wanted

I have enjoyed putting together the *Delaware Crossing Patriot* for you over the past several years. However, it's time for me to step aside as editor. I would like everyone to give some thoughtful consideration to stepping up to help out the chapter, taking over the monthly publication.

There are a couple of other opportunities coming up that I am also retiring from: notably, as VP of Programs and Web Master. We need to have some new folks participating, starting the next election year so please give it some thought.

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