



The Delaware Crossing Patriot
Kansas Society
Sons of the American Revolution
 August 2019
 Metro Kansas City's Oldest & Largest Chapter, Founded 1960

NEXT MEETING:

When: August 17

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: [“The Road to Lexington and Concord” presented by Brooks Lyles.](#)

CALENDAR & COMING EVENTS

- 08/3 BOG meeting – Emporia, KS
- 08/14 DX EC Meeting, at Pegah’s, 2122 W.87th St, Lenexa, KS; be there at 5:30 PM if eating dinner. Meeting *begins* at 6:00 PM.
- 08/17 Chapter Meeting.
- 08/23-24 SCD Annual Conference – Oklahoma City, OK

Editor’s Note (Greg Millican)

Chapter Executive Committee approved minutes are available on the web site: DXSAR.com under “LOOK INSIDE”.

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 Gregory.millican@gmail.com



The President’s Corner

By Kirk Rush

The ancient Greek philosopher Heraclitus is credited with saying, ‘The Only Thing That Is Constant Is Change’; or something to that effect. This is true in any organization and change is often good. It helps keep an organization young and rejuvenated. The reason I bring this up is that we have some changes happening within our chapter’s Executive Committee.

As most of you know, Compatriot Greg Millican has been filling the positions of Newsletter Editor, Webmaster, Knight Essay Chair and Rumbaugh Oration Chair for quite some time. Greg is needing to step down from these positions as soon as he can and we are looking for volunteers to help fill these roles as soon as possible.

Compatriot Bruce Smith has volunteered to take over the Committee Chair positions for Knight Essay and Rumbaugh Oration. Thank you, Bruce, for stepping forward! Greg will continue to assist Bruce as he learns his new roles. This leaves the positions of Newsletter Editor and Webmaster needing to be filled and we are seeking volunteers for these very rewarding positions. The two positions do not necessarily need to be filled by the same person but there would be a fair amount of coordination between the two roles if filled by

two individuals.

In addition to Newsletter Editor and Webmaster, we also have openings for the following chairs: Chancellor, Publicity, Scrapbook, JROTC Awards, Fire Safety Award and Law Enforcement Award. Information for each of these positions can be found in our chapter's bylaws which can be accessed through the chapter website www.dxsar.com. We need your help! Please consider volunteering for one or more of these committee positions. If you have questions about any of these positions you can reach out to Greg Millican, Ken Ludwig, me, or anyone sitting on the Executive Committee.

(End of President's Corner)

Summary of Delaware Crossing Chapter July 20 meeting:

Program for July 20 meeting:

The program for the July 20, 2019 was presented by James Mozena: "The Woman Who Sneaked into George Washington's Army" and "Review of the Recent Discovery of British Warship Remains in the York River". The woman was Deborah Sampson. She was disguised as Robert Shurtleff. For a summary of the story see NY Times July 2. James talk also included the discovery of the British ship 'Charon', sunk during the siege of Yorktown.



1 James Mozena, program speaker.

Also, at the chapter meeting, Dennis Nelson gave a report at the National SAR Conference, in Costa Mesa, CA.



2 Dennis Nelson reported on National Conference.

Book of Astronaut signatures:

In memory of the 50th year since the first Moon walk, John Bouch brought to the chapter meeting his collection of signatures of famous astronauts including Gene Leman, Buzz Aldrin, Walter Shirra, John Glenn, etc., for all to enjoy. Thank you, John!

Summary of Delaware Crossing Executive Committee (EC) meeting, July 17:

1. Annual picnic: Compatriot Fry and wife, Pat, will prepare/provide food but we will need a team of people to set up the picnic beforehand and take down/clean up afterwards.
2. Annual Christmas dinner: We have a reservation for 12/14 at Hilton Garden Inn.
3. Recognition of former & current state, district & natl. officers in attendance at chapter meetings: It was determined that any national officers, SCD VPGs, or KSSAR presidents in attendance will be recognized at the beginning immediately following introduction of guests.
4. Wreaths Across America: There was much discussion regarding recent events between the WAA committee for the Leavenworth Natl. Cemetery and DX chapter. As a result of recent events, it was suggested that DX support a new effort to participate in a WAA event at Johnson County Memorial Gardens. A motion was made to this effect and passed to do as such. Committee chair Dewey Fry will spearhead this effort.

Note: The complete EC approved minutes are on DXSAR.com as they become available; under "LOOK INSIDE" -> "Executive Committee Minutes".

Wreaths Across America

The Delaware Crossing Chapter will support a new location this year with wreaths donated through the Chapter.

The past several years we have supported Leavenworth National Cemetery, this year we will

support Johnson County Memorial Gardens at 11200 Metcalf Ave, Overland Park.

Due to several issues such as traffic control problems and some early wreath laying, several persons were unable to lay a wreath at Leavenworth National Cemetery. Ft Leavenworth National incurred some of the same issues.

Johnson County Memorial Gardens has approximately 3000 veteran's graves, many are in a special Veterans Section. Where only veterans and some of their spouses are interned.

Johnson County Memorial Gardens is a memorial cemetery which means the grave markers are flat. Wreaths will be laid flat in front of the grave marker. Whereas this will not have the photogenic Impression of a few thousand wreath laying against standing white stone it will fulfill the same purpose which is to Remember those who have passed.

The stated purpose of Wreaths Across America is to Remember, Honor, Teach. Remember those who have passed, Honor those who are living and those who are current in a US Service and to Teach our youth how we derived our freedoms and how the veterans have continued to protect those freedoms.

Two thirds of the money from donated through the Chapter is used for the purchase of wreaths, one third is used for Honor the veterans at the Eisenhower Veterans Center in Leavenworth and support our Youth Programs which Teach youth about the source and maintenance of our freedoms.

We have an opportunity to be a part of building a new location for the Wreaths Across America event and to have a greater number from our chapter participate in both the event and the planning of the event. I have had an initial meeting with Richard Brenneman the Location Coordinator for Johnson County Memorial Gardens, the planning began with that meeting.

All attempts will be made to hold the ceremony inside at Johnson County Memorial Gardens; should it be impossible due to a need to use the inside facilities due to a visitation or funeral, it will be held outside near mausoleums with a good audio system.

The event is at 11:00 am, Saturday, December 14, 2019. Some wish to space out donating on a monthly basis. Should you wish to donate you may do so to Wreaths Across America at <https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org>

Please indicate the Group to be KS00027P and the location KSJCMG.

As time passes there will be more communication in regard to the event.

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(End of Patriot newsletter)