



*The Delaware Crossing Patriot*  
*Kansas Society*  
*Sons of the American Revolution*  
August 2025  
Metro Kansas City's Oldest & Largest Chapter, Founded 1960

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

**NEXT MEETING:**

**When:** August 9, 2025

**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, August 5, 2025.

**Cost:** \$23.00/person

**Program:** Pat Donahue – Marine Artillery in the Vietnam War.

**CALENDAR & COMING EVENTS**

**August 2025**

- 2 BOG
- 6 DX EC Meeting
- 9 DX Chapter Meeting

**September 2025**

- 17 DX EC Meeting
- 20 DX Chapter Picnic Celebrating the 750<sup>th</sup> Chapter Meeting

**October 2025**

- 15 DX EC Meeting
- 18 DX Chapter Meeting

**The President's Corner**



By Larry Tatum

It's a great time to be a Delaware Crossing member. During the annual congress, the Delaware Crossing Chapter was awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in the Nation for both the Liberty Bell Americanism Award and the President General's Cup.

These categories are for activities in which the Chapter participated that exemplify the education and patriotic goals that the SAR strives to accomplish. The awards once again establish DX as one of the top ranked Chapters, not only in the region but the nation.

We also have two milestones for DX in the near future. The Chapter will be celebrating it's 750<sup>th</sup> Chapter Meeting at the Annual Picnic on September 20<sup>th</sup> at Antioch Park. Thanks to Pat and Dewey Fry, our picnics are always the best and the following Flag Retirement Ceremony showcases an important patriotic service that we proudly provide for the community.

The second milestone is that the November Chapter Meeting will celebrate our 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The meeting will take place where our chapter was formed, the Grinter House, on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am.

Mark your calendar and be sure to attend these two important events.



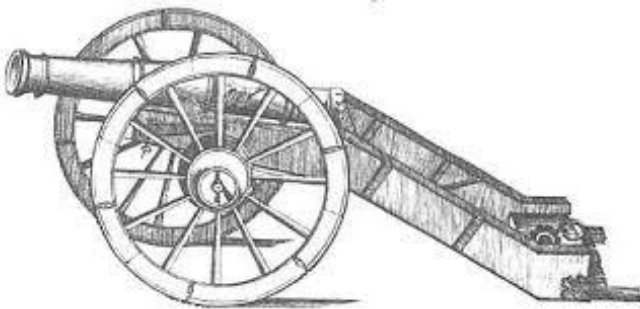
### **DX 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Silent Auction Items**

Compatriots,  
Our 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be celebrated at the Grinter Place Event Space immediate north of the Grinter House on November 15, 2025. The Event Space is reserved for the hours from 11:00 am to 3:00pm. A more in-depth announcement will be published later in our Patriot newsletter. In addition to the meeting, attendees will be able to tour the Grinter House.

It will be a luncheon meeting and will include a silent auction. The purpose of this article is to request the donation of items to be auctioned off. The proceeds will be used to keep the expenses to the chapter for the event at a level minimum loss. The \$400.00 rental fee will be paid from the chapter General Fund to keep the cost to members at an acceptable level in order that many may enjoy the event. Items that refer to the Revolutionary War period would nice as well as items with a patriotic them. However, any item that someone would enjoy enough to display in their home or using it to entertain themselves and others, such as patriotic DVDs or books are welcome.

Dewey Fry will be receiving the items at our Chapter meeting through October, if you wish to bring it to the November 15 celebration please advise Dewey before November 1 so that space and bidding sheets may be prepared. Dewey's email is [deweyf@kc.rr.com](mailto:deweyf@kc.rr.com).





### **Pat Donahue to present the August 9<sup>th</sup> Program.**

It's a real privilege to have Pat Donahue present the August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting program on his experience as a Marine artillery officer in the Vietnam War. Pat was stationed along the DMZ (demilitarized zone) border area between South Vietnam and North Vietnam. His opponents were regular North Vietnamese Army troops, not Viet Cong guerillas.

He had two overlapping jobs. One was to provide direct offensive and defensive artillery fire support for the infantry unit that he was assigned to, and the other was to find targets of opportunity that artillery could engage with or without infantry support. Their guns were usually 5 miles or more away from our targets, so someone had to tell them where to shoot and to adjust them so they could hit the targets. That was Pat's job. This presentation focuses on how artillery works, who they were, how they were organized, the missions performed, and how they lived on a day-by-day basis. Being a soldier in a combat zone is a very different kind of job but it is still a job. This is the subject of his talk. He wants to thank you for your kind invitation to share with you. *Semper Fi.*



*Clay Shropshire present the twenty-five year award to George Butler Gordon III*

### **Twenty Five Year Member Award**

George Butler Gordon III was presented his Twenty Five Year Member Award consisting of a Certificate and Pin. The presentation was made by Executive Vice President Clay Shropshire.

George's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a member of the Delaware Crossing Chapter, the Kansas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and the National Society of the American Revolution actually occurred on January 12, 2025. It took us a few months to get our schedule to coincide for George to receive the award.

George took a few minutes to speak of his Patriot Ancestor and his Sponsor who was Roger James, a past Chapter President and long-time member who is now deceased.

Congratulations George and thank you for your continued support of the Delaware Crossing Chapter over the past 25 ½ years and please come to another meeting so we can enjoy your company.



Clay Shropshire and George Gordon.



Alan Martin, Dewey Fry, Clay Shropshire and Brian Vasquez.

### **Your Color Guard at Work**

During the past month your Delaware Crossing Chapter Color Guardsmen have participated in more events than just our Chapter Meeting. On Sunday July 20, Dewey Fry and Clay Shropshire from Delaware Crossing, Alan Martin from Monticello Chapter and Delaware Crossing and KSSAR Eastern District Adjutant Brian Vasquez from Thomas Jefferson Chapter presented the colors at a Kansas City Monarch baseball game in Kansas City, KS.

On Tuesday July 22, a Naturalization Ceremony was conducted at the Robert J. Dole US Courthouse in Kansas City, KS. There were 87 applicants from 43 country who took the Oath of Citizenship making them citizens of the United States of America. Dennis Nelson, Steven French and Dewey Fry from Delaware Crossing, Alan Martin and Jerry Vest from Monticello Chapter, John More from Charles Robinson Chapter and Brian Vazquez from Thomas Jefferson Chapter presented the colors and led the new citizens in our Pledge of Allegiance for the first time the applicant recited it as a United States citizen.

Many photos are taken, sometimes of the new citizen only, sometimes with many family members and sometimes with their spouse who has become a new citizen at the same time. The

photo session now lasts much longer than does the ceremonial court proceedings making them a citizen. One photo accompanying this article is of one new citizen surrounded by 9 family members; that, is a testament to the importance of the event to the new citizen.

At both the KC Monarchs game and the Naturalization Ceremony, Color Guardsmen received many verbal compliments from the fans at the baseball game and from the new citizens and their family members and friends at the reception following the ceremony.



*Alan Martin, Dewey Fry, Clay Shropshire and Brian Vasquez.*



*Brian Vasquez, Clay Shropshire, Dewey Fry and Alan Martin.*



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*Alan Martin, Dewey Fry, Clay Shropshire and Brian Vasquez.*



*Dennis Nelson, Alan Martin, Dewey Fry, Steven French and John More with the family of a new U.S. Citizen.*



*Jerry Vest, Dennis Nelson, Alan Martin, Dewey Fry, Steven French, John More and Brian Vasquez with new U.S. Citizens.*



*A new U.S. Citizen with Jerry Vest, Dennis Nelson, Alan Martin, Dewey Fry, Steven French, John More and Brian Vasquez.*



Fellow Compatriots,

On Thursday, July 17 following our monthly Executive Meeting, I received an email from Chapter President Vincent Clark stating he was resigning his position effective immediately. It saddens me to have another disruption in the Chapter's leadership in such a short time. I wish him well on his vacation and future endeavors and hope he will return to SAR meetings.

Upon receiving Vin's email, an emergency meeting of the Delaware Crossing Executive Committee was called and convened just prior to the regular DX Chapter Meeting on the morning of Saturday, July 19, 2025. The purpose of this meeting was to fill this vacancy. Since the required number of officers were present to constitute a quorum, a motion was put forth by Dewey Fry and seconded by Kirk Rush to name Larry Tatum Chapter President for the remainder of the current term ending in March 2026. The motion carried.

At the conclusion of the Chapter Meeting on July 19, 2025, Clay Shropshire, Executive Vice President, asked the members present to ratify and approve this motion of the EC naming Larry Tatum as DX Chapter President for the remainder of Vincent Clark's term. The vote affirmed the motion. Congratulations to Larry Tatum for stepping up in this time of need.