



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

The Revolution is coming!
Nine Months- Four Days

NEXT MEETING:

When: October 18, 2025

Where: Milburn Country Club, 7501 W 69th St., Overland Park, KS 66204, 9:00am

Reservations & Cost: For reservations, email Secretary@dxsar.org or call Clay Shropshire 785-521-8122 by 7:00 PM, Tuesday, October 14, 2025.

Cost: **\$23.00/person**

Program: Dominic DeBrincat – The Boston Massacre

CALENDAR & COMING EVENTS

October 2025

- 11 Shawnee Indian Mission "Fall Festival"
- 15 DX EC Meeting
- 18 DX Chapter Meeting

November 2025

- 1 BOG
- 12 DX EC Meeting
- 15 DX 65th Anniversary Celebration at the Grinter House

December 2025

- 10 DX EC Meeting
- 12 DX Christmas Party

The President's Corner



By Larry Tatum

The Annual Picnic was a tremendous success due to Pat and Dewey Fry's BBQ preparation and organization of the event. The DX Chapter owes them a huge round of applause for the many hours of hard work that they contribute to guaranty that this picnic is perfect in every way.

The next big milestone for the Chapter, the 65th Anniversary, is also being managed by Dewey and it is sure to be a great meeting to attend. The Anniversary will be celebrated at the Grinter Place State Historical Site where the Delaware Crossing Chapter was founded and its early meetings were held. It will be a catered lunch meeting on

November 15. This is also the opening day of deer season and I am so excited about the anniversary, that I will forego hunting for the opportunity to celebrate with my fellow compatriots.

Please mark the date on your calendars and make sure to attend.

I also need to remind all of you that in addition to our October meeting, the Chapter will be staffing a booth with the DAR at the Shawnee Indian Mission Annual Fall Festival. Many other organizations will be represented at the festival along with food and gift booths. There's always interesting historical demonstrations to watch and the Mission itself is a treasure to investigate. I encourage you to attend the Festival on October 11th at the Shawnee Indian Mission.

That leads us to December and our Christmas Party. In the last three months of every year, the Delaware Crossing Chapter has a whirlwind of opportunities to meet and enjoy the company of fellow compatriots. Don't miss this variety of occasions to celebrate our common patriotism.



DX Color Guard, Boy Scouts and representatives of the local DAR Chapters.

Another Successful Chapter Picnic

Our Chapter held its Annual Picnic immediately followed by the Memorial Service, and then the Flag Retirement Ceremony. The weather was nice reasonably cool and with a slight breeze. Dewey and Pat Fry prepared and supplied the food, drinks, and setup equipment for the twenty first consecutive year.

The Color Guard Advanced, Presented and Posted the Colors for the meeting and picnic portion and the Memorial Service.

President Larry Tatum called the meeting of order and presided over the Meeting portion of the picnic, the Memorial Service and the Flag Retirement. Chaplain Bruce Smith conducted much of the Memorial Service which honored 20 SAR members who the KSSSAR had been notified during the past year of their deaths. At the time of their deaths 11 were Primary Members of the Delaware Crossing chapter, 4 were members of the Monticello Chapter and 5 were from the Henry Leavenworth Chapter.

As Larry Tatum read the meaning of each part of the flag, Boy Scouts Lucas House and Colin Hallier disassembled the flag assisted by Color



Guardsmen Steven French and Alan Martin. Steven French then placed each the union and each stripe into the flame. Representatives from 9 local DAR Chapters participated by placing cut portions of flags into the fire. Dee Clark of the John and Hattie Possum Chapter NSDAR Marla Thompson of the Quivira Crossing Chapter NSDAR aided by properly cutting apart several flag which had not been previously disassembled. Except for the breeze blowing the smoke into the shelter from the flags burning, it was a very enjoyable day; especially after eating a piece of the cake furnished by Larry Tatum to celebrate the 775th meeting of the Delaware Crossing Chapter.



Steven French assists Boy Scouts, Lucas House and Colin Hallier, in preparing the Flag for retirement.



DX Color Guard present the Colors.



Alan Martin and Scouts, Lucas House and Colin Hallier, look on as Steven French retires the Flag.



Dewey Fry's Famous BBQ.





Larry Tatum, Jerry Vest, Alan Martin, Dewey Fry, John More, Steven French and Bruce Smith.

Your Color Guard at Work

Your Color Guard has been busy since our August meeting.

On August 19, they participated in the Naturalization Ceremony at the Robert J. Dole Federal Courthouse in KCK.

Color Guardsmen participating from left to right in the photo were Larry Tatum (DX), Jerry Vest (MC), Alan Martin (MC&DX) Dewey Fry (DX), John More, (CR) Steven French (DX) and Bruce Smith (DX).

On September 11th, KSSSAR Color Guard participated in a Veterans Recognition Luncheon as a part of the continuing Centennial Celebration of Memorial Hall in Kansas City, KS. Color Guardsmen were, from left to right; Brian Vazquez (TJ), Dewey Fry (DX), Bruce Smith (DX), and Clay Shropshire (DX) a DAR member from the Wyandot Chapter carried the DAR Flag. The Mayor of Kansas City, Kansas spoke briefly and the featured speaker was a retired 26-year veteran of the US Navy his perspective was unique and enjoyable. Several veterans from all services attended and stood when the official song of their service was played during a medley

performed by an American Legion Band in which Kirk and Lisa Rush played their French Horns.

September 17 was a busy day, In the morning Clay Shropshire, and Bruce Smith joined Brian Vazquez and John More in forming the Color Guard. That evening, which turned into a very late one, Clay Shropshire and Dewey Fry joined several Color Guardsmen from the KSSSAR and MOSSAR in welcoming back and Honor Flight with 82 veterans from the Kansas City area.

Several Color Guardsmen participated at the DX Chapter Picnic, Memorial Service, and Flag Retirement Ceremony on Saturday September 20. Color Guardsmen were Steven French, Dewey Fry, Ken Ludwig, Kirk Rush, Clay Shropshire, Dan Dryer, Dennis Nelson and Alan Martin. DX Color Commander Steven French and Alan Martin (MC &DX) assisted two Boy Scouts in the disassembling the US Flag during the Flag Retirement Ceremony, which was a 34 Great Star Flag which had flown over the Shawnee Indian Mission.

On Saturday September 27, left to right in the photo, John More (CR) Clay Shropshire (DX) and Alan Martin (MC&DX) marched with an American Legion Color Guard in the Wellsville, Kansas parade.



Brian Vazquez, Dewey Fry, Bruce Smith, Clay Shropshire and a DAR Representative.



John More, Bruce Smith, Clay Shropshire and Brian Vazquez.



Clay Shropshire and Dewey Fry.



MOSSAR and KSSAR Color Guard at the September 17th Honor Flight.



John More, Clay Shropshire, and Alan Martin



Color Guard in the Wellsville Kansas Parade.



"Declaration of Independence"

65th Anniversary Celebration

We will celebrate the 65th Anniversary of the founding of our Delaware Crossing Chapter on November 15 at the meeting facility at the Grinter Place Historic Site, 1420 S. 78th Street, Kansas City, KS. It will be a luncheon meeting, followed by a visit to the Grinter House in which our chapter was founded on November 1, 1960. This is the first announcement; you will get another closer to the day of the event. Why are you getting it now? Because it will give you more time to save the event on your calendar and make a reservation **between October 20 and November 1**. As this is a catered event we must give them adequate notice.

We are planning a presentation by Kirk Rush on the history of our participation in the SAR Eagle Scout Contest, and the participation of some of our members and achievements of our chapter

contestants at the national level. Also, Dennis Nelson will present a brief history of the Delaware Crossing Chapter Presidents, especially those who went on to State and National service.

The food will be catered by Pegah's Family Restaurant. The menu will be a choice of Country Fried Steak or Chicken Fried Chicken with a salad bar and sides of mashed potatoes and gravy and corn. Coffee, water and tea will be provided. Desert will be cake, two cakes will be provided of two different flavors and designed with themes in relation to the event.

There will be a Silent Auction to help reduce the cost the chapter is absorbing over and above that covered by the fee members will have to pay such as the facility rental which is \$400.00 and costs absorbed for invited District and National leaders who may attend.

Items already donated are 17 prints of Charles Goslin's painting "The Patriots", 1 framed and 3 unframed prints of Charles Goslin's painting "Delaware Crossing (Grinter's Ferry)", 1 unframed print of "Washington's Life Guard" by R. Desvayreux Lapernteur and 1 framed and approximately 100 unframed copies of the Declaration of Independence.

Dennis Nelson has donated a SAR yard banner indicating a Proud Member of a Descendant of the Revolution Lives Here.

Richard Woody is donating two wooden cutting boards and a book about George Washington.

Historic donations are preferred; however, you may donate any themed item of value for the silent auction. Just bring it to the November 15th meeting, or give it to Dewey Fry before that date.



"The Patriots"



"Washington's Life Guard"



"Delaware Crossing (Grinter's Ferry)"



Patriot Descendant Yard Flag.