



The Delaware Crossing Patriot

Kansas Society

Sons of the American Revolution

July 2017

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

CALENDER

NEXT MEETING:

When: July 15

Where: Hilton Garden Inn, 12080 S
Strang Line Rd., Olathe, KS, 9:00AM

Reservations & Cost: For reservations, email
Secretary@dxsar.com or call Ken
Ludwig (913) 897-0379 by 3:00 PM,
the Wednesday before.

NEW BREAKFAST PRICE: \$17.00

Program: Prof. W. Everett, UMKC, "The
American Revolution and the Musical"

COMING EVENTS

7/12 DXSAR EC meeting, at Oak Park Library,
9500 Bluejacket St.

7/7-12 Annual Conf. – Knoxville, TN

8/5 Board of Gov. – Emporia, KS

9/16 Annual Picnic, Antioch Park, Shelter 1

Editor's Note (Greg Millican)

Send news about your ancestor patriots, special
events, career changes, history trips, etc., that may
be included in the *Delaware Crossing Patriot*.

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The President's Corner

By Stu Conrad

What Should We Celebrate?

July 4th. Hot dogs, picnics, barbeques, fireworks. Sadly, the years have dimmed the meaning of the 4th. It is certainly America's birthday, but to patriots it should be more. We should give thanks for the sacrifice that our forefathers made; the things that were dear to them were put on the table as an offering to us, future generations. Had they not laid that sacrifice on the altar of liberty and freedom, we would have no reason to celebrate.

At my church, occasionally we used to sing an anthem that "may all who come behind us find us faithful." That would be my message to each of you and my wish for this 4th. That, while enjoying the hot dogs, picnics, barbeques and fireworks, we would somehow find the time to reflect upon and see the gifts that we have been given and what we have done with them. Freedom, liberty, respect. Have we been faithful to those things that so long ago united our progenitors and for which they were willing to hang "...their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor" on the tree of liberty? Will those who follow us clearly see that we have been faithful in carrying forward those ideals? How many today would sign the Declaration and be willing to make the same sacrifice that our forefathers did? Sadly, I sometimes feel that there would be few and fortunately we are only rarely

called upon to make a similar sacrifice. Members of our armed services make this sacrifice each day of their service. Our veterans have already made their sacrifice.

I would respectfully suggest that our job is to hold again the torch of liberty and freedom before the youth of today. In today's education system, youth often do not even hear of the sacrifices that were made "to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity." They should, for they are the "posterity" about which our forefathers wrote. And it is us – we – who must tell them. Ronald Reagan famously said that liberty and freedom are only one generation away from extinction. Our job is to communicate those crucial values to youth.

Do the young see the blessings of liberty in those things we cherish? Too easily liberty becomes license to do only those things that result in personal benefit. Have we lost sight of the vision that motivated our forefathers? I had an old elementary school teacher who told me that with every freedom comes a responsibility. Too often the responsibility is brushed aside by this "entitlement" generation.

I don't know if the lesson of the young man who was recently released by the North Korean dictator is apparent, but it should be noted to the youth who, today, seem to take so many things such as liberty and freedom for granted. To borrow generously from Thomas Jefferson, "the price of liberty is eternal vigilance." I leave to you, compatriots, whether we are able to lift our eyes above the hot dogs, the picnics, the barbeque and the smoke from the fireworks and see the enduring values that truly deserve celebration.

(End of President's Corner)

Summary of chapter June 17 meeting:

For the June program, Carolyn Grover spoke on the Orphan Train. The Orphan Train was a supervised welfare program that transported orphaned and homeless children from crowded Eastern cities of the United States to foster homes located largely in rural areas of the Midwest. The orphan trains operated between 1854 and 1929, relocating about 200,000 orphaned, abandoned, or homeless children. Resource books: "Searching for Home" by Martha Nelson Vogt and Christna Vogt; "Mail Order Kid" by Marilyn June Coffey; and "Orphan Train Rider" by Andrea Warren.



1 Carolyn Grover on the Orphan Train



2 Stu Conrad presents Carolyn with Certificate



3 Kirk Rush (right) receives papers for patriot supplemental

Scouts honored:

On Sunday, June 4th, Compt. Kirk Rush presented SAR Eagle Scout Certificates to seven Eagle Scouts of Troop 123 with Community Covenant Church in Lenexa, KS. Pictured, below, from left to right are Scoutmaster Troy Johnson; Asst. Scoutmaster Ben Crawford; Eagle Scouts Noah Smith, Ryan Moyer, Cameron Sizemore, Ben Trauernicht, Tiger Harris-Webster, Lar Erickson, Lance Erickson; and Asst. Scoutmaster (Eagle Advisor) Kirk Rush.



4 Seven Eagle scouts honored

KS SAR Auxiliary August Project:

The Auxiliary ladies are collecting school supplies for grades 9-12 in the Emporia School District to donate at the August 5th meeting in Emporia. A church in Emporia coordinates efforts to give all K-8 students their supplies, but they do not provide for the older students. If any wives would like to help us with our project, we would be most grateful. Supplies can be given to the men who will be coming to the Board of Governors meeting or to Auxiliary members. On their needed list are: spiral notebooks, notebook paper (college rule), 3-ring notebooks (3 inch), black or blue ballpoint pens, #2 pencils, colored pencils, facial tissues and backpacks for any age. If more information is needed, please contact me at kcnelson42@sbcglobal.net. Thank you for your support. Ruby Nelson

Preview of Chapter Meeting Program, July 15:

William Everett, UMKC, distinguished professor of musicology will present: "The American Revolution and the Broadway Musical (including 1776 and Hamilton)."

(End of Patriot News letter)