



The Delaware Crossing Patriot Kansas Society

Sons of the American Revolution

November 2019

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

NEXT MEETING:

When: November 16, 2019

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: [“Continental Marine Uniform”](#) presented by [William Hendricks](#)

Please make every effort to attend, we would like a large turnout for this outstanding program.

The President's Corner



By Kirk Rush

The President's Corner: brought to you by Patriot Samuel Whittemore.

Compatriots,

I would love to see more articles submitted by chapter members included in the newsletter. After all, this is *your* newsletter. Feel free to submit articles, or even just short notices, about your patriot ancestors, historic events you are interested in, patriotic events you have been to, etc. If you have someone in your family currently serving in the military, tell us about him or her.

This month I will give you a little history about one of my patriot ancestors: Samuel W. Whittemore and his son, Alvan Fosdick Whittemore. Bear in mind that my Samuel Whittemore is not *THE* Samuel Whittemore who is famous for being the oldest known colonial combatant in the American Revolutionary War.

My Samuel Whittemore was born in New London, Connecticut on 25 June 1751 and died in 5 February 1821 also in New London. He was a Private in the Connecticut Militia serving under Capt. Simeon Smith (company commander) with

CALENDAR & COMING EVENTS

November 2019

- 11/2 BOG Meeting – Wichita, KS
- 11/13 DX EC Meeting
- 11/16 DX Chapter Meeting

December 2019

- 12/11 DX EC Meeting
- 12/14 Wreaths Across America
- 12/14 Annual DX Chapter Christmas Party – Hampton Inn, 16555 Midland DR, Shawnee, KS

Col. Philip B. Bradley as his regimental commander. He served from 1 July 1776 to 14 January 1777 for which he received a whopping 12 pounds, 18 shillings and 8 pence (which doesn't sound like much). Beyond that not much else is known about his service to our country.

His son, Alvan born in 1796, managed to achieve a little more fame. He became a doctor and chemist; and opened the first drug store in Essex, CT sometime in the mid 1800s. An extract from the Witch Hazel plant had been used as an astringent to treat minor ills by Native Americans for generations. European Americans had adopted the practice of using Witch Hazel but the use was limited due to the extract's relatively short shelf life. Dr. Whittemore had found a way to preserve Witch Hazel extract (which he sold at his drug store) by distilling it and preserving it with alcohol. This greatly increased its shelf life and its popularity. He produced the Witch Hazel with a consortium of several business partners but finally consolidated with one partner: Thomas N. Dickinson. At some point Dr. Whittemore sold his interest to Dickinson who took over production of the extract. Dickinson's Witch Hazel is still made today and you can find it at just about any drug store or the pharmacy section of your favorite grocery store. It's a great astringent for your face, is apparently good at treating acne, and even helps to help soothe tired, sore muscles.

Had Samuel Whittemore and all our patriot ancestors not fought the British perhaps there never would have been a United State of America. Perhaps his son, Alvan, would not have been born; and perhaps we would have no Witch Hazel astringent today!

Summary of Delaware Crossing Chapter October 19, 2019 Meeting:

Program by David Copeland

At the October 16, 2019 chapter meeting David Copeland presented an interesting program of how an organization of which he is a member is promoting that the States should be permitted to propose US Constitutional Amendments and not just the Congress of the United States.

He did his very best to be apolitical on the issue as several questions were asked.



David Copeland

Wreaths Across America Update

As of the writing of this article, 133 wreaths have been sponsored through our Chapter. Those 133 have been provided by 6 members and 2 relatives of a member.

Our goal for the December 14, 2019 event is 300. Our membership exceeds 150. If a few would sponsor 2 wreaths and the remainder one wreath our chapter goal would be reached.

There are more than 2400 veterans' graves identified at Johnson County Memorial Gardens, they all deserve to be remembered with a wreath. At this time, there have been 152 wreaths sponsored. We are currently carrying the load, let's show the public we are capable and willing to do just that.

The motto of Wreaths Across America is Remember, Honor, Teach. The Remember portion is what the laying of a wreath achieves. The Honor is to honor all living veterans have served and those in active serve, the Teach is to teach our young the value of Freedom. Your sponsoring of 1 or more wreaths through our chapter achieves all three elements of the motto.

The last date to sponsor (donate) a wreath is December 4, 2019. Let's not wait to the last second to sponsor a wreath.

A form is published with this article that will permit you to write a check and mail it to Wreaths Across America. If you wish to use a credit card, go to the Wreaths Across America web site, click on the Menu at the upper write, click on SEARCH LOCATIONS/GROUP, then Local Fund-Raising Group, the search for Delaware Crossing Chapter KSSAR. From there follow the directions to sponsor.

If you prefer, click on the following link or copy the following link and paste in your browser.

<https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/18200/Overview/?relatedId=159319>

Volunteers are also needed to lay the wreaths on December 14 and to pick them up after they have served their purpose.

Please advise Dewey Fry if you plan to volunteer or go to the Wreaths Across America web site and register as a Volunteer at the Location of Johnson County Memorial Gardens.

While you on the web site, take a few minutes to peruse it. See how one man started a recognition that has grown to over 1.8 million wreaths at more than 1800 locations, all with donation from the public and transportation companies.

Dewey Fry
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WREATHS across AMERICA

Wreath Sponsorship Form

Sponsored wreaths are placed on grave markers at state and national veterans' cemeteries, as well as at local, community cemeteries each December. Wreaths may also be sponsored online at www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org. If you wish to make your sponsorship with a credit card, please visit our website for a secure online transaction.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Please make checks payable to:
Wreaths Across America
PO Box 249
Columbia Falls, ME 04623

Call 877-385-9504 with any questions.
Thank you for your sponsorship and joining us in our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach!

Sponsorship Type	Price	Quantity	Total
Individual = 1 Wreath	\$15.00		
Mailed "In Honor" card = If you wish to send a physical honor card telling someone of your sponsorship, please see "In Honor" section below. The \$2 fee is required for this mailing.	\$2.00		
Family = 4 Wreaths	\$60.00		
Small Business = 10 Wreaths	\$150.00		
Corporate = 100 Wreaths	\$1,500.00		
		Grand Total	

GRAVE SPECIFIC REQUESTS ARE NOT ACCEPTED ON THIS FORM

In Honor of:

Below, please provide email or mailing address of "In Honor of" recipient so we can notify them of your sponsorship in their honor. If you have a specific message please write it on the back of this sheet.

Email address: _____
Mailing address: _____

In Memory of:

This name will be listed on our online memory wall. Below, please provide name, rank, branch of service and state resided.

Branch of Service: _____
Rank: _____
State: _____

Please note: ALL sponsored wreaths are shipped directly to the location and NO wreaths are sent to the individuals purchasing sponsorships.

Location ID: KSJCMG Fundraising Group ID: KS0027P

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Cash: _____ Total: _____ Date Received: _____
Total No. Checks: _____ Reconciled: _____
MO: _____ GEN: _____
Entered: _____

DAR Recognitions Awards

The Kansas Society SAR has a program the awards DAR Members for referring men for membership to the Sons of the American Revolution through the Kansas Society. For the first referral a Medal of Appreciation is awarded, for the fifth referral a Martha Washington Medal is awarded, for the tenth referral the Daughters of Liberty Medal is awarded. Every five referrals thereafter and Oak Leaf Cluster for the Daughters of Liberty Medal is awarded. A Certificate of Appreciation is awarded for the referrals between the first referral and every five thereafter.

One of the duties of the Delaware Crossing Chapter DAR Liaison is to present the awards to the DAR ladies who have made referrals at their DAR Chapter Meeting if possible.

The evening of October 1, 2019, Barbara Knopke of the Prairie Rose Chapter was presented the Medal of Appreciation. The medal was to have been presented in the Atonement Lutheran Church where the chapter has met for many years. Upon arrival the power was off; the ladies decided to hold the meeting in an area dimly light by emergency lighting. Just before the meeting was to start, a church representative announced everyone had to evacuate the building. The attendees then processed to a member's house to have the meeting. Dewey followed and presented the award to Barbara Knopke in the dining room.

Sometimes we have to pinch hit for Compatriots of another chapter. On Saturday October 5th, Dewey Fry presented Renee Slinkard with two Certificates of Appreciation for referring two applicants to the Henry Leavenworth Chapter. She was presented the award at her Marias Des Cygnes Chapter meeting at Timber Creek Bar and Grill in Louisburg.

Be it a church or a bar and grill, we will go there.



Dewey Fry presenting DAR Recognition Award to Barbara Knopke



Dewey Fry presents Renee Slinkard with two Certificates of Appreciation

Executive Committee Summary

Effective immediately, Daryl Taylor is stepping down as chapter Chaplain. We will need to fill this position as soon as possible.

Still looking to fill the positions of Sergeant-at-Arms and Parliamentarian. Dick Nelson will temporarily handle Sergeant-at-Arms duties until the end of the year at which time a replacement will be needed.

Stu Conrad is heading up the nomination committee to select nominations for chapter officers for 2020. Nominations will be presented to the Executive Committee at the November EC meeting.

Dewey Fry requested to be reimbursed for food costs from the annual picnic last month. A motion was made, seconded to reimburse him. The motion carried.

Dewey Fry (Veterans Committee) informed the EC that the maximum number of senior veterans staying at the Community Living Center or CLC (assisted living) at the VA hospital in Leavenworth, KS is typically 14. For the past several years the DX chapter has supported veteran staying at the CLC by purchasing various items to present to the veterans on Veterans Day each November. Compatriot Fry requested that the committee decide how much money should be spent from the chapter's veterans' fund to support this for 2019. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to authorize spending up to and included \$400.00 from the veterans' fund for this. The motion carried