



The Delaware Crossing Patriot
Kansas Society
Sons of the American Revolution
 February 2023
 Metro Kansas City's Oldest & Largest Chapter, Founded 1960

The Revolution is coming!
Three Years - 5 Months - Four Days

NEXT MEETING:

When: February 11, 2023

Where: Hilton Garden Inn. 12080 Strang Line Road, Olathe, KS 66062, 9:00am

Reservations & Cost: For reservations, email Secretary@dxsar.com or call Steven French (913)-832-6034 by 7:00 PM, Tuesday, February 7, 2023.

Cost: **\$20.00/person**

Program: King Eagle Scout & Knight Essay Contests Awards

CALENDAR & COMING EVENTS

March 2023

- 8 DX EC Meeting
- 11 DX Chapter Meeting
- 18 Kansas Society Annual Conference

April 2023

- 12 DX EC Meeting
- 15 DX Chapter Meeting

May 2023

- 15 DX EC Meeting
- 18 DX Chapter Meeting

The President's Corner



By Larry Tatum

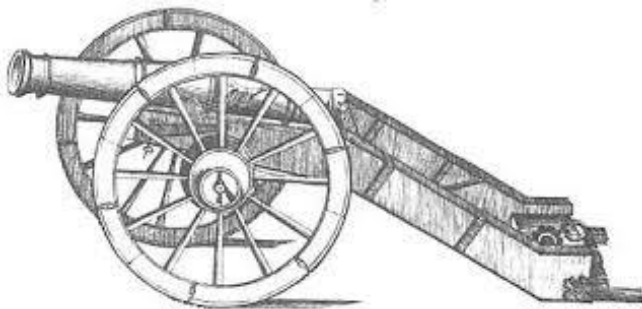
2023 looks like a banner year for the Delaware Crossing Chapter. Full house attendance started the year for Senator Roger Marshall's program. He certainly didn't disappoint us. Based on his knowledge and grasp of the problems facing our country, I feel that we Kansans are in good hands and the Senator's future in government is bright.

We already have some very good programs planned for the remaining Chapter Meetings, that

you won't want to miss. And the Color Guard is scheduled along with their Society duties, for Naturalization Ceremonies, Honor Flights, parades, and a possible bowling tournament.

I know you won't want to miss seeing the Color Guard, in uniform, bowling.

And how about those Chiefs! We are so fortunate to live in the marvelous Kansas City area and the Delaware Crossing Chapter is doing its part, supporting our community's educational and patriotic events.



*Chaplain General, Kansas Society President Vern Welkner, DX
President Larry Tatum, U.S. Senator Roger Marshall*

Senator Roger Marshall, MD

It is a very rare occasion that a US Senator has time to speak to a SAR Chapter. We were honored to have Senator Roger W. Marshall, from Great Bend Kansas, make a presentation to our chapter.

The topics on which Senator Marshall spoke at our January 21, meeting, were very informative and educational.

His presentation actually began with two of his staff members explaining their roles. Trey Martin, on the Senators left in the photo, in his role as District Representative spoke of monitoring taxes

and their effect on citizens and keeping the Senator informed of those effects. Tyler Mason, Military Liaison, a veteran himself, positioned on the Senators right. Spoke about monitoring the needs of and the various programs for our nation's military veterans with respect to existing programs that need changes, new programs needed and informing veterans of both.

The Senator spoke next. His presentation was very full and comprehensive of the legislation making its way through Congress and his role with some of it as a Senator interacting with members of his own political party and that of the other political parties. He did offer his professional opinion; but sparingly. Very little "us versus them" political positioning was in his presentation; most did not come until the questioning period at the end of his presentation.

After his presentation, Chaplain General and KSSSAR State President Vernon Welkner assisted by DX President Larry Tatum presented the SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal to Senator Roger W. Marshall.

We owe a good deal of gratitude to VP of Programs John Martin for arranging the program by Senator Marshall.



U.S. Senator Roger Marshall



Tyler Mason, Senator Marshall, and Trey Martin.



Jessie Comer and David Yuengert are given their SAR Oath by Larry Tatum

Two New Members Inducted

Jessie Everett Comer, NSSAR Member No. 221235, registered December 31, 2021, and David James Yuengert, NSSAR Member No. 224574, registered December 9, 2022, were inducted at our January chapter meeting.

Jessie's Patriot Ancestor was Augustine Comer a Private in Capt. Landon's Company, Col. Nevil's 12th VA Regt and a Prisoner of War.

David's Patriot Ancestor was Ulrich Fulwider/ Fullenwider who served in York County, PA under Captain John Myer.

Photos of Jessie and David being administered their Membership Oath by President Larry Tatum and lighting of a candle in memory of their Patriot Ancestor accompanying this short article.

Gentlemen, welcome aboard.



David Yuengert lights his patriot's candle.



Jessie Comer lights his patriot's candle.



Jessie Comer tells about his patriot ancestor.



Mike Macfarlane is presented the SAR Life Saving Award by Larry Tatum

Lifesaving Award Presented

Michael Macfarlane accepted the Life Saving Award certificate and the Life Saving Medal at our January chapter meeting. Unfortunately, Nikolaus Crouch, who assisted in the saving of the life was unable to attend due to sick children and an emergency at work. The two gentlemen saved the life of 17-year-old Davis Dwight who had suffered a heart seizure, by administering CPR.

Mike expressed his high appreciation for the recognition. He also accepted the award for Nik Crouch and has delivered the award to him.

The latest news is that Davis Dwight has been released to return to participation in baseball. The cause of his heart stopping is still unknown, and he is still wearing a defibrillator.

Mike Macfarlane was very pleased to meet Senator Marshall and to hear his presentation and to see new members inducted.



2022 King Eagle Scout Contest Winner Determined

Our 2022 Eagle Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest chapter winner is Nathan Phillips of Boy Scout Troop 123 in Lenexa, KS. Thank you to Bruce Smith for assisting in the judging process and providing valuable feedback for improving Nathan's application and essay before submitting it for competition at the state level.

Nathan is the younger brother of Ben Phillips who was our chapter and state winner for 2021. Nathan is currently a Junior at Shawnee Mission West with a 4.0+ GPA and is a member of the National Honor Society. His Eagle Scout project involved leading a team of fellow Scouts and adults in construction, finishing, and placing picnic tables and whiteboards in the outdoor courtyard at

Westridge Middle School, creating an outdoor classroom.

Nathan will attend our February chapter meeting where he will accept his award from the chapter and present his essay about Major-General John Stark and his influence on several major battles during the American Revolution. During the chapter meeting an exciting announcement will be made regarding Nathan's ranking in the contest at the state level!



The Knight Essay Winner is Announced

The Delaware Crossing Chapter recently held its annual Knight Essay competition. Thanks to Ken Ludwig and Kirk Rush for assisting with judging. Their feedback was very insightful.

Our chapter contest winner is James Dykes. He is a sophomore at De Soto High School. His essay is about the relatively small, but crucial Battle of Pell's Point, NY.

James participates in varsity football, where he plays tackle, and wrestling. Outside school, he trains in martial arts.

He is a member of the high school debate team. He is a high-performing student academically and will be receiving an academic letter early in 2023. As a matter of civic responsibility, James has participated in several activities supporting our veterans including house and yard clean-ups, as well as house construction: and maintenance. For the past 2 years, he has assisted in setting up city flag displays on holidays.

James intends to apply to attend West Point. Let's all pull for James as he moves on to the state competition.