



*The Delaware Crossing Patriot*  
*Kansas Society*  
*Sons of the American Revolution*  
 July 2022  
 Metro Kansas City's Oldest & Largest Chapter, Founded 1960

*The Revolution is coming!*  
*Four Years - Four Days*

**NEXT MEETING:**

**When:** July 16, 2022

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

**Reservations & Cost:** For reservations, email [Secretary@dxsar.com](mailto:Secretary@dxsar.com) or call Steven French (913)-832-6034 by 7:00 PM, Wednesday, July 13, 2022.

**Cost:** \$17.00/person

**Program:** Mel Carney, Command at Dawn presentation

**CALENDER & COMING EVENTS**

**July 2022**

- 13 DX EC Meeting
- 16 DX Chapter Meeting

**August 2022**

- 6 BOG
- 17 DX EC Meeting
- 20 DX Chapter Meeting

**September 2022**

- 14 DX EC Meeting
- 17 DX Chapter Picnic

**The**

**President's Corner**



By Larry Tatum

**Have a Happy & Safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July!!!** What a time of the year to be a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

I recently ran into a compatriot of another KSSAR chapter at an antique mall. He opened our conversation by asking "how are things at the Delaware Crossing Chapter". Without hesitation, I replied that all was good and that the chapter was healthy and prosperous.

The quickest answer is always the most honest, you have to hesitate to supply something else.

I didn't inquire as to the reason for his question, but it probably referred to the effects and the aftermath of Covid.

But I am proud to report that our KSSAR Chapter is in very good shape in all respects. The credit for this belongs to our members, who with their many years of service and experience, have steered this organization past the many obstacles to the great position we now occupy.

As is always the case, many hands make a large task manageable.

Please remember to take time on this 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday to honor our ancestors for their sacrifices and when you see our guiding members at the next chapter meeting, thank them for all that they have helped the DX Chapter achieve.



Alan Martin, Dewey Fry, Tom Chychota, and Dennis Nelson.

### Old Shawnee Days Parade

Three Delaware Crossing Members participated in the Old Shawnee Days Parade on June 6 in Shawnee.

Dewey Fry, second from left, and Dennis Nelson, far right marched as part of the KSSAR Color Guard accompanied by Alan Martin of the Monticello Chapter and Tom Chychota of the Henry Leavenworth Chapter. The Shawnee Police led the parade, the KSSAR Color Guard was immediately behind them.

Behind the KSSAR Color Guard was the American Legion Color Guard and Band. Kirk Rush played the French Horn in the band. What is great about having a band lead of follow you is it keeps you in step.

What is good about marching at the front is that it is the shortest distance. What is bad about marching at the front is that it is non-stop. Sometimes it is best to be behind groups that occasionally stop to perform.



Delaware Crossing Color Guardsmen (from the left) Steven French, Kirk Rush, and Dewey Fry (second from the right)

### **Spring Honor Flights at KCI**

The Kansas Society Color Guard commanded by Compatriot Dewey Fry, was invited by the Missouri Society Color Guard to participate in the welcome back of Honor Flights to Kansas City International airport.

An Honor Flight is a flight on which veterans go to Washington DC, tour several of the sites and most often return the same day. It is at no cost to the veterans. There is a host for each veteran by from the sponsoring group.

The MOSSAR Color Guard, and KSSSAR Color Guard when invited, participate with the Patriot Guard Riders to welcome the veterans back as they exit from the secured area. The veterans exit the plane last. The welcoming them back and thanking them for their service is a surprise to most.

The Honor Flights dates, sponsoring organizations were as follows:

April 15, Southern Coffee County KS High School Honor Flights (Steven French's home county).

April 26, Southern Lyon County KS Honor Flight

April 28, Wamego KS High School Honor Flight.

May 18, Honor Flight Network of KC

May 25, Parsons KS High School Honor Flight

June 6, Central Heights Southeast High School Honor Flight

At least one KSSSAR Color Guardsman participated the welcoming back of each Honor Flight. Most often there were multiples.

Three from DX participated for during the spring schedule. They were Dewey Fry, Kirk Rush and Steven French.

The May 18 Honor Flights was the largest in the history of those arriving at KCI, it had 90 veterans plus escort, so large that it was a charter flight. Other flights were commercial flights that had 20 to 48 veterans.

They May 18 Honor Flight was welcomed home by a combined Color Guard; from MOSSAR were Mark Parks, Robert Grover, Stephen Sullins, James Scott, John Stewart, and Roy Hutchinson, from KSSSAR were Dewey Fry, Steven French, Kirk Rush and Alan Martin, several DAR ladies and a large contingent of Patriot Guard Riders. There were so many participating in the Color Guards that one photo could not be arranged.

A crowd of well over 200 people welcomed the veterans back home and thanked them for their service. KC Wolf and four of the Kansas City Chiefs Cheerleaders were present, KC Wolf even had to have his picture taken with SAR Color Guardsmen. 90 students from one nearby high school were in attendance and local television station covered the event.

Before the veterans arrived, Roy Hutchinson entertained the large crowd by playing patriot

songs and the armed forces songs on a fife. One lady led the crowd in singing America the Beautiful. One photo shows the large crowd with the Color Guards in the distance, another taken in the other direction.

Dewey Fry approached KC Wolf and stated that he had heard that the KC Wolf, wanted to have his picture taken with some Color Guardsmen.



Alan Martin greets an Honor Flight Veteran.



Steven French, Dewey Fry, and Kirk Rush await the flight's arrival.



Kirk Rush with a DAR member and Missouri Color Guardsman.



A very large crowd waits for the Honor Flight to arrive.

**Back to the Shawnee Parade**

Kirk Rush was unable to participate in the Old Shawnee Days Parade with the Color Guard.

But he was there as a member of the American Legion Band of Greater Kansas City.



*The American Legion Band of Greater Kansas City in the staging area.*



*The ever-talented Kirk Rush with his French Horn.*



Stephen Sullins presents his program on the Pinkerton Agency

### **The Pinkerton Agency during the Civil War**

Stephen Sullins, President of the Independence Pioneer Chapter of the SAR, gave a well presented program about the little-known activities of a woman Pinkerton agent during the Civil War.



James Schultz presents his award-winning oration.

### **On to the Nationals!**

Delaware Crossing Rumbaugh Oration winner, James Schultz, has not only taken First Place at the State level, but he is also one of six finalists for the National Contest.

James will travel this month to Savannah, GA where he will present his oration to the National SAR Congress.

We all wish good luck and great success for James.



Larry Tatum presents Stephen Sullins with a Certificate of Appreciation.