



## *The Delaware Crossing Patriot*

### *Kansas Society*

December 2016

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

#### CALENDER

##### NEXT MEETING:

**When:** December 10, Chapter Christmas Party. Cash Bar opens 6.00 PM, Posting Colors at 7:00 PM. (NO Saturday morning chapter meeting in December).

**Where:** Hilton Garden Inn, 12080 S Strang Line Rd., Olathe, KS

**Reservations & Cost:** For reservations, email [Secretary@dxsar.com](mailto:Secretary@dxsar.com) or call Kirk Rush (913)789-0975.

**NOTICE:** Breakfast price at the Delaware Crossing Chapter meetings at Hilton Garden Inn after January 1, 2017 is being raised to \$17.00 per person..

#### COMING EVENTS

12/17 Wreaths Across America – Leavenworth National Cemetery

1/21/2017 DX Chapter Meeting - Elections

##### 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*. You may reach me at [Gregory.millican@gmail.com](mailto:Gregory.millican@gmail.com), and phone number (913) 268-4932.



#### The President's Corner

Stu Conrad, President, DX

#### The Younger Generation

As I was watching interviews of some of the youth protesting the result of the recent election, a thought occurred. I noted that most were sadly ignorant of our form of government and American history. Of course, it's easy to chalk that up to "they haven't been taught," or "they weren't paying attention." The interviewees were in their twenties or perhaps even younger. But what occurred to me was, that while the fault is doubtless embedded in their lack of interest, what may also be the case is that their *teachers* who were only slightly older may not have been taught about their own American heritage.

My own experience: As a young school teacher at Raytown South High School, I was not much older than the students I was teaching. For example, once I referenced "JFK" and was met with blank stares. When I went through school, American History was taught, not only in our rural high school, but also as a history major, in my undergrad years. I learned, for example, that we do not have a direct democracy, but a republic in which we don't directly vote on issues as the Athenians did, we elect leaders, and send them to vote in accordance with our desires. Would that it were.

There is an old mantra that "if nothing is learned, nothing is taught." While correct, if no one

teaches the teacher about the aims and principles of America, they will not – indeed they cannot – pass it on to the next generation.

SAR's past PG, Tom Lawrence, emphasized this truth in creating the award for the American History Teacher of the Year. We may have overlooked the value of this award. I'd certainly like to see our chapter put an increased emphasis on this award regarding the numerous schools in our area. One of the problems with the award is that the teacher must complete the application. Perhaps some assistance could be given in this area. Certainly, the long application form could use some improvement, it ought not to be a hurdle for seeking recognition for an important contributor to youth education.

(End of President's Corner)

### **Wreaths Across America Ceremony**

Delaware Crossing along with the Monticello chapter is participating in the Wreaths Across America ceremony on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at Leavenworth National Cemetery. All compatriots are encouraged to attend the event that begins at 11am with a ceremony followed by the public laying of wreaths on graves of veterans. Please bring family and friends to help support this annual event.

In 1992 a wreath company in Maine had a surplus of wreaths. Remembering a trip as a child to Arlington National Cemetery, the owner arranged to have wreaths placed in one of the older sections of the cemetery where there were few visitors. Now twenty-four years later there will be over 700,000 wreaths placed at over 1000 locations.

Wreaths Across American slogan is:

- Remember our fallen U.S. Veterans
- Honor those who serve
- Teach your children the value of freedom

We encourage every volunteer who places a wreath on a veteran's grave to say that Veteran's name aloud and take a moment to thank them for their service to our country. We are not there to decorate graves. We are there to remember not their deaths but their lives.

Hope you and your family and friends can attend. You will never forget it just as we will never forget our veterans.

### **Final Results of 2015 Americanism Contest**

by Dennis Nelson, Americanism Chairman

The NSSAR has posted on its website the details of the 2015 Americanism/President General's Streamer Award contest. Americanism recognizes chapters that participate in outreach education efforts and who acknowledge community leaders for their efforts to perpetuate the goals of the SAR. The President General's Streamer contest recognizes chapters for their efforts to achieve the administrative goals of the SAR and who contribute to the success of the SAR. The President General's Cup recognizes chapters that best achieves the goals of both Americanism and President General's Streamer award contest. DX competed with 28 chapters that submitted reports for the 100-199 member category.

In the Americanism contest DX finished 11<sup>th</sup> with 4,798 in points. In 2014, DX finished 8<sup>th</sup> with 5,587 points. In the PG Streamer contest, DX was 1<sup>st</sup> with 6,983 points. In 2014, DX finished 1<sup>st</sup> with 7,450 points. In the President General's Cup contest, the points for Americanism and PG Streamer are combined and divided by the number of members in the chapter to arrive at an average of overall points per member. DX scored in 14 categories qualifying to compete for the President General's Cup by scoring in at least 12 out of 16 categories. DX finished 6<sup>th</sup> with 77.36 averaged points per member. Congratulations to all chapter

members for their efforts whether it is active participation in the chapter and/or providing financial support through dues and donations. These results clearly demonstrate that DX is one of the best SAR chapters in NSSAR for both outreach and administrative support of SAR programs. In addition, through November 6, 2016, the chapter has earned 8,350 Americanism points compared to 4,798 for all of 2015.

### **Memorial Service for Gary Gariglio**

On Saturday October 8th at Leavenworth National Cemetery, members of Delaware Crossing and Henry Leavenworth chapters provided a Color Guard detail for a memorial service for Vietnam Veteran, Airman Gary Gariglio. Following is a summary about Gary:

Gary was born in Miami, FL in 1950. He grew up in Florida, playing baseball, frolicking in the surf of the Atlantic, watching Sky King, Rin-Tin-Tin & the Lone Ranger on TV and growing into a good-looking, bright young man.

His heart desire was to become a minister and by 1969, he was a student at Florida Bible College. In August 1971, Gary entered the Air Force and was assigned to the 6993<sup>rd</sup> Security Squadron based at Kelly AFB in San Antonio, TX. The 6993<sup>rd</sup> was a branch of the Air Force Security Service, often working with the NSA and comprised mainly of airmen from the top ½ of 1% of enlisted recruits. They monitored, collected, and interpreted intelligence from around the world. Often these airmen were sent into the field; serving in Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam and throughout S.E. Asia. Gary was discharged in August 1973. In 1977, he was a student at Kansas City's Central Baptist Theological Seminary. He died alone, possibly a victim of PTSD. Apparently, estranged by his family and incomplete at his school, Gary remained on the shelves of a Kansas City funeral

home until this past February, when he finally came home to Leavenworth.

The SAR Color Guard presented Colors at the beginning of the ceremony; and at the conclusion of the ceremony retrieved Colors and played Taps. Those who attended from SAR were as follows:

- Harry Wilklow III – Forward Musket man
- Dewey Fry – US Colors
- John Schatzel – Kansas State Flag
- Dennis Nelson – State Color Guard Commander & Betsy Ross Flag
- Kirk Rush – Bugler
- **Brooks Lyles – Rear Musket man**



*1 Memorial service in Leavenworth for Gary Gariglio*

### **November Chapter Program:**

The November speaker was Allan S. Boyce, Assistant Professor / Chief of Curriculum Development, Department of Logistics and Resource Operations (DLRO).

Many may recall from your study of the Revolutionary War how historians sometimes divide and discuss the military actions as occurring on three separate stages -the New England states (to include New York), the Mid-Atlantic states, and the Southern states. On November 19, Mr. Allan Boyce from the Henry Leavenworth chapter discussed the significance of the "Northern Corridor" during the Revolutionary War. In his presentation, "Drums in the Valleys,

Fire on the Lakes: Part III, The Revolutionary War, the history and importance of the Mohawk River-Hudson River-Lake Champlain waterways and the Adirondack-Green Mountains on either side of the lake that make up the Northern Corridor and the gateway to Canada.



2 November Program Speaker, Allan Boyce

### Supplemental for Mike Meisinger

Mike Meisinger received the documentation for his supplemental patriot, James Antony. Mike gave a short summary of his patriot's accomplishments.



3 Mike Meisinger receives documentation for supplemental, presented by Stu Conrad.

### Former Chapter Presidents Honored:

The DX former presidents were honored at the November chapter meeting.



4 Former Chapter Presidents Honored: Peter Grassl, I. Barnett Ellis, Dewey Fry, Tim Peterman, Dennis Nelson, Brian Revard, Richard Nelson, Richard Cox, Robert Capps, Jr.