



The Delaware Crossing Patriot

Kansas Society

August 2016

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

COMING EVENTS CALENDER

NEXT MEETING:

When: August 20

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

Reservations & Cost: For reservations, email
Secretary@dxsar.com or call Kirk
Rush (913)789-0975 by 3:00 PM, the
Wednesday before.

Program: Losing America – speaker: Prof. Paul
Kelton. See write-up description of the Chapter
program, below.

Aug 6 Board of Governors – Emporia

Aug 20 Fire Safety Commendation Medal to
Trevor Miller, OPFD

Aug 26-27 SCD Meeting – OP Ks

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, and phone number (913) 268-4932.



The President's Corner

Stu Conrad, President, DX

It seems to be the political season! Both conventions are over; all “convention” speeches have been made; the “bumps” have occurred. And yet the rosy glow lingers. Would it be so! But what has not been forgotten is the sacrifice of some of our “Nation’s Finest,” who have given their all to serve and protect.

In the dust that has yet to settle, as patriots we should seek to remember their sacrifice; the “thin blue line” that separates us from anarchy. In so doing, I’ve unfortunately noted a strong tendency to blame inanimate objects for our current troubles, all the while forgetting the reason that our founders thought it necessary to enshrine our rights in a series of amendments to the Constitution of 1787. Our government was designed to be one of limited power and, indeed, our Constitution might not have been ratified save for the promise of a declaration of personal rights that today we refer to as the “Bill of Rights.” I am sure that some of you know the story better than I.

Some time ago my father commented to me that “you can always tell a schoolteacher because all they can talk about is school.”

Given that I've spent a considerable time with the Boy Scouts, many of my memories relate to some aspect of Scouting.

With my father's admonition in mind, Scouting's current First Class requirements include the Scout seeking out a public official, or a lawyer and discussing with them their rights and responsibilities as a citizen. Having had this counseling task once or twice, I'm frequently amazed that when I open with the question: "Where do our rights come from" the frequent answer I receive is "the government." I then refer them to the initial words of the Declaration that it sources rights as coming from the "creator." We then talk about the wording of the First Amendment, *i.e.*, that "Congress shall make no law abridging . . ." and I then observe to them that certain rights must *already exist* before any "abridgement" of them can take place. The rights are not created by Congress; rather the very language of the First Amendment confirms their prior existence.

Methinks the young Scouts' misunderstanding as to the source of rights is not unique to them. We, as ancestors of those who drafted and endorsed these powerful words, should not shrink from the task of frequently reminding our countrymen as to the source of these God-given rights; that they do not come from government and that, to the contrary, our government was intended to preserve these rights, not limit them. Political season or no, these concepts deserve our respect and attention.

(End of President's Corner)

DX Color Guard Activity

Leawood Rotary Club hosted a 5K Run on June 11th. The purpose was to raise money

for the Rotary Club's charitable fund, "A Child's Tomorrow" which supports several local nonprofit organizations to benefit children. The DX Chapter Color Guard presented the colors for the opening ceremony, and also had a booth set up to promote the SAR.



1 At Rotary Club: Left to Right: Kirk Rush, Dewey Fry, Dennis Nelson, and Richard Cox



Medal for Heroism Awarded to Nate Reichmuth

Nate Reichmuth, and Eagle Scout, was awarded the Medal for heroism at the July chapter meeting. Joseph (father), Lorrie

(mother), and Matt (brother) were present for the presentation of the Heroism Metal. See the July 2016 *Patriot* newsletter for the complete story about Nate.



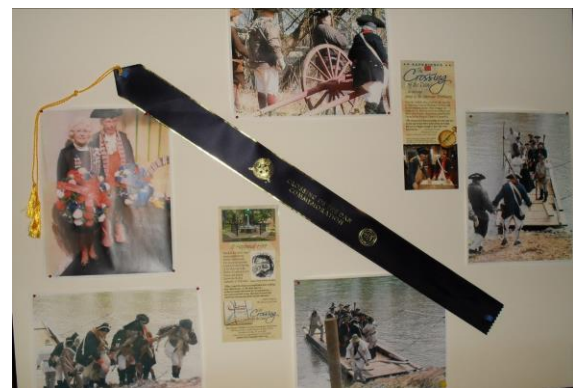
2 Left-to-right: Dewey Fry, Stu Conrad, Nate Reichmuth and Lorrie Reichmuth

July DX Chapter meeting:

Chris and Anne Sizemore were the presenters of the July 2016 DX Chapter program: “*Crossing of the Dan; A Pivotal Revolutionary War Action*”. Chris Sizemore provided a video tracking the action in North Carolina. See the website: www.CrossingoftheDan.org for a description of the Southern Campaign. Anne Sizemore provided the story of how the local settlers supplied and provided for the needs of Continental Army.



3 Chris Sizemore, presenter of "Crossing of the Dan"



4 'Crossing of the Dan' Presentation material

Description of August 20 Chapter program:

"Losing America, 1775-1783; How Entanglements with Indigenous Peoples Doomed the British Empire" by Professor Paul Kelton, University of Kansas.

British failure to cultivate the allegiance of settlers in the southern backcountry played a determinative role in the American Revolution. Assumed to be Loyalists, the masses never rose to defeat the believed to be rebel minority as British officials hoped. Such failure and false

hopes, however, existed within a larger context of Great Britain's entangled relations with indigenous peoples, particular the Cherokee Nation. Cherokees had engaged in years of trading, diplomacy, and intermarriage with the Britons, creating bonds with each other that neither could escape. The British cultivated Cherokee warriors, but such involvement undermined influence that they hoped to expand in the backcountry; Cherokees chose to strike against settlers based on assumed British support, but their actions put their imperial partner in an unwinnable position. These entanglements on the periphery of empire turned out to be central to one of global history's most important events.

Trevor Miller to be awarded Fire Safety Commendation Medal

Trevor Miller, Fire Investigator in the Overland Park Fire Department will be awarded the SAR Fire Safety Commendation Medal at our August 20 chapter meeting.

Trevor is a 29+ year veteran of the Overland Park Fire Department. He was sworn in as a firefighter in June of 1987 after obtaining all of the certifications and certificates he would need for a career in firefighting and EMS from Johnson County Community College and Kansas City Kansas Community College. During his 29 year tenure in the Overland Park Fire Department, Trevor has presented several hundred Fire Prevention and Safety programs to many organizations and classes of students.

As many firefighters do, Trevor has worked part time jobs while working as a full time firefighter. His part time jobs have also been in the area of public safety.

Trevor worked 15 years as a part-time firefighter/EMT for the City of Merriam, KS. During his time at Merriam, he established their

Honor Guard team, their water rescue team and was Merriam's lead Fire Investigator. He rose to the rank of Lieutenant.

Also for 15 years, he has worked for the Kansas Speedway Fire/Rescue Team. He's had the opportunity to travel across the country for NASCAR to teach other fire rescue teams emergency track operations. During all the races at Kansas, he drives the trauma Doctor out of turn four. He currently holds the rank of Captain on the Speedway Fire team

Trevor also wanted to see what it was like on the thin blue line. He went to the Kansas Highway Patrol Academy to receive his Kansas law enforcement certification. He then worked 7 years as a Reserve Police Officer for the City of Gardner, KS. During his time there, he was able to sharpen his skills as a fire investigator by



5 Trevor Miller

doing investigations and interrogation interviews. He worked his way up and became the lead Fire Investigator for the city of Gardner.

During one incident in Gardner, officers were involved in a high-speed chase. During the chase, one officer ended up colliding with the suspect's car. Two suspects ran from the vehicle. The first officer was able to apprehend the passenger. The passenger told the officer the driver was armed and was not planning on going back to prison. Trevor was the second officer to arrive and chased the driver on foot through the fields and wooded area east of I-35. After a one mile foot chase, Trevor was able to apprehend the suspect at gunpoint. Once the suspect was handcuffed, Trevor conducted a body search; he found a loaded hand gun, drugs and a bundle of cash on the suspect. The suspect ended up having an extensive felony background. The criminal was convicted and sentenced to 20 years in prison.

In 2009, Trevor was instrumental in obtaining one of the largest steel artifacts from the World Trade Center here in the Midwest. With an extremely dedicated group of individuals from our community, a beautiful, educational, 9/11 Memorial was built in Overland Park with no tax dollars. This beautiful memorial in Overland Park is dedicated to the 3,000 people who lost their lives in New York, the Pentagon and Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

It is also a reminder to those who work the front lines in our communities today the sacrifices that our first responders gave on September 11th and today to protect us.

Trevor presents programs for various organizations reviewing the planning, designing, building, and maintaining of the memorial in Overland Park.

Throughout his career he has received numerous awards and citations for his actions.

Trevor is married to his beautiful wife Jessy. Trevor and Jessy have two sons, Morgan and Lincoln. They reside in Merriam, KS.