



*The Delaware Crossing Patriot
Kansas Society
Sons of the American Revolution
March 2021
Metro Kansas City's Oldest & Largest Chapter, Founded 1960*

NEXT MEETING:

When: March 13, 2021

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, March 9, 2021.

Cost: \$17.00/person

Program: Chapter Awards

The President's Corner



By Ken Ludwig

Eleven months ago, in my first Presidents article, I mentioned that we need to start preparing for the 250th anniversary of the birth of our Nation. Well, that initiative now has a logo and a name, and it is.

AMERICA 250

I have also learned that the proper name for a 250th celebration is semiquincentennial. There is US Semiquincentennial Commission that is responsible for coordinating all the activities across the

CALENDER & COMING EVENTS

March 2021

- 10 DX EC Meeting
- 13 DX Chapter Meeting
- 19,20 State Conference, Leavenworth, KS

April 2021

- 14 DX EC Meeting
- 17 DX Chapter Meeting

May 2021

- 1 Board of Governors
- 12 DX EC Meeting
- 15 DX Chapter Meeting

nation as we celebrate. They are expecting somewhere in the neighborhood of 137000 programs across the nation, with a vast majority of them being state led. This commission is now reaching out to the states to form their own commissions and start their own planning. Currently there has been introduced into the Kansas House Bill 2353 and into the Kansas Senate Bill 236. I have included in this newsletter a copy of these bills. If these pass (which I do not see why they should not), the SAR will have a seat at the table, through our state society and will have an impact in the planning and execution of this celebration.

I would encourage you to reach out to your state senators and representatives to encourage them to pass this legislation.

Eventually, this will filter down to our chapter level and we will be asked to participate on multiple levels. I anticipate the following.

1. I am sure that our Color Guard will be very busy with requests to participate in uniform.
2. I suspect we will need multiple speakers willing to attend events and talk about the Revolution.
3. The schools may open up and let us in to present programs.
4. I anticipate that we will have an interest in people seeing if they qualify to join our organization.

To meet this need as a chapter we will all need to step up and be more involved as we will need genealogists, more Color Guard members, and people willing to give presentations and educational programs. Please consider getting more involved now so that we will be prepared in 5 years.

Ken Ludwig

(Kansas Senate Bill 236 is attached on page 6.)

Final Results of 2019 Americanism Contest

by Dennis Nelson, Americanism Chairman

The NSSAR has posted on its website the details of the 2019 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 31 chapters that submitted reports for the 100-199 member category.

In the Americanism contest DX finished 5th with 8,945 in points. In the PG Streamer contest, DX was 18th with 2,595 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 13 categories qualifying to compete for the President General's Cup by scoring in at least 12 out of 16 categories. DX finished 9th with a 59.17 average 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.

The 2020 report will be filed by March 1, 2121 with details about the report in the Patriot next month.



Charles Horner is presented "the King Eagle Scout Award" by Kirk Rush.

EAGLE SCOUT AWARDED AT CHAPTER MEETING

At our monthly chapter meeting on Saturday, February 20, 2021; Eagle Scout Charles "Chase" Horner of Boy Scout Troop 282 in Leawood, KS presented his Patriotic Essay written and submitted for the 2020 Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest. Chase won first place out of several applications received this year in our chapter.

Chase's essay was about Charles Willson Peale, a famous portrait artist during the American Revolution who painted portraits of several of our famous founding fathers, including George Washington. In addition to being an accomplished portrait artist, Peale (after the Revolution) opened one of the first natural history museums in America. It contained the first complete skeleton of the American Mastodon among many other unique exhibits. Charles Willson Peale also happens to be Chase's great-great-great-great-great-grandfather.

After Chase read his essay, chapter Eagle Scout chairman Kirk Rush presented to Chase his award of \$500, a Certificate of Participation, and two SAR/Boy Scout partnership patches for him to wear on his uniform. Chase has also won first place at the state level and state Eagle Scout chairman Kirk Rush will present his award to him at the state Youth Awards Luncheon on Saturday, March 20, 2021 in Leavenworth, KS. Chase was also the chapter and state winner last year (for the 2019 contest).

Chase's application has been submitted to NSSAR for competition at the national level. We wish him the best of luck and hope to see him be able to accept an award at the SAR Annual Congress in Renton, Washington this July.



Charles "Chase" Horner presents his King Eagle Scout Essay.

2021 Rumbaugh and Knight Awards

The 2021 Rumbaugh Oration Winner, Myles Day, and the 2021 Knight Essay Winner, Michael Clausen, presented their respective works at the February Chapter Meeting.

Each of the contest winners were unanimously chosen by the judging committees and their presentations were extremely well received. We have very high expectations for their continued success in the next levels.



Rumbaugh Oration Winner, Myles Day.



Ryan Day receives a "Certificate of Appreciation" from Bruce Smith, for the help provided to his son, Myles.



Bruce Smith presents Myles Day with his "Rumbaugh Oration Award".



Knight Essay Winner, Michael Clausen.



Bruce Smith presents Michael Clausen with "the Knight Essay Award".



Bruce Smith, Michael Clausen & his father Josh Clausen, who was presented with a "Certificate of Appreciation" for the help provided to his son, Michael.



The Passing of Compatriot Donald Herbert Linn

Donald Herbert Linn, became a member of the Sons of the American Revolution through the Kansas Society SAR and the Delaware Crossing Chapter on October 19, 2018; NSSAR No. 209245, KSSAR No. 3443 passed on February 22, 2021 after a short battle with pancreatic cancer. His patriot ancestor was Adam Linn a Private in the Pennsylvania Militia. Donald was preceded in death by his Mother - Betty. Donald leaves behind his beloved wife – Candy; father, Jim; brothers, David, Chuck and Craig; sister, Jill; and sister-in-law, Cindy. Jim Linn is a member of Delaware Crossing Chapter. We did not see Donald often as he lived in Cottonwood Falls, Kansas, but preferred to be a member of Delaware Crossing Chapter. We express our most sincere condolences to Donald's family.

SENATE BILL No. 236

By Committee on Ways and Means 2-12

AN ACT establishing the Kansas commission for the United States semiquincentennial in the department of wildlife, parks and tourism; prescribing commission membership, responsibilities, meetings and expiration; creating the Kansas commission for the United States semiquincentennial gifts and donations fund.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) Sections 1 through 10, and amendments thereto, shall be known and may be cited as the Kansas commission for the United States semiquincentennial act.

(b) As used in sections 1 through 10, and amendments thereto:

(1) "Act" means the Kansas commission for the United States semiquincentennial act; and

(2) "commission" means the Kansas commission for the United States semiquincentennial.

Sec. 2. (a) The Kansas commission for the United States semiquincentennial is hereby established within and as a part of the department of wildlife, parks and tourism to plan, encourage, develop and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States and to recognize the impact of this event on the people of Kansas and the nation's past, present and future.

(b) The commission shall cooperate with the United States semiquincentennial commission and various state agencies, boards, commissions, departments and political subdivisions in order to execute commemorative events and to implement educational activities, events and celebrations related to the semiquincentennial of the United States.

Sec. 3. (a) The commission shall consist of 14 voting members as follows:

(1) The secretary of wildlife, parks and tourism or the secretary's designee;

(2) the secretary of commerce or the secretary's designee;

(3) the executive director of the Kansas state historical society or the executive director's designee;

(4) two members of the house of representatives to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, including one member each from the majority and minority party;

(5) two members of the senate to be appointed by the president of the senate, including one member each from the majority and minority party;

(6) the state regent of the Kansas society daughters of the American revolution or the state regent's designee;

(7) the president of the Kansas society sons of the American revolution or the president's designee;

(8) the president of the Kansas historical foundation or the president's designee;

(9) one representative from the Kansas bar association, appointed by the president of the association;

(10) one professor of American history from a Kansas institution of higher education, appointed by the president of the state board of regents;

(11) one teacher of American history from a public school, appointed by the state board of education; and

(12) one representative appointed by the Kansas native American affairs office.

(b) Members shall be appointed for the duration of the commission but shall serve only for as long as such members

remain in the position that originally qualified such member for appointment.

(c) A vacancy on the commission shall not affect the powers of the commission. Each vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

Sec. 4. (a) The commission shall plan, coordinate and implement a program in 2026 to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States. In developing the plans and overall program for the event, the commission shall:

- (1) Give due consideration to related plans and programs developed by federal, state, local and private groups;
 - (2) hold public meetings to solicit the input of Kansas citizens throughout the state in developing programs for the semiquincentennial. The first public meeting shall be held within 90 days of the commission's first meeting and public meetings shall continue throughout the commission's existence;
 - (3) showcase all counties of the state;
 - (4) draw attention to the achievements, struggles, honors, innovations and impacts of all people in the state;
 - (5) clearly delineate all expenses incurred by the commission in developing the program; and
 - (6) create a website to communicate plans for the semiquincentennial.
- (b) To aid in developing plans, the commission may designate special committees with representatives from groups described in section 2(b), and amendments thereto, to plan, develop and coordinate specific activities.

Sec. 5. Meetings of the commission shall be held throughout the state at times and locations determined by the chairperson, who shall be selected by a majority vote of the commission and may serve up to two consecutive two-year terms. In the case of a national, state or local emergency, making meeting in person dangerous or impossible, the commission may meet in another manner where all participants can participate with each other at the same time,

including using an electronic platform. The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the secretary of wildlife, parks and tourism or the secretary's designee. A majority of the members of the commission constitutes a quorum.

Sec. 6. (a) (1) On or before December 31, 2022, the commission shall submit a comprehensive report to the governor, the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives that contains the commission's specific recommendations for the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States and related events.

(2) The report shall include:

- (A) A detailed timeline of the commission's plan for the overall program through 2027;
 - (B) the commission's recommendations for the allocation of costs among public and private entities that provide financial and administrative assistance to the commission;
 - (C) the projected number of jobs created through the implementation of the commission's plan and overall program;
 - (D) the projected economic impact of the implementation of the commission's plan and overall program on the economy of Kansas;
 - (E) the geographic impact of the commission's plan and overall program on all counties of this state; and
 - (F) outputs and outcomes against which progress and success of the commission's plan and overall program can be measured.
- (3) The commission shall make the comprehensive report available to the public on the commission's website.
- (b) (1) The commission shall submit an annual report to the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate detailing the commission's activities on or before December 31, 2023, and by December 31 each year thereafter. The report shall include an accounting of funds received and expended during the year covered by the report, the outputs and outcomes achieved and whether those

achievements meet the commission's plan and overall program goals.

(2) The commission shall make the annual report available to the public on the commission's website.

Sec. 7. (a) The commission may accept, use and dispose of gifts and donations of money, property or personal services. The type and quantity of gifts shall be enumerated and submitted to the Kansas governmental ethics commission each quarter and shall be made available to the public on the commission's website.

(b) There is hereby established in the state treasury the Kansas commission for the United States semiquincentennial gifts and donations fund, and such fund shall be administered by the secretary of wildlife, parks and tourism. All expenditures from the Kansas commission for the United States semiquincentennial gifts and donations fund shall be for promoting the Kansas commission for the United States semiquincentennial. All expenditures from the Kansas commission for the United States semiquincentennial gifts and donations fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the secretary or the secretary's designee.

(c) On December 31, 2027, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer all moneys in the Kansas commission for the United States semiquincentennial gifts and donations fund to the operating expenditures account of the state economic development initiatives fund of the department of wildlife, parks and tourism. On December 31, 2027, all liabilities of the Kansas commission for the United States semiquincentennial gifts and donations fund shall be transferred to and imposed upon the operating expenditures account of the state economic development initiatives fund of the department of wildlife, parks and tourism and the Kansas commission for the United States semiquincentennial gifts and donations fund shall be abolished.

Sec. 8. (a) The commission may:

- (1) Procure supplies, services and property;
- (2) enter into contracts;
- (3) expend, in furtherance of this act, funds donated or received pursuant to contracts entered into under this act in the Kansas commission for the United States semiquincentennial gifts and donations fund; and

(4) take action as necessary to enable the commission to effectuate the purposes of this act.

(b) Any action taken pursuant to subsection (a) shall first be approved by majority vote of the commission.

Sec. 9. (a) Commission members shall not receive compensation for their work with the commission.

(b) Non-legislative citizen members of the commission shall not receive compensation, subsistence allowances, mileage or reimbursement for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

Sec. 10. (a) The provisions of sections 1 through 10 of this act, and amendments thereto, shall expire on December 31, 2027.

(b) Upon the expiration of the commission on December 31, 2027, any property remaining property in the possession of the commission may

1. 1 be donated to local municipalities or other state agencies by the secretary
2. 2 of wildlife, parks and tourism.
3. 3 Sec. 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
4. 4 publication in the statute book.

Kansas Society 129th Annual Conference Registration March 19-20, 2021

Name		Chapter	
Title/Office	Phone		
Address	Email		
City, State, ZIP			
Guest Name			
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	Attendee	Cost Each	Total
Friday Evening	Compatriot (Italian Buffet, Salad Bar, Dessert)	\$25.00*	
	Guest	\$25.00*	
Saturday Youth Luncheon	Compatriot (Turkey, Ham, Cheddar Cheese Sandwich, Potato or Vegetable Beef Soup, Dessert)	\$15.00*	
	Guest	\$15.00*	
Saturday Evening Banquet	Compatriot (Circle One) Chicken Cordon Bleu, Herb Roasted Pork Loin, Grilled Salmon (Includes Salsal Bar, Cheesy Potatoes, Sautéed Green Beans, Bread/Rolls, Carrot Cake or Cheesecake)	\$30.00*	
	Guest (Circle One) Chicken Cordon Bleu, Herb Roasted Pork Loin, Grilled Salmon	\$30.00*	
		TOTAL	

Please make checks payable to: Kansas SAR

Mail Registration Form and check by **March 7, 2021** to:
 Jerald S. Gross
 908 Washington Street
 Weston, MO 64098
 jerald.gross@gmail.com

Kansas Society 129th Annual Conference Chartered March 31, 1892 Leavenworth, Kansas March 19-20, 2021

Schedule of Events

Friday, March 19, 2021

5:00 p.m. Registration begins
June's Northland
 614 Pottawatomie, Leavenworth
 6:30 p.m. Buffet
 Program TBD



Saturday, March 20, 2021

7:30 a.m. Breakfast for those at hotel
 8:15 a.m. Color Guard Muster and Rehearsal at June's Northland
 9:00 a.m. Memorial Service
 St. Paul Lutheran Church
 311 N. 7th Street, Leavenworth, KS
 10:00 a.m. Business Meeting and Election of Officers at June's Northland
 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting (TBD)
 11:00 a.m. Poster and Brochure Judging—June's Northland
 11:30 a.m. Color Guard Muster and Rehearsal for Luncheon—June's Northland
 12:00 p.m. Youth Awards Luncheon
 June's Northland
 Installation of State and Chapter Officers
 NSSAR Secretary General Remarks
 State Awards and Certificate Presentations
 2:30 p.m. Workshops TBD
 June's Northland
 4:00 p.m. Free Time (Tour of Fort Leavenworth?)
 5:30 p.m. Color Guard Rehearsal



Schedule for March 20, 2021 (Continued)

6:00 p.m. Reception
 Cash Bar Opens
 6:40 p.m. Receiving Line
 7:00 p.m. Banquet

Hotel Accommodations

Marriot Fairfield Inn
 1101 N Fourth Street
 Leavenworth Kansas
 (913) 758-9303
 Group Rate \$100 +/-
 Deadline February 28, 2021



FAQs

Who attends the Annual Conference? Any compatriot and his guest, chapter officers and state leaders—every Kansas SAR compatriot.
 May I attend only the events on Saturday? Certainly.
 If my wife is not a member of the Ladies Auxiliary, can she still attend. Yes
 May I wear my color guard uniform all day Saturday? Yes
 What is the attire? Friday night is business casual. Saturday events are slightly more formal. Men: either color guard uniform or coat and tie. Women: church attire for Youth Awards Luncheon; business formal for the evening banquet.
 *(The Prairie Minuteman Chapter, Kansas' newest SAR chapter was supposed to receive its charter at the 2020 State Conference that was cancelled due to COVID-19. If appropriate, I would like to recognize that chapter at the banquet. ???)