



The Delaware Crossing Patriot
Kansas Society
Sons of the American Revolution
 February 2024
 Metro Kansas City's Oldest & Largest Chapter, Founded 1960

The Revolution is coming!
Two Years - Five Months - Four Days

NEXT MEETING:

When: February 10, 2024

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

Reservations & Cost: For reservations, email Secretary@dxsar.com or call Kevin Dyches (913)-568-9998 by 7:00 PM, Tuesday, February 6, 2024.

Cost: **\$25.00/person**

Program: Student Awards

CALENDAR & COMING EVENTS

February 2024

- 3 BOG
- 7 DX EC Meeting
- 10 DX Chapter Meeting
- 17 GWBC

March 2024

- 6 DX EC Meeting
- 9 DX Chapter Meeting
- 16 State Conference

April 2024

- 17 DX EC Meeting
- 20 DX Chapter Meeting

The President's Corner



By Larry Tatum

This time of year always brings the excitement of football. The Kansas City area is fortunate to be able to watch and cheer on the Chiefs as they compete in the playoffs.

The Delaware Crossing Chapter is also fortunate to be able to celebrate our student Rumbaugh Oration, Knight Essay, Eagle Scout Essay, Brochure and Poster Contestants.

This year, the contests were close and we are looking forward to awarding the winners at our February 9th meeting. The student award programs give us the opportunity to showcase the gifted students in our area and to put the spotlight on the Delaware Crossing Chapter's commitment to historical education.

Our outstanding chapter winners have an excellent chance to take State and move on to the Nationals.

Don't miss this annual occasion, your attendance at the February meeting will make a lasting memory of the SAR for the students and their families.



Larry Tatum presents Dr. Curtis S. King with a Certificate of Appreciation.

The Battle of Monmouth

Dr. Curtis S. King presented a program on the Battle of Monmouth at our January 20, 2024 Chapter Meeting. His in-depth knowledge of the battle and the leaders of the troops and their strategies along with excellent diagrams made the presentation very interesting and easy to follow.

This greatest significance of the battle is that it was the first to display that the Continental Army had indeed gained the capability to fight in battle and win. Clinton and his troops chose to leave the field and go to New York rather than continue the battle.

Just as interesting as the subject was the presentation by Dr. King. He is a very dynamic person moving and always expressing with his voice, arms and hands.

He has stated he will gladly return in a year or so and make a presentation on another subject. If that occurs many members should take the opportunity to enjoy his presentation.



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Compatriot Loren L. Taylor

Passing of Compatriot Loren L. Taylor

Compatriot Loren L. Taylor passed on November 6, 2023 at the age of 87. Loren was a member of the SAR for more than 60 years. He became a member of the SAR through the Delaware Crossing Chapter on June 6, 1963 at Grinter Place and at the age of 27. His sponsor was Donald C. Little, the first President of Delaware Crossing.

Loren was present at the founding of our chapter although he was not yet a member. He was an employee in the law office of Donald C. Little. In

conversations with him at the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Delaware Crossing he told of his duties for chapter meetings.

The Delaware Crossing Chapter was founded November 1, 1960 by 12 men who could be called esteemed citizens. Nearly all had done well in business, Donald Campbell Little was a Judge. The so-called common man could not apply for membership.

Tom Little who was the featured speaker at our 50th Anniversary, a founding member and the nephew of Donald C. Little, and Loren Taylor were required to stay sober as they rather frequently had to drive a member or two home. Loren became very interested in history and maintained the interest through his life. He last attended a Delaware Crossing meeting on August 17, 2013 when he was presented a 50 Year Member Pin by Tim Peterman. That made him a Member Emeritus exempting him for National, State and Chapter dues.

His three and one-half page single line spaced obituary can be read on the website of Skradski Funeral Home in KCK.
(skradskifuneralhomes.com)

His life was that full. Rest in Peace Compatriot



Scott Crossette lights his patriot candle assisted by Dewey Fry.

Welcome Compatriot Scott Crossette

At our January Meeting, Scott Edward Crossette took his Oath of Membership administered by President Larry Tatum, lite a candle in honor of his Patriot Jacob Crossett, and was presented his SAR Member Rosette and Delaware Crossing Chapter Challenge Coin by his Sponsor, Dewey Fry.

Scott told of the service of his 5th Great-Grandfather Jacob as a colonial soldier and a little about Jacob's family. Scott is the son of past member Sheldon Crossette who enjoyed coming to meetings and other events with long time member Cam Barnds.

Scott was Registered as a SAR Member on December 31, 2023.



Larry Tatum presents Scott Crossette with his Membership Certificate.



Dewey Fry presents Scott Crossette with a DX Chapter Challenge Coin.



Dewey Fry pins the SAR Rosette on Scott Crossette's lapel.



Jerry Vest, Dennis Nelson, William Marshall, Judge John Lungstrum, Dan Dryer, Dewey Fry, and Alan Martin.

Kansas SAR Color Guard at the January 23rd Naturalization

93 new United States Citizens were sworn in on January 23, 2024 at the Robert J. Dole Federal Courthouse. They were led in their first pledge of allegiance, as U.S. Citizens, by Compatriot Dewey Fry and the Kansas SAR Color Guard.

Following the ceremony, Judge Lungstrum and the Color Guard were available for photos with the new citizens.

DAR ladies served punch and cookies or should I say COOKIES !. Pat brought Sugar Free cookies for me and the judge loved them. He is not diabetic but his wife tries to be sugar free with her food. He said he did not like sugar free. I convinced him just to try and I bet him he would like them, he said “these are very good, what did you use as a sweetener, I need to tell my wife”



New U.S. Citizens pose for photos with Judge Lungstrum and the Kansas SAR Color Guard.