



*The Delaware Crossing Patriot
Kansas Society
Sons of the American Revolution*

June 2023

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

*The Revolution is coming!
Three Years – 1 Months - Four Days*

NEXT MEETING:

When: June 17, 2023

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, June 13, 2023.

Cost: \$22.00/person

Program: Keara Torkelson – Fort Hood Terrorist Attack Survivor.

CALENDAR & COMING EVENTS

July 2023

- 12 DX EC Meeting
- 15 DX Chapter Meeting

August 2023

- 5 BOG Meeting
- 16 DX EC Meeting
- 19 DX Chapter Meeting

September 2023

- 13 DX EC Meeting
- 16 DX Annual Picnic

The President's Corner



By Larry Tatum

Just as the Fall and Winter seasons have fun filled Holidays, many Spring and Summer Holidays have Patriotic themes that are not just family but community oriented.

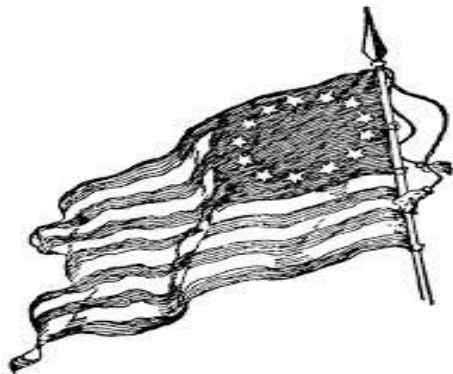
So please attend and enjoy the many parades, festivals, and family picnics. Most of which are decorated with American Flags and patriotic bunting. I find that this is a great time to talk with

family members about the history of America and especially our family's small role.

These moments help the us to realize our connection to U.S. history and the part that our ancestors have played. It also generates interest in organizations such as the SAR and the DAR.

I believe that education begins at home and the future members of patriotic organizations, such as ours, depends upon the curiosity developed by the family histories passed on to our children and grandchildren.

Attend parades with your family, have them wave flags, and be sure to tell them about your own family history.



Keara Torkelson driven by Larry Tatum in the 2022 Leavenworth, KS Veterans Day Parade.

Keara Torkelson – Ft. Hood Attack Survivor.

Keara Torkelson will present a program about the 2009 Ft. Hood Terrorist Attack at our June 17th Chapter Meeting. There were 13 people fatally shot and more than 30 wounded by Nidal Hasan during the attack.

It was the deadliest terrorist attack in the United States since September 11.

Keara received the Purple Heart for the wounds that she suffered. I am looking forward to her firsthand account of the tragedy as only she can give.

Don't miss this Chapter Meeting, it will be one to remember.



Col. Kent Thomas

Program by Kent D. Thomas, a Short Review

Kent D. Thomas, a retired Colonel with very significant experience presented a great program at our May 20, DX Chapter meeting. We who were there received a great education on the comparison of weaponry and combat tactics comparing the USA with other countries, especially Russia. One could only sit in awe of the presentation by Col. Kent D. Thomas listening to his personal military experience and his maintaining the knowledge of the military capability of the USA.

Prior to the meeting, President Larry Tatum greeted him and was extremely surprised as he recognized Mrs. Thomas as a former classmate of his at Central High School in St. Joseph, MO. He then recognized Kent Thomas. The world kept getting smaller as we learned the Mrs. Thomas is the sister of Marty Conrad the wife of DX Chapter member Stu Conrad. In arranging for the presentation, Stu never mentioned Kent was his brother-in-law.

It is very believable that Kent Thomas could also present a very good program about his second carrier at Missouri State University which included being Chancellor and Assistant to the President.

If you ever meet Kent Thomas, thank him for his great service to our country.



Larry Tatum presents a certificate of appreciation to Col. Kent Thomas.



Bruce Smith presents the 1st Place Brochure Contest Award to Walter Schlef.



Bruce Smith presents the 2nd Place Brochure Contest Award to Gavin Dykes.

Youth Presented Awards

Bruce Smith, Chapter Chairman for the Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest, presented certificates and checks for the Delaware Crossing Chapter Contest to Gavin Dykes of Desoto for his 2nd Place Brochure was awarded \$35.00 and Walter Schlef for his 1st Place Brochure was awarded \$50.00 at our May chapter meeting.

Walter was also presented a certificate and a check in the amount of \$200.00 for his brochure placing 2nd in the Kansas Society Contest. Walter lives in Olathe and is home-schooled.



Larry Tatum presents the Certificate of Membership to Tom Phillips.

Welcome to Two New Members

James Thomas Aakrann Lacy Phillips was registered by the NSSAR on March 31, 2023 as Member No. 225795. His patriot ancestor was Nathan Ayer. Tom was present at the May 20th Delaware Crossing Chapter meeting at which time

he was administer his Oath of Membership by President Larry Tatum before he was presented his Member Rosette by his sponsor Dewey Fry then he lit a candle in honor of his patriot ancestor and said a few words about Nathan Ayre. The family name is very often recorded as Ayres. Tom is the first to light a candle in the presence of the two new lanterns on the ceremony table.

Tom was referred for membership by his mother Kimberly Phillips, a new member of the Mission Hills Chapter of KSDAR.

We hope Tom is accepted into a local school of medicine where he can pursue his education to become a doctor and also be close enough to attend our monthly meetings. Tom is a very personable young man, who all should enjoy conversing with at our chapter events.

A second new member is Johnathan Paul Stevens. Johnathan was registered as a new member on April 21, 2023 as Member No. 226129. His patriot ancestor was Samuel Drake who was a Private in the PA Militia. Johnathan lives in Sherman Oaks, CA. He was referred to membership by his mother Linda Stevens a member of the Shawnee Mission Chapter of the KSDAR. Johnathan was sent a letter and the oath by President Larry Tatum. Jonathan does get to KC on rare occasions. He will be encouraged to attend a chapter meeting when he does visit and to become active in a Sacramento area chapter.

Welcome new Compatriots to the SAR and Delaware Crossing Chapter.



Larry Tatum administers the SAR Oath to Tom Phillips



Larry Tatum watches as Dewey Fry attaches the SAR rosette to Tom Phillips lapel.



The combined MOSSAR and KSSAR Color Guard at the May 25th Honor Flight.



Judge Angle D. Mitchell, a new US Citizen, Dewey Fry, Larry Tatum, and Steven French.

Your Color Guardsmen at Work

Larry Tatum, Dewey Fry and Steve French represented the Delaware Crossing Chapter at the Naturalization Ceremony at Johnson County Community College on May 24 Presenting the Colors during the Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem before 247 new citizens. We were joined by US Kansas District Magistrate Judge Angel D. Mitchell after the ceremony for a photo session with many of the new citizens and their family members.

Larry Tatum and Dewey Fry of your Delaware Crossing Chapter represented the KSSAR along with Alan Martin and Jeff Winters of the Monticello Chapter in the combined MOSSAR and KSSAR Color Guard welcoming 24 veterans back from Washington D.C. on an Honor Flight that arrived a 1:08 AM, Wednesday May 25. Due to the distance from the gate to the greeting area in the baggage claim area the actual welcoming did not begin until about 1:45 am.

The last Honor Flight until fall will be at 6:00 pm on Monday June 5 at MCI.



Chief Mark S. Wassom is presented the SAR Fire Safety Medal by Larry Tatum.

Assistant Chief Mark Steven Wassom is awarded the SAR Fire Safety Medal

Assistant Chief-Community Risk Reduction Section - Olathe Fire Department Mark S. Wassom was presented the SAR Fire Safety Medal for his outstanding achievement changing the building codes to promote fire safety.

Following a near miss where a residential basement staircase collapsed trapping firefighters in the basement, Chief Wassom was successful in changing the City of Olathe building code to require gypsum board under all stairwells.

This amendment championed by Chief Wassom is sure to prevent many future fire related tragedies.