



*The Delaware Crossing Patriot  
Kansas Society  
Sons of the American Revolution  
July 2020  
Metro Kansas City's Oldest & Largest Chapter, Founded 1960*

**NEXT MEETING:**

**When:** July 18, 2020

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

**Reservations & Cost:** For reservations, email [Secretary@dxsar.com](mailto:Secretary@dxsar.com) or call Steven French (913)-832-6034

by 3:00 PM, the Wednesday before

**Breakfast Cost:** \$17.00/person

**Program:** Chapter Knight Essay Winner

**CALENDER & COMING EVENTS**

**JULY 2020**

- 7/15 DX EC Meeting
- 7/18 DX Chapter Meeting

**AUGUST 2020**

- 8/01 BOG Meeting – Emporia, KS
- 8/12 DX EC Meeting
- 8/15 DX Chapter Meeting

**SEPTEMBER 2020**

- 9/16 DX EC Meeting
- 9/19 DX Chapter Meeting

**The President's Corner**



By Ken Ludwig

Greeting Compatriots!

In Congress, July 4, 1776.

**The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America,** When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of

Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. --

So starts the founding document of our country, the Declaration of Independence. This July, we celebrate the 244<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our country's birth, amid a pandemic and racial tension backdrop. I would recommend that you take a moment this 4<sup>th</sup> of July to read and ponder the meaning and impact of this Declaration of Independence.

June did bring some return to normalcy, as we held our first in person chapter meeting since the pandemic on June 20. We had 27 people attend, and the hotel was very accommodating by putting us in a larger room and seating no more than 4 people per table. Barring unforeseen governmental edicts, we will be holding our July meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup>, so please make plans to join us. Our Chapter Knight Essay winner (who was also the state winner) will present her paper to us. This nation was built on the foundation of volunteerism. In fact, the American forces were by and large a volunteer army (I understand that most of the colonies had laws where every male between 18 and 45 were a part of the militia). So I will be honest, that I am baffled by the many members of this chapter that are not engaged in the chapter even though the oath they took on joining the organization included the following pledge – Do you pledge to support the National and State Society as well as the Delaware Crossing Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution? Everyone responds in the affirmative. Support of course includes financial support, paying your dues, etc. But it also

includes providing your time and talents in performing tasks that keep our chapter running smoothly and enabling us to grow and accomplish great things. Some of our members have stepped up and heeded the call, in fact a few of our members have taken on several roles, but we have current desperate need to fill several key positions. These really would not take more than an hour or two per month to do, and many times can be performed whenever it is convenient for you. So, if you are ready to help the chapter, please give me a call, but if someone asks you to take on a task, please be open to trying something new. Many of us have joined this organization to honor our patriot ancestors for their sacrifice in volunteering to give rise to this great nation. Would they be proud of the commitment you have put forth to carry on their legacy?

Ken Ludwig

### **Recap of June, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting**

1. The EC voted to restart holding chapter meetings, starting with the 6/20/20 meeting.
2. Voted that the 60th Chapter Anniversary on November 14, 2020 be a lunch meeting vs a breakfast meeting.



### **Poster Returns Home After 15 Months**

The poster of Paige Noth was returned to her the evening of Friday June 26. Her poster won the Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest of our Delaware Crossing Chapter in February 2019, the Kansas Society in March 2019 and Second Place in the National Society in July 2019. After winning the NSSAR contest in went SAR Headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky where is was placed on public display until being returned to Chapter President Ken Ludwig early the week of June 15.

Dewey Fry mounted the poster in a frame, and took it and the Second Place Ribbon and sheet of paper which was displayed with her poster identifying

her, her school and being winner of the Kansas Society contest

Paige was very pleased to get her poster back and was very surprised and happy to get the ribbon and piece of paper. The accompanying photo shows her happiness.



### **This Month in the Revolutionary War**

A significant milestone occurred on July 3, 1775 when George Washington began his journey as the father of our nation by assuming the command of the Continental Army at Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Washington selected Generals Charles Lee, Artemus Ward, and Israel Putnam to each command one of the three divisions of the approximately 17,000-man Army.

The Army was poorly equipped lacking arms and basic uniforms. A simple method of officers' identification was devised by Washington, commissioned officers wore cockades in their hats: pink or red for field rank, yellow or buff for captains, and green for those below the rank of captain. Sergeants wore a strip of red cloth on their right shoulder.

When Abigail Adams met George Washington in Braintree, MA, she wrote "Dignity with ease, and complacency, the General and Soldier look agreeably blended in him."