



*The Delaware Crossing Patriot*  
*Kansas Society*  
*Sons of the American Revolution*  
 June 2022  
 Metro Kansas City's Oldest & Largest Chapter, Founded 1960

*The Revolution is coming!*  
*Four Years - One Month - Four Days*

**NEXT MEETING:**

**When:** June 18, 2022

**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 7:00 PM, Wednesday, June 15, 2022.

**Cost:** \$17.00/person

**Program:** Steven Sullins, President Independence Patriots Chapter, "The Pinkerton Detective Agency."

**CALENDER & COMING EVENTS**

**June 2022**

- 15 DX EC Meeting
- 18 DX Chapter Meeting

**July 2022**

- 13 DX EC Meeting
- 16 DX Chapter Meeting

**August 2022**

- 6 BOG
- 17 DX EC Meeting
- 20 DX Chapter Meeting

**The President's Corner**



By Larry Tatum

If you couldn't attend the May Chapter meeting, you missed one of the best programs in my memory. Richard Brundage presented a mixture of his time spent in battle during the Vietnam War and his perspective of life experiences.

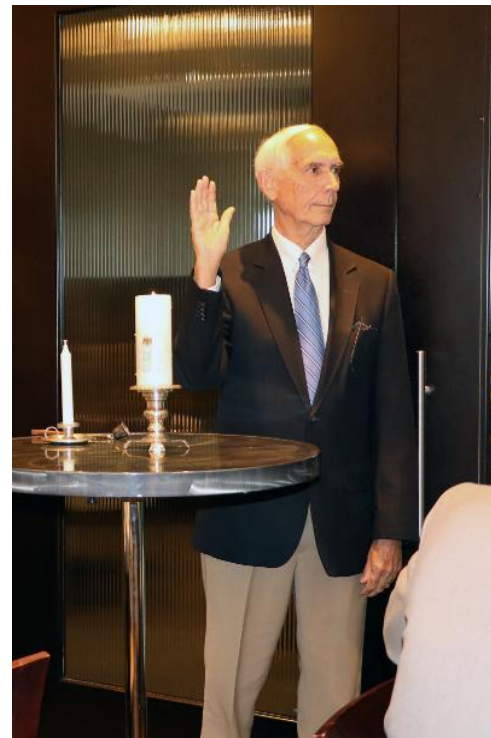
Somehow, both were entertaining causing the room to erupt in laughter over Richard's life and death situations.

In our time together, before and after, his presentation, Richard stressed to those at our table the importance of writing about our experiences in life. Not as a possible novel, but as a record of history that will disappear with each of us, should

we fail to record our stories. I do feel that the SAR organization is one of very few to keep our history intact, relevant, and available in these cancel culture times.

I have included in this newsletter a short essay of Richard's about why we all should write.

Please make an effort to attend all of our Chapter meetings, you won't want to miss any of the speakers that have been scheduled.



*David Proffitt takes his SAR Membership Oath.*

### **David Proffitt Inducted**

David Allen Proffitt took his Membership oath at our May 14, 2022 Chapter meeting. It was unique in that it may have been the smallest room in which a new member of Delaware Crossing has been administered the oath. Close measurements would have to be taken to determine if the living room of the Grinter House in which our chapter was founded is smaller.

The oath was administered by President Larry Tatum who also presented David with his Member Certificate. David's Sponsor, Dewey Fry, placed his Member Rosette on David jacket lapel.

David's membership was registered on April 1, 2022 and he was assigned NSSAR No. 222089.



*Larry Tatum presents David Proffitt with his Membership Certificate.*

David's ancestor, Pleasant Proffitt, Served under Capt. William Lenoir in the Wilkes Co. PA militia. Welcome David and Thank You to Kitt, his wife for doing much of his genealogy and encouraging him to become a SAR member.



Sponsor Dewey Fry pinned the SAR Rosette on David Proffitt's lapel.

### **“Why Write?”**

By Richard Brundage

For me, co-authoring the autobiographical novel, “The Five O’clock Follies” was a very cathartic experience for a series of events that I lived. I’m convinced that prose or poetry exists in everyone. It’s that feeling that exists deep down that’s hard to describe in *spoken* words – so you sit down and try to describe those feelings by putting words to them.

I think that the act of writing something down helps you visualize your thoughts. Writing is not merely a recitation of sterile facts, it’s an individual accounting of what the author’s perspective was of events. History is a series of perspectives, and the amalgam of those memories engenders history.

Stories about war are sometimes buried and the person is afraid to share them for a variety of reasons. But you can inspire someone to do the same by revealing your thoughts in writing. Remember, words are sacred – if you can pick the right ones and put them in the right order you can nudge the world.

One of the most significant reasons for writing is to heal and help others from like experiences. The act of planting an annual flower is gone in a season, but there aren’t many perennial things in life that are as enduring as your own novel or autobiographical book. And, what you write often becomes your legacy.

Once you have written something, completed the editing and put it into print, you can return to it again and again and get the same feeling you first described in the event, and so will your readers.

Perhaps writing is simply creating word pictures, which ultimately reveal the complex patchwork of the mind.



Richard Brundage

### **Richard Brundage Program**

At our May 2022 meeting Richard Brundage, a Vietnam Veteran and Co-author of the book “The Five O’clock Follies”, presented a very heartfelt program about the experiences of Veterans who served in the Vietnam War.

One could easily tell he was the principal author without him stating that. Mr. Brundage stated the book was a fictional story of a soldier and his emotional and physical challenges. Perhaps the

only thing fictional is the name of the soldier as the challenges he faced were very real to many servicemen.

Dewey Fry recently met an Air Force veteran of Vietnam War in a barber shop. He told Dewey that it took him more than 45 years to be able wear or say anything indicating he served in the Vietnam War. He stated that when they arrived at the San Francisco airport at the end of their service, the crowd spit on them, cursed at them and threw things at them. He immediately went to a restroom and changed his cloths from serviceman to civilian; that made no difference as they could tell by his haircut that he was a serviceman, the crowd continued their harassment until the servicemen could permanently escape. Mr. Brundage told of the same personal experience and how it was so shocking to see the change of America from the time they entered the service to their arrival back in the USA.

It has only been in the recent years have the veterans of the Vietnam War have been able to adequately be recognized and accept the recognition they should have received when they returned home from the war.

Perhaps, a movie will be made of the book that Richard Brundage Co-authored as has been stated there should be.

Due to a booking error, the Chapter Meeting had to be held in a much smaller room than those in which we standardly meet. It is sad that attendance had to be limited in hearing a great presentation. The one good aspect of it was in seemed to make the presentation more personal. We who were in attendance had a great experience.

If you ever have the opportunity to attend a presentation by Richard Brundage, take it.



Delaware Crossing Color Guardsmen – Steven French, Kirk Rush (on the Left) and Dewey Fry (on the right of the KC Wolf).

### **Honor Flight Record**

The evening of May 18, 2022 Delaware Crossing Chapter Color Guardsmen Dewey Fry, Kirk Rush, and Steven French participated with fellow KSSSAR Color Guardsman Alan Martin of the Monticello Chapter, six Color Guardsmen from MOSSAR, several DAR members from Kansas and Missouri, including Janet Alley, wife of our chapter member Rick Alley, about 20 Patriot Guard Riders, KC Wolf and KC Chiefs Cheerleader and much more than 200 others in welcoming home the largest Honor Flight to land back home at Kansas City International Airport.

A reported 85 to 90 veterans plus their escorts arrived from a day long visit to Washington D.C. While waiting in the hallway for the flight to land, patriotic songs were sung by the crowd while being led by Color Guardsman Roy Hutchinson of MOSSAR playing the fife and other songs by an unknown woman out of the site of those near the door through which the passengers arrived.

A videographer from KCMO Channel 9 was there photographing the crowd.

Dewey Fry approached KC Wolf and stated that he had heard KC Wolf wanted his photo taken with Color Guardsmen, he shook his head in a very positive manner and had one taken with a few of them.

When the veterans came through the door, they showed surprise at seeing both sides lined with Color Guardsmen, DAR members and Patriot Guard Riders all holding flags. When they turned the corner and could not see the end of the crowd lining both sides of the hall two and three deep well beyond their line of sight they were very surprised. Most flights are commercial flights on which there are 25 to 30 veterans who depart last to be recognized and because several require wheel chairs. Most arrive on weekday evenings after 5:00 PM and as late as shortly after midnight. The airport is nearly vacant around midnight.

The next Honor Flight is scheduled to arrive on Southwest Airlines Flight #2124 on Monday June 6 at 5:40 pm at Terminal B.

If any Delaware Crossing member wishes to be a part of welcoming home the veterans on an Honor Flight, they may participate. If interested, contact Dewey Fry, [deweyf@kc.rr.com](mailto:deweyf@kc.rr.com).