# *The Delaware Crossing Patriot*
## *Kansas Society*
## *Sons of the American Revolution*
**February 2025**
**Metro Kansas City's Oldest & Largest Chapter, Founded 1960**


*The Revolution is coming!*
*One Year- Five Months - Four Days*

**NEXT MEETING:**
**When**: February 15, 2025

**Where**: Milburn Country Club, 7501 W 69th St., Overland Park, KS 66204, 9:00am

**Reservations & Cost**: For reservations, email Secretary@dxsar.com or call Clay Shropshire 785-521-8122 by 7:00 PM, Tuesday,
February 11, 2025.

**Cost**: **$23.00/person**

**Program:** Youth Contests

**CALENDAR & COMING EVENTS**
**February 2025**

1 BOG
12 DX EC Meeting
15 DX Chapter Meeting
21-22 GWBC

**March 2025**

5 DX EC Meeting
8 DX Chapter Meeting
14-15 KSSSAR Annual Conference

**April 2025**

16 DX EC Meeting
19 DX Chapter Meeting

## The President's Corner

By Ken Ludwig

Since I am a retread President for the chapter, I look back at the previous newsletter articles that I have written to get some inspiration for the article that I need to write.

I was President of the chapter 4 years ago and it was just after the January 6th takeover of the capital. I am glad that we had a peaceful transition this year and none of the events of 4 years ago, although it sure looks like our current President is extremely intent on making major changes to

things this time around. Unfortunately, it seems we are getting into a pattern of Presidents coming into office and immediately issuing executive orders to cancel out what the previous administration had put into place. This seems to get us into a left / right pendulum swing and we just take steps forward and back instead of a more moderate approach that would keep us moving forward.

3 years ago, I encouraged everyone to write an autobiography, not because any of us are incredibly important people and the autobiography is needed for historical posterity, but we need to write them for our future descendants so they will have an understanding of who we are, what is important to us and to a degree why we did what we did. I know with my genealogical research that I can find the birth, death, marriage information fairly readily but I continually wonder why my ancestor bought the island of Nantucket? What made my great grandfather leave Germany? How and why did my ancestors move from New Jersey to Missouri? Etc, etc, all information that could be included in an autobiography. Granted, there is a high probability that most of my ancestors were functionally illiterate and they were most concerned with just survival, so an autobiography was the furthest thing from their minds. Our future generations may or may not keep the awards, medals, and other physical things we cherish, but hopefully if you distribute enough copies of your autobiography to your children and grandchildren that at least one copy will survive long into the future.

This has come into a greater focus for me recently, as I am joining the age where more and more there are people, I know around my age are starting to die off due to various causes. I will admit that in the past 3 years I have not followed my own advice, primarily because I spend nearly all day every day at work on a computer of some sort, so the thought of going home and spending more time on a computer to write just does not work for me. I may have to look into getting dictation software so I can just talk and it types for me. We are now in 2025. The semiquinncentenial is really starting to roll. Here on April 19th, is the 250th anniversary of the Battle of Lexington and Concord, and later this year on June 10th is the anniversary of George Washington being named Commander in Chief of the Continental Army. I look forward to the celebrations that will be in our area and I am contemplating an east coast vacation to visit some of the historical Revolutionary war sites.

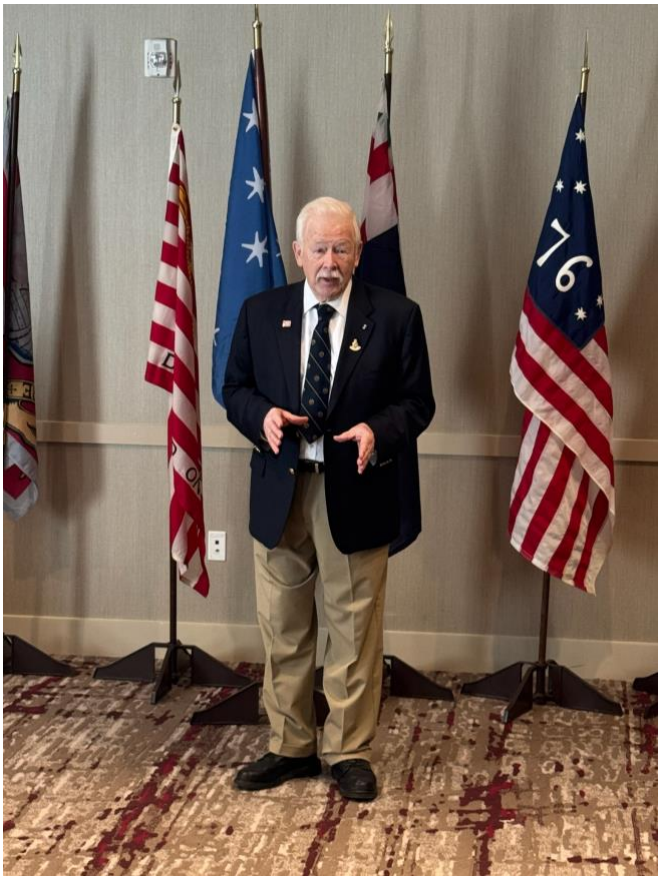
Remember to treat your lady right on Valentine's Day!

*Eagle Scout Harrison Holt and Kirk Rush.*

## SAR Eagle Scout Certificate Presentations

On Saturday, January 11th, DX Eagle Scout Chairman Kirk Rush attended Boy Scout Troop 123's Eagle Scout Court of Honor where he presented SAR Eagle Scout Certificates to new Eagle Scouts Derek Foster and Harrison Holt. Derek and Harrison were both members of a crew of 8 Scouts and 3 adults, including Compt. Rush, which traveled to Philmont Scout Ranch, NM during the summer of 2021 for 12 days of backpacking, mountain climbing and backwoods camping. Compt. Rush is also an Assistant Scoutmaster and Eagle Scout Advisor in Troop 123 which meets at Community Covenant Church in Lenexa, KS.

The attached picture is of Kirk Rush standing next to Eagle Scout Harrison Holt after completion of the ceremony.



*John Forbes.*

## John Forbes Presentation on Charles Curtis

Those of us who were preteen or teenagers in 1955 remember a song intitled Jim Dandy to the Rescue. Well for our program on January 18, 2025 it was John Forbes to the RESCUE.

A couple days earlier we did not have a program for the chapter meeting. Fortunately, John Forbes had just barely finished reading about Charles Curtis. Charles Curtis was born January 25, 1860 in North Topeka, Kansas Territory. His mother was born Ellen Papin, a member of the of Kaw, Osage, Potawatomi and French ancestry. Charles Curtis was a descendent of chief White Plume of the Kaw Nation and chief Pawhuska of the Osage.

He served in the US House of Representatives from March 4,1893 to January 28, 1907 and in the US Senate in all but two years from January 29, 1907 to March 4, 1929. He was Speaker of the US

House of Representatives during the 69th and 70th Congresses (1925-1928) and served as the 31st Vice President of the United States from 1929 to 1933 under President Herbert Hoover.

While a Representative from Kansas In the House, he sponsored and helped pass the Curtis Act of 1898, which extended the Dawes Act to the Five Civilized Tribes of the Indian Territory.

He was never successful in running for President. He went home after serving as Vice President and died February 3, 1936.

*Ken Ludwig presents a Certificate of Appreciation to John Forbes.*

*Vincent Clark presents his Patriot Biography.*

**January Chapter Meeting Patriot Biography**

The Patriot Biography was presented at our January Meeting by Vincent Clark on his Patriot Ancestor Stukely Hudson.

Vincent first gave a brief history of Rhode Island's Stukely Hudson, who was born in about 1734 in Rhode Island to Benoni Hudson and Polly Westcott and died West Greenwich, Kent County, Rhode Island on 17 May 1806. He married Amy Roberts in 5 August 1762 in Cranston, Providence Co., Rhode Island. He died in West Greenwich, Kent County, Rhode Island on 17 May 1806.

Stukely Hudson fought in the Kent County Militia Regiments under the commands of Col. John Waterman, Col. Stephen Potter and Lt. Col. Thomas Tillinghast.

*A very relaxed Alan Martin.*

**Revolutionary War Moment in History**

Dennis Nelson wrote and Alan Martin presented the Revolutionary War Moment in History at our January Chapter meeting. It is the following:

The Noble Train of Artillery, also known as the Knox Expedition, was an expedition led by Continental Army Colonel Henry Knox to transport heavy weaponry that had been captured at Fort Ticonderoga to the Continental Army Camps outside Boston during the winter of 1775-76. Knox went to Ticonderoga in November 1775 and moved 60 tons of cannon and other armaments over the course of three winter months by boat, horse, oxen drawn sledges, and manpower along poor quality roads, across two semi-frozen rivers, and through the forests and swamps of the lightly inhabited Berkshires to the Boston area, covering approximately 300 miles. Historian Victor Brooks has called Knox's exploit "one of the most stupendous feats of logistics" of the entire American Revolutionary War.

On December 17, 1775, Knox wrote Washington that he had built" 42 exceedingly strong sleds, and have provided 80 yoke of oxen to drag them as far as Springfield", and that he hoped in "16 or 17 days to be able to present your Excellency a noble train of artillery."

The Expedition lasted from November 17, 1775 to January 25, 1776 or 70 days. The outcome was fortification of Dorchester Heights and the British evacuation of Boston. The Expedition was competed 249 years ago this month.
In addition, Alan Martin presented a short statement on the Battle of Cowpens which was on January 17, 1781, just 244 years and one day prior to our chapter meeting. Alan briefly described the Cowpens National Battlefield and urged all to visit the site as he had. One can tell from Alan's posture he is very knowledgeable of the battle and comfortable speaking about it.

The battle occurred about 15 miles north of the town of Cowpens, South Carolina. Approximately 2000 militia and regular continental troops were led by Brigadier General Daniel Morgan against approximately 1000 well trained British troops led by Lieutenant Colonel Banastre Tarleton.
The end result was the worst defeat of the British since General Burgoyne surrender to General Horatio Gates at Saratoga in 1777.

*Alan Martin presents a Revolutionary War Moment.*