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


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

**NEXT MEETING:**
**When**: June 28, 2025

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

**Reservations & Cost**: For reservations, email Secretary@dxsar.org or call Clay Shropshire 785-521-8122 by 7:00 PM, Tuesday,
June 24, 2025.

**Cost**: **$23.00/person**
**Program:** "The Battle of Brandywine" – Dr. Curt King

## CALENDAR & COMING EVENTS

### June 2025

25 DX EC Meeting
28 DX Chapter Meeting

### July 2025

16 DX EC Meeting
19 DX Chapter Meeting

### August 2025

2 BOG
13 DX EC Meeting
16 DX Chapter Meeting

## The President's Corner

By Vincent Clark

# Thomas Paine and the SAR

One of the lesser-known heroes of the war for American independence did not carry a musket or fire a cannon. He was Thomas Paine, who fought with his pen.

Paine was a recent immigrant. He arrived in the colonies in late 1774, less than a year before the first battles at Lexington and Concord in April,

1775. After these clashes, the Second Continental Congress struggled to decide how to deal with Britain. Thomas Paine played an important role by writing one of the most famous documents in American history, a book called *Common Sense.* Selling 120,000 copies to a small and largely rural population, it was probably the first American bestseller and a major support for the war.

The book attacked monarchy as a form of government. Paine called King George III "the royal brute of Britain." Many Americans had previously been proud of being English, but the book mocked that notion. These and similar ideas, vigorously propounded by Paine, helped Americans decide for independence and the Revolutionary War.

Later, in 1776, Paine wrote *The American Crisis,* urging Americans to continue the war against Britain. It contains the famous words :

> These are the times that try men's souls: The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman.

In a republic based on the consent of its people, a war of a weaker country, like the colonies, against a stronger one, like Britain, requires the support of the people. In our day organizations like the Sons of the American Revolution also depend on the people, our members and the American public. To thrive, we must spread the message of Thomas Paine and the SAR: to defend the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent system of courts, and a nation of free men and women.*

*Derived from the SAR *Recessional*

*Clay Shropshire, new members – John & Peter Benson, and Vince Clark.*

## Welcome New Members Peter and John Benson

On March 7, 2025 Peter Ernest Benson and his son John Albert Benson II were registered as new members by the National Society Sons of the American Revolution. They were inducted at our May 17, 2025 Delaware Crossing Chapter meeting. President Vincent Clark administered the Oath of Membership, and presented them their Membership Certificates and new member packet. Vice President Clay Shropshire placed their Member Rosette on their clothing and they each lite a candle in memory and honor of their Revolutionary War Patriot Ancestor. Later each of them was presented a Delaware Crossing Chapter Challenge Coin by Compatriot Dewey Fry.

Their Revolutionary War ancestor was William Moore who was a Private serving from February 14, 1776 to February 14, 1778 in Captain Thomas Patterson's Company and Captain Samuel Cabell's Company in COL Daniel Morgan Regiment of the Virginia Line. He fought in the Battles of Freeman's Farm, Bemis Heights and Whit Marsh in 1777.

Take the opportunity to visit with them at future DX meetings as you surely will enjoy the visiting.

*Peter Benson receives his SAR rosette from Clay Shropshire.*

*John Benson receives his SAR rosette for Clay Shropshire.*

*Clay Shropshire watches on as John & Peter Benson light their patriot candles.*

*Dewey Fry presents the Delaware Crossing Challenge Coin to Peter Benson.*

*Dewey Fry presents the Delaware Crossing Challenge Coin to John Benson.*

*Vince Clark congratulates John & Peter Benson on becoming SAR members.*

## Your Color Guard at Work in May 2025

Color Guard members were quite busy during the last part of May. On the 17th The DX Color Guard presented and retired the colors at our chapters monthly meeting.

Following the meeting in the early afternoon the following Color Guardsmen participated in the KSSSAR Color Guard in the 250th Anniversary of the Revolutionary War Plaque Dedication by the Northeast District of the KSDAR at Veterans Park in Olathe. Alan Martin, Primary member of Monticello Chapter and Dual member of Delaware Crossing, commanded the Color Guard. Also participating from DX were Dewey Fry, Steven French, Bruce Smith, Clay Shropshire and Kirk Rush. Also participating were John More from Charles Robinson Chapter and Brian Vazquez from Thomas Jefferson Chapter.

On Memorial Day, May 26, a Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard Presented the Colors at a Kansas City Royals game before approximately 36,000 fans and shown on nationwide television including the Kansas City area. The Color Guard was composed of KSSSAR members Brian Vazquez (TJ), Alan Martin (MC), Dewey Fry (DX), Clay Shropshire (DX), and Patrick Crawford (BN) and MOSSAR 'members Ivin Stull (HST) and Roy Hutchinson (HST).

On Wednesday May 28, a KSSSAR Color Guard Composed of Dewey Fry (DX), Brian Vazquez (TJ), Steven French (DX) and John More (CR). Presented the Colors at a Naturalization Ceremony conducted by the Kansas District US Court at Johnson County Community College in Yardley Hall. 358 new applicants from 78 countries took their Oath of Allegiance and became new citizens during the ceremony as more than 700 friends and relatives looked viewed. Many had their pictures taken with the Color Guard for 1 ½ hours after the ceremony.

Note: Chapter designations DX is for Delaware Crossing, TJ for Thomas Jefferson, MC for Monticello, CR for Charles Robinson, BN for Bennington, HST for Harry S. Truman.

*The Color Guard presenting the Colors.*

*The opening of the 250th Anniversary of the Revolutionary War Memorial dedication.*

*Alan Martin, Dewey Fry, Steven French, John More, Bruce Smith, Clay Shropshire, Brian Vasquez and Kirk Rush.*

*Members of the DAR with the Kansas SAR Color Guard.*

*Dewey Fry, Steven French, Clay Shropshire and Kirk Rush.*

*Gift wrapped 250th Anniversary Memorial.*

*The 250th Anniversary of the Revolutionary War Memorial Dedication.*

*John More and Bruce Smith with unveiled 250th memorial.*

*Brian Vasquez, Patrick Crawford, Roy Hutchinson, Clay Shropshire, Alan Martin and Dewey Fry.*

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*The Color Guard presents the Colors.*

*The Color Guard stands at attention.*

*The Color Guard retires the Colors.*

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*Dewey Fry, Brian Vasquez, Steven French and John More.*

*The Color Guard with a New U.S. Citizen.*

*Mary Sweat.*

## Nursing in the Vietnam War

Mary Sweat presented an attention grabbing program about being a nurse serving in the Vietnam War, at the May DX Chapter Meeting.

She recounted how she had enlisted as a way to pay for her college nursing education only to find herself helping to save the lives of those wounded in Vietnam. She found that her contribution in helping the wounded soldiers during the hard realities of war as a satisfying purpose and never regretted her decision to serve.

It was also interesting to hear that injured Vietcong were also given medical treatment.

Her fellow soldiers that she served with have remained in close contact and the bonds that were forged in Vietnam have remained strong.

Edwin Dale Shutt, II

NSSAR 117124

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Delaware Crossing Chapter

Past President Delaware Crossing Chapter 1988-89

died Mar 20, 2025 in Fairbanks, AK.

**Edwin D Shutt II**

December 23, 1950 - March 20, 2025

Fairbanks, Alaska - Edwin D Shutt II passed away on March 20, 2025, in Fairbanks, Alaska where he had resided for the last six years. Edwin was born on December 23, 1950, in Kansas City, Kansas and lived for most of his life in the Kansas City, Kansas area. Edwin was a graduate of Turner High School, and Emporia State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Social Science and a Master of Arts in History. Edwin was a forty- two year employee of the United States Postal Service. Edwin had also been an adjunct instructor of History at Kansas City, Kansas Community College. He was the author of Silver City, A History of the Argentine Community of Kansas City, Kansas, and a contributor to Simmons Centennial History of Argentine. He was a lifetime member of the Kansas State Historical Society and was a frequent guest speaker for Civic and Senior Citizen organizations with presentations on Kansas and Kansas City, Kansas history with emphasis on the Turner, Argentine and Wyandotte County areas. Over the years, he was a member and/or officer of the Wyandotte Historical Society, Wyandotte County Museum Board, Delaware Crossing Chapter of the Kansas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Friends of the Grinter, Inc., Monnett Battle of Westport Fund, Native Sons of Greater Kansas City, Civil War Roundtable of Kansas City, Kansas City Historic Trails Association and Friends of the Library of Kansas City, Kansas. He was a recipient of the Wyandotte County Historical Society's "Historian of the Year Award" and the "Heritage Award" for the preservation of local history from the Kansas City, Kansas Community College. Edwin was also a long-time volunteer, with his mother Mabel, at the Shepherd's Center of Kansas City, Kansas.

Edwin was preceded in death by his parents Edwin D. and Mabel M. Shutt, and younger brother, Gregory E. Shutt.

He is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Laurie and Robert Gieck Jr. of Fairbanks, Alaska. He is also survived by his nephew and niece, Corbin Gieck and Paige Gieck (Alan Roos) also of Fairbanks, Alaska.

Edwin was laid to rest at Maple Hill Cemetery in Kansas City, Kansas. A celebration of his life for friends and family will be held on June 7, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 3333 Wood Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas 66102.

Edwin has requested that any contributions in his memory be made to the Civil War Roundtable of Kansas City, 4125 NW Willow Drive, Kansas City, MO 64116 or the Wyandotte County Historical Society and Museum, 612 N 126th St, Bonner Springs, KS 66012.