



The Delaware Crossing Patriot

Kansas Society

Sons of the American Revolution

April 2019

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

NEXT MEETING:

When: April 20

Where: Hilton Garden Inn, 12080 S Strang Line Rd., Olathe, KS, 9:00AM

Reservations & Cost: For reservations, email Secretary@dxsar.com or call Preston Washington (816) 444-1198 by 3:00 PM, the Wednesday before.

Breakfast price: \$17.00/person

Program: Dr. Tom Vontz on "We the People"

See the writeup below.

CALENDAR & COMING EVENTS

04/17 DX EC Meeting, at Pegah's, 2122 W.87th St, Lenexa, KS; be there at 5:30 PM if eating dinner. Meeting begins at 6:00 PM.

04/20 Chapter Meeting.

05/11 Grave marking for Sarah Ruddell Davis, 1:00 PM, Shawnee-Methodist Mission Cemetery.

Editor's Note (Greg Millican)

Send news about your ancestor patriots, special events, career changes, history trips, etc., that may be included in the *Delaware Crossing Patriot*.

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The President's Corner

By Kirk Rush

KSSSAR just held their 127th Annual State Conference in McPherson, KS last weekend (3/22 - 3/23). For those of you, who were there, thank you for attending. It was wonderful to see hear the youth who received awards during the Youth Awards luncheon on Saturday. If you weren't able to make it, consider attending next year. It's a great opportunity to network and socialize with your fellow Kansas compatriots.

In addition to the awards luncheon, the weekend was kicked off Friday evening with a happy hour and tour of the McPherson museum, followed with a presentation by museum curator Brett Whitenack about James Z. Gilbert who was the first graduate of McPherson College. He was the discoverer of many of the fossils retrieved from the La Brea Tar Pits in Los Angeles, CA. Several of the fossils he discovered are on display at the museum. Who would've thought McPherson, KS would have such a connection to the La Brea Tar Pits!

This was followed by a moving memorial service on Saturday morning at the First United Methodist Church led by State Chaplain Vern Welker and concluded by the playing of Taps by yours truly. After the service, the Color Guard marched from the church to the museum and posted Colors for the annual business meeting.

A genealogy and DNA workshop was conducted Saturday afternoon by our own Tim Peterman.

Saturday evening capped off the weekend with the dinner banquet, installation of newly elected state and chapter officers, and State President's awards ceremony. It was amazing to see how many DX chapter members are involved at the state level just by the count of awards our chapter received. Out of the 29 awards presented, DX members received 12 of them (more than any other chapter). That's over 43% of all the awards! A full list of awards received is presented elsewhere in this newsletter. Way to go DX!

(End of President's Corner)

Summary of Delaware Crossing Chapter February meeting:

At the beginning of the meeting, David Kling and Timothy Kling were inducted as new members of the Chapter. David and Gary's patriot's name was Frederick Dumbauld. Their sponsor in the process of joining SAR was Tim Peterman.



1 Tim & David Kling raised hands to join chapter.



2 David (left) and Tim Kling light candles as part of the induction ceremony.

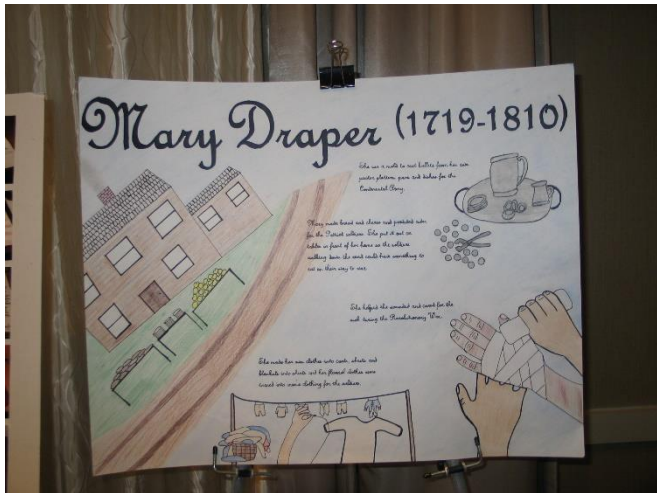
Commendation and metals were presented to the two wives of David and Tim Kling. Both of them are members of the DAR.



3 Jeri and Candice Kling receive commendation and metals for helping in the family patriot trace process.

Paige Noth won 1st place in the Americanism Elementary School Poster contest, held at Pioneer Ridge Middle School in Gardner, Kansas. Paige's

family was treated with breakfast at the March chapter meeting. The winning poster is pictured below:



4 Paige Noth's winning poster.



5 Paige Noth receives award from Dewey Fry.

Read the story of Mary Draper letter in the newsletter.

Recipients pictures of the President's awards:

6 Dawson Ballard



7 Ken Ludwig



8 Dennis Nelson



9 Dewey Fry



10 Greg Millican



11 Tim Peterman



12 Daryl Taylor



13 Stu Conrad



14 Preston Washington



15 Shawn Cowing



Medals and Awards Presented to Delaware Crossing Members March 16, 2019:

The group of pictures on the previous page are of individuals that received awards presented by chapter president, Kirk Rush, pictured on the left of each picture. Not present at the chapter meeting, but receiving an award were Jim Mozena, Dennis Strickland, and Dick Nelson, Brain Revard, and Richard Cox.

(Note: Several chapter Compatriots are deserving of awards of higher recognition than were presented; however, the medals a member are presented are very limited in number and have specific criteria.)

Certificate of Appreciation

- Dawson Robert Ballard, Jr.
Sergeant-at-Arms and Parliamentarian
- James Alan Mozena
Vice-President Programs

Certificate of Distinguished Service

- Dennis Dean Nelson
Advisory, Mentoring & Color Guardsman
- Dennis Duane Strickland
Americanism Committee Chairman and By-Laws Revision Committee Chairman
- Gregory Allen Millican
Patriot Newsletter Editor, Webmaster, Knight Essay Contest Chairman and Rumbaugh Oration Contest Chairman and By-Laws Revision Committee
- Daryl Lee Taylor
Chaplain
- Preston Lee Washington
Secretary and Historian

- Kenneth Wayne Ludwig
Executive Vice-President and Chapter Color Guard Commander

Bronze Roger Sherman Medal

- Brain Paul Revard
Kesler Youth Endowment Fund Trustee and Past President and Vice President.

Bronze Roger Sherman Medal, Oak Leaf Cluster

- Henry Dewey Fry
DAR Liaison, Chairman of the following Committees: Medals and Awards, Veterans Appreciations, Americanism Poster Contest, Mentoring, Flag Display, and Wreaths Across America and a Color Guardsman.
- Richard Allan Cox
Kesler Youth Endowment Fund Trustee and a Color Guardsman
- Timothy Edward Peterman
Registrar Genealogist and Membership Secretary
- Richard Allen “Dick” Nelson
Assistant Treasurer

Meritorious Service Medal

- Stuart William Conrad
Immediate Past President, Chapter Representative to the Board of Governors

Chapter Distinguished Service Medal

- Shawn Robert Cowing
Treasurer of past 5 years

State Conference Award Recipients:

The following table contains the Delaware Crossing members or DX Auxiliary who received awards on March 23, 2019 at the Kansas State Conference at McPherson, Kansas.

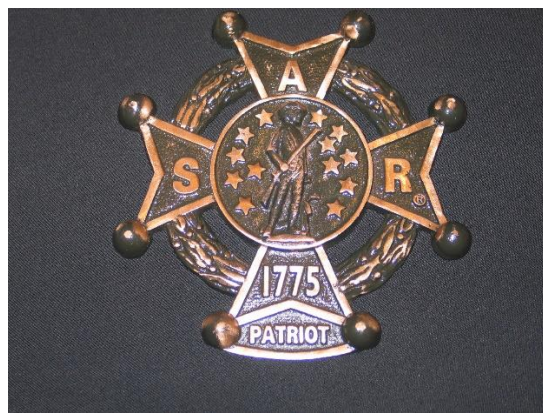
| Award | Awardee |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| LYDIA DARRAGH MEDAL | SUSAN FOSTER NELSON |
| CERT OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE | TIMOTHY EDWARD PETERMAN |
| CERT OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE | JOHN WILLIAM FORBES |
| CERT OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE | ROBERT NEIL CAPPS JR. |
| PATRIOT MEDAL | DENNIS DEAN NELSON |
| PAST PRESIDENT PIN AND CERTIFICATE | DENNIS DEAN NELSON |
| ROGER SHERMAN SILVER MEDAL | HENRY DEWEY FRY |
| ROGER SHERMAN SILVER MEDAL | KIRK DAVID RUSH |
| GOOD CITIZENSHIP SILVER MEDAL | STUART WILLIAM CONRAD |
| CAR SILVER APPRECIATION MEDAL | RICHARD ALLEN NELSON |
| SILVER COLOR GUARD MEDAL | JOHN WILLIAM FORBES |
| SILVER COLOR GUARD MEDAL | KIRK DAVID RUSH |

The speaker for the Mar 16 chapter meeting



16 John Forbes, speaker at March 2019 meeting.

John Forbes told the story of the first Kansas patriot, Sarah Ruddell Davis. The grave marking will be on May 11, 2019 at 1:00 PM at the Shawnee-Methodist Mission Cemetery in Fairway, Kansas. Mark it on your calendar and be sure to come. The story of Sarah Ruddell Davis is latter in the newsletter.



17 Grave marker to be placed on Sarah Ruddell Davis grave, first Kansas Patriot.

Mary Draper: An American Revolutionary War Hero:

On the morning after the Battle of Lexington, many hungry soldiers showed up at Mary's house. Even though Mary wasn't sure she could fit them all in, she opened her home up and cooked for the tired soldiers.

She put food out for the soldiers. Her actions were tiring and dangerous. By putting food out for all to see she was basically saying "I'm a rebel" which wasn't widely supported. She used all of her energy on a daily basis to help keep new recruits healthy/full. She baked as much and as long as she needed to without even thinking of herself and her needs. She was quoted as saying "Food must be prepared for the hungry; for before tomorrow night, hundreds, I hope thousands, will be on their way to join the continental forces. Some who have travelled far will need refreshment, and you and I, with Molly, must feed as many as we can."

She found a mold her husband had bought and formed bullets for the army by melting down nearly all the pewter she owned giving up almost all of her plates and ornaments that she valued highly. To make the rebel army coat she used her daughter's clothes, her clothes and any spare cloth to create warm clothes to help keep them alive. She also made clothes from spare sheets and hand-woven cloth. She sacrificed every piece of cloth she could for the army. The second she heard the army needed anything she dropped everything to do whatever she could to help their needs be met, including dressing their wounds. If she had been able to join the army she would have.

(End of Mary Draper story)

Sarah Ruddell Davis Story:

Sarah Ruddell was captured on June 24, 1780. She, along with about 400 others were establishing a permanent presence of Ruddell's Station in the Western part of Virginia (now Kentucky) just south of Licking River. A combined British and Indian force under the command of Col. Byrd force the surrender with a six pound piece (cannon) which the fortification could not withstand. The terms of the surrender specified that the women and children would be taken by the British and the men by the Indians. When the gate opened the Indians rushed in and the surrender agreement was reversed. Those considered unable to make a forced march to Detroit were killed, including a three year old cousin of Sarah's who was thrown on a fire and burned to death with the child's mother forced to watch. Two of Sarah's older brothers were also captured, but only one survived the march north. Also captured were two of her cousins both of whom did not return till after the Treaty of Greenville (1795).

In 1791 Sarah married Thomas Davis who also had survived years of captivity. Their daughter Sarah Davis married Rev. Thomas Johnson founder of the Shawnee Methodist Indian Mission. Sara Ruddell Davis died while living with her daughter Sarah Davis Johnson and is buried with many of the family members.

(End of Sarah Ruddell Davis story)

Speaker for Apr 20, 2019 Chapter meeting:



Thomas S. Vontz. Professor Vontz directs Kansas State University's Center for Social Studies Education and teaches in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction. He is Kansas State Coordinator of the We

the People and Project Citizen programs and past-president of the Kansas State University Faculty Senate and Kansas Council for the Social Studies. He is active in international democracy development and has worked directly with students, teachers, administrators and/or embassy officials in Bangladesh, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Cambodia, Estonia, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Pakistan, and Russia. He has written or co-written number of journal articles, book chapters, encyclopedia entries, curriculum materials, programmatic grants, and a comparative civics textbook published by CQ Press, *Exploring Political Ideas* (with Stephen Schechter and Margaret Branson). He also served as Executive Associate Editor of Cengage's *American Governance*, an award-winning scholarly encyclopedia that explores the multiple ways Americans govern themselves. Most recently (2018), he authored (with Spencer Clark and Stephen Schechter) a book chapter, "Populism, Democracy, and the Education of Citizens," that appears in Information Age Publishing's *Democracy's Discontent and Civic Learning*, Charles S. White, editor.

Dr. Vontz will speak at the Apr 20 chapter meeting on "We the People", (What are the political ideas on which all Americans agree?) A Part 2 follow on, led by Ken Thomas, on May 18, from Blue Valley NW High School is to bring three students to do a mock congressional hearing.

(End of Patriot newsletter)