



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

The Revolution is coming!
Three Years - 11 Months - Four Days

NEXT MEETING:

When: August 20, 2022

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

Reservations & Cost: For reservations, email Secretary@dxsar.com or call Steven French (913)-832-6034 by 7:00 PM, Wednesday, August 17, 2022.

Cost: \$17.00/person

Program: Larry Sullens, The USS Liberty presentation

CALENDER & COMING EVENTS

August 2022

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

September 2022

- 14 DX EC Meeting
- 17 DX Chapter Picnic

October 2022

- 12 DX EC Meeting
- 15 DX Chapter Meeting

The President's Corner



By Larry Tatum

After the extremely hot July weather, I think it's time to treat yourself to a day trip. A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to view one of only 11, in the world, original print of the US Constitution.

This print was acquired for \$43.2 million at Sotheby's, breaking the record for the amount paid for a document.

The original print of the US Constitution is featured, along with many other patriotic works of art, in a free exhibit titled "We the People: The Radical Notion of Democracy" until January 2,

2023, at the Crystal Bridges Museum, Bentonville, AR.

The Delaware Crossing Chapter is happy to report that after becoming the Kansas Society first place winner, our Chapter Rumbaugh Oration winner, James Schultz, has also become the National Rumbaugh Champion. We express our thanks to Ken Ludwig for recruiting and Bruce Smith for managing James in his travels to and participation in the contests. And of course, our thanks and congratulations to James for all of his hard work in his successful endeavor.

I am also happy to announce that the ranks of our Color Guard are growing. Rick Alley has acquired a uniform and I am in the process of having one made. The sizes of the Chapter's stock of uniforms are a little, ok, much too small for me. Our goal is to increase the number of Color Guardsmen by at least five.

All Delaware Crossing members are invited to join in the fun and comradery of the Color Guard.



Proposed Cost of Breakfast Increase

The Hilton Garden Inn has increased the price that we pay for breakfast to \$18 plus taxes and gratuities. This brings the total cost per person to \$24.40.

It has been proposed that starting in October, we raise the price that we collect to \$20 per person and the Chapter will subsidize the balance.

The Chapter hasn't increased the cost of breakfast for more than four years and this increase appears to be reasonable due to the inflation we are experiencing. But we need to hear feedback from the membership prior to making the final decision.

Please send any questions or responses to Secretary@dxsar.com.



Color Guardsmen Robert Grover, Jerry Vest, Dewey Fry, and Dennis Nelson.

Public Naturalization Ceremonies Return to Kansas City, Kansas

July 15, 2022, marked the return of Naturalization Ceremonies to the Robert J. Dole US Courthouse in Kansas City, KS that are open to the public for viewing and open to the SAR Color Guard for Presenting the Colors and leading the new citizens in their first Pledge of Allegiance as a Citizen of the United States of America. This was the first public ceremony in more than two years due to COVID and a transformer fire that rendered the first two floors of the courthouse uninhabitable until remodeled.

Ceremonies have continued monthly during that time but had to be much smaller, as many as 4 per day and 5 days per month, generally in one week. Only those to become new citizens could attend unless the ceremony was outside on the courthouse steps.

Dewey Fry, Dennis Nelson and Robert Grover of DX and Jerry Vest, formerly of Monticello participated. Dewey Fry is attempting to convince Jerry to reup his membership as one thing he dearly loves is participating in Naturalization Ceremonies. Financially, COVID was devastating to his business, therefore his income. We were very warmly welcomed back.

Also, the Shawnee Mission DAR Chapter served cookies and punch during the reception following the ceremony.

The new citizens and their families love to have their pictures taken with the Judge and Color Guard.

The ceremonies begin at 10:30 am and are scheduled for the remainder of 2020 as follows:

Friday August 18, 2022

Friday October 14, 2022

Friday November 18, 2022

Friday December 16, 2022



Mel Carney

Mel Carney, Command at Dawn

If you were one of the lucky 26 in attendance at our July 16 chapter meeting, you can tell the members who chose not to attend of the absolutely inspiring program presented by a real patriot.

We viewed an approximate 17-minute video narrated by Mel Carney that showed many photos of the war and condition in Viet Nam in the region in which he served. He told of his having to take command of his platoon as the former commanders were fatally wounded.

The soldier written about in the book is supposedly fictional; however, one could tell as Mel spoke for several minutes after the video that he had lived through those experiences. One could also see the pain that he, as many other Viet Nam War veterans stated, had suffered with the horrible greetings

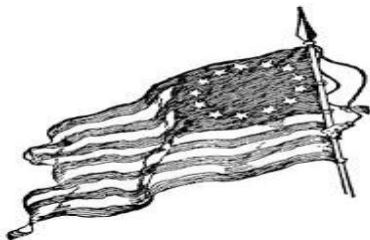
given to them as they arrived on US soil when they returned from Viet Nam.

Those horrendous greetings caused many Viet Nam veterans to never talk of having served in Viet Nam. Books and presentations like those Mel Carney and Richard Brundage have helped many to begin to open up. Not only did Mel and Richard serve their nation as soldiers, but they also served it and fellow soldiers by writing their books.

It is saddening to write that Richard W. Brundage suddenly passed on June 24, 2022, just one month and 3 days after he presented the program at our May 21 Chapter Meeting. It verifies how fortunate we were to meet and hear his words.

We wish Melvin D. Carney many more years of presenting his program and selling his book so that light may be shed on ignorance of the many who have not had to endure the many years of hiding in pain that our veterans have faced.

You can read a little more about Mel and his experience as a writer and a Vietnam soldier and commander on his web site, <https://commandatdawn.com>. You can also purchase his book Command at Dawn on the web site if you missed the opportunity to purchase one after the meeting.



James Schultz (center) Davis Lee Wright, President General (right)

James Schultz Wins National Championship

James Schultz competed in the national Rumbaugh Oratorical finals held in Savannah, GA at the SAR annual congress on Monday July 11. He was accompanied by his mother Amy.

There were 6 finalists invited from CA, IN, KS, LA, NY, OH. James participated in a finalist welcome dinner Sunday night, July 10, held by the national oration chairman where he drew 6th in the presentation order.

His oration on General Nathanael Greene was scored in 1st place. As such, he received the national champion scholarship award of \$8000.

This is \$2000 more than the prize posted on the national website. This award increase had been proposed by the Rumbaugh Oration committee but was not confirmed publicly as implemented until the night of the finals.

He attended the youth awards luncheon on Tuesday July 12, where he reprised his oration for the assembled compatriots and guests.

Congratulations to James for his achievement in both the Rumbaugh Oration and the Knight Essay contest finals.

SAR National Congress Rumbaugh Photos



James Schultz and his mother, Amy.



Gavin Kurtz (DX) Dewey Fry (DX) Jeff Winters (MC) Tom Chychota (HL). Gavin is Dewey's grandson.



James Schultz and Bruce Smith.

Congratulations to the 2022 Award Winners!

The Kansas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution won the “Best Representation of Theme” at the Lenexa Community Days Fourth of July Parade.



James is congratulated by his mother, Amy.



Bryan Wampler, President General Davis Lee Wright, James Schultz, Amy Schultz, Vern Welkner, Bruce Smith, Bobbie Hulse, & John H. Bredenfoerder.



James Schultz presents his Rumbaugh Oration.



President General Davis Lee Wright, National Oration Winner James Schultz, Rumbaugh Chairman John H. Bredenfoerder.



James Schultz and Rumbaugh Chairman John H. Bredenfoerder.



James Schultz with his Joseph S. Rumbaugh National Award.



Bruce Smith is presented the Harold C. Putnam Award by John H. Bredenfoerder.