



The Delaware Crossing Patriot

Kansas Society

June 2016

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

COMING EVENTS CALENDER

NEXT MEETING:

When: June 18

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

Reservations & Cost: For reservations, email Secretary@dxsar.com or call Kirk Rush 913-789-0975 by 3:00 PM, the Wednesday before.

Program: Revolution in economic thought – speaker: William Greiner.

- June 4th Old Shawnee Days Parade
- June 14th Flag Program - Aberdeen Village
- June 18th Chapter Meeting
- June 21st Liberty (WWI Memorial) DAR MoH
- July 9-13 National Congress

Editor's Note (Greg Millican)

Please do send news about your ancestor patriots, special events, career changes, history trips, etc., that may be included in the *Delaware Crossing Patriot*. You may reach me at Gregory.millican@gmail.com, and phone number (913) 268-4932.



The President's Corner

Stu Conrad, President, DX

Memorial Day. What mental image does it conjure for you? Wreaths? Flags? Aged Vets? Sadly, for many of our “millennials,” it brings back only a car race, some days out of school, if school is even in session, a barbecue or even something as significant as the opening of a swimming pool.

I just watched an interview piece involving college students. Of course, it's far from a random sample, and I'd like to hope that those interviewed were not representative, but few if any knew even who we had fought in World War II, much less in World War I and certainly the Revolutionary War. The SAR should be focused on the War for Independence from Great Britain, but we should never forget the War of 1812 (sometimes called the second War of Independence), World War I, labeled the “War to End All Wars,” and those that followed. Sadly, many of those interviewed did not even know the name of our first President, could not identify the sides in the Civil War nor what they fought about.

Winston Churchill supposedly said that “a nation that does not remember its past has no future.” Certainly he was speaking to different peoples and in a different time and historical context, but his words still have,

perhaps, a significance for us in this day. The call to “remember” should challenge each of us to renew our commitment to see that the principles that led our ancestors to seek liberty above all else are preserved.

As we approach another anniversary of the Normandy Invasion, we all should pause and give thanks for those who assaulted the beaches on that grey June morning to free Europe, and in so doing, gave all of us a gift that we can never fully repay.

It hit home to me a few weeks ago: I had the honor of making some brief comments following an Eagle Court of Honor presentation by a retired Army Colonel who had served at Ft. Riley. I sought to remind the assembly how much we enjoyed the gift – dare I say take for granted – from those who raise their hand and in so doing sign a blank check to the United States of America, and like the patriots of old pledge “their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor” to the defense of nothing less than our very way of life.

We should remember *our* past so that *our* nation has a future. As SAR compatriots *we* should think seriously about the pledge that *we* recite at the beginning of each of our meetings.

(End of President’s Corner)

At the May DX Chapter Meeting:



I John Schatzel in presentation of Alexander Hamilton

John Schatzel, the May chapter program presenter, is the president of the Henry Leavenworth SAR Chapter. John had his two sons, Ben and Josh, as helpers in the presentation of *Alexander Hamilton*. The

presentation was based on the book by Ron Chernow. A musical based on the book is currently playing on Broadway in New York, and John began the presentation with sound bites from the musical.

Hamilton was born in 1755 and died in 1804 of a dueling wound by Aaron Burr.

Famous Quotes by Hamilton:

- *A national debt, if it is not excessive, will be to us a national blessing.*
- *Why has government been instituted at all? Because the passions of men will not conform to the dictates of reason and justice, without constraint.*
- *Those who stand for nothing fall for anything*

Noteworthy accomplishments of Hamilton are as follows:

- *He became George Washington's most able and trusted aid during the Revolutionary War. ...*
- *Hamilton wrote most of the Federalist Papers (51 of 85), which ensured ratification of the Constitution*
- *Hamilton served as first Treasury Secretary and stabilized the economy*
- *Hamilton helped shape Washington's foreign policy based on American self-interest*
- *Hamilton opposed slavery*

At the May DX Chapter meeting:

A silent moment was observed for Roy Ellis Robinson who passed away April 18. Roy was Tim Peterman's uncle, and had been a member of the Delaware Crossing Chapter since 2001, and a member at large.

KSAR Youth Fund Raffle:

A flint rifle is being given as the prize of the KSAR Youth Fund Raffle. The cost of a ticket is \$5.00 / each. Purchase ticket(s) from David Comer.



2 Flint Rifle for Youth Fund Raffle

Also at the May meeting, the induction of new member, Jack Generaux.

Jack's ancestor was Martin Pruitt, his service as stated on Jack's application was as a Spy, 2 years, beginning fall of 1778 in Capt. William Campbell's Virginia County; in Battle of Kings Mountain under Capt.. William Campbell; signed Oath of Allegiance in Washington County., VA 21 May 1781.



3 New Member:induction:. Left to right: Stu Conrad, Jack Generaux, Dewey Fry

The meaning of the two candle induction ceremony

The large candle represents the SAR and the new member's candle represents the act of getting membership life from it. Also, the process has reference to honoring the Sons

of Liberty lighting their candle lamps, and is to honor the new member's patriot ancestor.

Also, the May meeting:



4 Cathy Lawrenz receives Martha Washington Medal: Left to right: Stu, Jack, Cathy Lawrenz, Dewey Fry

Cathy Lawrenz is Jack Generaux's wife. She is a DAR member in the Olathe Chapter. The medal she was presented was the Martha Washington Medal. She earned the medal from KSSSAR for having referred five new SAR members, Jack was her fifth referral.

Flag Auction results:

At the end of the May Chapter meeting, the remaining flags of the on-line (email) auction were auctioned for a grand total, internet and live auction, earnings of \$265.00. The proceeds from the auction will be deposited equally in the Kesler Youth Endowment Fund and the Color Guard Fund of our chapter per Wanda Kaffenberger's wishes. Wanda donated some of the vast collection of flags of deceased Compatriot Frederick Kaffenberger.