



*The Delaware Crossing Patriot
Kansas Society
Sons of the American Revolution
September 2023
Metro Kansas City's Oldest & Largest Chapter, Founded 1960*

*The Revolution is coming!
Two Years - Ten Months - Four Days*

NEXT MEETING:

When: September 16, 2023

Where: Shelter House #1, Antioch Park,
6501 Antioch Road, Merriam, KS. Food
Served at Noon.

Reservations & Cost: For reservations, email
Secretary@dxsar.com or call Dewey Fry (913)-
897-9502 by 8:00 PM, Friday, Sept. 8, 2023

Cost: \$12.00/person, \$6.00/ age 12 to 6,
under 6 Free

Program: Annual Picnic & Flag Retirement

CALENDAR & COMING EVENTS

October 2023

- 18 DX EC Meeting
- 21 DX Chapter Meeting

November 2023

- 4 BOG Meeting
- 15 DX EC Meeting
- 18 DX Chapter Meeting – DX Anniversary Celebration

December 2023

- 13 DX EC Meeting
- 16 DX Chapter Meeting – Annual Christmas Party

The President's Corner



By Larry Tatum

Last Month, we celebrated a significant milestone, the 750th Meeting of the Delaware Crossing Chapter. This month we look forward to our Annual Picnic, Memorial Service and Flag Retirement Ceremony.

Please don't miss this event. Pat and Dewey Fry spend many hours preparing for our picnic and their BBQ is the best. The Memorial Service and Flag Retirement Ceremony that follows lunch is certainly one of the most important programs that we observe.

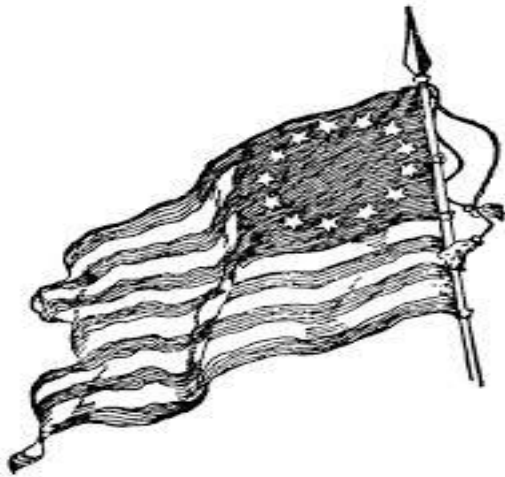
Again, you don't want to miss this event.

Now I would like to brag about the Delaware Crossing Chapter.

Americanism Chairman, Dennis Nelson has received the results of the 2022 Americanism Report and the Delaware Crossing Chapter ranks 8th in the Nation. The report assigns a number value for the Chapter functions that are the goals of the Sons of the American Revolution. Other committee reports tabulate values regarding a specific area, but Americanism spans the activities that are the purpose and goals of the SAR - education, community evolvement, patriotism.

Most importantly to me, we achieved this high status by participating in the functions that are important and gratifying to us. Not to purposely try to score points, but to be meaningfully engaged with our community.

Congratulations to the Delaware Crossing Chapter for being recognized nationally as a Top Tier SAR Chapter.



Americanism Chairman, Dennis Nelson

Final Results of the 2022 Americanism Contest

by Dennis Nelson, Americanism Chairman

The NSSAR has posted on its website the details of the 2022 Americanism /President General's Streamer Award contest. Delaware Crossing Chapter competed with 42 chapters that submitted reports for the category of 91-150 members. There were four membership categories and a total of 237 chapters submitted reports.

Americanism recognizes chapters that participate in outreach education efforts and who acknowledge community leaders for their efforts

to perpetuate the goals of the SAR. In the Americanism contest DX finished 3rd (2021 – 3rd) with 14,013 points. Compared to all chapters filing reports, DX ranked 8th out of 237 and was the only chapter in the top eight west of the Mississippi River.

The President General’s Streamer contest recognizes chapters for their efforts to achieve the administrative goals of the SAR and who contribute to the success of the SAR. In the PG Streamer contest, DX was 2nd (2021 – 3rd) with 7,175 points.

The President General’s Cup recognizes chapters that best achieves the goals of both Americanism and President General’s Streamer award contest. In the President General’s Cup contest, the points for Americanism and PG Streamer are combined and divided by the number of members in the chapter to arrive at an average of overall points per member. DX scored in 12 out of 13 categories, qualifying to compete for the President General’s Cup. DX finished 3rd (2021 – 4th) with a 139.50 average points per member.

Congratulations to all chapter members for their efforts whether it is active participation in the chapter and/or providing financial support though dues and donations.

These results clearly demonstrate that Delaware Crossing is one of the best SAR chapters in NSSAR for both outreach and administrative support of SAR programs.



John Forbes presents the Meeting Program.

**John Forbes Program for our August 19
Chapter Meeting**

We all owe John Forbes a significant amount of gratitude for presenting an interesting program on a moment’s notice.

Due to a communication problem with the speaker booked for the meeting, he failed to notify our Vice Present of Programs that he would not be available to present the program despite several inquiries through a third party.

We earlier had a program presented by Dr. Curtis King in November 2022 about the Battle of Westport. John Forbes presented a program about the Kansas 11th Infantry in the Civil War which included the Battle of West Port along with several other skirmishes along the border between Kansas and Missouri in protecting Kansas from being invaded by the troops and allies of the Missouri troops.

It is interesting how minor viewpoints differ based on the positions of being a Confederate or Union supporting State.



Larry Tatum presents a Certificate of Appreciation to John Forbes.



Color Guard Commander, Steven French presents Ken Ludwig with the Bronze Color Guard Medal.

Ken Ludwig Presented Bronze Color Guard Medal

Kenneth Wayne Ludwig was presented the Bronze Color Guard Medal by Commander Steven French of the Delaware Crossing Chapter Color Guard at our August 19th meeting. Color Guard Medals are earned based on an Event or Point program established by the National Society Sons of the American Revolution. A color guardsman must

earn 300 pts over a 3-year period. Points are 5 for chapter events and 10 for state events.

For the two years Ken was Chapter President, opportunities were few as he is also President and owner of an engineering consulting firm. Covid posed several challenges which require most of his attention.

As you can see by the smile on his face, this was a significant achievement.

Congratulations Ken.



Dewey Fry, Dan Dryer, Larry Tatum, and Steven French.

Your DX Color Guard at Work

As Color Guardsmen from other chapters were at work and planning their attending the South-Central District Meeting in Wichita on Friday evening August 25 and Saturday morning August 26, 4 members of your Delaware Crossing Color

Guard presented the Colors on Thursday August 24 at the Lied Center on the West Campus of KU in Lawrence.

The Color Guardsmen were from left to right, Dewey Fry, Dan Dryer, Larry Tatum, and Steve French. There were 315 applicants who recited the Oath of Allegiance making them a new citizen of the United States of America.

It was the privilege of Dewey Fry to lead the new citizens the first time they recited our Pledge of Allegiance as a citizen of the USA. All the audience joined in.

After the ceremony the Color Guard stood in the large entry for an hour so the new citizens and their families could have one or more photos with us. This a custom we have participated in for several years.



New Citizens have their photos taken with members of the Delaware Crossing Color Guard.

Chapter Picnic

Our DX Chapter Picnic is on Saturday September 16 at Antioch Park Shelter House No. 1.


An Announcement and Map has been emailed to each member. It has also been emailed to the Monticello Chapter and Henry Leavenworth Chapter. Please refer to that email for additional information about the picnic and the Memorial Service and Flag Retirement Ceremony that will follow the picnic.

Please make you reservation by 8:00 PM Friday September 8.

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DELAWARE CROSSING CHAPTER
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2023
10:00 AM-2:00 PM

At Shelter House No. 1, Antioch Park,
6501 Antioch Rd, Merriam,
KS
(See accompanying map, use the South Entrance)
Food Served at Noon





The menu will be smoked beef brisket, smoked pulled pork, baked beans, potato salad and coleslaw. There will be bottled water, lemonade and iced tea to drink and cookies for desert.

Come and enjoy the fellowship, food, patriotism. Restrooms are nearby. Hand sanitizer will be at the shelter and buffet line. There are paved paths on which to stroll and a lake to view. Invite family members and the prospective members who are actively working with you on their applications.

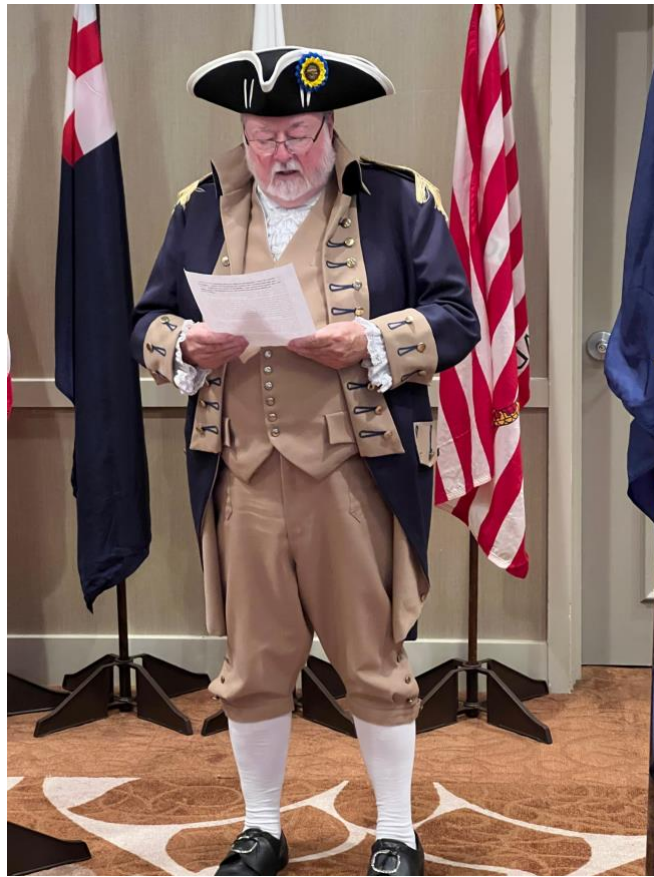
There is a moderate distance walk from the shelter to the Fire Circle for the Memorial Service and Flag Retirement Ceremony. Parking near the Fire Circle is limited.

Food planning is more critical than for a normal meeting as it is being prepared by Dewey and Pat Fry, so please make your reservations in a soon as possible. We want to make sure there is enough food. To make reservations for the picnic, email secretary@dxsar.com or call Dewey Fry at 913-897-9502 by 8:00 PM Friday September 8, 2023 as food preparation plans will be finalized on Saturday September 9. The fee is \$12.00 for those 13 and older, \$6.00 for children 6 through 12 and free to those under 6. In making your reservations please indicate the number in each age group.

1:00 PM: Memorial Service and Flag Retirement Ceremony



Memory At 1:00 PM at the Fire Circle, a brief Memorial Service for recently deceased members of Delaware Crossing, Monticello and Henry Leavenworth Chapters will be conducted; immediately thereafter the Color Guard will conduct a Flag Retirement Ceremony with participation of members of the Boy Scouts of America. An adequate number of flags have been acquired for the ceremony; however, if you wish to retire a flag please prepare it by cutting the eyelets from it, then cut the blue field from it, then cut each stripe from it. C.A.R. Societies and KSDAR Chapters and the Boy Scouts participating will be awarded Flag Retirement Certificates.



Dennis Nelson presents an article on a Moment in the American Revolution.

Two New Features of Our Chapter Meetings

For those who have been attending our chapter meeting recently you have been able to enjoy the two new features.

Dennis Nelson, our Chapter Historian, has presented a short article on an event of the Revolutionary War period that occurred during the month corresponding with our current meeting.

Also, occurring less frequently due to lack of preparation by our members, a Chapter member present a short speech about one of their Patriot Ancestors for whom they filed their initial membership or as a supplement application. Thus far Tim Peterman and Bruce Smith, pictured, have made presentations.

This is your opportunity to make a presentation about your Patriot Ancestor. Contact our President Larry Tatum and volunteer to make a presentation.



Bruce Smith gives a biography of one of his Revolutionary Patriots.

Status of Patriot Chest

Nearly all the items requested for the Delaware Crossing Chapter Patriot Chest have been donated and will soon be in possession.

Several items not requested have been donated. There are enough items that it will require both chests to store and transport them.

The only items requested and still not donated are items children would enjoy such as a Girls Chemise, a Girls Country Cap, and a Boys Work Shirt that can be acquired from Townsends at the following website www.townsends.us Currently out of stock at Townsends are Bone Dominos. Perhaps someone would like to donate them in the future.

A small chalk board and either soapstone pencil or chalk as seen on Townsend.

Contact Dewey Fry before you purchase so as not to have significant duplications. Contact him at 816-223-8559 or deweyf@kc.rr.com.