



The Delaware Crossing Patriot Kansas Society

February 2016

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

NEXT MEETING:

When: **FEB 13th 9:00 a.m.**
Where: Hilton Garden Inn, 12080 S Strang
Line Rd. Olathe, KS

Program: Knight Essay and Eagle Scout

Reservations & Cost: For reservations, e-mail
reserve@dxsar.com or call Stu Conrad at 913-
897-3351 by 3:00 PM, the Wednesday before

COMING EVENTS CALANDER

Feb 05 Poster Contest – Pioneer Ridge
Middle School, Gardner
Feb 13 Chapter Meeting
Feb 20 George Washington's Birthday
Celebration Luncheon
Mar 12 Chapter Meeting
Mar 19 KSSSAR Conference – Ft. Scott
Apr 16 Chapter Meeting

NEW CHAPTER OFFICERS

Effective April, 2016 the following will assume
new officer positions:

President	Stu Conrad
Exec. VP	Shawn Cowing
VP Programs	Matt Brady
Secretary	Kirk Rush
Treasurer	Shawn Cowing
Asst. Treasurer	Dick Nelson
Reg/Genealogist	Timothy Peterman
Kesler Trustee	Scott Larson



The President's Corner

Brian Revard, Pres. DX

It is time to support our youth! Please come to the Feb 13th Chapter meeting to see our Knight Essay and Eagle Scout Essay winners present their essays to the chapter and receive their prizes. I hear that we have several good contestants this year and I am looking forward to hearing their essays. Also this month is the George Washington's Birthday Celebration on February 20th. This is always an outstanding event for the area SAR and DAR members.

Don't forget that in February and March the Chapter meeting will be on the second Saturday of the month rather than our usual third Saturday. This adjustment is made so as not to conflict with the GWBC in February and the KSSSAR state conference in March.

As you can see, we have a busy couple of months ahead of us and I hope to see you at some or all of these events.

Kes Kesler Passes Away at 88

This month we bade a fond farewell to a most beloved compatriot, Hurst “Kes” Kesler.



Kes was a long time member of the DX chapter, a two-time chapter president, VP General and strong supporter of the Color Guard. Kes was the consummate leader; with a unique ability to get members fired up about supporting chapter projects, or to get involved in any number of years. Kes was a professional journalist/publisher. He edited the *Delaware Crossing Patriot* for many years and was also editor of the *Liberty Bell* winning several national SAR awards for that publication.



Kes & Jean Kesler with Charles Goslin 2009

Kes was born in 1928 and passed away on January 15th at the age of 88. Kes and Jean, his wife of 67 years, “retired” from the Kansas City area several years ago and moved back to their native Indianapolis. When health made moving back to Kansas City a necessity, he and Jean lived their final years together in an assisted care facility. Jean passed away about three weeks prior to Kes' passing.

Kes was a WWII veteran, serving as a Navy Signalman on the USS Cahaba in the South Pacific. During Kes' career he was a teacher at the Duck Valley Indian reservation in Elko County, Nevada. He was later became a publisher; with Inter-Collegiate Press and then as he and Jean ran their own yearbook publishing company.



(Right to Left: Kirk Rush, Dewey Fry, Kyle Kesler pay their respects)

Kes and Jean shared their memorial service together, on January 29th at Amos Funeral Home. Many members of several chapters as well as several Color Guardsmen, were present to pay their respects Kes was a statesman and a true compatriot. He and Jean will be sorely missed.

Delaware Crossing Recognized

Delaware Crossing Chapter was recognized by Wreaths Across America for its long standing participation and for efforts in selling wreaths for



the event. Compatriot and State Color Guard Commander Dennis Nelson was instrumental this year in organizing the sale of wreaths and commanding the detail of guardsmen participating in this year's event, from several area chapters.

Politics and the SAR Do Not Mix – Publicly

This year, being an election year we are all very much aware of the political rhetoric that fills the news, editorial pages and social media.

As responsible citizens, being aware of the issues and forming informed opinions on the topics of the day is part of being an informed and strong nation for us all.

However, the DX Executive Committee would like to provide a gentle reminder that the SAR, as a non-profit organization, is politically agnostic.

At the national, district and state levels of the organization and as we may be leaders or representatives of the SAR in some capacity at those levels, it is clear that we cannot attribute to the SAR any endorsement of a political candidate or political issue without endangering the tax favored status of being a 501-type organization.

As individual members however, we should also be cognizant of the fact that our friends and family or the general public are not in a position to make

that differentiation between personal opinion and what may be perceived as an attribution to the SAR as an organization. We should all be sensitive then, to making any statements or other publication of what may be our personal beliefs or views, in such a way that may be misinterpreted as being shared or endorsed by the Sons of the American Revolution.

While it could be said that being politically active is a patriotic quality – be mindful that there should be a distinction between 'patriotism' and 'political activism'.

Want to Give Away an Electronic Device?

At some time or other we have all wanted to give away or sell a tablet, phone, Kindle or some other such device.

Before you do that, you will want to make sure that all of your account information, name associated with the device, contacts etc... are permanently removed.

If you merely delete the appropriate files (kudos if you can find them all) they will still be there and someone can retrieve them.

Most devices, such as a Kindle, will have an option of 'deregistering' your account – through *settings/my account/deregister*. You can successfully remove the rest of your personal information the task by performing a “factory reset” or a “hard reset”.

Helpful Websites

Need to Shrink Pictures?

- www.shrinkpictures.com
- www.resize2mail.com

Photo Sharing Sites

- www.snapfish.com
- www.shutterfly.com
- www.photobucket.com
- www.picasa.google.com