



## *The Delaware Crossing Patriot*

### *Kansas Society*

## *Sons of the American Revolution*

June 2017

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

### CALENDER

#### NEXT MEETING:

When: June 17

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

Reservations & Cost: For reservations, email  
[Secretary@dxsar.com](mailto:Secretary@dxsar.com) or call Ken  
Ludwig (913) 897-0379 by 3:00 PM,  
the Wednesday before.

**NEW BREAKFAST PRICE: \$17.00**

Program: Carolyn Grover on Orphan Train

### COMING EVENTS

6/14 DXSAR EC meeting, at Oak Park Library,  
9500 Bluejacket St.

7/6-12 Annual Conf. – Knoxville, TN

8/5 Board of Gov. – Emporia, KS

9/16 Annual Picnic, Antioch Park, Shelter 1

#### 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 Stu Conrad

A Prayer for America.

“O beautiful, for heroes proved; In  
liberating strife. Who more than  
self their country loved, and mercy  
more than life! America! America!  
May God thy gold refine, till all  
success be nobleness and every  
gain divine!

O beautiful, for patriot dream, that  
sees beyond the years, thine  
alabaster cities gleam undimmed by  
human tears! America! America!  
God shed his grace on thee, till  
nobler men keep once again thy  
whiter jubilee!”

It is said that Katharine Lee Bates composed this poem while she was standing atop Pike's Peak, surveying the expanse before her.

On this Memorial Day weekend, we are challenged to remember not only our forefather-patriots about whom the verse quoted above sings. But we must remember their sacrifice and constancy, but the principles they struggled so valiantly to establish.

A few years ago, while on a business trip to Washington, I found time to visit the then newly-

constructed World War II memorial. Our chapter has, at least once, recognized the declining number of “Honor Flights” that take WWII veterans to visit this memorial. My visit was not that dignified, but I was still deeply impressed as I moved toward the rear of the memorial and paused there before a wall of some 400 gold stars behind a reflecting pool. When I came to realize that each of those stars represented 1,000 members of our armed forces who had given their lives simply to permit me to stand there, I was moved to tears. I left with a resolve to do what little I could to preserve the principles that our Patriot Ancestors held so dear that they would resist and defeat the most formidable power that the world then knew.

Today, resistance has become a key word. “Resist,” the cry is heard. But Resist what? Surely not those same principles for which our ancestors stood so tall. Surely not those same principles for those who were and have been memorialized? Surely not those principles held by those who now rest in the hallowed ground of Arlington, or those principles for which some 50,000 died in Vietnam? No, I say defiantly: Those principles live on because of the sacrifice made. And we – we – must now grasp the torch that has been handed to us.

We must continue with renewed strength our objective to educate those younger than ourselves about those principles and why they matter. Liberty. Self-government. And Freedom.

When prose fails, one can turn to poetry. Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, who fought in 1918 on the Western Front in World War I, penned these closing words before he, too, gave the last full measure of devotion:

We are the Dead. Short days ago,  
we lived, felt dawn, saw sunset  
glow, loved and were loved and  
now we lie in Flanders Fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe; to  
you from failing hands we throw  
the torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If you break faith with us who die,  
we shall not sleep, though poppies  
grow

In Flanders Fields.

It is now our responsibility to hold that torch of principles high, but only for a little while and then we, too, must hand it to others if it is to survive and stay lit. We must teach the young, one by one, those same principles that were so dear to our Patriot Ancestors, to Col. McCrae, and to thousands upon thousands who have given the last full measure of devotion to keep that flame alight.

Remember. Always remember.

(End of President’s Corner)

### **Summary of chapter May 20 meeting:**

The induction of three new members included a meaningful candle lighting ceremony as seen in the following pictures.

Each of the new inducted members lit a candle gave a summary of their primary patriot. Dennis Strickland gave summary of Joseph Witherington; Bruce Smith gave a summary of patriot Abel Tanner, and James Mozena gave a summary of his patriot Jean Mouginet.



1 Dennis Strickland lighting a candle



2 Bruce Smith shares about his Patriot



3 James Mozena shares about his Patriot

Also at the May 20, chapter meeting, Linda Sehrt gave a portrayal of Ellan Hardin Walworth, one of four founders of the NSDAR. The talk included Walworth's accomplishments as a writer on patriotic and historic topics and as the first editor of the *American Monthly Magazine*. Mrs. Sehrt was in period dress. She spoke of initial rejection of women in the SAR, resulting in the formation in the DAR. Mrs. Sehrt also spoke of the current strong ties between the SAR and DAR.



4 Linda Sehrt portrays Ellan Hardin Walworth

Also at the chapter meeting, Dennis Nelson read the Proclamation from the Kansas Governor's office and the Kansas legislature, for the 125<sup>th</sup> special day for the Kansas SAR.



5 Dennis Nelson read the proclamations. Also shown are Brain Revard(left) and Stu Conrad

The framed proclamations are shown in the following picture:



Governor Brownback is shown signing the proclamation in the following picture:



Gov. Brownback signed the 125th year proclamation for the Kansas SAR (picture from Mar 2017 Patriot).

**Preview of Chapter Meeting Program,**

**June 17:**

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*(End of Patriot News letter)*