

**DX SAR EC Committee Meeting Minutes
Pegah's Restaurant**

Date: April 15, 2026

Time: 6:00pm

EC Meeting Attendees:

Stu Conrad	Gary Hicks	Tim Peterman
Scott Crossette	Kirk Rush	Dennis Nelson
Kevin Dyches	Tom Black	Bruce Smith
Dewey Fry	Steven French	Rich Woody
Ken Ludwig	Clay Shropshire	

Chapter Meeting Reservations:

Rick Alley	Tom Bedient	Tom Black
Scott Crossette	Dan Dryer	Kevin Dyches
Ken Ludwig	Alan Martin	James Mozena
Robert Patterson (2)	Kirk Rush	Clay Shropshire
Michael Warren	Jeffrey Winters	Rich Woody
Steven French	Dewey Fry (2)	Tim Peterman
John Forbes	Dave Yuengert (2)	Dennis Nelson
Mary Dempsey (speaker)		

Number of reservations: 25

Audio / Visual Equipment Required: Yes

Color Guard Names:

Steven French	Dan Dryer	Alan Martin
Kirk Rush	Jeffrey Winters	Dewey Fry
Ken Ludwig	Dennis Nelson	

Committee Reports: Submitted via email to EC members

Treasurer's Report:

General Fund	\$4,246.39
Color Guard Fund	\$1,592.40
Veterans Fund	\$1,857.80
Kesler Youth Endowment Fund	\$126,901.35

Discussion: Kevin stated that Kansas is delinquent by 3 months in paying DX \$2500 for dues. We received \$900 in dividends in Q1 2026 from the DVY ETF fund in the Endowment Fund. We should receive dividends around \$1000 in each of the remaining quarters this year. Our cash level reads more than \$3300 currently, but should be around \$2000 after youth contest winners cash all their checks.

Kevin would like to send out our EIN to members to let them know that they could contribute tax deductible gifts the the Chapter.

If the amount in the KYEF get higher then the Chapter should invest in CDs for higher returns.

Motion: Approve the Treasurer & Committee Reports

Motion by: Steven French

Second by: Kirk Rush

Action/Result: Approve as submitted with corrections to Dewey Fry's report. He has sent me corrections which will be updated and resent to the EC members. This will include information about two possible recipients for a heroism medal. It will also include Dennis Nelson's Membership report.

New Business:

Issue: Compatriot Tom Black has accepted the position of Chapter Secretary. Tim Peterman would lead Tom in the oath.

Motion: Move to elect Tom Black as Chapter Secretary with ratification by the Chapter membership.

Motion by: Ken Ludwig

Second by: Kirk Rush

Action/Result: Motion carried.

Issue: Larry Tatum has finished all his duties for the DX Chapter and for SAR and will not be attending any further meetings and will not be renewing his membership dues. As the most recent past President, he would be a Trustee on the KYEF Foundation. This position will need to be filled.

Discussion: Kirk Rush would be the next most recent past President after Ken Ludwig. Kirk Rush agreed to an appointment by Clay Shropshire to join Ken Ludwig and Stu Conrad as Trustees on the KYEF Foundation.

Other Discussion Items:

Compatriot Stu Conrad was presented the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal and Certificate for serving several years as Chapter Chancellor and as Trustee of the Kesler Youth Endowment Fund. This award was presented by Clay Shropshire on behalf of Larry Tatum.

Compatriot Stu Conrad was presented a framed citation from Bruce Smith which Bruce read at the Spring Leadership Conference. The citation was for his work over the past years assisting with the Knight Essay Contest as a national judge. Bruce also presented Stu with a Mt. Vernon flown George Washington Headquarters Flag. Congratulations Stu.

Compatriot Scott Crossette was awarded the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal for serving as Assistant Treasurer for two years and for working with Milburn Country Club to host DX Chapter meetings there. This award was presented by Clay Shropshire on behalf of Larry Tatum.

Tim Peterman presented the Genealogical Achievement Award to Dewey Fry for managing new member applications. This award would have been presented by Tim at the KS Society SAR Annual Conference in March.

Tim Peterman also has a Certificate of Appreciation for Larry Tatum and State Life Certificates for Dale Ellis and James Hundley that would have been presented by Tim at the KS Society SAR Annual Conference in March.

Bruce Smith stated that he has received the check for the Brochure Contest winner. He needs the printed certificate and will send Dewey Fry the winner's name.

Dewey Fry will plan to update the Membership Directory after the meeting on Saturday to show new officers and all current members. Tim Peterman has New Member Certificates and applications for D. Simmons and A. Gossman that he will bring to the meeting on Saturday to distribute needed contact information to Dewey Fry and Tom Black.

Clay Shropshire will be updating the officer list on the program prior to the meeting with Tom Black as Secretary and Kirk Rush as Trustee to KYEF.

Tim Peterman is updating the State Society roster for each chapter.

Stu Conrad expressed his appreciation to Dewey Fry for all of his work for the DX Chapter and to the State Society over the past several years.

Rich Woody handed out the speaker list for the remainder of the year. This will be included in the corrected Minutes.

Dewey and Pat Fry would be willing to assist a committee with the September Picnic and Flag Retirement Ceremony. Scott Crossette, Bruce Smith, and Clay Shropshire volunteered to assist with this effort.

Gary Hicks asked if someone would volunteer to set up the table flags at the Chapter Meeting on Saturday. Clay Shropshire said he would handle the task.

Gary Hicks stated that there will be a clean up of the Pitcher Cemetery in Independence where Ledstone Nolan is buried. He was a Revolutionary War soldier and Gary is a descendant of his. Gary knows that there is a DAR Grave Marker but does not know if there is a SAR Grave Marker. Bruce Smith said he would go by there to check.

Marvin Singleton has a uniform but needs a tricorn hat. He just needs to pay dues and get reinstated.

Motion: Move to adjourn

Motion by: Ken Ludwig

Second by: Bruce Smith

Action/Result: Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm

Chapter Meeting Minutes Saturday, April 18, 2026 at Milburn Country Club

A vote was taken by the membership present to confirm Compatriot Tom Black as Chapter Secretary. KS State President, Tim Peterman, administered the oath.

President, Clay Shropshire, presented to Steven French, DX Color Guard Commander, the following streamers awarded to the Chapter at the KS Society Annual Conference in Chanute, KS:

The 2025 KSSSAR Partners in Patriotism Award

DAR Referral

Attend 5 State Meetings

Americanism

USS Stark

Liberty Bell

Eagle Scout Contest

Rumbaugh Oration Contest

Knight Essay Contest

Patriotic Poster Contest

Patriotic Brochure Contest

Youth Video Contest

JROTC Award

Flag Certificate

Flag Retirement Certificate

and Wreaths Across America