



## *The Delaware Crossing Patriot*

### *Kansas Society*

## *Sons of the American Revolution*

June 2018

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

### **NEXT MEETING:**

**When:** June 16

**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 Preston  
Washington (816) 444-1198 by 3:00  
PM, the Wednesday before.

**Breakfast price: \$17.00/person**

**Program:** To be announced.

### **CALENDER & COMING EVENTS**

06/13 DX EC Meeting at Central Resource Library,  
9875 W 87<sup>th</sup> St., Overland Park, KS, 6:00 PM

06/16 DX Chapter Meeting

07/13-18 Annual Congress – Houston

07/18 DX EX Meeting

07/21 DX Chapter Meeting

### **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 Kirk Rush

Compatriots: This past Saturday 6/2/18 in Abilene, KS I had the pleasure, privilege and honor of participating in a grave marking ceremony for the 34<sup>th</sup> President of the United States and fellow compatriot Dwight David Eisenhower. This was my first opportunity to participate in an SAR grave marking ceremony and, boy, what a big one!

As I'm sure you are aware, Dwight D. Eisenhower was one of the greatest military leaders in modern history but was a much more accomplished President than I had realized. Of course, I was aware of his program of building our Interstate Highway System but there was much more he accomplished during his Presidency. One example is he authorized the establishment of NASA. I don't intend to give a history lesson on Eisenhower but do take the time to read up on him. In my estimation he is one of our greatest compatriots and a true American hero.

If you ever have an opportunity to participate in a grave marking ceremony for a patriot ancestor or compatriot, no matter how big or small, be sure to participate if at all possible. It is quite an honor and a humbling experience. It is important that we do this to remember our compatriots and honor

our patriot ancestors for their heroic deeds and sacrifices.

*(End of President's Corner)*

**May Chapter Meeting in Review:**

Daniel Dryer was inducted as new member at the May 19, 2018 chapter meeting. Daniel's patriot during the Revolutionary War was Zachariah Compton from Culpepper County, Virginia.



*1 Dan Dryer raises right hand during induction. Dewey Fry (on Dan's left is his sponsor).*

**May 19 Program, Revolutionary War Journal found:**

The speaker at May 19 chapter meeting was Heywood "Woody" Davis, and he told the story about how his family found a 150 page Revolutionary War Journal written by Christopher Hawkins, a 13-year-old from Providence, R.I. Christopher abandoned his apprenticeship and joined a privateer ship to fight the British in the War of American Independence. Christopher was captured and made to be a cabin boy on a British ship. If you missed the presentation, read the full story in the Kansas City Star newspaper, Apr 30, 2018, updated May 01, 2018.



*2 Speaker "Woody" receives a commendation from Kirk Rush.*

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**Dedication of the Eisenhower Grave Marker:**

The following pictures were taken in Abilene, Kansas during the Eisenhower grave marking ceremony on June 2, 2018. The dedication of the grave marker began with presentation of the colors accopted by Lonny Liljegren, bagpiper. Mary Eisenhower provided the family remarks and Larry Guzy, President General of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution was the main speaker. On the same day, the mounted Color Guard, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry from Fort Riley provided mounded demonstration, and later the 1st Infantry Division Band performed a concert in commemoration of D-Day.





3 Chapel, "Place of Meditation", containing Eisenhower grave.



4 Eisenhower boyhood home in Abilene, Kansas.



5 SAR National Color Guard, lead by Brooks Lyles and Dewey Fry.



6 DXSAR Wreath placed at grave marking, Abilene, Kansas.





7 Kirk Rush (on right) presents DXSAR wreath.



9 Main Speaker, Larry Guzy, President General National Society SAR.



8 Eisenhower family remarks by Mary Eisenhower, granddaughter.



10 Grave marker medal (photo by Katherine West).

(End of Patriot newsletter)