



The Delaware Crossing Patriot

Kansas Society

Sons of the American Revolution

August 2017

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

CALENDER

NEXT MEETING:

When: Aug 19

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

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

NEW BREAKFAST PRICE: \$17.00

Program: Nancy Morris on Honor Flights

COMING EVENTS

8/5 Board of Gov. – Emporia, KS

8/16 DXSAR EC meeting, at Oak Park Library,
9500 Bluejacket St.

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

Fallacies.

It seems that events almost always overtake my thoughts on what comments to make in this publication. This time the events seem to reinforce the need for a bit of clear thinking.

Fallacies of thought and argument may seem necessary, today more than ever before. We have, as a nation, become seriously divided and, guess what, over politics. In this context, some words about the most prevalent fallacies of thought suddenly seem appropriate. If you ever took debate in high school or university, you may recognize these fallacies. And, I shouldn't hesitate to add: this is far from a complete treatise on these fallacies; it is only a brief treatment of two or three of them that seem particularly appropriate.

The *argumentum ad hominem* argument seems to be particularly common today. It falls into the class of irrelevant appeals. This argument completely avoids – in fact dismisses – any argument on the merits of the premise (to use debate terms) and, instead, makes the “man [or woman] the argument.” The personality of someone is attacked and the argument is shifted from the merits of the argument that is actually being made. It is as though all of the arguments, both pro and con, are rendered no worth of discussion or dialogue, rather the maker of the argument becomes the topic. The shape of this fallacy is often recognized in the form that I'm not going to meet your argument and offer alternative or show why your position should be rejected, rather, you are unworthy and therefore your

position should be rejected. If we agree that the person making the argument is a bad person, then the merits of their position, whatever it may be, are also bad and should be rejected. The definition is “an irrelevant, personal, derogatory attack.” Rather than confront the actual issue, we attack the messenger.

Somewhat similar is the *guilt by association* fallacy. This transfers the argument away from the merits of the discussion (indeed, they are evaluated as irrelevant) to the proponent’s associations or memberships or even those who travel along side. If we stop for a moment and think about it, we can all see instances of this fallacy. And it infects both politics and other areas. The most prevalent instance that is cited is that employed by then-Senator Joe McCarthy. Turned around, the argument appears that because some politician failed to reject a statement by another, that they have adopted the statement and are to be tarred with the same brush.

Another that seems currently popular is the *tu quoque* fallacy. This is the Latin phrase for “you too” or, sometimes, “your another.” In other words, the party asserts that they should not be criticized because the accuser is also guilty. That may well be, but it is irrelevant to the main point regarding the behavior. For example, you should not criticize on (whatever point) because you also fail on (the same point). Sometimes this is called blame-shifting. The issue that should be at the forefront is the main point of the argument or the criticism of the behavior; what the proponent does or does not do doesn’t justify or support the main point of the argument.

There are many more logical fallacies that could be discussed and this is only a brief jump into the thinking (or lack of it) that seems to infect our discussions and, most visibly, the airwaves. I admire those folks that are able to recognize these on the fly as it were, and that takes some clear thought and often some courage to point them out.

(End of President’s Corner)

Summary of chapter July 15 meeting:

William Everett, UMKC professor of musicology at UMKC presented “The American Revolution and the Broadway Musical (including 1776 and Hamilton).”



1 Professor W. Everett



2 Presentation of certificate to Prof. Bill Everett by Stu Conrad (left)

Dawson Ballard was inducted into the Delaware Crossing Chapter as a new member. Dawson's patriot's name is William Hansbrough, Jr.



3 Dawson Ballard's induction into Chapter (center)

Also, this month, was the SAR national conference. Pictured are members and friends of the Kansas delegation at the Annual Conference, in Knoxville, TN. See picture below:



4 Standing: Dennis Nelson, Robert L Grover, Timothy Peterman, Brooks Lyles, David Comer, Peter Grassl, Bobbie Hulse; Seated: Carolyn Donavant Grover, Diane Ungvarsky, Bob Capps, Debra Hulse

SAR Auxiliary August Project:

The Auxiliary ladies are collecting school supplies for grades 9-12 in the Emporia School District to donate at the August 5th meeting in Emporia. A church in Emporia coordinates efforts to give all K-8 students their supplies, but they do not provide for the older students. If any wives would like to help us with our project, we would be most grateful. Supplies can be given to the men who will be coming to the Board of Governors meeting or to Auxiliary members. On their needed list are: spiral notebooks, notebook paper (college rule), 3-ring notebooks (3 inch), black or blue ballpoint pens, #2 pencils, colored pencils, facial tissues and backpacks for any age. If more information is needed, please contact me at kcnelson42@sbcglobal.net. Thank you for your support. Ruby Nelson

Preview of Chapter Meeting Program, August 19:

An Honor Flight is conducted by non-profit organizations dedicated to transporting as many United States military veterans as possible to see the memorials of the respective war(s) they fought in Washington, D.C. at no cost to the veterans. Currently these organizations are focused on bringing veterans of World War II to the National World War II Memorial, and any veteran with a terminal illness to see the memorial of the war they fought in. Organizers plan to "naturally transition" their programs to focus on veterans of the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and subsequent wars as the veterans of those wars get older. Nancy Morris is the speaker at the August Chapter Meeting.

(End of Patriot News letter)