



# *The Delaware Crossing Patriot Kansas Society*

March 2016

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

## **NEXT MEETING:**

When: **March 12<sup>th</sup> SECOND Saturday**

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

**Program:** Awards and Annual Recap

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

## **COMING EVENTS CALANDER**

Mar 18-19 KSSSAR Annual Conference

Apr 16 Chapter Meeting – Rumbaugh  
Orations

### **GWBC A Grand Success**

The 2016 George Washington Birthday Celebration luncheon was a great success on February 20<sup>th</sup> this year. A record breaking 315 people were served from the bi-state area and representing societies of SAR, DAR, CAR, Mayflower and Huguenot; representing over 60 chapters. This year's speaker was BgGen. Paul Tibbetts, IV grandson of the late Paul Tibbetts, pilot of the 'Enola Gay'. If you missed this year's celebration, be sure to get your reservation in early for next year.



## **The President's Corner**

Brian Revard, Pres. DX

Spring is in the air! I have noticed the bulbs starting to come up and warmer days. I especially enjoy the increased daylight. I hope this newsletter finds you well.

This month we will be presenting awards and changing officers at our chapter meeting. Please come and show your support to those that serve our chapter so well. Please note that our meeting will be held on **Saturday March 12**. The state conference will be held the next week in Fort Scott on the 18th and 19th. Members are expected to attend the KSSSAR Conference – see you there.

We are pleased that the 2016 Eagle Scout Essay and Knight Essay state winners were also the Delaware Crossing Chapter winners. Way to go! Good luck at National.

It has been a pleasure to serve as Chapter President this past year and I know Stu Conrad will be an outstanding leader as we move forward. I look forward to helping the Delaware Crossing Chapter continue to grow into the future.

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**DON'T FORGET – MARCH'S MEETING  
WILL BE ONE WEEK EARLY – ON 3/12**

## 2016 Knight Essay Contest

The George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest winner for the Delaware Crossing Chapter is Leah Sosland of Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy in Overland Park.

Her essay “The Declaration of Independence and the Social Contract” was read at our February 13 Chapter Meeting by R. Gina Renee, Leah English and History teacher. A Chapter Level Winner certificate and the winner's check were presented to Leah at the Academy on February 19 by Knight Essay Chairman Greg Millican and Color Guardsman Dewey Fry.

On February 22<sup>nd</sup> KSSSAR Knight Essay Chairman Stu Conrad made the announcement that **Ms. Sosland was also the winner at the state level.** Congratulations Leah and good luck at the National Congress.



Greg Millican and Dewey Fry with Leah Sosland, 4<sup>th</sup> from left

Four of six participants were from Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy which has 42 high school students. The other three participants were presented Certificates of Participation.

## 2016 Eagle Scout Scholarship Award

Eagle Scout Alexander Kolar of Boy Scout Troop 0494, was selected as the DX Chapter winner of the *Arthur M. King, Eagle Scout Scholarship Award*.

Alexander presented his essay at the chapter's monthly meeting on Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. His essay was very well written and discussed how influential George Rogers Clark's “Kaskaskia Campaign” was in helping support the cause of the American Revolution and in helping establish our young nation after the war.

As Compatriot Kirk Rush presented the award and certificates to Alexander, he **also announced that Alexander had been selected as the winner at the State level as well.**

Alexander's award will be presented at the State Conference on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. His application has been entered into the National competition for the the Arthur M. King, Eagle Scout Scholarship Award and we wish Alexander the best of luck!



## 2016 Americanism Poster Contest

Our Delaware Crossing Chapter *Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest* can be declared a very good success this year. The chapter level winner this year, from Pioneer Ridge Middle School is Reece Guerrero. Her poster's theme as the Battle of Yorktown.



As stated by NSSAR, the poster contest is “intended to stimulate interest in American History in support of the Elementary School curriculum.”

In order to achieve that goal the students must participate and, the classroom teacher must be willing to participate. For several years, we have been met with refusal after refusal by 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers to participate in public, parochial, and private schools and those who are home schooled.

When I presented a program to a DAR Chapter in September 2015, Mrs. Vickie Chandler (5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Pioneer Ridge Middle School) approached my wife and asked if we had any youth programs and we spoke briefly. Mrs. Chandler called me a few days later, the more we discussed the poster contest the more she became enthused. She talked with the other five 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers and the Principal. Mrs. Chandler's participation in the program added to the success.

All in all, there were 144 students participating from 5 classes and all made posters. The teaching staff graciously prejudged the 144 posters, narrowing down our choices to 18 from which we selected a winner.

In attendance for the program our chapter presented in the school auditorium were the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students, their teachers, some of their parents, grandparents, younger siblings, staff and administration. The program was a success; it included the describing of five flags, answering questions about a Charleville Musket and our uniforms, and demonstrating the cutting of a five-pointed star with one snip of the scissors as Betsy Ross purportedly demonstrated.



## 2016 KSSAR Conference

The 2016 Annual State Conference will be held on 3/18-19 in Fort Scott. All members are strongly encouraged to attend, as part of supporting not only the state society but our chapters as well.

Start the festivities on Friday evening with dinner at Crooner's Restaurant and take time to tour the historic Fort, the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Veterans Memorial and the Medal of Honor Memorial.

The business meeting will be Saturday morning at the Empress Event Center. In addition to the business meeting we will have the traditional Memorial Service and the Youth Luncheon where you can support your DX winners in the Eagle and Knight Essay contests, and root for our chapter poster winner.

Secretary General Mike Tomme and his wife Cilla will also be in attendance, so it will be a great opportunity to gain an audience with the likely-next President General of NSSAR.

## Why are Youth Programs So Important?

Ever ask yourself why we put so much time and energy into our youth programs? If you were at the February chapter meeting and heard our State-winning entrants for the Knight Essay and Eagle Scout Awards, you can see where the dividends of promoting intelligent and thoughtful youth are paying off. But even at younger ages, with the Americanism Poster contest – you only have to glance at some of the letters received from these kids to understand that our efforts truly are appreciated by these kids and; that they have a keen appreciation of what this is all about. These are snippets from several of the 26 letters that were received

Thank you for teaching us about the American Revolution. I didn't know much about it at first, but now I do! Not only did you teach us, but you also entertained us by bringing the flags, and coming in patriot uniforms. You also brought us cupcakes, even though you didn't have to. You are very kind and I appreciate it.

Thank you for presenting the SAR assembly last Friday. That was amazing, I was amazed. I loved that you have a poster contest. That was so cool that my class mate won.

I think the poster contest is good for children because they get to experience what it was like in the late 17 hundreds and how we had to fight for freedom for our young country.

I think the S.A.R. poster contest was good for us because it helps us understand what our ancestors had to go through and how we wouldn't have been here without them. It even had me thinking, if it wasn't for someone who wanted to change, to be free from the king's rules, tax, and

I think this is a good program for kids because they learn a lot about the American Revolution. I had lots of fun and learned a lot about the battle of Cowpens.