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## TOPEKA HOSTS 117th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Kansas Society 117th annual conference will take place on Saturday, March 21, 2009, at the Ramada Inn. A pre-conference tour and dinner will take place on Friday evening at the Great Overland Station. New officers will be sworn in on Saturday evening. ALL compatriots, spouses, and guests are invited to attend.

The event at the Great Overland Station on Friday evening is the perfect time to renew society friendships. At 5:00 pm, we will tour exhibits which feature a railroad theme including the Harvey House, Union Pacific, Santa Fe, and more. Immediately adjacent is the new Veterans Memorial. A dinner catered by the Brickyard will follow. Continue socializing at the Ramada.

The annual conference formally gets underway Saturday morning with the president's breakfast. Kansas Society chaplain Brian



The Delaware Crossing, Henry Leavenworth, and Monticello chapters of the Kansas Society held a joint meeting in early December 2008 at the National World War I Museum in Kansas City, MO. Guests of KSSAR were NSSAR Congress Planning chairman Larry Guzy with his wife Karin and NSSAR Executive Director Joe Harris and his wife Gail. Guzy and Harris were in Kansas City for a meeting at the Kansas City (downtown) Marriott Hotel, site of the 2013 Congress. The Museum will be on a tour in 2013.

### *Upcoming Events*

- Feb 7, 2009** – KSSAR Board of Governors' Meeting.
- Feb 7, 2009** – Ladies Auxiliary meeting.
- Feb 20, 2009** – George Washington Birthday Celebration, 6:30pm, Scottish Rite Center, Wichita.
- Feb 21, 2009** – George Washington Birthday Celebration, Ritz Charles, 9000 W 137th, Overland Park KS.
- Mar 5-7, 2009** – Spring Leadership Meeting, Brown Hotel, Louisville KY.
- Mar 20-21, 2009** – 117th KSSAR Annual Conference, Ramada Inn, Topeka KS.
- Mar 31, 2009** – Deadline for articles and pictures for the May issue of *The Liberty Bell*.
- May 2, 2009** – KSSAR Board of Governors' Meeting...
- May 2, 2009** – Ladies Auxiliary meeting.
- May 2-4, 2009** – KSDAR State Conference.
- Jun 30, 2009** – Deadline for articles and pictures for the August issue of *The Liberty Bell*.
- Jul 4-8, 2009** – 119th Annual Congress, Renaissance Waverly Hotel, Atlanta, GA.

Vazquez will lead us during the memorial service. The business meeting will take the remainder of the morning. The luncheon will feature the Knight Essay and Eagle Scout Scholarship winners. A speaker of particular interest will join us

What direction should the Kansas Society take under the leadership of the next society president? Your input during participation forum in the afternoon provides an opportunity for your input.

Saturday evening will open to a music-filled reception. Following a very nice dinner, Registrar General James David Sympton will induct the new officers of the Kansas Society and chapters. Service awards will be presented as well.

Registration information may be obtained from your chapter president or downloading a copy from [www.KansasSAR.com](http://www.KansasSAR.com).

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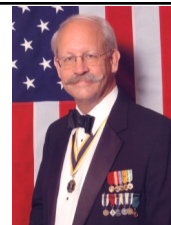
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## **\* FREEDOM RINGS\***

By Peter O. Grassl  
President, KSSAR



Around Thanksgiving 2008, I reflected upon the citizens and purposes of the Plymouth Colony as how their efforts or lack thereof serves as a model for the Sons of the American Revolution. Their experiences took on a heightened meaning following my reading of Nathaniel Philbrick's *MAYFLOWER*.

The people of the Mayflower are recognized for their courageousness in settling a small corner of New England. For over a decade, the men, women, and children were "the only game in town" when it came to white people in the new land.

Like the industrious beaver, they focused on what was in front of them: fortifying their colony against which laid beyond the edge of their society. Security was everything and they stayed put. But changes were coming for which they were unprepared to address.

The "great migration" arrived. They bypassed Plymouth Colony and populated areas which we know as Massachusetts. When there was a dangerous issue with Indians, the new people banded together. Plymouth Colony was no longer the "big dog on the porch."

My point is this: human behavior nearly 400 years ago resembles what happens today. The SAR compatriots should recognize: first, a chapter can survive for a period of time doing what they keep doing. But what happens when new factors enter the mix? These could be the loss of key personnel or men attracted to other organizations. Second, the SAR must be in a continual state of renewal. Can we do things better? Are new systems needed? New programs?

The second element is critical to the future of our society: new sources of talent must be recruited into our chapters or the organization will suffer the same fate as Plymouth Colony - men will pass by the SAR for something else. The efforts for which our patriot ancestors fought so hard will slip into oblivion.

In conclusion: becoming a compatriot in the SAR is an honor. Remaining a member holds a responsibility to pass on the purposes and sacrifices of the American Revolution. How will you contribute to the future of the Sons of the American Revolution?

### **FEBRUARY BOG MEETING**

The Board of Governors will meet on February 7, 2009, at the Best Western Inn, 3021 W Highway 50, in Emporia. Committee meetings will begin at 9:00 am, and the Board will commence at 10:00 AM. Lunch is \$10.

### **LADIES AUXILIARY**

The Ladies Auxiliary will meet in the Boardroom of the Best Western Motel on February 7, 2009, at 10:00 AM.

The majority of the time will be spent planning activities for the quarterly meetings, putting the finishing touches on the Ladies Activities for the Annual Conference, and having lunch.

### **EMAIL/ADDRESS CHANGES**

Have you recently moved or changed your email address? Please notify Membership Chairman Tim Peterman of any changes to your email address or mailing address. Tim can be reached at [TE-Peter100@aol.com](mailto:TE-Peter100@aol.com). If you would like to receive the newsletter, *The Liberty Bell*, by email only, please notify Tim.

### **THANK YOU**

Compatriots - thank you so much for permitting me to serve as the Kansas Society president for the past two years. The time has been rewarding and I trust that you believe, as I do, that our state society continues to surpass our objective of "remembering our obligations to our forefathers."

*Peter Grassl*

## "LIBERTY BELL" MIGRATING TO EMAIL

The cost of publishing *The Liberty Bell* has nearly doubled over the past year. Paper prices have increased significantly, and a decrease in on-hand inventories often delays publication. Mailing costs have risen due to recent postal changes, and new regulations are adding fees for CASS-certified addressing and tabbing. But, more than any other reason, production costs are greater because the newsletter had, for years, been produced significantly below-cost by a printer who is no longer available.

The increasing cost of printing and mailing the newsletter, along with the demand for money to fund the youth programs, is driving the need to change the means for distributing this quarterly publication. For that purpose, the publication of the *Liberty Bell* will start focusing towards email distribution. Email distribution shortens turn-around time and provides the ability to publish in color at virtually no cost. Email subscribers get a better product, and they get it quicker.

In the near future, the Kansas SAR chapters will be requesting members' email addresses. These will be used for distributing the *Liberty Bell* to members by email. In addition, members will be given the opportunity to elect to receive the *Liberty Bell* solely by email, foregoing the printed version. This is where costs can be reduced. Members are encouraged to elect to receive the *Liberty Bell* by email only. This will reduce the number of newsletters that need to be printed and mailed.

The KSSSAR Membership Chairman, Tim Peterman, will maintain, within the KSSSAR member database, each member's email address and their preferred means of receiving the newsletter. Rather than waiting, members can notify Tim, today, at [tepeter100@aol.com](mailto:tepeter100@aol.com) to provide their email address (or updated email address) and to express their preference in receiving their newsletter, whether by email or by mail.

## FORT HAYS "FRANKLIN PAPERS" PROJECT

*From Fort Hays Chapter's "Fife & Drum"*

John Ross, the director of Fort Hays State University's Forsyth Library, has requested the assistance of the Fort Scott Chapter in building a display case for the "Franklin Papers" for putting them on display in the library on the second floor.

The Franklin Papers consist of two hand-written letters by Ben Franklin and two pages from his newspaper, *The Pennsylvania Gazette*. The letters are dated 1767 and 1771, and the newspapers are from 1769 and 1781. They were donated to the university by Dr. Cecil Barr Currey, noted author and educator, who graduated from the university in 1958 and has written two books on Ben Franklin.

The chapter is honored and excited to be part of this project. More information on the Franklin Papers can be found at <http://www.fhsu.edu/ccl/benfranklin/index.php>. The chapter will keep members updated on their progress through their newsletter.

## CONGRESS 2013

Significant progress was made in December 2008 towards finalizing a critical component for the upcoming Congress. Congress Planning Chairman Larry Guzy and NSSAR Executive Director Joe Harris, KSSSAR president Peter Grassl, and MOSSAR Chancellor Dick Bryant met with the Marriott Hotel in downtown Kansas City, MO to resolve the contract details. The contract was then reviewed by Chancellor General James K. Say prior to a signature by Harris. Here we come 2013!

There is work to be completed over the next several years. Committees will be formed to develop area tours, the Memorial service, registration, and more. There is an opportunity for many compatriots to become involved in welcoming the society to our area.

A very important piece to address now is fund raising for the host reception. The center piece effort consists of a Minuteman plaque paying tribute to the special connection between today's compatriot and his Revolutionary War hero. An order form is available from [www.KansasSAR.com](http://www.KansasSAR.com), your chapter president, or by contact Bruce Bowman at [bb0w@hotmail.com](mailto:bb0w@hotmail.com).

Another fundraising activity taking place in 2009 will be a quilt raffle by the KSSSAR Ladies Auxiliary. Details will be announced this spring.

## ELLIS PROMOTED

Barnett Ellis was elected president of the SAR Foundation recently. The foundation oversees the investments for the Society, which amounts to several million dollars. The focus of the Foundation is directed towards financing the new Center for Advancing America's Heritage.

Ellis will be assisted by seven other board members and several ex-officio personnel.



3 The Kansas SAR Color Guard participated in Constitution Day activities at Abilene.



## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Peter O. Grassl**

Worked on 2013 Congress. Attended South Central District meeting in Oklahoma on August 22.

Presented genealogy workshops in Fort Scott on October 11. Presented Genealogy merit badge to Troop 284 of Overland Park.

Assisted in orchestrating KSSSAR day at the National WWI Museum. Assisted in orchestrating a JOCO Patriots day parade inspired by Mark Warnick of the Monticello Chapter. Attended Virginia Ellis memorial service. Active with the KC area SAR George Washington committee.

Consulted with Martin Klotzback regarding 117th Annual Conference in Topeka. Consulted with Dave Comer and Bob Matthews regarding KSSSAR financial records. Worked on recruiting next administration.

## **VICE PRESIDENT – Martin Klotzback**

Represented SAR at the quarterly VAVS meeting at the Colmery-O'Neil Veterans Administration Medical Center in Topeka on August 20.

Attended the South Central District Annual Conference in Oklahoma City on August 25.

Represented the SAR at a US Naturalization Ceremony at the Dole Federal Building in Topeka on September 12.

Attended the SAR Leadership meeting in Louisville, on September 25-26, and was appointed to the Veterans Committee, the Partners in Patriotism Committee and the George Washington Foundation Fund Raising Committee.

Represented the SAR at a US Naturalization Ceremony at the Dole Federal Building in Topeka on October 24.

## **REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT – Barnett Ellis**

Attended chapter meetings of the Monticello and Henry Leavenworth Chapters.

The success of funding for the Center for Advancing America's Heritage depends in part on members making a contribution in their name. Any amount helps and your name on the giving list shows your participation. Foundations want to know how many members support any cause. Our goal is 20% of the members in each state. Kansas has 15% the last time I checked. 5% of 700 is 35 members. Have each of you asked a member for his participation?

## **NATIONAL TRUSTEE – Edgar Grover**

Attended South Central District Meeting in Oklahoma City, which included the Color Guard "Change of Command" ceremony with Glenn Fast (OK) taking command.

Attended the Fall Leadership Meeting at Louisville; highlights include: rule changes to the Poster Contest and approval of the Kansas/Missouri Societies to host the 2013 Annual Congress in Kansas City.

The 2009 Congress will be in Atlanta GA, 2010 in Cleveland OH, 2011 in Winston-Salem NC, and 2013 in Phoenix AZ. Registration forms for the March 2009 Spring Leadership Meeting are on the web site.

Attended Point Pleasant WV Battle Days, where about 35 wreaths were presented at the Memorial.

## **AMERICANISM – Keith F. Lindgren**

As of November 1, 2008, the total Americanism points are 3405. Americanism points totals, by chapter, are: Bennington 0, Charles Robinson 0, Delaware Crossing 750, Fort Hays 235, Fort Scott 65, Konza Prairie 1100, Henry Leavenworth 0, Monticello 280, Sons of the Plains 0, Thomas Jefferson 225, Washington 470, and State Society 280. Chapters need to report their points total each month.

## **AMERICANISM POSTER CONTEST – Dick Nelson**

The following chapters report that they are pursuing contestants: Delaware Crossing, Fort Hays, Konza Prairie, and Monticello. The state entry cutoff date is March 1. The state contest will be held at the KSSSAR Annual Conference on March 21.

## **AUDITING – John G. Saylor**

There is no required activity at this time.

## **CHAPTER NEWSLETTERS – Kes Kesler**

Bennington and Charles Robinson: Not currently producing a chapter newsletter. Fort Hays: Carrol Christian is launching a chapter newsletter. Delaware Crossing: Jamie Riddell produces "The Patriot," a two-page monthly newsletter. Fort Scott: Two information letters have been produced; none was sent to National. Monticello: An excellent newsletter was produced in the beginning. Konza Prairie: The chapter is attempting to produce a newsletter. Sons of the Plains: Bobbie Hulse produces "To Arms," a two-page newsletter. Thomas Jefferson: Richard McReynolds produces a one-page newsletter; it needs a title. Washington: Gary Neal produces a two-page newsletter named "Washington Chronicle."

Newsletter editors should add the National Newsletter Chairman to your mailing list so that your newsletter is included in the national contest. The Chairman's name and address is: George Steven Pittard, NSSAR Newsletter Chairman, 414 Wilder Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28314.

## **COLOR GUARD – Fred Kaffenberger**

The Color Guard participated in the Constitution Day celebration at the Eisenhower Center in Abilene and in Veterans Day activities in several locations. Color Guard members have been contacted to request each to submit their activity report.

## **CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS – John G. Saylor**

There is no required activity at this time.

## **CONGRESS 2013 – Peter O. Grassl**

Richard (Dick) Bryant of MOSSAR presented the 2013 bid to the Congress Committee at the Fall 2008 Leadership meeting. This was done 6 months early because the key hotels had received bids for our time frame and other slots were booked. APPROVED by Trustees.

Congress Committee Chairman Larry Guzy, NSSAR Executive Director Joe Harris, Dick Bryant, and Peter

# Reports

Grassl will meet with the Marriott hotel December 5 to finalize the contract.

The proposed medal design has been submitted to the NSSAR Medals & Awards committee. The final details will be provided at the Spring 2009 Leadership meeting.

Fundraising: Sell/buy fund-raising plaques, sell tickets at NSSAR events for the quilt.

## **ESSAY CONTEST – Douglas Brady**

No activity to report since August BOG.

## **GENEALOGIST – Timothy E. Peterman**

As of October 2008, the spreadsheet used for tracking prospects and their application progress contained 408 prospects, of which 22 have applied for membership since August.

The fourth issue of "From Kansas to Concord" was distributed to prospects in September. The fifth issue will be mailed sometime in January.

Outreach booths were staffed in Leavenworth on August 9, Bonner Springs on August 23, DeSoto on August 30, Kansas City, KS, on September 6, and Fairway on October 11. A genealogy workshop was held at Fort Scott on October 11. No other genealogy workshops are scheduled at this time.

## **GEORGE WASHINGTON ENDOWMENT – Barnett Ellis**

The National George Washington Endowment Fund Distribution committee continues to help support various causes that states request. It also pays breakfast for Orations contestants.

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT – Robert Taylor**

The chapter presented Detective Bradley F. Tuzicka of the Wichita Police Department with the Law Enforcement Award for his work in financial crimes; he prosecuted 56 offenders this year for identity theft and other financial crimes, which greatly exceeds the national average for criminal prosecution of white-collar crimes.

## **MEMBERSHIP – Timothy E. Peterman**

The Kansas Society has 679 members with 26 new applications and eight re-instatements in process.

## **NOMINATING – Barnett Ellis**

A majority of elected office nominees have been made. Several committee chairs are still open. If you have a desire to chair a committee or to be a committee member, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee, which consists of Peter Grassl, Martin Klotzbach and Barnett Ellis.

## **ORATIONS CONTEST – Lyle Gibson**

The annual Rumbaugh Orations contest will take place May 2, 2009. The paperwork should be in by March-April for the May contest

The rules and application forms were emailed to all chapters in September.

In 2008 the George Washington Endowment Fund was able to support the various state societies with a rebate of \$250 to those societies which sent an oration contestant to the Congress in California. At this time it appears that such support in 2009 will not be available to the state societies.

## **THE LIBERTY BELL – Mike Frisbie**

720 newsletters were printed by Command Print in Leavenworth at a cost of \$594.16. The newsletters were printed on 70 lb. glossy with CASS-certified addressing and were bi-folded and tabbed for mailing. 697 newsletters were mailed October 31 from the Shawnee Mission Post Office; mailing fees were \$103.79. There is \$245.37 remaining in the post office mailing account.



## **FAREWELL, COMPATRIOTS**



### **Darold Dodge**

Cmpt. Darold A. Dodge passed away December 17 in Manhattan, Kansas, after an extended illness. He is survived by his wife, Zelma, six daughters and their husbands, ten grandsons and five granddaughters.

He was born April 5, 1917 on a farm in Lane County, Kansas. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII in North Africa and in India. He earned a B.S. Degree in Agriculture at K-State in 1941 and an M.S. Degree in Soil Science at K-State after the war. He was a specialist with USDA Soil Conservation Service.

He is a founding member of the Konza Prairie Chapter of the SAR. He was also a member of the VFW and the American Legion.

Services were held December 20. At the family's request, Cmpts. Gary Groh and Cliff Meloan provided Color Guard in their Continental uniforms. Arrangements for an SAR memorial marker are pending.

### **Ralph Burns**

Cmpt. Ralph Burns Jr., 65, of Ellis, KS, passed away December 27 at Hays medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Viola, son Dean and wife Darlene, daughter Annette and husband Mark, ten grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and two sisters.

He was born December 2, 1943, in Hays, KS. He served in the U.S. Navy in the Vietnam War, assigned to the USS Impervious. He worked for the City of Hays starting in 1965, achieving the rank of Captain in the Hays Fire Department, and retiring from the City of Hays Fire Department on December 1, 2008.

Ralph was a lifetime member and former president of the Fort Hays Chapter of the SAR. He was a lifetime member and past Post Commander of the Ellis VFW. He was also a member of the Maryland Order of Founders and Patriots of America, the Wakeeney Eagles Chapter, and several historical Societies.

Services were held January 3. An Honor Detail was provided by the Hays Fire Department.

# \* CHAPTER NEWS \*

## **BENNINGTON CHAPTER (Salina)**

**George W. Easter, President**

*Meets at noon in Salina Senior Center, 249 North 9th Street,  
(Dates and Times as announced)*

The chapter met Sep. 17. The chapter's oration winner was present to receive his award. The next chapter meeting is scheduled for Nov. 12.

## **CHARLES ROBINSON CHAPTER (Lawrence)**

**Jeffrey H. Richards, President**

*Meets 3rd Monday of September, November, January, March,  
May, 6:00 PM, Perkins Restaurant, 1711 23rd St, Lawrence*

The chapter met on Sep. 15. New members were inducted: Robert Roseberry, Larry Roseberry and Marvin Meng; all three were sponsored by Barney Ellis. President Jeff Richards reported that he would be actively involved with Constitution Day, Sep. 17, 2008, at Shawnee Heights High School in Topeka. Secretary John Sayler asked members to suggest any individual homeowner, business, etc. for the awarding of a flag certificate. The next chapter meeting is scheduled for Nov. 17.

## **DELAWARE CROSSING CHAPTER (Kansas City & Johnson County)**

**Robert N. Capps, President**

*Meets 3rd Saturday monthly for 9:00 AM Breakfast  
Holiday Inn, 87th & Highway 69, Overland Park*

The chapter held their annual picnic on Sep. 20 at Antioch Park and had a Flag Retirement Ceremony, complete with Color Guard. In addition to the monthly (3rd Saturday) chapter meeting, a bi-monthly meeting on the 4th Wednesday has started and meets at 6:30 PM at KC Masterpiece.

Tim, Peterman, Ray Peterman and Bob Capps attended the NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting in Louisville in September. Tim Peterman, Ray Peterman, Peter Grassl and Bob Capps attended the South Central District Annual Meeting in Oklahoma City in August. Bob Capps attended an assessment presentation at the Information Technology committee meeting in Louisville; Bob is a member of the committee and provided input to the assessment.

Dewey Fry visited 26 high schools in Wyandotte, Johnson, and Miami Counties and distributed 81 packets of information on the Oration contest. In addition, a packet of information for both the Oration contest and the Knight Essay contest was provided to Midwest Parent Educators, a homeschooling organization in Lenexa. The chapter is working with two area elementary schools to promote poster contest.

## **FORT HAYS CHAPTER (Hays)**

**Carrol R. Christian, President**

*Meets 1st Thursday monthly, 5:30 PM,  
Fort Hays State University, Forsyth Library, Room 132.*

Chapter meetings were held Aug. 7, Sep. 4, and Oct. 2. The meeting location recently changed to the Forsyth Library at Fort Hays State University. The chapter inducted three new members: Calvin Mahin, Rex Smith, and Zebulon Smith. The chapter published its first newsletter in December. The Fort Hays State University has requested the chapter's assistance in building a case for displaying the "Franklin Papers" at the university's Forsyth Library.

## **FORT SCOTT CHAPTER (Ft. Scott)**

**Gale D. Beck, President**

*Meets 2nd Saturday in January, April, July and October  
at 10:00 AM at Fort Scott Community College*

Chapter meetings were held Oct. 11 and Jan. 10.

A genealogy seminar was held at Fortt Scott Community College on Saturday, Oct. 11, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, in concert with the Fort Scott Genealogical Society, the Fort Scott DAR and the Iola DAR. The public was invited, and approximately 30 people were in attendance. Presentations were made by KSSSAR President Peter Grassl, DAR members Mary Frisch and Sandra Dudley, David Haimerl, and Helen Lodge. KSSSAR Genealogist and Membership Chairman Tim Peterman also provided assistance. The seminar wrapped up with a question and answer series.

Darren Couch sent out information to area schools on the Knight Essay and Rumbaugh Orations contests.

Darren Couch is pursuing leads on new Eagle Scouts regarding potential candidates for the Eagle Scout award.

## **HENRY LEAVENWORTH CHAPTER (Leavenworth)**

**Oliver West, President**

*Meets 4th Thursday at 6:30 PM at selected restaurants*

The chapter met Aug. 28. Dr. Joe Fischer presented "A Well-Executed Failure: the Sullivan Campaign Against the Iroquois, July-Sep 1779." Youth Registrant Alexander Weakly was inducted into the chapter.

The chapter met Sep. 25. Connie Puthoff, President of the Tonganoxie Historical Society, conducted a discussion of the Leavenworth County Cemetery Identification and Reclamation project.

The chapter met Oct. 30. Bernard Harris presented "On Campaign with the 95th Rifles."

Brooks Lyles is working with a local Boy Scout Troop to promote the Eagle Scout award.



Delaware Crossing held a flag retirement ceremony at the annual chapter picnic in Antioch Park. Color Guard members Kes Kesler and Kyle Kesler are pictured.





The Color Guard, consisting of Fred Kaffenberger, Dewey Fry and Richard Cox, participated in the Veterans Day parade in Leavenworth. The picture was taken by Diana Hanley, wife of Neal Hanley, a new applicant to the Henry Leavenworth Chapter.

### **KONZA PRAIRIE CHAPTER (Manhattan)**

**Gary Groh, President**

*Meets 3rd Thursday at 7:30 PM*

*Meadowlark Hills Retirement Center, 2121 Meadowlark Rd.*  
Chapter meetings were held Aug. 21, Sep. 18 and Oct. 16.

The chapter sponsored a genealogy workshop to coach the Boy Scout Genealogy Merit Badge, and nine merit badges were earned. 12 area high schools have been contacted and provided materials and entry information on the Knight Essay contest. Three area elementary schools were given materials and information on the Americanism Poster contest. Gary Groh and Cliff Meloan presented Living History programs at three area schools to over 100 students.

Gary Groh and Cliff Meloan participated in Constitution Day at Abilene with the KSSSAR Color Guard. Youth registrant, Wade Hambright, has been assigned drummer for the chapter's Color Guard.

The annual Baden-Powell awards banquet of the Pawnee District of the Boys Scouts of America has been confirmed for Feb. 15, 2009, at 6:00 pm in Pottorff Hall in Manhattan, KS.

### **MONTICELLO CHAPTER (Shawnee)**

**David Comer, President**

*Meets 3rd Thursday monthly for 6:00 PM dinner  
and 7:00 PM meeting at Yarborough's Family Restaurant*

The chapter met Aug. 21. Cmpt. Jeff Walsh gave a program on "Jefferson's Monticello - the historic landmark and home of our 3rd President" complete with a virtual tour. John Birmingham was inducted as a new member. Gerald "Jake" Cox was inducted as a member at the SCD conference in Oklahoma City.

The chapter met Sep. 18. Cmpt. Jim McDuff gave a program on "Military Insignia". Jim displayed several interesting insignia.

The chapter met Oct. 16. Cmpt. Richard "Dick" Wright gave a program on the "History of Fort Leavenworth."

The chapter is working with a prospect for the Americanism History Teacher Contest. Jake Cox has been appointed to handle

the chapter's Essay and Orations contests. Doug McDuff will be participating at the University of Scouting in November.

### **SONS OF THE PLAINS CHAPTER (Hutchinson)**

**Robert D. Haneke, President**

*Meets 2nd Saturday at 9:00 AM September through May at  
Hutchinson Community College, Student Union, Walnut Room*

### **THOMAS JEFFERSON CHAPTER (Topeka)**

**Brian Vazquez, President**

*Meets 2nd Saturday monthly except July & August for an  
8:00 AM Breakfast at Aldersgate Village, 7220 S.W. Asbury Dr*  
Chapter meetings were held Sep. 13 and Oct. 11.

Cmpt. Orval Knodel presented information concerning the State Society's Annual Conference scheduled for March in Topeka. The Great Overland Station has been reserved for the dinner.

Cmpt. Freeman Vicory has requested that the chapter seek a new membership chair.

The chapter will be taking a special donation for Comery-O'Neill VA Center in Topeka at the chapter's November meeting.

### **WASHINGTON CHAPTER (Wichita Area)**

**William C. Carroll, President**

*Meets 2nd Saturday monthly except July & August at  
11:30 AM at Hometown Buffet, 6820 West Central*

The chapter held meetings Sep. 13, Oct. 11, and Dec. 6.

The October meeting was highlighted by an informative lecture by Cmpt. John Skelton about Col. Francis Marion, who is also known as the "Swamp Fox."

At the annual Christmas Brunch on December 6, Cmpt. Everett Mulkey was presented an award for his work in recording new members. The chapter presented Detective Bradley F. Tuzicka of the Wichita Police Department with the Law Enforcement Award for his work in financial crimes; he prosecuted 56 offenders this year for identity theft and other financial crimes, which greatly exceeds the national average for criminal prosecution of white-collar crimes.



Detective Bradley F. Tuzicka of the Wichita Police Department is presented with the Law Enforcement Award by Washington Chapter President Bill Carroll.

# Welcome to These New Compatriots of the Sons of the American Revolution!

<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Middle</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>St</i>	<i>Zip</i>	<i>NSSAR</i>	<i>Ks</i>	<i>Ch</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Ancestor</i>
Blecha	John	Richard	6519 E Oneida St	Wichita	KS	67206	172709	2662	WA	Ellis, IB	10/17/08	Peter Hess
Chebultz	Stefan	Nicholas	604 Cedar Dr	Copperas Cove	TX	76522	172896	2663	KP	Naughton, GG	11/18/08	John Lock
Wood	Jonathan	Hale	6 Paradise Rd	Bronxville	NY	10708	172897	2664	TJ	Wood, JF	11/18/08	Squire Boone

## SAR Youth Registrants (under 18)

<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Middle</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>St</i>	<i>Zip</i>	<i>Youth</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Ch</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Ancestor</i>
Burchfiel	Andrew	Michael	104 N Grand Fork Dr	Edmond	OK	73003	1106	0	WA	Mulkey, EE	10/02/08	Strangeman Hutchins

### SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES (Nov-Jan)

<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Middle</i>	<i>NSSAR</i>	<i>Ks</i>	<i>Ch</i>	<i>Years</i>	<i>Anniversary</i>
Noble	Lloyd	A.	97710	934	MAL	40	01/21/09
Burt	Rodney	Francis	115064	1238	MAL	30	01/05/09
Leiter	John	Adams Prescott	115066	1240	WA	30	01/05/09
Graham	James	Samuel	122932	2182	DX	25	11/07/08
Barron	John	Christopher	122965	1536	MAL	25	11/14/08
Barron	William	Thomas	122966	1537	MAL	25	11/14/08
Grosser	William	Frederick, III	123014	1541	BN	25	11/30/08
Meloan	Clifton	Edward	123257	1550	KP	25	01/24/09
Swart	Oura	Lee	132088	1972	MAL	20	11/30/08
Neuforth	Royce	William	132091	1816	MAL	20	11/30/08
Ream	Michael	Dale	132292	1828	WA	20	01/18/09
Little	Phillip	Anderson	141692	2001	WA	15	01/03/09
Isaacson	Craig	Steven	141694	2003	DX	15	01/03/09
Wait	Conant, Jr.		141695	2004	TJ	15	01/03/09
Weber	Leo	Lawrence	151068	2156	MAL	10	11/30/08
Weber	Mark-John	Gabriel	151069	2157	DX	10	11/30/08
Schneider	Richard	John	151158	2158	WA	10	12/14/08
Hollyman	Jay	Stephens	151321	2160	DX	10	01/25/09
Wright	Robert	Shannon	151328	2557	WA	10	01/25/09
Springer	William	Eugene	161375	2376	DX	5	11/03/08
Wilson	John	Irvine	161574	2382	DX	5	12/04/08
Wilson	Steven	John	161575	2383	DX	5	12/04/08
Lane	James	Leland	161701	2384	BN	5	12/11/08
Overmyer	Jeffrey	Dale	161752	2388	TJ	5	12/16/08
Smith	Matthew	Greg	161755	2391	DX	5	12/16/08
Smith	Kyle	Matthew	161756	2392	DX	5	12/16/08
Grassl	Joshua	Otto	161843	2393	DX	5	12/22/08
Nelson	Dennis	Dean	161844	2394	DX	5	12/22/08

### PROVEN SUPPLEMENTAL ANCESTORS

<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Middle</i>	<i>NSSAR</i>	<i>Ks</i>	<i>Ch</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Ancestor</i>
Capps	Robert	Neil, Jr.	164464	2446	DX	11/12/08	Ambrose Cayce
Capps	Robert	Neil, Jr.	164464	2446	DX	11/12/08	Mathias Gabert
Capps	Robert	Neil, Jr.	164464	2446	DX	12/12/08	Charles Reynolds
Capps	Robert	Neil, III	164465	2447	DX	12/12/08	Charles Reynolds

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<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Middle</i>	<i>NSSAR</i>	<i>Ks</i>	<i>Ch</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Died</i>
Lambert	Richard	Linn	137833	1943	MAL	1991	09/13/07
Thomas	Donald	Brown	148396	2110	TJ	1997	12/14/07
Palmer	Bruce	Edwin	124804	1875	BN	1984	01/19/08
Fowler	Michael	Lane	132907	1837	MAL	1989	08/06/08
Rea	John	Culbertson, Jr.	119773	1432		1982	10/25/08*
Stuessi	Richard	Moreland	91478	852	MAL	1964	10/25/08
Dodge	Darold	Ardale	152250	2181	KP	1999	12/17/08
Blecha	John	Richard	172709	2662	WA	2008	12/23/08
Burns	Ralph, Jr.		126131	1672	FH	1985	12/27/08
*inactive							
+demitted							

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