



## ANNUAL CONFERENCE WILL BE HISTORIC

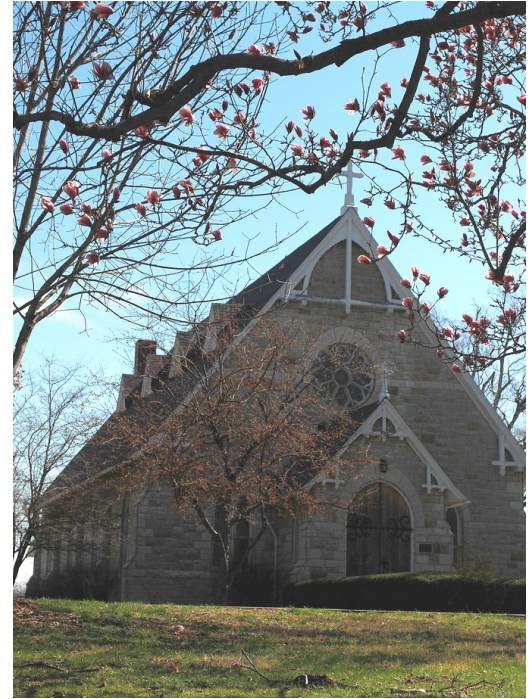
The 118th Kansas Society Annual Conference will take on historic proportions this coming March. It will be a first because of a new off-year format and because the NSSAR President General will be the guest of the Kansas Society. Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 20, 2010. The Henry Leavenworth chapter will host the meeting.

President General Edward F. Butler and first lady Robin will attend the Annual Conference. Never before has a sitting President General visited a Kansas Society Conference! The format of the annual meeting has been altered during this off-year (and no change of officers at the state level). This one-day event will be filled with tradition.

The Fort Leavenworth location is particularly interesting to the Society because it is the burial site of one of the few "true sons" of the American Revolution – Henry Leavenworth. His father, Jesse, was Captain in the Connecticut Governor's Footguards.

The modified Conference program will begin on Friday evening, March 19. While details are being finalized, there will be an informal dinner Friday evening somewhere in Leavenworth. The dinner setting will allow for more conversation and a chance to speak with your President General.

The format on Saturday will be abbreviated. Taking a format used by the Kansas Children of the American Revolution, we'll have a combination of a short business meeting, a memorial service, and a tour of a historical nature.



Fort Leavenworth's Memorial Chapel, pictured above, was constructed in 1878. It is the site of the memorial service at the Annual Conference. The cannons overlooking the Missouri River at Fort Leavenworth are pictured at left.



We will convene on Saturday at the Fort Leavenworth Frontier Museum. There will be a tour of the facility. From there, we will process to the historic Memorial Chapel for our memorial service. Co-host compatriot Dick Wright will also supply an oral history

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### *Upcoming Events*

- Feb 6, 2010** — KSSAR Board of Governors' Meeting, 10AM, Best Western, Hospitality House, 3021 W. Highway 50, Emporia, 620-342-7587.
- Feb 6, 2010** — Ladies Auxiliary meeting.
- Feb 20, 2010** — George Washington Birthday Celebration, Ritz Charles, 9000 W 137th, Overland Park KS.
- Feb 22, 2010** — George Washington Birthday Celebration, 6:30pm, Scottish Rite Center, 1st & Topeka St, Wichita.
- Mar 4-6, 2010** — Spring Leadership Meeting, Louisville.
- Mar 15, 2010** — Deadline for articles and pictures for the May issue of *The Liberty Bell*.
- Mar 20, 2010** — 118th KSSAR Annual Conference, Fort Leavenworth, Leavenworth KS.
- May 1, 2010** — KSSAR Board of Governors' Meeting, 10AM, Best Western, Hospitality House, 3021 W. Highway 50, Emporia, 620-342-7587.
- Jun 26-30, 2010** — 120th Annual Congress, Cleveland, OH.

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## **\* PRESIDENT'S CORNER \***

*By Martin Klotzbach  
President, KSSAR*



Compatriots All ---

I had thought about reporting about our trip to Gettysburg, Antietam and Valley Forge in my last report but the timing didn't really leave time for Mike to include in the Liberty Bell. So belatedly here is a brief summary now.

In October Theresa and I celebrated our fiftieth wedding anniversary. Over the years we had always wanted to go to these battle fields but never had the time. My grandfather was in the Civil War, and my patriot and great (4x) grandfather was in the Revolutionary War at the battles of Trenton, Long Island and Monmouth. The trip exceeded my greatest expectations. We had no rain and were able to spend all of our time in the field.

Those who have been there know that the Gettysburg battlefield is enormous and can be covered by car with a CD tutorial giving the facts about the monuments to the various state units and generals. It seemed that each monument was different and a work of sculptured art. All states in the battle were amply represented. The visitors' center was very new, spacious and interesting. We spent two days just experiencing the many, many displays. One highlight was going on a horseback tour through the area that couldn't be seen by car. One Saturday we went to services at a church that, following the three-day battle, had been used as a hospital. It was reported that holes were drilled in the floor to drain the blood. Can you imagine amputations with no morphine and antiseptics?

Visiting the cemetery was quite inspirational. To walk among the graves of the named and unnamed after visiting the battle fields was awesome. To be just a few feet from the spot where President Lincoln gave his immortal speech was extremely uplifting. It is a "must visit" location experience.

Antietam was much smaller; we covered it all in one day. It is an under appreciated park, but a must see. We had a personal tour guide who must have been a history major as he showed us and explained every area in great detail.

The highlight of our visit to Valley Forge was finding my patriot's name on the roster of those who wintered there with General Washington. Again, the area was much smaller than Gettysburg, but a place that must be seen and experienced. Like the other two parks, you can tour by car (with CD) and visit the many buildings and monuments to the various units that wintered there.

The two battlefields and the national park encampment were exciting and clean. The park service is to be complimented on the condition of the park and grounds.

I trust that by now, those of you who have had a meeting since I sent the DVD from our President General Ed Butler to the Chapter Presidents have seen the presentation and responded to the call for contributions to the Center for the Advancement of American Heritage. Construction of the Library area of the new building is progressing and funds are being collected for operation and for moving facilities from the old building to the new. Could we each contribute a \$100 to assist in this endeavor? Don't forget the tax advantages and the good feelings to be experienced by contributing to such worthy causes such as the SAR George Washington Fund, the CAAH fund, the Friends of the SAR Library, and the Kansas Heritage Fund.

The next meeting of our Kansas Sons of the American Revolution Board of Governors meeting is February 6 in Emporia starting at 10:00. Hopefully, the

## **FEBRUARY BOG MEETING**

The Board of Governors will meet February 6, 2010 at the Best Western Inn, 3021 Highway 50, in Emporia. Committee Chairmen may call for a meeting of their Committees either before or after the BOG meeting which will start at 10:00 am. Lunch will be at the motel for \$10.

## **LADIES AUXILIARY**

The Ladies Auxiliary will meet at the Best Western Motel, 3021 W Highway 50, Emporia on February 6, 2010 at 10 AM. This meeting coincides with the KSSAR Board of Governors meeting. Lunch will be at the motel. All KSSAR are welcomed.

We designate our February special project for military units over seas. This time the unit will be Past Auxiliary President's son, Josh, now stationed in Afghanistan. Items needed are: hand sanitizer, lip balm/chap stick, hand wipes, hard candy Trident gum, nuts, playing cards, CDs, etc.

## **PLEDGE TO THE SAR**

We descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.



## HENRY LEAVENWORTH

### LESSONS FROM THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR?

The life of Henry Leavenworth is well known to Leavenworth area residents. Were his experiences the result of formal military training, or were they learned around the dinner table back East? Imagine the stories his father told about his exploits during the American Revolution. Perhaps, the experiences could be traced as far back as the French & Indian War.

The family arrived in Connecticut in the 1600s. Several generations later, the family's commitment to patriotic military service to the country was evident.

Jesse Leavenworth was born November 20, 1740, in Waterbury, Connecticut. His service has been reported as including the governor's Footguards, Fort Ticonderoga, Connecticut Militia, and other engagements. His career was distinguished.

Sources point to a personal connection with Benedict Arnold. Allegedly, a family friend, Arnold led a group of men from New Haven in reaction to the Battle at Lexington. Lt. Jesse Leavenworth's name is near the top of the list.

Leavenworth demonstrated his commitment to the American Revolution in other ways. He signed an Oath of Fidelity, and he provided a variety of supplies through his commercial enterprises.

Jesse Leavenworth migrated west to Jefferson County, NY.

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Shawnee Police Officer John Nahrebeski (second from right) and three fellow officers, Sam Larson, Bob Stotts, and Matt Hasagen, were recognized by the Monticello Chapter on October 27 at the Shawnee Justice Center for their heroic efforts to save the life of a young man during an attempted suicide. Nahrebeski grabbed the man by the legs as he was jumping from a bridge; his fellow officers assisted until the man could be lowered onto a truck below. The SAR Medal for Heroism was presented to Officer Nahrebeski by Cmpts. Barnett Ellis (left) and Peter Grassl (right). Law Enforcement Commendations was presented to Officers Sam Larson, Bob Stotts, Matt Hasagen, Maurice Lordon, Terry Kegin, and Andy Vameerhaeghe. The recognition effort was spearheaded by Cmt. Dave Mellott.

### ANNUAL CONFERENCE (*continued from page 1*)

of the chapel constructed in 1878 by military prisoners.

While we're at the memorial service, a luncheon will be setup back at the Frontier Museum. This is the only meal during the conference. The President General will offer remarks during this part of the Conference. A very short business meeting will take place following the luncheon.

Compatriot Wright will then lead us on a guided tour of this historic fort established in 1827. The tour will conclude with the placement of a wreath at the grave of Colonel Henry Leavenworth. A bagpiper is expected to play Taps.

In conclusion, the Annual Conference will embody elements of a full one, but the program will be compressed into one day. There will be opportunities for fellowship, remembering departed compatriots, and the introduction of more Kansas history. It is an exciting, new approach for our Society.

**HOTEL:** For compatriots arriving on Friday evening, rooms have been reserved at the Holiday Inn Express in Lansing. Details will be announced with the Registration form.

To learn more about this history of the oldest fort west of the Mississippi, see: <http://garrison.leavenworth.army.mil/sites/about/history.asp>

**REGISTRATION:** A registration form will be placed on the KSSSAR web site ([www.KansasSAR.com](http://www.KansasSAR.com)) in January. Those receiving *The Liberty Bell* by email will also receive a registration form.

**IMPORTANT:** Fort Leavenworth is a Department of Defense facility. All persons entering must present photo identification. A copy of your auto insurance and registration must be presented as well. You should allow up to 20 minutes to process through the gate.



Washington Chapter President Douglas Brady (right) presented the SAR Medal for Heroism to Odies Horner (right center) for saving three lives at a Wichita lake last June. De Lorean D. King (left center) and Josh Kennedy (left) were each presented the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal for their assistance in the effort.

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER (*continued from page 2*)

weather will be such that we can have a record attendance. Bring a member who has never been to this meeting before.

Upcoming events include the National Leadership Meeting on March 4-7 and, most importantly, the Kansas Society's Annual Conference in Leavenworth on March 20. Chapter President Brooks Lyles and Peter Grassl are planning a most interesting meeting and a tour of the Fort. Our National President, Ed Butler, is making plans to attend this event. If you have never met a National President General, this will be a great opportunity. In my short memory, a sitting National President General has never attended a KSSSAR Annual Conference. Please make a determined effort to encourage as many as possible to be in attendance.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT — Martin Klotzbach**

August activities: Presided over the Board of Governors meeting in Emporia. Represented the SAR at the quarterly VAVS meeting at the Colmery-O'Neil Veterans Administration Medical Center in Topeka. Attended the SAR South Central District Annual Conference in Arlington, Texas. Represented the SAR at the U.S. Naturalization Ceremonies at the Dole Federal Building in Topeka.

September activities: Attended the SAR Leadership Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky.

October activities: Represented the SAR at the quarterly VAVS meeting at the Colmery-O'Neil Veterans Administration Medical Center in Topeka. Joined with members of other patriotic organizations in sponsoring a carnival for patients of the Colmery-O'Neil Veterans Administration Hospital. Attended chapter meetings of the Fort Scott Chapter and the Henry Leavenworth Chapter.

## **NATIONAL TRUSTEE — Peter Grassl**

Cornerstone was laid at CAAH, 810 W. Main in Louisville on September 24. George Washington's gavel was used.

The Blue Ribbon Committee's final report on the "checkmark controversy" was presented. This Committee stated that Article 3 of the NSSAR Constitution and By-law No. 9 which in effect says "...only those items 'verified' on a Record Copy are considered...."

NSSAR financial condition is strained. Expenses have increased; the last dues increase was in 2003. Annual membership dues increased \$5 for the new year. New member application fee increased \$20.

Life memberships are reinstated. The current portion does not cover annual dues.

The 2010 Congress will be in Cleveland June 26-30 at the Marriott Renaissance.

Stumbled across the 230th anniversary of the Siege of Savannah GA celebration, October 9, 2009. Warmly greeted by the Georgia Society. It was lots of fun.

Attended SCD meeting in Dallas, August 21-22.

The new SAR website is available, [www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org). It was created by a compatriot, saving the NSSAR lots of money. SAR-TALK is gone. New membership forums are available through the Compatriots tab. A new user-ID and password is required, for which you need to register.

IRS Form 990 compliance is a focal point of interest to the TG and NSSAR CFO. Please complete this form annually. TG, with Finance Committee support, is considering a compliance audit of societies.

Next Leadership meeting is March 4-6 in Louisville.

## **AMERICANISM POSTER CONTEST — Dick Nelson**

DX chapter has one school participating in the poster contest. Konza Prairie is expected to have their first home-school participant.

NSSAR is expected to allow participation of 8th grade students when money in the endowment fund permits.

## **AUDITING — John Saylor**

Upon request, David Comer, Treasurer for the Kansas Society, presented his 2008 records for audit. This audit

was based exclusively on the records provided.

The audit did not find any cause for concern regarding the handling of monies for the Kansas Society, and Treasurer Comer is to be commended for his detailed record keeping.

## **COLOR GUARD — Bob Capps**

Attended and participated in the Virginia SAR Grave Marking of Gov. Nelson on Oct 19 and marched in the Yorktown Parade representing KSSSAR.

Attended the Fall Leadership Meeting in Louisville and was selected by National Color Guard Commander Joe Dooley to lead with the National Colors. Participated in NSSAR Color Guard Committee.

Attended and participated in the South Central District Meeting and Color Guard in Dallas.

## **2013 CONGRESS — Peter Grassl**

Bob Capps has accepted the position of vice-chairman.

KSSSAR & MOSSAR met at the Fall Leadership meeting to discuss roles of each society. No email will be sent unless Peter Grassl and Dick Bryant are in agreement with respect to the content. The distribution list is being pared back by Gerald McCoy of MOSSAR. A meeting, with equal numbers from each society, will take place, hopefully, by the end of the year to discuss what committees to establish and personnel. Web page is first priority.

A separate checking account for the 2013 fund raising effort is needed.

Identify someone to serve as the 2013 fund raising treasurer. Fundraising: \$2,161 from Plaques and \$355 from Quilt Raffle. Total raised: \$2,516. To target: \$7,483.

## **ESSAY CONTEST — Douglas Brady**

The state contest will be held at the KSSSAR Annual Conference in March. Essay Contest rules were distributed to all chapters last August.

## **GENEALOGIST — Timothy E. Peterman**

As of November 2009, the spreadsheet for tracking prospective members contained 442 names and addresses. Of the 442 prospects, 9 have applied for membership since August.

The next issue of "From Kansas to Concord," a newsletter distributed to prospective members, is planned for this winter.

Outreach booths were staffed at the Shawnee Indian Mission Festival in Fairway, KS.

No genealogy workshops are scheduled at present.

Many prospective members lack a working sponsor. Volunteers are needed to sponsor viable prospects. Current members with genealogical and communications talent are encouraged to consider helping us.

## **GEORGE WASHINGTON ENDOWMENT FUND & FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY — Barnett Ellis**

No reports of applications for the George Washington Endowment Fund have been reported since August. Income from this fund assists with unfunded or underfunded SAR activities at the national and state levels.

The Center for Advancing America's Heritage Library



# Reports

building renovation is progressing at a good rate. It is estimated that the library move can be started in July. Funding is still needed for the build-out and the move cost. 16% of Kansas members have supported this activity. The goal is for 20% of all members to make a contribution. Barney Ellis is glad to provide information to any wanting to contribute.

## **MEDALS AND AWARDS — Barnett Ellis**

An order for JROTC/ROTC medals was picked up at the Fall Leadership Meeting and delivered to Everett Mulkey; KSSSAR is to cover the cost of the medals.

An order for medals for Washington Chapter was picked up the the Fall Leadership Meeting and delivered to the chapter; Washington Chapter is to cover the cost.

Each chapter should report to Barney Ellis all medals and certificates presented to members or outside groups. This will help avoid presenting the same medal to an individual multiple times.

## **MEMBERSHIP — Timothy Peterman**

Active membership summary by chapter (as of November 7): At Large 99, Bennington 22, Charles Robinson 14, Delaware Crossing 185, Fort Hays 13, Fort Scott 28, Henry Leavenworth 19, Konza Prairie 27, Monticello 47, Sons of the Plains 30, Thomas Jefferson 69, Washington 110.

KSSSAR has 663 active members as of November 7.

## **NOMINATING — Peter Grassl**

Nominations: Peter Grassl, Trustee; Edgar Grover, Alternate Trustee; Robert Capps, Delegate at Large; David Comer, Kansas Heritage Trustee (3 year term).

## **ORATIONS CONTEST — Lyle Gibson**

The state contest will be held May 1, 2010.

Chapter contests need to be held prior to April 15. The details regarding each chapter's winners need to be submitted to Chairman Lyle Gibson by April 15, 2010.

The national contest will be held June 27, 2010.

## **THE LIBERTY BELL — Mike Frisbie**

The November issue of the Liberty Bell was printed by Command Print of Leavenworth at a cost of \$548.26 for 644 copies. The eight-page newsletters were printed on 70 lb. glossy paper, bi-folded, and tabbed for mailing with CASS-certified addressing. Two address changes and six address corrections were reported.

613 newsletters were mailed October 29 from the Shawnee Mission Post Office; the mailing cost was \$99.72, leaving a Post Office balance of approximately \$244.

The electronic version of the newsletter was distributed to 475 email subscribers on November 2. There are currently 143 email-only subscribers. The electronic version of the newsletter was posted to the KSSSAR web site November 4.

The next issue of the Liberty Bell will be by email except for those with a paid subscription.

## **TREASURER — Gerald Cox**

Following approval at the last BOG meeting, \$2,156.35

was transferred from the Baird Money Market account into the general operating account to allow KSSSAR to meet general operating obligations through the 2009. The separate account for 2013 National Congress funds should be implemented by year-end 2009.

The Monticello Chapter has donated \$200 to the KSSSAR for youth contest expenses. The donation included a challenge to other chapters to make similar donations. The reduction in award amounts for the youth contests, which was approved earlier, coupled with donations from chapters and other sources should reduce the need for further supplements to cover the costs for youth contests.

Dues collection and processing for 2010 is in progress. As of November 6, the Treasurer has received 29 member-at-large dues checks, three check for KSSSAR life memberships, and a check for dues collected by the Bennington Chapter.



Eagle Scout David Beckenhauer of Pittsburg reads his essay at the Fort Scott Chapter meeting on January 23. David essay, which is about the British prison ships during the American Revolution, will compete for the Eagle Scout Scholarship. David has also traced his ancestry back to the American Revolution.

## **KSSSAR HONORS KES KESLER**

The Kansas Society Board of Governors, at the November 7th meeting, paid tribute to Kes Kesler, who recently relocated to Indiana, for his significant contributions to the SAR.

"Whereas, Kesler formed the Kansas Society Color Guard; Kesler served for many years as the editor of the award-winning Liberty Bell; Kesler has served as Kansas Society and Delaware Crossing President, Kesler has served as Vice-President General of the South Central District and has served the Society in numerous other ways. Therefore, Herick Hurst "Kes" Kessler has made a substantial and positive contribution to the Sons of the American Revolution, and, on this date, the Kansas Society Board of Governors hereby salutes Compatriot Kesler for valuable service."

# \* 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 third quarterly chapter meeting was held September 29. Barney Ellis gave a program on the construction of the National Headquarters buildings. He distributed floor plans of the National Center. Barney suggested the chapter raise local dues, which are the lowest in the state, to provide more scholarships. There was a good turnout in spite of several regulars being unable to attend, and it provided the opportunity to collect annual dues from a number of chapter members. Some are late in paying dues this year.

The chapter regrets to hear that Kes Kesler is moving out of the area. Kes has been a great finder and promoter of many good things, and we will miss him.

## **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 quarterly chapter meeting was held September 21. The chapter lost member James A. Roberts, Jr on September 6. Chapter President Richards is investigating the possibility of holding a joint meeting with the Betty Washington DAR Chapter. Plans are in the works for the chapter to conduct a flag certificate presentation.

## **DELAWARE CROSSING CHAPTER**

**(Kansas City & Johnson County)**

**Dennis Nelson, President**

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

A monthly chapter meeting was held August 15. The program was presented by Cmpt. Jim Speicher: "Tale of Two Soldiers."

The annual chapter picnic was held September 19. A flag retirement ceremony followed the meal. The DAR was invited and brought flags for the retirement ceremony.

A monthly chapter meeting was held October 9. The program was presented by Nora Lee Walter: "From Whence We Came." Craig Elford received a flag certificate from Dewey Fry.

Cmpt. Kes Kesler was presented a lifetime achievement award on October 31. Kes and his wife, Jean, moved from the area in November to return to their home state of Indiana.

The chapter manned an outreach booth at the Fall Festival at the Shawnee Indian Mission on October 10 and 11. The chapter manned a vendor table at the Johnson County Genealogy Society annual seminar on October 24.

Roseland Elementary School is participating in the chapter poster contest.

The chapter's Color Guard participated in the following activities: presenting the Colors (along with MOSSAR) at

two professional tennis matches in Kansas City, presenting a program on the SAR to Masonic Lodge #436, participating in two funeral services, one for Cmpt. Gene Amos and the other for Cmpt. John Proctor, participating in the SCD Fall Meeting in Dallas, marching in the Olathe Old Settlers Days Parade, holding a formal flag retirement ceremony at Antioch Park, and attending the Fall National Leadership Conference.

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

**Carrol R. Christian, President**

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

## **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*

The quarterly chapter meeting was held October 10. KSSSAR President Martin Klotzbach was the guest speaker. Four new members were recognized: Charles E. Foreman, Charles E. Foreman Jr., Chester Foreman, and David Foreman.

The chapter newsletter was mailed to all members in October. Chapter VP, Darren Couch, has sent out fliers on the Orations Contest and has posted information on the chapter's website.

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

**Brooks Lyles, President**

*Meets 4th Thursday at 6:30 PM, Pullman Place Restaurant*  
At the monthly chapter held September 24, four new compatriots were inducted: Russell Livingston, Riley



DX Color Guardsmen marched in the Veteran's Day Parade in Leavenworth. Pictured are Kyle Kesler, Dewey Fry, Bob Capps, and Richard Cox. The picture was taken by Neal Hanley from the Henry Leavenworth Chapter.





The Konza Prairie Colonial Color Guard participated in the Veteran's Day Paraded in Manhattan. Pictured are: Gunnar Naughton, Gary Groh, Gary Naughton, Mark Naughton, Cliff Meloan, and Wade Hambright.

Livingston, Gene Waggoner, and John Waggoner. LTC Ed Kennedy (retired) gave an excellent presentation on the Battle of Cowpens.

With the assistance of Cmpt. Dave Mellott, the chapter has prepared two Law Enforcement medals and 19 Certificates of Appreciation for presentation to officers at Fort Leavenworth for meritorious actions.

Two boxes of magazines were delivered to the VA Hospital for use in waiting rooms.

Cmpt. Brooks Lyles is the new chapter president.

The KSSSAR annual meeting will be held on March 20, 2010, in Leavenworth. Members will be able to attend this off-year, one-day meeting without incurring the cost of a two-day meeting. There will be a tour of Fort Leavenworth, a memorial service in the chapel and a luncheon followed by a business meeting.

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

**Gary Groh, President**

*Meets 3rd Thursday at 7:30 PM,*

*Meadowlark Hills Retirement Center, 2121 Meadowlark Rd.*

A Flag Certificate was presented to Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) William E. Price of Manhattan.

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Susan Gano Morton of Abilene for assisting in our Living History programs. Living History presentations have been made at three area schools.

The chapter provided two uniformed members, along with four members from Hutchinson, at the Constitution Day ceremonies in Abilene.

Essay Contest information has been distributed to 14 area high schools. Eight area schools have been contacted about the Poster Contest.

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

**Robert Mellott, President**

*Meets 3rd Thursday, 6:00 PM dinner & 7:00 PM meeting,*

*Yarborough's Family Restaurant, 10310 Shawnee Msn Pkwy*

The monthly chapter meeting was held August 20.

The monthly chapter meeting was held September 17. The program was "Family Research and Discoveries Along the Way" by Cmpt. Don Coe.

The monthly chapter meeting was held October 15. The program was given by Mike Calwell, who told of his adventures on recreating the Lewis & Clark Corps of Discovery trip

On October 27, the chapter presented the Heroism Medal to Officer John Nahrebeski and Law Enforcement Commendations of Officer Rob Stotts, Officer Matt Hashagen, Sgt. Sam Larson, Officer Maurice Loridon, Officer Terry Kegin, and Officer Andy Vanmeerhaeghe, all of the Shawnee Police Department. (See picture on page 2.)

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

**Bobbie Hulse, President**

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

The chapter celebrated its 25th Anniversary at the September meeting attended by 10 members and guests.

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

**Brian Vazquez, President**

*Meets 2nd Thursday monthly except July, August, December 7:00 PM at Shawnee County Public Library, 1515 SW 10th St*

The monthly chapter meeting was held September 10. The program was presented by Susan Marchant, special collections manager at Topeka Shawnee County Public Library, who discussed the genealogy collection at the library.

The monthly chapter meeting was held October 8. Among the items discussed was the KSSSAR 2010 Annual Meeting.

The monthly chapter meeting was held November 12. The program was presented by Dr. Phillip Baker on "Jon Hus and the Moravians."

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

**Douglas Brady, President**

*Meets 2nd Saturday except Feb., Mar., July & Aug. at 11:30 AM at Hometown Buffet, 6820 West Central*

The monthly chapter meeting was held September 12. The SAR Heroism Award was presented to Mr. Odies Horner, who saved the lives of three children and their mother last summer at a lake in Wichita. (See picture on page 2.)

The monthly chapter meeting was held October 10. Mr. Frank Sisson, West Point Class of '51, Veteran of WWII, Korea, and Vietnam, and a student of history, gave a presentation based on his book titled "A Ransomed Yankee", that is about his ancestor who was skipper of a New England whaler during the Civil War.

Chapter Color Guardsman Douglas Brady participated in Citizenship Ceremonies on September 26. Color Guardsman Brady participated at the Haysville Library Constitution Day activities.

Promotion of the Orations Contest started in November.

# 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>
Crossette	Sheldon	Maurice	3733 Somerset Dr	Prairie Village	KS	66208	175529	2730	DX	Ellis, IB	11/05/09	Jacob Crossett

## 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>
None at this time.												

### 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>
Brady	Bryan	Dewayne	138448	1950	WA	10/16/09	Jacob Van Meter, Sr.
Capps	Robert	Neil, III	164465	2447	DX	12/22/09	Benajah Rice

### 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>
Little	William	Thomas	82371	745	DX	50	12/15/09
Lewis	Walter	Macy	107448	1072	WA	35	11/21/09
Duncan	John	Thomas	107877	1076	DX	35	12/30/09
Wolfe	David	William	107878	1077	DX	35	12/30/09
Barron	William	Harry, III	107879	1078	MAL	35	12/30/09
Lyon	Edward	Phillips	116260	1291	WA	30	11/29/09
Smith	Thomas	Eastwood, Jr.	116335	1296	WA	30	12/14/09
Whitaker	Robert	Toombs	116451	1297	DX	30	01/10/10
Henry	Arthur	Floyd, Jr.	125060	1597	SP	25	01/02/10
Gilstrap	Michael	Louis	125169	1607	DX	25	01/18/10
Crowther	Robert	Hamblett	133784	1862	DX	20	11/02/09
Wood	John	Busey	133863	1863	TJ	20	11/17/09
Hedgcock	Robert	Harrison	133980	1864	MAL	20	12/13/09
Reno	John	Courtney	133981	1865	WA	20	12/13/09
Bruington	Joseph	Lawrence	134119	1868	SP	20	01/17/10
Frisbie	Delbert	Wilbur	134177	1869	DX	20	01/22/10
Frisbie	Michael	Delbert	134178	1870	FS	20	01/22/10
Taylor	Robert	Patrick	143644	2033	WA	15	11/22/09
Guy	James	Lee	143919	2034	MAL	15	01/26/10
Neal	Gary	Roger	152790	2414	WA	10	11/22/09
Grover	Macy	Calvin Kenneth	152996	2188	SP	10	01/13/10
Barbour	Michael	Robin	152997	2189	DX	10	01/13/10
Gordon	George	Butler, III	152998	2190	DX	10	01/13/10
Goslin	Charles	Edward	153150	2193	MC	10	01/20/10
Goslin	Stephen	Lawrence	153152	2195	MC	10	01/20/10
Blevins	Marvin	Eugene	153177	2197	DX	10	01/21/10
Tomlinson	Charles	Matthew	153178	2198	TJ	10	01/21/10

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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>
Cell	Robert	Franklin	108702	1101		1975	09/19/09+
Slater	Charles	Adolphus, II	128475	1751		1986	10/08/09*
Hitt	Charles	Richard	119383	1420	MAL	1981	10/24/09
Webster	Bobby	Lee	144744	2047	MAL	1995	10/29/09
Houston	James	Leverett	131554	1806		1988	11/02/09*
Avery	William	Henry	87182	781	KP	1961	11/04/09
Peterman	Raymond	Webster	121469	1494	DX	1983	12/25/09

\*inactive  
+demitted

### HENRY LEAVENWORTH (*continued from page 3*)

He died there in late 1824.

Lastly, there is a bit of irony that Henry Leavenworth was born in the same year the Treaty of Paris was signed — 1783.

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