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118TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE MAKES HISTORY



NSSAR President General Ed Butler addresses the KSSAR Annual Conference.

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The Kansas Society 118th Annual Conference conducted on March 20, 2010 was historic for many reasons. Held at Fort Leavenworth, the event retained the core of an annual meeting while presenting new facets to the attendees.

Attendees compared the late winter setting at the Fort to what it must have been like at Valley Forge in 1777. But the blowing snow did not deter all compatriots from braving the elements as they traveled by auto from distant locations such as Fort Scott, Wichita, and Oklahoma City. The weather conditions provided a unique backdrop for the Conference.

What made this Annual Conference historic was the presence of the NSSAR President General and the revised one-day format for an off-year meeting. Maybe the snow helped, too. Attendees and guests met with Edward F. Butler, the President General, who had flown in from Chicago on a return trip to his home in San Antonio, TX. South Central District Vice President General Dr. Frank Appl arrived on Friday, as well, for pre-meeting activities.

Informal activities commenced on Friday, March 19, 2010. The President General, accompanied by Barnett Ellis and Peter Grassl, received a private tour of the Command & General Staff College's Lewis & Clark Center. The tour was led by LTC Ed Kennedy, US Army (ret), who is an instructor at this incredible facility in which all Army majors receive critical training. The Center is a state of the art facility filled with artistic pieces (print, stain glass, displays) which depict the Army from the Revolutionary War to the present.

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Upcoming Events

May 1, 2010 – KSSAR Board of Governors' Meeting, 10AM, Emporia State University Student Union, 1200 Merchant St, Emporia KS.

May 1, 2010 – Ladies Auxiliary meeting.

Jun 26-30, 2010 – 120th Annual Congress, Cleveland, OH.

Jun 30, 2010 – Deadline for articles and pictures for the August issue of *The Liberty Bell*.

Aug 7, 2010 – KSSAR Board of Governors' Meeting, 10AM, Best Western, Hospitality House, 3021 W. Highway 50, Emporia, 620-342-7587.

Aug 7, 2010 – Ladies Auxiliary meeting.

Aug 20-21, 2010 – South Central District Meeting, Wyndham Riverfront Hotel, North Little Rock AR.

Sep 15, 2009 – Deadline for articles and pictures for the November issue of *The Liberty Bell*.

Sep 23-25, 2010 – Fall Leadership Meeting, Louisville KY.



The laying of the wreath at the grave of General Henry Leavenworth.

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May BOG MEETING

The Board of Governors will meet May 1, 2010, in the second floor Flint Hills Room at the Emporia State University Student Union. 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 Union for \$12.00.

Park on the east side of the Student Union in the metered lot, but, being a Saturday, it will not be necessary to activate the meters. In other words, parking will be free. Emporia State is located at 1200 Merchant St. on the east side of Emporia and south of I-35. Take the Merchant Street exit #130 from I-35.

LADIES AUXILIARY

The Ladies Auxiliary will meet May 1, 2010 at 10:00 AM. Please note the **change in meeting location**. We will meet at the Student Union Bldg., Emporia State University.

Please bring Kansas-made items for the Kansas basket/tote bag that will be raffled off with other state baskets at the National Congress in Cleveland in June. Lunch will be at an interesting location.

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.

* **PRESIDENT'S CORNER** *

By Martin Klotzbach
President, KSSAR



Compatriots All ---

Hopefully, membership is picking up. It's not too late to visit with past members about reinstating their membership in the SAR. All chapter officers should bring this up in their meetings to see if we can bring some back into the fold. Also, we should all be wearing our membership pins and encouraging non-members to explore joining this great organization.

As usual, the National Leadership meeting in Louisville was eventful. The biggest surprise to me was being called to the front to receive a flag streamer for being one of the societies donating \$1,000 to the CAAH Foundation. I won't mention the name, but one of our chapters also received a flag streamer for donating \$500 to the same campaign. How about your chapter? I would love to pick up a streamer and certificate to bring back and give to you at the August BOG.

Our Annual Conference went extremely well. Forget about the eight inches of snow and the tight schedule. I know that President General Ed Butler and Vice President Frank Appl were impressed and very pleased with the proceedings. A great big Huzzah to Peter Grassl, Brooks and Dianne Lyles, Dick Wright, the Leavenworth Chapter, Bob Capps and the Honor Guard and Chaplain Brian Vazquez. The tours were outstanding, and the planning and scheduling ran like clock work. The memorial service was the best that I have ever witnessed. I'm sure that President General Butler will never forget the event. I know that I won't.

This past weekend we attended the Sixty-fourth State Conference of the Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.). I was not surprised at the success of their gatherings since Theresa and I went to last year's proceedings. Their Senior State President, Rhonda Carter, always selects very interesting locations to meet. Last year the location was in Leavenworth with tours of the Amelia Earhart Museum. This year it was in LeCompton with the play, Bleeding Kansas, tours of the First Territorial Capitol Museum, Constitution Hall and the jail. After years of driving past the LeCompton I-70 exit, remarking that we should stop and visit sometime, we finally had the opportunity. LeCompton is one of the best kept secrets in Kansas. Do yourself a favor and stop by some Saturday to join in the play and tour the sights.

Last night we represented you by attending the Daughters of the American Revolution's Annual State Conference Banquet. The past couple of days they have been meeting here in Topeka. At the banquet, we were seated next to some very interesting women from around the state. A couple knew my deceased grandfather and grandmother in Cottonwood Falls. Small world. Another took my card to send me information on three good candidates for membership in the Kansas C.A.R. Besides the Kansas State Regent, Shirley Coupal, the state regents from Nebraska and South Dakota were also present. This was a very pleasant evening.

If you have any monies left over from paying your taxes, think about donating some to our State or National Foundation, or buy a ticket or two from our Auxiliary Ladies for the 2013 National Conference Quilt Fund.

Bring a new member or one who has never been to the BOG meeting before. Don't forget the BOG on May 1 will be at the Emporia State University Student Union.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE (continued from page 1)

A causal dinner on Friday evening took place at June's Cottage near downtown Leavenworth. The Henry Leavenworth Chapter, which hosted the conference, calls this quaint, antiques-theme restaurant home to their meetings on the fourth Thursday evening of each month. An unexpected over-flowing group of compatriots and spouses made for a festive dinner spanning several rooms.

Rain changed to heavy snow overnight. Some compatriots had spent the evening at the local host motel. Others were fearless on Saturday morning and made the trek up K-7. It would prove worth the trip by the end of the day.

The conference opened with a tour of the Army Frontier Museum. Those who have visited other Army museums rate this to be one of the best in the country based upon content and design. It describes how Kansas and the west was discovered, mapped, and opened up to settlement, followed by a history of the Fort.

The annual Memorial Service (pictured right) was conducted in the historic Memorial Chapel and led by KSSSAR Chaplain Brian Vazquez. Unfortunately, a record number of compatriots were remembered. The Chapel was constructed in 1878, several years after the Battle at the Little Big Horn, and there are numerous plaques recognizing those who fell during that battle. Following the service, compatriot Dick Wright provided an oral history of the Chapel, constructed to "right the wrong of the heathens of that period."



A very tasty lunch was held at the Museum and was catered by June's Cottage. President General Butler offered remarks about the very positive progress being made with the Library component of the new Center for Advancing America's Heritage (CAAH) center in Louisville. A new librarian has been hired who had previously interned with the SAR. A move into the new library will take place this year. The CAAH is being funded primarily by compatriot donations and grants from private organizations. The President General departed with donations expressing the support of the Kansas Society.

Frank Appl, South Central District Vice President General, spoke to the importance of the George Washington fund, which he chairs. He pointed out that dues go for the day-to-day operations of the Society. Any extras are paid from George Washington fund investment income. (The two newest chapters in the Kansas Society have benefited from GW fund donations.)

The winners of the Youth Programs were recognized. Kirsten Marie Krull (pictured left) won the Knight Essay Contest representing Delaware Crossing Chapter. Brian Denning (pictured below) was recognized the winner of the King Eagle Scout Scholarship Award; he is a senior at Gardner-Edgerton High School. The poster created by Sydnie Cross was selected winner of the Americanism Poster Contest; she was sponsored by Delaware Crossing Chapter.

A very brief business meeting was held to elect a National Trustee, Alternate, Delegate at-Large, and Heritage Fund Trustee. Those individuals are: Peter Grassl, Bob Capps, Edgar Grover, and David Comer, respectively.

Concluding the luncheon was the presentation of gifts to our distinguished national officers. The President General received a framed print of the "Four Patriots" by Cmpt. Charles Goslin. VPG Appl was presented a "Patriot's Plaque" used for the 2013 fund raising.

Compatriots and guests boarded a chartered bus for a guided tour. The Fort dates from 1827 and is the oldest such establishment west of the Mississippi River. Dick Wright, compatriot and "certified" tour guide of the Fort, told of the important history and importance of the buildings and events over the past 150+ years.

One of the key points in the promotion of the Annual Conference was the laying of the wreath at the grave of General Henry Leavenworth. The weather conditions threatened to hamper this concluding activity. "We" really didn't know if the placement would take place until the tour arrived at the grave site.

Standing in formation on a hill above the grave was the Leavenworth High School Junior Army ROTC unit wearing Revolutionary War era uniforms. What a sight to behold! Those young people had made it through the weather to be part of the ceremony!

The opening of the wreath-laying service was led by Peter Grassl and Brian Vazquez standing at the front of the bus. Most of the tour group was motivated by the JROTC standing in blowing snow to disembark the bus to take part in a photo shoot and observe the placement of the wreath. If our Revolutionary War ancestors could brave the snow, so can we!

The President General, KSSSAR President, and Henry Leavenworth Chapter President moved the wreath down a shoveled path (thanks to HL President Lyles) and past the Color Guard. The JROTC unit joined the presentation for an incredible conclusion of men saluting the history of the General, a "real son" of the American Revolution, amidst snow blowing across the cemetery.

What a conclusion to a history making 118th Annual Conference! This was a new approach to the off-year meeting by shortening the activities and including an historical tour. Thanks go out to the Henry Leavenworth Chapter President Brooks Lyles and his wife, Diane Ungvarsky, to Dick Wright, and to the other HL compatriots for hosting this exciting meeting.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT — Martin Klotzbach

Presided over the Board of Governors meeting in Emporia on November 7. Represented the SAR, in uniform, at the U.S. Naturalization Ceremony in Topeka on November 20. Attended the Children of the American Revolution Thanksgiving Celebration in Kansas City.

NATIONAL TRUSTEE — Peter Grassl

The 2010 Congress will be in Cleveland, OH, June 26-30 at the Marriott Renaissance Hotel. The hotel room rate is \$141. It will be a kid-friendly Congress. The memorial service is one block away. Reception is 4-6 pm at the hotel. There is an inexpensive rail shuttle from the airport that stops at the hotel. The genealogy seminar will focus on the northeast. The Saturday tour will be a train trip down the Cuyahoga Valley.

The new SAR website is available at <http://www.sar.org>. It was created by a compatriot, saving NSSAR a lot of money. SAR-TALK on RootsWeb is defunct. New membership forums are available through the Compatriots tab. A new ID and password is required.

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

AMERICANISM POSTER CONTEST — Dick Nelson

The winning entry for the State Society Americanism Poster Contest for 2009-2010 was selected at the KSSSAR Annual Conference in Fort Leavenworth on March 20. Judging was done the morning of the conference. Two entries were been submitted. Konza Prairie Chapter sponsored a poster created by Haley Grable, a home-schooled student. Delaware Crossing Chapter sponsored a poster created by Sydnie Cross, a student attending Roesland School in Roeland Park. The theme was "The Battle of Bunker Hill." The Delaware Crossing Chapter entry was chosen the winner and will represent KSSSAR at the National Congress Poster judging in Cleveland, Ohio, in June.

COLOR GUARD — Bob Capps

Participated in the Leavenworth Parade on Veteran's Day, November 11.

Participated in a Color Guard visit to the Leavenworth Veteran's Hospital on November 11. Gifts and items were distributed by the Delaware Crossing Chapter, visiting, in uniform, with the patients. A Veteran's Fund has been established for members to contribute so that more frequent visits to veterans can be made.

Participated in an Honor Guard at Cmpt. Ray Peterman's Visitation.

Met with Peter Grassl and Tim Peterman to discuss the KSSSAR Color Guard and Outreach events. It was proposed that KSSSAR Color Guard events would be the four BOG Meetings, KSSSAR Annual Conference, Patriots' Day in Mclouth, Constitution Day in Abilene, and the Leavenworth Parade.

2013 CONGRESS — Peter Grassl

Bob Capps has accepted the position of vice-chairman.

Leadership

29 Plaques have been ordered and 28 shipped.

Fundraising, as of the February BOG, has raised \$3,359, with \$3,004 from the sale of Plaques and \$355 from the Quilt Raffle. We need to raise an additional \$6,641.

EAGLE SCOUT PROGRAM — Bob McFarlin

Entrants for the Eagle Scout Scholarship Award were judged at the February BOG. 1st Place and a \$350 award went to Brian Denning of Gardner; his entry was submitted by Delaware Crossing Chapter. 2nd Place and a \$250 award went to David Breckenhaur of Pittsburg; his entry was submitted by Fort Scott Chapter. 3rd Place and a \$100 award went to Mason Gritman of Topeka; his entry was submitted by Thomas Jefferson Chapter.

The State Chairman, Bob McFarlin, has a lot of Eagle Award patches and blank Scout Certificates that can be used by the chapters to award scouts for various things.

Cmpts. Barney Ellis and Peter Grassl received the Arthur M. King Boy Scout Volunteer Award last year. Cmpt. Mark Naughton is being recommended for 2010 because of all the work he has given to scouting.

ESSAY CONTEST — Douglas Brady

The state contest was held at the Annual Conference in Leavenworth on March 20.

The 1st Place Essay is titled "Unsung but Not Unimportant" and is by Kirsten M. Krull, who was sponsored by Delaware Crossing Chapter. She received the 1st Place Certificate, Medal, and \$500.

The 2nd Place Essay is titled "America's Birth Certificate" and is by Lucas A. Hadley, who was sponsored by Washington Chapter. He received a Certificate and \$175.

The 3rd Place Essay is titled "Deborah Sampson: Woman, Soldier and Role Model" and is by Catherine M. Buckley, who was sponsored by Konza Prairie Chapter. She received a Certificate and \$125.

The State Judges were presented with Certificates of Appreciation.

The 2010 Knight Essay Contest Rules are planned to be emailed to each chapter's chairman before the August BOG. All Chapters should provide the State Essay Chairman the name of their Chapter Essay Chairman as soon as possible.

GENEALOGIST — Timothy E. Peterman

As of February, 2010, the spreadsheet for tracking prospective members contained 452 names and addresses. Of the 452 prospects, 20 have applied for membership since August.

A new issue of "From Kansas to Concord" is scheduled for winter. It is a newsletter distributed to prospective members.

No outreach booths or genealogy workshops have been done in the last three months since November. An outreach booth is scheduled for the Militaria in Leavenworth on February 6, and a genealogy workshop is planned for Fort Scott on April 10.

Many prospective members lack a working sponsor.

Reports

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

The National GWEF Distribution committee continues to help support various causes that states request. It also pays for the breakfast for Orations contestants.

The December 31 report for the Kansas membership in Friends of the Library shows Kansas with 12 members or 1.8%. The states with the largest percentage of members are Tennessee with 3.6% and Missouri with 3.6%. The national average is 1.01%. Thanks to eight Kansas members for supporting the SAR Library.

Building construction on the library in Louisville is on or ahead of schedule, and at or under cost.

MEDALS AND AWARDS – Barnett Ellis

A database of “presented” medals and awards is currently recorded in two files, one by the name of the medal showing all known to have received it, and one by active member name. Chapters can request a copy of the active member file by notifying Barney Ellis.

Washing Chapter provided an update of medals awarded January, 2010.

MEMBERSHIP – Timothy Peterman

Active membership summary by chapter (as of February 6): At Large 90, Bennington 18, Charles Robinson 14, Delaware Crossing 157, Fort Hays 10, Fort Scott 27, Henry Leavenworth 18, Konza Prairie 21, Monticello 46, Sons of the Plains 28, Thomas Jefferson 64, Washington 94.

As of February 6, KSSSAR has 587 active members, of which 112 are life members.

Fort Scott Chapter won the Augustus di Zerega (Membership Growth) Award for small chapters (less than 50 members) and Delaware Crossing Chapter won for large chapters. Fort Scott Chapter won the Avery Washburn (Membership Retention) Award for small chapters and Thomas Jefferson Chapter won for large chapters.

NOMINATING – Peter Grassl

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

ORATIONS CONTEST – Lyle Gibson

The state contest will be held May 1, 2010, at the Board of Governors Meeting in Emporia. The national contest will be held June 27, 2010, at the National Congress.

There was concern over the date of the KSSSAR contest conflicting with scholastic events in the various school districts of Johnson County, which forced students to choose one over the other.

THE LIBERTY BELL – Mike Frisbie

The February issue of *The Liberty Bell* is the first to be

published since converting to email subscription. *The Liberty Bell* was emailed to 518 subscribers and sent to the webmaster for posting to the KSSSAR website on February 5. The printed version was mailed to 32 subscribers at a cost of \$85, which includes first class postage, copying costs, and supplies (labels and tabs).

There are several immediate effects of switching the means of distributing the newsletter, going from print/mail to email. Bulk mailing cannot be used since the number of mailed pieces have fallen below 200, so the postage rate goes from \$.16 to \$.44 for each newsletter. The newsletters will now be copied rather than printed since the print setup cost makes the latter infeasible for a small number of newsletters; this slightly lessens production quality. The email process is also affected; it will need to be spread across two days because my email account provider limits the number of outgoing emails to 500 per day.

The BOG approved a motion to terminate the Bulk Mailing Account (permit #341) since it is no longer needed.

TREASURER – Gerald Cox

Consistent with trends throughout NSSAR, 2010 KSSSAR dues payments have declined somewhat. In 2009 the BOG approved reducing award values for youth competitions and changing the means of distributing the *Liberty Bell* to email. These actions should significantly reduce our operating expenses going forward. However, careful budgeting for 2010 is required.



SAR-C.A.R. BRONZE MEDAL

Rhonda Carter, Kansas C.A.R. Senior Society President, was presented the SAR-C.A.R. Bronze Medal. Carter received the award at the Kansas Society C.A.R. 64th Annual Meeting conducted at the LeCompton Territorial Capitol on April 10. Pictured above are Peter Grassl, KSSSAR C.A.R. Liaison, Rhonda Carter, and Martin Klotzbach, KSSSAR President. In the background is Brenna McQuitty of Bonner Springs, the new Kansas Society C.A.R. President.

* 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)*

CHARLES ROBINSON CHAPTER (Lawrence)

Jeffrey H. Richards, President

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

The quarterly chapter meeting was held January 19.

All current chapter members have paid their 2010 dues.

The chapter is planning a joint meeting this year with the Betty Washington Chapter of DAR in Lawrence.

Cmpts. John Sayler and John McCain presented a Flag Certificate to Dennis M. Dailey of Lawrence.

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*

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 January 23 at Fort Scott Community College. The program was given by David M. Beckenhauser, Eagle Scout from Pittsburg, who spoke on "Patriotism on Board." David has earned 56 merit badges and has traced his ancestry to the American Revolution. He represented the chapter in competing for the Eagle Scott Award.

The chapter hosted a Genealogical Seminar at Fort Scott Community College on April 10. The program was given by Cmpts. Barney Ellis and Tim Peterman complete with handouts. It was well received with 20 in attendance.

The chapter recognized Cadet J. P. Nelson at the ROTC Leadership presentation at Pittsburg University on March 20.

An Outreach Booth is planned for "Good Old Days" in Fort Scott during the first weekend in June.

HENRY LEAVENWORTH CHAPTER (Leavenworth)

Brooks Lyles, President

Meets 4th Thursday at 6:30 PM, Pullman Place Restaurant

Chapter meetings were held December 17, January 28, and February 25. At the February meeting, Cmt. Ed Kennedy spoke on the "Siege of Charleston" and presented the chapter with the "Moultrie Flag" (pictured right).

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 January 21, February 18, March 18 and April 15.

At the January meeting, the chapter winners of the Essay Contest and the Poster Contest were announced. The winner of the Knight Essay Contest is Catherine Buckley, a Senior at Manhattan High School, and the winner of the Poster Contest is Haley Grable of the Devonshire Home School in Manhattan.

At the February meeting, the chapter's Essay winner Catherine Buckley read her essay, "Deborah Sampson: Woman, Soldier and Role Model."

At the April meeting, Jackson Allen Naughton, was inducted, being promoted from a Youth Registrant.

Chapter Color Guard members, with regimental drum, marched in the Veterans Day Parade in Manhattan.

The chapter honored 32 new Eagle Scouts at the annual Baden-Powell Banquet on February 13. The local Boy Scout district has recently combined with two other districts to form one large district containing about 50 troops. The Chapter is looking for some means to affordably continue the Eagle Scout program for the district that has nearly tripled in size.

MONTICELLO CHAPTER (Shawnee)

Robert Mellott, President

*Meets 3rd Thursday, 6:00 PM dinner & 7:00 PM meeting,
Nonnie's Restaurant, 7410 Nieman Rd.*

Chapter meetings were held November 19, December 17, and January 28. Bob Dorian presented a program titled "Early Medical Practices from the Time of the Revolutionary War." Claude Harkins gave a program on Revolutionary War Artifacts including the oldest known Stars & Stripes. Bill Buckner spoke on the Battle of Stony Point.

Heroism Medals were presented to David Coopman and Bill Grass.

The chapter has received an offer of the loan of a Revolutionary War cannon for use in the Lenexa Parade on July 4. Additional Color Guard is needed to join in marching.



The Moultrie Flag (displayed above) was donated to the Henry Leavenworth Chapter by Cmt. Ed Kennedy at the chapter meeting on February 25.

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*

Chapter meetings were held November 8, December 13, and January 19.

"SAR Whats" has been placed in the genealogy section of the new addition to the McPherson Library.

The chapter has agreed to help sponsor Courtney Dimitt on her Washington D.C. trip.

Cmpt. Keith Allison presented a Flag Certificate to Howard Huber.

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*

Chapter meetings were held February 11, March 11 and April 8.

At the February meeting, Cmpt. Rich McReynolds gave a presentation on "Yesterday's Maps and Plats on the Net" about Kansas land surveys, the Public Lands Survey System, the BLM General Land Office website used for finding land patents and related military warrants, the Geographical Naming Information System (GNIS) for locating features on maps, and online resources available for finding Revolutionary War era and other digital maps.

At the March meeting, Cmpt. Roger Johnson gave a presentation on "A Civil War Soldier's Life and Letters" about the life experiences of William Yates, Jr., a Civil War soldier from Illinois.

At the April meeting, a program on "Alexander Hamilton" was presented by Dr. Steve Tempero. There was also a presentation by the chapter's winner of the Eagle Scott Essay Award, Mason Gritman.

The chapter is planning a booth at Topeka Genealogical Society Annual Conference on April 24.

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*

Chapter meetings were held November 14, December 12, January 9, and April 10.

At the November meeting, David Dibble, Ret. Sgt-Major U.S. Army, gave a video presentation showing a first-hand view of an Army Unit serving in Afghanistan.

At the December meeting, the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal was presented posthumously (above right) to Brian Etheridge, who was killed in the line of duty, and to SAR member and Sedgwick County Sheriff Robert Hinshaw.

Officers were elected in January for the 2010-2012 term: Douglas Brady, President; Joe Warne, Vice President; Gary Neal, Secretary/Treasurer; Robert "Pat" Taylor, Chaplain; and Everett Mulkey, Genealogist/Registrar.

The 19th Annual George Washington Birthday Celebration Dinner was held February 22, hosting over 200 Leadership Corps and JROTC Cadets from Derby and Wichita Schools. John Offerman, a 1978 West Point graduate, was this year's speaker. He was a Captain at the end of active duty, was promoted to Major while in the Reserves, and is currently employed at Lear Jet as the Manager of Instrumentation & Data Services.

At the April meeting, the chapter began a new program, of awarding the EMS Commendation Award. The first two recipients were EMS Lt. Michael G. Sanchez and MICT Angie Sundquist. They were the EMS personnel who gave emergency medical care to Sedgwick County Deputy Brian Etheridge, who was killed in the line of duty last fall.

Cmpt. Gary Neal moved out of state in March to begin a new career with AAI in Maryland. He was the chapter secretary/treasurer and the KSSSAR Secretary.



Washington Chapter President Douglas Brady presents Sgt. Tim Meyers the Law Enforcement Award posthumously for Sedgwick County Deputy Brian Etheridge.

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES (Feb-Apr)

Last	First	Middle	NSSAR	Ks	Ch	Years	Anniversary
Haines	Richard	Calvert	78034	708	MAL	55	04/21/10
Carkhuff	Samuel	Johnson	97718	942	MAL	40	03/04/10
Woodburn	Lloyd	William	97719	943	TJ	40	03/11/10
Geer	Howard	Rogers	97720	944	MAL	40	03/11/10
Hill	Charles	Eugene	97721	945	TJ	40	03/11/10
Wilcox	Laird	Maurice, III	107895	1094	DX	35	03/21/10
Adams	Leland	Richard	107898	1097	MAL	35	04/15/10
Petro	Robert	Kelsey	116571	1300	TJ	30	02/08/10
Eads	Richard	Ray	116573	1302	WA	30	02/08/10
Seymour	John	Wofford	116928	1319	WA	30	04/16/10
Seymour	William	Todd	116929	1320	WA	30	04/16/10
Exline	Douglas	Warren	116979	1322	MAL	30	04/30/10
Nonnenmacher	Hermann	Frederick, II	125249	1616	MAL	25	02/04/10
Gilbert	Neil	Vance	125250	1617	TJ	25	02/04/10
Gilbert	Gary	Gene	125251	1618	TJ	25	02/04/10
Lewis	Robert	Jeffrey	125374	1622	WA	25	03/05/10
Puff	Jon	Konrad	125412	1629	MAL	25	03/07/10
Schwartz	John	Bonicamp	125417	1631	KP	25	03/08/10
Wood	Ronald	Gerald	125418	1632	FS	25	03/08/10
Saylor	John	Mark	125566	1636	CR	25	03/29/10
Hedgecock	John	McGuire	134407	1878	MAL	20	02/20/10
Reynolds	William	Arthur	134536	2371	DX	20	03/12/10
Vander Lippe	John	Mathews	144028	2038	DX	15	02/15/10
Archer	Douglass	Keith	144065	2039	FS	15	02/16/10
Iams	Lawrence	Gene	153460	2200	TJ	10	02/29/10
Comer	David	Leroy	153546	2201	MC	10	03/16/10
Powell	William	Richard	153663	2203	TJ	10	03/28/10
McCann	Thomas	Edward	153718	2205	WA	10	03/31/10
Neidigh	Ronald	Wayne	153790	2206	WA	10	04/25/10
Kaffenberger	Frederick	Paul, Jr.	153791	2207	DX	10	04/25/10
Stinson	James	Gilbert	164070	2444	DX	5	03/02/10
Capps	Robert	Neil, Jr.	164464	2446	DX	5	04/08/10
Capps	Robert	Neil, III	164465	2447	DX	5	04/08/10
Capps	James	Joseph	164466	2448	DX	5	04/08/10
Bradley	Kenneth	Preston	164467	2449	WA	5	04/08/10
Riddell	James	David	164571	2450	DX	5	04/14/10
Gilliland	Delton	Merle	164572	2451	MAL	5	04/14/10
Meyer	John	Scott	164640	2452	MAL	5	04/19/10
7 Meyer	William	Jeffery	164641	2453	DX	5	04/19/10

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Seacat	David	Brian	Hagenloh	PO Box 456	Ashland	KS	67831	175913	2731	SP	Haneke, R.	01/07/10	Mark Renfro
Mellott	Mark	Daniel	411 Cherry St	Pendleton	SC	29670	175950	2732	MC	Mellott, R.	01/14/10	John Mellott	
Strohkorb	Gregg	Arnold	7637 SW 37th St	Topeka	KS	66614	175951	2733	TJ	Peterman, T.	01/14/10	George Mason	
Rylander	Gary	Loren	1287 245th St	Ft. Scott	KS	66701	175952	2734	FS	Peterman, T.	01/14/10	William Johnson	
Veach	Richard	Raymond	1850 Hidden Oaks Ct	Liberty	MO	64068	176173	2735	MC	Ellis, I.	02/11/10	Jonathan Steelman	
Veach	Ryan	Richard	5973 NW 91st Ter	Kansas City	MO	64154	176174	2736	MC	Ellis, I.	02/11/10	Jonathan Steelman	
Smith Schmeidler	Austin	Fidelis	207 E 25th St Apt A	Hays	KS	67601	176175	2737	FH	Christian, C.	02/11/10	Joseph West, Sr.	
Abbott	Harvey	Martin Joseph	86-111 Marengo St	Hollis	NY	11423	176176	2738	FH	Christian, C.	02/11/10	George Tucker	
Naughton	Jackson	Allen	310 D St NE	Walford	IA	52351	176283	2739	KP	Naughton, G.	02/26/10	John Lock	
Manco	B.	Tyler	7641 Fairway	Prairie Village	KS	66208	176432	2740	MC	Ellis, I.	03/16/10	Archibald Wilson	
Waggoner	John	Christopher	501 Coronado Rd	Bonner Springs	KS	66012	176433	2741	HL	Ellis, I.	03/16/10	Richard Waggoner	
Fanning	Lloyd	James	5407 W 70th Ter	Prairie Village	KS	66208	176545	2742	MC	Peterman, T.	03/30/10	Laughlin Fanning	
Muxlow	Robert	Andrew	1709 Yale St	Chula Vista	CA	91913	176546	2743	WA	Neal, G.	03/30/10	Joshua Logan Younger	
Martin	George	Dennis	PO Box 385	Larned	KS	67550	176547	2744	FH	Ellis, I.	03/30/10	Sterling Crowder	
Lundberg	Edgar	Lee	302 Andrick St	Fort Scott	KS	66701	176548	2745	FS	Peterman, T.	03/30/10	Ambrose Lipscomb	
Fowler	Byron	Herbert	264 County Rd 55	Cerrillos	NM	87010	176714	2746	FH	Ellis, I.	04/15/10	Isaac Dresser	
Fowler	Jeffrey	Alan	955 S Comanche	Ulysses	KS	67880	176715	2747	FH	Ellis, I.	04/15/10	Isaac Dresser	
Slade	Michael	Allen	15613 Kessler St	Overland Park	KS	66221	176716	2748	DX	Peterman, T.	04/15/10	John Cartmill	
Nelson	Sheldon	Dudly	502 W Grand Ave	Salina	KS	67401	176717	2749	BN	Peterman, T.	04/15/10	Lewis Hale	
Nelson	Brian	Carl	12603 Delmar St	Leawood	KS	66209	176718	2750	DX	Peterman, T.	04/15/10	Lewis Hale	

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

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Capps	Robert	Neil, III	164465	2447	DX	01/19/10	Daniel Burner
Capps	Robert	Neil, III	164465	2447	DX	01/19/10	Ambrose Cayce
Mick	Thomas	Gene	170954	2619	HL	01/19/10	John Philip Jacob Helphenstine

FAREWELL TO OUR DEPARTED COMPATRIOTS

<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Middle</i>	<i>NSSAR</i>	<i>Ks</i>	<i>Ch</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Died</i>
Russell	Joseph	Rahe	110766	1165	DX	1976	02/27/09
Scott	John	David	113719	1218		1978	05/08/09*
Myers	Dennis	Robert	126581	1692		1985	06/14/09*
Privett	William	Estel	151358	2163	WA	1999	11/09/09
Hollyman	Thomas	Benton	140193	1979		1993	11/14/09*
Logan	John	Delbert	158346	2311		2002	01/02/10*
Hattan	Garland	Moore	125359	1621		1985	01/07/10*
Baldry	Charles	Stephen	123124	1544		1983	02/04/10*
Hope	Clifford	Ragsdale, Jr.	93773	897		1967	02/11/10*
Meador	Victor	Paul	128254	1747		1986	03/02/10*
Graham	James	Samuel	122932	2182		1983	03/09/10*
*inactive							
+demitted							

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