



Kansas Society Sons of the American Revolution, a Patriotic, Historical and Educational Non-Profit Organization

## 117th Congress on Historic Grounds



Delegates from and dual-members of the Kansas Society at the 117th Congress in Williamsburg, VA. Seated: Cathy Grassl, Mary McCarl, Wanda Kaffenberger, Theresa Klotzman, Emalene Grover, Debbie Hulse. Standing: Bob Grover, FPG Hank McCarl, Bob Capps, Peter Grassl, Barney Ellis, Fred Kaffenberger, Dave Comer, Martin Klotzman, Barbara Comer, Edgar Grover, Bobbie Hulse, Ray Peterman, Tim Peterman.

Near the ground where George Washington triumphed over Cornwallis, Bruce A. Wilcox donned the ring worn by President Washington as he became the 104th President General of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The Williamsburg setting seemed perfect for the 117th Congress. Up the street was the magazine that Patrick Henry and his militia sought to protect from English harm. A mile away was the route of Washington and Rochambeau as they pushed towards victory at Yorktown. The area is filled with an overwhelming amount of history.

### *Upcoming Events*

**04 Aug 2007** – KSSAR Board of Governors' Meeting, 10AM (Committee meetings 9:00 AM or as called by chairmen), Best Western, Hospitality House, 3021 W. Highway 50, Emporia, 620-342-7587.

**04 Aug 2007** – Ladies Auxiliary meeting.

**24-25 Aug 2007** – South Central District Meeting, Grand Plaza Hotel, Branson, MO.

**30 Sep 2007** – Deadline for copy and picture for next issue of *The Liberty Bell*.

**03 Nov 2007** – KSSAR Board of Governors' Meeting.

**02-04 May 2008** – KSDAR State Conference

The Saturday tour was of the Yorktown area. Participants were able to walk about the infamous redoubts 9 and 10. Then it was off to the site where the surrender was offered and accepted. It was electrifying!

The Wednesday tour was to Jamestown. We were lucky this tour was preceded by a presentation at the Tuesday banquet by Dr. William Kelso, Jamestown Director of Archeology. "Tourists" were able to see the island where English rule began. It was ironic that their rule would end about 10 miles away at Yorktown.

## *The Liberty Bell*

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

By Peter O. Grassl  
President, KSSSAR



Remember Betty Crocker? She was the imaginary character who influenced mothers and wives into action. I bet your appetite appreciates the inspiration of Crocker.

But her creator was a real person. Bruce Fairchild Barton traces his lineage in this county to the mid-17th century and Revolutionary War patriot Alexander Bushnell. Barton, a son of a preacher man, was born in Tennessee and found his first job as a clerk in Montana. Perhaps that time in a remote location gave him time to reflect because when he returned to the bustling city, he undertook an effort to make a difference on humanity.

From Barton came Betty Crocker, General Mills, General Motors, and General Electric. (I guess he was a "generalist.") But one of his most influential moments was his infamous donation letter in 1925. He achieved a 100% response rate because the reader connected with the message and the request AND both believed in the cause.

So, what does this have to do with the Kansas Society? Barton came into this world like all of us, he put on his pants one leg at a time, and he was descended from a Revolutionary War patriot. He took things step further - he believed in a cause and he did something about it.

Like Barton, each of us is here today because of our Revolutionary War ancestor. That man believed in a cause: the War for Independence.

What can you do in the Kansas Society to honor your ancestor? Think about some of the possible ways you could make a difference: attend a chapter meeting, be a door greeter, fold a newsletter, drive a friend to a meeting, present a program, make a donation to the Kansas Heritage fund and/or the Center for Advancing America's Heritage, offer to help with a committee, to name a few. The opportunities are numerous.

Barton believed in causes. He was one man doing a job and he made a difference. There is very little difference between Barton and a Kansas Compatriot. While Betty Crocker was imaginary, your efforts are the real thing.

Let me close with this quote from Bruch Fairchild Barton: *"Nothing splendid has ever been achieved except by those who dared believe that something inside them was superior to circumstance."*

What will you do to honor your Revolutionary War ancestor?

## **UPCOMING BOG MEETINGS**

August 4: Emporia, KS

Committees: 9 am

Meeting: 10 am

Lunch: \$10

Theme: Youth Programs - State Society  
Committee Chairs will lead a brief discussion of their program and take questions. This will be followed by a discussion of how to execute those programs and how to reach potential contestants.

Who should attend: chapter youth program chairs (essay, orations, JROTC, Eagle Scout, poster contest) and those with experiences in secondary education.

November.

Theme: Historian - KSSSAR Historian will lead a brief program on the ongoing efforts at the State Historical Society and what efforts to undertake at the chapter level.

Who should attend: chapter historians and those who have or produce documents.

## **LADIES' AUXILIARY TO MEET**

The Ladies Auxiliary made remarkable progress in planning the coming year at the May 2007 meeting. Everyone contributed great ideas for fun, service, and education.

The service project for the August meeting will be school supplies and basic clothing for the needy children of Emporia. There are a significant percentage of school children in need and the district is grateful for our help. Please see the list below and bring your contributions to the August meeting.

We will begin the day with a business meeting discussing which we will finalize our plans for the year and the state conference in March 2008. For lunch, we will visit a local coffeehouse and conclude the day with something fun.

Ladies, please join your friends from other chapters at the August meeting during the men's BOG meeting.

Materials needed: Backpacks, crayons, scissors, notebook paper, folders, pencils, color pencils, markers, copy paper, and Kleenex. Non-school supplies requested for elementary school-age children: little boy and girl underwear, sweat pants, shorts, socks, t-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, jackets.



Mark Barber receives first place award from Orations Chairman Kes Kesler.

## ORATIONS CONTEST WINNER

The Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest was held at the board of governors' May meeting in Emporia, and first place was awarded to Mark Barber, Marysville, the contest entrant of the Konza Prairie Chapter

Mark's oration, "A Man of Character", focused on the extra-ordinary contribution of Nathan Hale to the cause of American freedom and how his example is central to the idea of giving of ourselves to the needs of others.

Mark was awarded \$1,000 and became the KSSAR representative earning a trip to the National Contest. He is the son of Joel and Ellen Barber of Marysville and is a junior at Veritas Christian School.

State runner-up is Kati Gull, Girard, a junior sponsored by the Fort Scott Chapter. She was awarded a check for \$350.

Officiating in the state contest: Cmpts. Tim Peterman, Dewey Fry, Martin Klotzbach, Lyle Gibson and Paul Whatley. Orations Chair Kes Kesler conducted the contest.

## 2007 SCD CONFERENCE

The 2007 South Central District meeting will be held in Branson, MO. The District will convene on Friday, 24 August and adjourn by Noon on Saturday. The dinner on Friday night will include a scenic view from the host hotel's rooftop restaurant. There will be educational events that evening and on Saturday morning by Colleen Wilson, NSSAR Educational Director, and Peter Grassl. National leaders and candidates will make presentations.

The Grand Plaza Hotel ([www.bransongrandplaza.com](http://www.bransongrandplaza.com)) is the meeting site. Reservations must be made by August 10 at 800-850-6646 and reference SARDIST for the preferred rate.

Pre-registration for the SCD meeting is strongly preferred. The cost is very nominal at \$50.00, and that includes meals on Friday night and Saturday morning. A registration form may be downloaded at <http://www.geocities.com/scdsar/>.

The Ladies Morning Outing to a "typical Branson Morning Show" is planned. The "unique Branson music and humor" will be a special experience for all. Cost is \$26.00.

This SCD meeting will be a special event not to miss. In addition to the location and programs, the incoming Vice President General will be Kansas compatriot Barnett Ellis. Show your Kansas pride and support by registering today.

## GOT EMAIL?

Email is a convenient tool to convey important or time sensitive information in an expedient method. We've had some opportunities where email was the only method to let compatriots know about an important event, such as the awarding of the Gold Medal to General Myers. Here's the problem: only a fraction of the Kansas Society email addresses are on file. Please send your email address to Kansas Society Membership Secretary Tim Peterman at [tepeter100@aol.com](mailto:tepeter100@aol.com).

## 117th Congress (continued)

This Congress broke an attendance record with over 500 registered delegates and guests. Attending from Kansas were: Peter & Cathy Grassl, Barnett Ellis, Martin & Theresa Klotzbach, Edgar & Emalene Grover, Tim & Ray Peterman, Dave & Barbara Comer, Fred & Wanda Kaffenberger, Bobbie & Debbie Hulse, and Bob Capps. KSSAR dual members present included: Bob Grover, FPG Hank McCarl, Genealogist General Chuck Bragg and O. Lee Swart; Joe Dooley (VASSAR president) joined as a dual member.

Perhaps the most emotional moment during the Congress was the recognition of Zack Petkewicz for his heroism at Virginia Tech. He successfully held a barricaded door shut resulting in the saving of 10 lives.

Without a doubt, the best attended event was the Rumbaugh Orations contest on Sunday evening. Virtually all agreed that this year's orators were the best in some years. The judges took extra time to score the contestants, and this reflected the closeness of the contest. The Kansas entry, Mark Barber of Maryville by the Konza Prairie Chapter, did very nicely but was not one of the finalists. The winner was a young man who spoke on freedom of religion, a topic which won two years ago.

Nandini Sarma, entered by the Delaware Crossing chapter, received third place in the Knight Essay contest. The Americanism poster sponsored by Delaware Crossing was one of seven entries.

The awards and recognition portion is always interesting. Gene Amos received a Liberty medal for his sponsoring 10 compatriots. PG Nathan White recognized Barnett Ellis for his work on the SAR Foundation and Task Force for Revenue Enhancement. Peter Grassl was recognized for chairing the Task Force for New Chapter Development. Ellis was elected to a three-year term to the SAR Foundation and Grassl was elected as first alternate from the Council of State Presidents to the Nominations Committee. Cathy Grassl was elected Treasurer of the national Ladies Auxiliary.

The 107th Congress at Williamsburg was filled with historic sights related to our Society's foundation. Sacramento is the location for the 108th Congress.

## NEW STATE RECORD SET

On March 10, 1931, Homer Eiler of the Thomas Jefferson Chapter, then State Registrar, set the all-time record for sponsoring new members into KSSAR. His record of 119 held for many years, and, like some insurmountable barrier, it couldn't be topped by anyone. That is, until this year.

Barney Ellis recently broke that longstanding record of nearly 76 years. Member number 120 for Barney is Sylvan Lowenbruck, who was registered to Monticello Chapter on February 13, 2007, the date of this record-setting achievement. By the time you read this, Barney will, no doubt, have a few more approved.

Barney became a member of SAR on September 7, 1995. He qualified for his first Liberty Medal (10 members) in 2000. The remaining 110 applications were all sent to NSSAR between mid-2000 and late 2006. That is an average of 17 per year!

Barney says he has no secret method in accomplishing this feat other than his enjoyment of genealogy and his willingness to be readily available to help others who are interested in becoming a member of SAR.



Konza Prairie Chapter's First Eagle Scout Awards Program. In the photo are Compatriot and Scoutmaster Mark Naughton, Eagle Scout Robert Allan Clark, Compatriots Gary Groh and Cliff Meloan, and Eagle Scout Nolan Ray Fateley.

## KONZA PRAIRIE AWARDS 19 EAGLE SCOUTS

On February 11, in Manhattan, Kansas, the Konza Prairie Chapter, under the chairmanship of Compatriot Mark Naughton, presented awards to 19 young men in the Pawnee District who earned the Eagle Scout Badge in 1006. In attendance from the SAR were Vice-President Gary Groh, Secretary Gary Naughton, Treasurer Keith Lindgren, and members Cliff Meloan, Gunnar Naughton and Mark Naughton, who is an Eagle Scout himself.

Each of the 19 Scouts were called to the podium and presented with a personal letter from the Chapter President, Don Hettinger, an embossed certificate and engraved medal set. The Pawnee District Executive was so pleased that he commented, "I didn't know how really big that presentation was going to be!" Because three of its members were dressed in period clothing, the impact of the presentation caused quite a stir among the audience, and resulted in a great interest among some who may qualify as new members! The Konza Prairie Chapter plans to continue its partnership with the local Boy Scouts.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Peter O. Grassl

Sent thank you notes to General Myers, Erin Myers (travel scheduler), Jim Shevlin and Elma Rhuu at the National Defense University for their help with arranging for General Myers' visit. Sent thank you notes to Bruce Wilcox and Glenn Railsback. Arranged for a meeting with the incoming Kansas DAR Regent to identify mutual efforts. Led a genealogy workshop in conjunction with the Basehor Historical Society and the assistance of Barney Ellis, Tim Peterman and Ray Peterman. Working with Fort Leavenworth to present a genealogy workshop on the Post. Started working with Doug Brady and the Washington Chapter for the 2008 Annual Conference. Created an advertisement for the Kansas state VFW program guide. Provided a story about the SAR for an upcoming issue of the KS DAR newsletter.

## VICE PRESIDENT – Martin Klotzbach

Posted the Colors at the DAR State Convention in Lawrence and at the SAR State Conference. Presented a SAR JROTC Certificate and Medal to a Topeka West High School Cadet. Manned a booth for the patients at a Veterans Administration Hospital carnival. Manned a booth with Compatriot Vicory at the Topeka Genealogical Society Workshop. Represented the SAR at a Memorial Day Service planning meeting. Worked with Keith Lindgren on the Society Americanism Committee.

## REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT – Barnett Ellis

Monticello Chapter is working with the youth programs; they provided an Eagle Scout entry and are planning for the Poster Contest and for an Orations contestant. Konza Prairie is planning to again award certificates to all Eagle Scouts in their district as well as an SAR What's presented to the Scouts.

## HISTORIAN – John Forbes

The indexing and transfer of records to KSHS should be completed by early June. Index, finding aids, should be available at the August BOG meeting.

## GENEALOGIST – Timothy E. Peterman

The genealogy committee doesn't exist yet, but it should ideally include a person from each chapter. Designed an SAR advertisement suitable for DAR chapters to print in their newsletters. Developed a survey for distribution in the Liberty Bell to ascertain who among the membership has genealogy talent and is willing to be involved with workshops and sponsoring new members. Need to work closely with Publicity Director/Outreach Chair to contact all libraries, historical societies, patriotic societies, etc. in Kansas. Peter Grassl has provided a good genealogy workshop that can be a program for other groups. We need to know if libraries have the space. If

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libraries have a genealogy section, we need to place flyers there about SAR. Whenever we have a workshop nearby, we need to post the information in that area.

## **TRUSTEE – Barnett Ellis**

Attended the following Committee meetings at the Spring Leadership Meeting, Feb 23-24, 2007. Americanism Committee: A new program for chapters and state societies to use for News Releases. Log on NSSAR, click "For Members", click "National Committees", Click "Americanism" and scroll down to "News Release Examples for Chapter/State activities". The History Teacher of the Year had four applicants. The theme for the Poster Contest will be released at the Congress in Williamsburg. Membership Committee: A recommendation was made to the Executive Committee to allow Supplemental Applications to be made on a "family" plan.

## **C.A.R. – Fred Kaffenberger**

Message sent to a number of CAR, DAR and SAR members stressing concern over the lack of involvement in the CAR and asking them to go to NSCAR web site to read and understand the program and to see if they can help support the CAR Goals.

## **EAGLE PROGRAM – Robert Sjolín**

The Kansas Society winner was David A. Pfortmiller of Olathe. He received the Eagle Trophy and cash award as he and his parents attended the Annual Society Luncheon. We want all chapters to have Eagle applicants in 2007. Applications can be downloaded from NSSAR.org. The deadline is Dec 1 for chapter and Jan 1 for state Chairman. Attended the NSSAR judging in Louisville; the winners were from Ct., N.Y. and Minn.

## **ESSAY CONTEST – Douglas Brady**

Entry cutoff is Dec 31. Date of the annual event will be the next KSSSAR Conference. Information is due at NSSAR Mar 15. Requesting contact information for each Chapter's Chairman.

## **KESSLER MEMORIAL BOOK FUND – Kes Kesler**

\$248 on hand. The committee has responded to the loss by fire of the Seneca Elementary School in Seneca, KS, in which the school lost many books, among other items, and need assistance. It's felt by the majority of the committee that money from this Fund could well be placed by replacing some of these books, particularly those dealing with the Revolutionary War period of history. The Monticello Chapter has priority on using a part of the fund to buy and place a book in a local library in Johnson County, but the president has opted to let this money be funneled to the need aforesaid. The consensus is to purchase history books for the school as long as the fund, \$1000, is not interrupted.

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

639 newsletters were printed and mailed on Apr 24. There is approximately \$300 remaining in the State Society's account with the post office. The printing costs were about \$400 which includes CASS certification (to add nine-digit zip) and bar coding, all of which reduces the mailing costs (from the higher pre-sort rate to the lower bar-code rate). The mail rates changed in May causing the "mixed" rates to increase but some of the other rates to decrease. Our mailing costs should decrease slightly by avoiding the "mixed" rates and by using the bar-coding. The May issue was printed on 60# paper for expedience; there should be a return to the glossy paper in the near future. The current Shawnee Mission permit (which requires mailing from the SM Post Office) is good through the first of February 2008. A search is underway to find a printing/copying service in the Shawnee Mission area that can do the CASS Certification, bar-coding and mailing.

## **MEDALS AND AWARDS – Robert Crowther**

Prior records were provided by Barney Ellis. Medals and awards for the current Orations Contest were ordered from NSSAR on April 12. Requesting contact information for each Chapter's Chairman.

## **ROTC/JROTC – Everett E. Mulkey**

JROTC and Leadership have been awarded or scheduled as follows: Wichita High Schools JROTC (8), April 26, 2007; Wichita Middle School Leadership (10), May 2, 2007; Derby High School JROTC (1), April 26, 2007; Pittsburg State University ROTC (1), March 16, 2007; University of Kansas ROTC (3), May 3-11, 2007; Leavenworth High School JROTC (1), May 11, 2007; Washington High School JROTC (1), April 20, 2007; Shawnee Mission High Schools JROTC (2), May 2-6, 2007.

## **ORATIONS CONTEST – Kes Kesler**

Information was sent to the Chapters last year. Entry cutoff: Jan 15, 2007. The Annual Contest: May 5, 2007.

## **WEBMASTER – Dick Hodgman**

KSSSAR website reorganized to multi-page format. State officers and chairmen updated. Plans are to add a section on publicity and to adopt a CMS system that enables officer and chairmen direct submissions.

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## **PATRIOT CRAFTS?**

Do you or someone you know make craft items with a patriotic theme? The Kansas Society is attending community events and the sale of handmade crafts is a requirement at some of these events. If you have some items available for sale, contact Peter Grassl at [pogbowman@aol.com](mailto:pogbowman@aol.com) or call 913-268-5469.

# \* CHAPTER NEWS \*

## **BENNINGTON CHAPTER (Salina)**

**George W. Easter, President**

*Meets at Salina Senior Center, 249 North 9th Street,  
on Dates and Times as announced*

JROTC award will be presented at St. Johns Military School. Orations contest held April 10, 2007 with three very good orations and three independent judges to pick the winner.

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

**Jeffrey H. Richards, President**

*Meets 2nd Saturday of September, November, January,  
March, May, 10:00 AM, Lawrence City Library,  
707 Vermont*

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

**Timothy Peterman, President**

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

Plans are underway for a series of outreach events in Johnson County associated with genealogy/membership workshops. Chapter members are encouraged to promote SAR to friends, relatives, co-workers, etc., many of which may not be aware of their Revolutionary War ancestors and invite them to attend one or more of the chapter's genealogy workshops.

At the February meeting, Compt. Jack Brooks gave a program on Admiral Lord Nelson, Lady Emma Hamilton and the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805. Alexx Graham was recognized as the Poster Contest winner. Nandini Sarma, winner of the chapter's Knight Essay contest, read her essay.

At the March meeting, Compt. Tim Peterman gave a program on DNA discoveries. Outgoing President Dewey Fry presented service awards and certificates to members serving in areas of responsibility over the last year. The Past President pin was presented to Dewey Fry by Timothy Peterman.

At the March meeting, Molly Postlewait, a naturalist at Ernie Miller Nature Center, presented a portrayal of three patriotic women who played important roles during the Revolutionary War. Nandini Sarma was the winner of the chapter's Orations Contest.

There are four prospects being contacted and one application in progress.

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

**Ralph Burns, President**

*Date, Time and Place of Meetings as announced*

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

**Gale D. Beck, President**

*Meets 2nd Saturday in January, April, July and October  
At 9:00 AM at Best Western Motel*

The Chapter meeting was at the Highway Inn and Girard High School in Girard, KS on April 14, 2007. The next Chapter meeting will be July 14 in Fort Scott.

Ft. Scott Community College Coordinator contacted April 19 to make plans for a Genealogy Seminar in the near future.

Cadet Christopher S. Neeman, ROTC Cadet at Pittsburg University, was presented the SAR ROTC Award on Thursday, April 19, by Gale D. Beck, Ft. Scott Chapter President.

Katie Gull, a student at Girard High School, was selected to represent the Ft. Scott Chapter at the State Orations Competition in Emporia on May 5. She made her presentation to the Ft. Scott Chapter members on Saturday, April 14, at Girard High School.

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

**Donald D. Hettinger, President**

*Meets 3rd Thursday at 7:30 PM  
Meadowlark Hills Retirement Center*

Two Chapter members, Compts. Groh and Meloan presented "living history" programs, in uniform, to fifth grade classes at the Northview Elementary School in Manhattan and the Chapman Elementary School in Chapman.

The Chapter's Knight Essay entrant, Megan Jilka of Westmoreland (Rock Creek High School) won second place in the State Contest. The Chapter's Orations Contest entrant, Mark Barber of the Veritas Christian School in Marysville won first place for his oration at the State Contest in Emporia on May 5.

ROTC Medals and Certificates were presented at Kansas State University on April 24 to Army Cadet Jared Linden and Air Force Cadet Rhett Batanides.

Eagle Scout Medals and Certificates were presented to 19 new Eagle Scouts in the Pawnee District of the Coronado Area Council's annual Baden-Powell Banquet on February 11.

The Chapter has four new life members who are all the grandsons of Mrs. Robert Smail of Manhattan. They are: Tyler Smail, Robert Smail, Christopher Dietrich, and Nataniel Dietrich.

The Chapter received a certificate at the May BOG meeting in Emporia for the 2006 di Zerega Award for the greatest percentage increase in membership.

There are four prospects being contacted and one youth application in progress.

## **MONTICELLO CHAPTER (Shawnee)**

**Paul R. Whatley, President**

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

Chapter President Paul Whatley visited with the Mayor of Shawnee office to discuss an issuance of a proclamation commemorating the 275th birthday of George Washington. The visit was very successful, and the City of Shawnee praised the Monticello Chapter for what they will do for the community. The proclamation was received and a press release was issued.

Compt. Jeff Walsh is in the process of completing the chapter website, which will serve as a recruiting and promotional tool to help promote the SAR.

At the February meeting, Frank Weimer, Col. Rtd. Spoke on his personal experiences as a WWII pilot in SE Asia. Compt. Jeff Walsh was inducted into the SAR; Jeff is now serving as Chapter

Vice-President. Alex Abramovitz won third place in the State Society's Eagle Scout Recognition and Scholarship Program; his essay was on "Founding of the U.S. Navy".

At the March meeting, Compatriots Del (Lee) Crutchfield, Craig Denny, Sylvan Lowenbruck and Wilbert (Sonny) Miller were inducted into the SAR. Lee Crutchfield currently serves as Chapter Secretary. The Law Enforcement Commendation Award was presented to Compt James Speicher. Ret Col. James Speicher gave an interesting talk on little known facts about CSA General Robert E. Lee.

At the April meeting, Compt. John Kohler was inducted into the SAR. Bill Hawkins spoke on "Beginning Genealogy"; immediately following his presentation, there was an open floor discussion on various resources for genealogy research.

Through the efforts of Bob McFarlin, the Monticello Chapter joined forces with the Kansas Society Color Guard to educate the fifth grade classes at Prairie Ridge Elementary on our Colonial history and traditions. Kansas Color Guard Captain Fred Kaffenberger and Compt. Charles Goslin donned their uniforms to assist with fifth grade Colonial Days, which is a two-day program sponsored by the Prairie Ridge PTA to provide students with hands-on lessons on this part of our history.

There are twenty-eight prospects being contacted and four applications in progress.

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

#### **Robert D. Haneke, President**

*Meets 2nd Saturday at 9:00 AM except June, July & August at Hutchinson Community College, 1300 N. Plum, Student Union, Walnut Room*

Compt. Edgar Grover reported that a joint meeting was held with the DAR on the topic of Merchandising of the New Salt Mine Exhibit.

### **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*

At the March meeting, the nominations for new chapter officers were approved. The new chapter officers are Compatriots Brian Vasquez, President; Ken Coover, Vice-President; Richard Kleinschmidt, Treasurer; Roger Johnson, Secretary; and Elborn Mendenhall, Chaplain.

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

#### **Douglas Brady, President**

*Meets 3rd Saturday monthly except July & August at 10:30 AM at Grace United Methodist Church, or 2nd Saturday at 11:30 AM at Spears Restaurant*

On February 22, 2007, the chapter's 16th Annual George Washington Birthday Celebration Dinner was held at the Scottish Rite Temple in Wichita, which hosted 200 JROTC Cadets and Leaders and inviting members of the general public. Sedgwick County Sheriff Gary E. Steed spoke on "Ethics in Leadership" and was presented the Law Enforcement Award.

At the 115th Annual KSSSAR Conference, the Washington Chapter received the Avery Washburn Award for retaining the most members by a chapter in the current year. Compt. Gary

Neal was elected KSSSAR Recoding Secretary for the term of 2007 through 2009.

At the April meeting, Past KSSSAR President Barney Ellis (on behalf of NSSAR Veterans Committee Chairman Douglass Stansberry, presented Compt. Philip W. Blake with a Distinguished Service Certificate in recognition of his work in the restoration of Veterans Memorials in the city of Wichita, KS. The chapter welcomed Compt. Robert Wright, transferring his membership from New Mexico, and new members, Kyle Auchterlonie, grandson of Compt. Phil Blake, and Michael Roy Snively of Wichita. Compt. Blake gave a report on the Veterans Projects in addition to displaying a copy of his just published book, "They Paid the Price", which tells the location and history of all of the Veterans Memorials in the city of Wichita.

Two American Flags were provided to the Robert J. Dole Veterans Hospital for covering the coffins of deceased veterans being transported to a funeral home.

Planning for the 116th KSSSAR Conference is under way.

There are two prospects being contacted and one applications in progress.



Barney Ellis recognizes fellow compatriot, Philip Blake, with a Certificate of Distinguished Service for his work in refurbishing veterans' memorials.

### **Veterans' Memorial Work Honored**

Compatriot Philip Blake received a Certificate of Distinguished Service from the Veterans Committee of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution for his efforts to refurbish veterans' memorials. By rallying lawmakers and businessmen, Blake has drawn hundreds of thousands of dollars to refurbish veterans' memorials in Wichita. Among them are the Spanish-American War Memorial - Central Riverside Park, the World War II Memorial at McAdams Park, and the Civil War Memorials at Maple Grove and Highland cemeteries.

The presentation, which was held at the Grace United Methodist Church, was covered by the Wichita Eagle and reported in their April 22 edition.

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

Last	First	Middle	Address	City	St	Zip	NSSAR	Ks	Ch	Sponsor	Approved	Ancestor
Long	William	Cockins, Jr.	22 Crest Way	Wellington	KS	67152	169008	2554	WA	White, WL	03/29/07	Martin Shellabarger
Elliott	Donald	Harris	542 Broadmoor Ct	Wichita	KS	67206	169143	2555	WA	Neal, GR	04/05/07	Robert Elliott
Nash	Kevin	Leroy	1403 S 135 <sup>th</sup> St W	Wichita	KS	67235	167677	2556	WA	r/t from OK	05/07/07	Daniel Clapp
Wright	Robert	Shannon	PO Box 68	Wellington	KS	67152	151328	2557	WA	r/t from NM	05/07/07	Henry Hurst
Dietrich	Christopher	Roy William	1801 S Lakeshore Blvd Apt 146	Austin	TX	78741	162958	2558	KP	r/t from GA	05/07/07	Samuel Hungerford
Dietrich	Nathanael	Richard Smail	1024 Falls Creek Ln	Charlotte	NC	28209	162959	2559	KP	r/t from GA	05/07/07	Samuel Hungerford

## SAR Youth Registrants (under 18)

Last	First	Middle	Address	City	St	Zip	Youth	Age	Ch	Sponsor	Approved	Ancestor
Shade	Matthew	Jay	421 Dexter	Wray	CO	80758	831	16	FH	Ellis, IB	05/17/07	Simon Reigel
Stinemetz	Nathaniel	Ryan	5711 Monrovia	Shawnee	KS	66216	832	1	DX	Amos, EP	05/17/07	David Beverly, Jr.
Ruo	Philip	Amos	5742 Richards Cir	Shawnee	KS	66216	833	11	DX	Amos, EP	05/17/07	David Beverly, Jr.
Chebulzt	Stefan	Nicholas	1400 Overlook Dr	Manhattan	KS	66503	834	16	KP	Naughton, GG	05/17/07	John Lock
Bolton	Thomas	Charles	11416 W 105 <sup>th</sup> St	Overland Park	KS	66214	835	15	MC	Bolton, JR	05/17/07	Thomas M. Bolton
Eberhart	Samuel	Benjamin	7807 NW Roanridge Apt C	Kansas City	MO	64151	836	3	DX	Hellstrom, WR	05/17/07	John Rogers

## PROVEN SUPPLEMENTAL ANCESTORS

Last	First	Middle	NSSAR	Ks	Ch	Approved	Ancestor
Amos	Gregg	Edward	106045	1044	DX	03/27/07	Lemuel Clark
Amos	Gregg	Edward	106045	1044	DX	03/27/07	Moses Averill
Amos	Gregg	Edward	106045	1044	DX	03/27/07	William Brewer, Sr.
Graham	James	Samuel	122932	2182	DX	03/27/07	Edmond Riggs
White	Wayne	Lee	127781	1739	WA	03/27/07	John McClimans
White	Wayne	Lee	127781	1739	WA	03/27/07	Henry Johnston
Mulkey	Everett	Eugene	132971	1841	WA	03/27/07	John Jameson
Mulkey	Brent	Edward	155095	2229	WA	03/27/07	John Jameson
Mulkey	Bryce	Alan	157013	2277	WA	03/27/07	John Jameson
Mulkey	Grant	Eugene	158642	2315	WA	03/27/07	John Jameson
Bolton	John	Richard	159600	2341	MC	03/27/07	Charles Bolton
Capps	Robert	Neil, Jr.	164464	2446	DX	03/27/07	John Watson
Capps	Robert	Neil, Jr.	164464	2446	DX	03/27/07	Peter Wallace, Jr.
Capps	Robert	Neil, Jr.	164464	2446	DX	03/27/07	John W. Knowles
Capps	Robert	Neil, Jr.	164464	2446	DX	03/27/07	Jesse Webb
Capps	Robert	Neil, Jr.	164464	2446	DX	03/27/07	Abner Casey
Capps	Robert	Neil, Jr.	164464	2446	DX	03/27/07	Jacob Pennybaker

## COMPATRIOTS' SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

Last	First	Middle	NSSAR	Ks	Ch	Yrs	Anniversary
Booker	Lawrence	Earl	102958	2403	WA	35	05/17/07
Briscoe	Harry	James	111819	1193	TJ	30	05/04/07
Reilly	Edward	Francis, Jr.	120440	1449	MAL	25	06/29/07
Heide	Robert	Kay, MD	120618	1453	MAL	25	07/28/07
Huntley	Patrick	Ross	138862	2105	TJ	15	05/07/07
Skelton	John	Loring	139086	1960	WA	15	06/16/07
Scott	Donald	Ross	139114	1961	TJ	15	07/01/07
Helphrey	Lynn	Harman	139116	1963	WA	15	07/01/07
Lynn	Robert	Livingston	139154	1965	DX	15	07/08/07
Nelson	Richard	Allen	148395	2109	DX	10	06/11/07
Thomas	Donald	Brown	148396	2110	TJ	10	06/11/07
Warner	Bradford	Scott	148500	2111	DX	10	06/25/07
LeMasters	Richard	Leslie	148754	2113	WA	10	07/29/07
Beck	Eldon	LeRoy	158027	2305	WA	5	05/06/07
Evans	Thomas	Griffith	158028	2306	DX	5	05/06/07
Gall	James	Mathias	158029	2307	SP	5	05/06/07
Cook	Richard	Austin	158202	2308	BN	5	05/17/07
Bruington	Larry	Leon	158203	2309	SP	5	05/17/07
Steinke	Jeffrey	Jay	158245	2310	DX	5	05/20/07
Logan	John	Delbert	158346	2311	MAL	5	05/28/07
Callaway	Aaron	Wesley	158529	2312	CR	5	06/26/07
Mulkey	Grant	Eugene	158642	2315	WA	5	06/28/07
Amend	Jody	Ray	158643	2316	SP	5	06/28/07
Sturm	Harold	Dean	158644	2317	WA	5	06/28/07
Sturm	Russell	Dean	158645	2318	WA	5	06/28/07
Sturm	Ryan	Dale	158646	2319	WA	5	06/28/07
Malinowsky	Samuel	Deering	158773	2320	CR	5	07/29/07

## Philip Bernstorf

Philip Bernstorf, M.D. unexpectedly and quietly passed away on Flag Day, June 14, 2007. He was born in Cheney on November 13, 1914 and spent most of his life in the Wichita area except for college and WW II.

Dr. Bernstorf is one of the legendary figures in the history of the Kansas Society. He became active in 1978 through the Washington Chapter. He went on to become president of the Kansas Society; Vice President General South Central District; Trustee from Kansas, Switzerland, and Germany; Vice President General Western Europe; NSSAR Surgeon General; and he was National Chairman of the SAR's C.A.R. committee for nearly 25 years. His contributions to SAR were recognized when he received the Minute Man Award. He became the first recipient of the new CAR/SAR Gold Medal of Appreciation for his "outstanding dedication" to both organizations.

He is survived by his wife, Betty, son and compatriot David (Elaine), grandson and compatriot Philip D. Bernstorf, and granddaughter Laura (Jason) Nickel. A memorial service was held on June 19, 2007.

## FAREWELL TO OUR DEPARTED COMPATRIOTS

Last	First	Middle	NSSAR	Ks	Ch	Member	Died
Roley	William	Clay	162446	2406	DX	2004	12/09/06
Dickinson	William	Earl	122607	1527	DX	1983	04/25/07
Kuhn	Martin	Reece	133124	1845		1989	05/12/07*
Hahn	Thomas	Frederick	157155	2286		2001	05/23/07*
Cushing	Hopkins	Cairns	123992	1560		1984	05/30/07*
Bernstorf	Philip	Wendall	115069	1243	WA	1979	06/14/07

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SURVEY

The following is a brief survey of genealogical interest, involvement, & aspirations:

1. Rate your genealogy skills: (low) 1 2 3 4 5 (high)

Why did you give yourself that score? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you helped others explore their genealogy? YES NO

If YES, approximately how many? \_\_\_\_\_

Was it related to: SAR DAR General interest

2. What genealogical societies do you belong to? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Do you have any connections to the DAR (wife, daughter, sister)? YES NO

4. Circle all genealogy websites you have visted: www.ancestry.com, www.usgenweb.com, www.rootsweb.com, www.familysearch.org, www.newenglandancestors.org? List any others not mentioned

5. Do you have a copy of SARApAid or other SAR application form filler programs? YES NO

6. The KSSSAR now has the Arthur Mansfield King Recognition & Fellowship which recognizes Kansas compatriots with 10 or more registered Revolutionary War ancestors. Have you registered any other Revolutionary War ancestors (supplemental)? YES NO

If NO, was it due to (circle all that apply): do not have any interest not certain where to start ADD MORE REASONS

Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. Have you told your extended family about your SAR membership? YES NO

What assistance do you need to sponsor their membership? (Make a list)

8. Have you considered assisting the KSSSAR in Outreach programs (eg, a booth at a county fair)?

What skills could your offer? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Why wouldn't you assist? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

10. Would you assist the KSSSAR with presenting Genealogy workshops? YES NO

Location(s): \_\_\_\_\_

11. Would you be interested in helping KSSSAR establish a new chapter within a reasonable driving distance? YES NO

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

12. Each year, the KSSSAR receives many random inquiries from eager & enthusiastic prospects who want to become SAR members. Would you be willing to work with any of them as a sponsor? YES NO

If so, what are your limitations (eg, one per year; two per month, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_? (NSSAR awards members with the Liberty Medal once they sponsor 10 members.)

13. Are you interested in serving as your chapter's official Genealogist? YES NO

What assistance would you need to fulfill the duties? \_\_\_\_\_

14. In what ways can you assist the SAR in our society's genealogical endeavors (eg, obituary lookups at the Kansas State Historical Society, census or pension lookups at the National Archives, online searches, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

15. In what way can I, as KSSSAR State Genealogist, assist you & your chapter? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dear Kansas Compatriots:

Where was your Revolutionary War ancestor 231 years ago? Did he know that someone would honor his efforts to form a new nation?

Today, we profess to "remember our obligations to our forefathers." We accomplish this through membership in the Sons of the American Revolution. But there is more to just *being a member*, we must tell others about our ancestors.

Our debt to the heroes of the American Revolution is manifested through the variety of activities which you, the Kansas Society, and the chapters undertake. We share the stories of freedom through our youth programs (orations, essay, JROTC, Eagle Scout essay, and the Poster Contest), the Color Guard, flag certificates, community outreach events, genealogy workshops, and more.

The Kansas Society leadership is committed to honoring our ancestors by improving our activities. The price to do so continues to increase every day and we know that as "inflation." The boosting our youth programs awards last year plus increased costs associated with publishing the LIBERTY BELL and projected outreach expenses necessitates an increase of the annual Kansas Society dues.

While our ancestors paid with their blood, sweat, and tears, we offer volunteer efforts, dues, and monetary contributions. Your peers considered the fact presented at the 115<sup>th</sup> annual conference and voted to increase the dues to \$10 per year. To the best memory of those present, the dues have not increased since at least 1992 while inflation increased 11%. Also, this means that dues have only increased by \$5 over the past 50 years!

This increase in dues will not be used to build a larger bank account. The funds will be put to use to further the mission of the Society and to remember those that gave us "a nation of free men." We need to make a difference.

Respectfully & Patriotically,

Peter O. Grassl  
President