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## Highlights of the 118th National SAR Congress



Kansas Society members and guests at the 118th National SAR Congress. Seated: Robert Grover (dual), Joseph Dooley, Genealogist General (dual), Karen Bragg, Teresa Klotzbach, Catherine Grassl, Emalene Grover, David Comer and Raymond Peterman. Standing: Lee Swart (dual), Tim Peterman, Charles Bragg, Treasurer General (dual), Martin Klotzbach, Peter Grassl, Edgar Grover, Barnett Ellis, Dennis Boyer (dual), Robert Capps, Sr. Below: Barnett Ellis, Minuteman, Class of 2008.

The Kansas Society experienced several highlights at the 118th Congress in Sacramento. The Congress took place July 5 through July 9. The days were marked by very high temps and traces of smoke.

The host reception took place at the California State Railroad Museum in old town Sacramento. This event was well attended by Congress attendees and Rumbaugh Orations contestants. Kansas Society members posed for several pictures which may be viewed at [www.KansasSAR.com](http://www.KansasSAR.com). There were 362 registered compatriots and guests.

The highlight for the Kansas Society was the awarding of the Minuteman Award to Barnett Ellis. His hard work was recognized by the National Society, especially as the most recent South Central District Vice President General and as a member of the Foundation Committee for the Center for Advancing America's Heritage.

The next best moment of the evening came when the Kansas Society LIBERTY BELL received an Honorable Mention for the Paul M. Niebell, Sr. newsletter contest, which included a \$100 cash award.

Another noteworthy event was a change to the fee charged for a supplement patriot registration. Kansas



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

By Peter O. Grassl

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### **700—MORE THAN A NUMBER**

Imagine walking into a room with the number **700** plastered on the walls. "What's **700**" was the question to the attendees and from the attendees. Only two people knew; this author and one fellow who didn't want to walk back to the Kansas City area if he had loose lips.

**700** was on the minds of the men during the May BOG meeting. But **700** was more than a number. A hill to be climbed and taken. An objective which would pay tribute to the past.

Readers of this column have come to learn that I am a firm believer in one stanza of the SAR Recessional. "Let us remember our obligations to our forefathers." To me, it means that we must be proactive in promoting the Sons of the American Revolution to all people so that the efforts of our ancestors are not forgotten.

Where does **700** fit into this puzzle? Membership, compatriots, membership. We need to increase our headcount to fulfill that "obligation." Through boosting our ranks, more men will discover their personal connection to the founding of our great country. More men in the Kansas Society will help to ensure the lessons of that era are not lost.

So, we want to reach – no, exceed – **700** members by the end of the year and retain those members into 2009. We can do this one man at a time.

What can be done to reach **700**? Invite sons, brothers, and cousins to join the SAR. Speak to them about their DUTY to their ancestor. Wear your rosette to meetings and church where you can tell them about your patriot. Don't forget to speak to your lady friends in the DAR. These are only a few ideas but what can you come up with to reach our objective?

225 years ago in September, the Treaty of Paris was signed. That formally ended our ancestor's efforts. But our work is not done. For so long as we remember our ancestors, our duty is to enlist more men into the Sons of the American Revolution; help them join in the excitement of the past. Will you join the Kansas Society leadership in surpassing **700**?

### **AUGUST BOG MEETING**

The Board of Governors will meet on August 2, 2008, at the Best Western Inn, 3021 W Highway 50, in Emporia. Committee meetings begin at 9:00 am; the Board will commence at 10 am. Lunch is \$10.

### **LADIES AUXILIARY**

The Ladies Auxiliary will meet concurrent with the BOG session on August 2, 2008.

The August service project is collecting and delivering school supplies for Emporia schools, grades 1-6. Contributions can be brought or sent to the meeting. Checks can be sent to Wanda Kaffenberger, Treasurer.

### ***Upcoming Events***

**Aug 2, 2008** — KSSAR Board of Governors' Meeting, 10AM (Committee meetings 9:00 AM or as called by chairmen), Best Western, 3021 W. Highway 50, Emporia, 620-342-7587.

**Aug 2, 2008** — Ladies Auxiliary meeting.

**Aug 22-23 2008** — South Central District Meeting, Biltmore Oklahoma Hotel, 401 South Meridian Av, north of I-40 West at Exit 145, Oklahoma City, 405-947-7681.

**Sep 30, 2008** — Deadline for articles and pictures for the next issue of *The Liberty Bell*.

**Nov 1, 2008** — KSSAR Board of Governors' Meeting.

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Society Membership Secretary suggested to the NSSAR Membership Committee that when a family submits a "supplemental" for a family (2 degrees of kinship). The primary registrant pays the full fee and all others pay a fee at 50% of the amount. This is a major change to policy but resembles the membership fee when male family members join at the same time. Tim Peterman was the author of the idea in the Membership Committee.

The presidents of the state societies assemble annually in what is called the Council of State Presidents or COSP. The primary function of the COSP is the election of four presidents to the NSSAR Nominations committee. KSSAR president Peter Grassl was the top choice of the Council.

The SAR Junior Membership Program was modified and approved by the Congress. Boys and young men under the age of 18 may now join the SAR as Junior Members without concurrently joining, or already being a member of, the C.A.R. The National annual dues for Junior Members was established at \$5. KSSAR and chapters will have to determine an annual dues amount.

In other news: David Appleby, Missouri Society, who attended the KSSAR Annual Conference, was elected President General. He is the second man in the past three years to serve as President General who hails from the South Central District.



## NEW LEADERSHIP AT FORT HAYS

After a decade plus of leadership, Ralph Burns has resigned his position as president of the Fort Hays chapter. His participation played a key role in the life of the chapter.

The new president of the Fort Hays chapter is Carrol Christian. The other officers include John McCabe, Secretary, and Mike Stamm, Treasurer.

Christian holds a Master's in Criminal Justice from Fort Hays State. Currently, he is the Senior Special Investigator for the SRS in the Western half of the state (and he interacts with TJ president Brian Vazquez). He's an Adjunct Instructor of Justice Studies for FHSU & an Associate Faculty Member for BCCC in Criminal Justice. He has been married to Linda for 18 years, and he has one married step-son who lives in Greeley, CO. Besides the SAR, he is a member of the General Society of the Sons of the Revolution, Descendents of Washington's Army at Valley Forge, and The Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War.

## JOIN SAR AT WWI MUSEUM

A Kansas Society day at the National World War I Museum (Liberty Memorial) is being planned. The idea originated with the Monticello and Henry Leavenworth chapter memberships.

Details are still being developed for the event on Saturday, December 6, 2008. The program will include an orientation, lunch, and self-guided tour of this tremendous museum. Be sure to mark your calendar.

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### 118th National Congress *continued from page 2*

The following Kansas Society member appointments were made to NSSAR committees. Tim Peterman was named Chairman of the Patriots Committee. Lyle Gibson was named to the History Committee. Bob Capps was named to the Information Technology Committee. Barney Ellis was named Vice Chairman of the Americanism Committee. Ed Grover was named to the Flag Committee and Senior Advisor of the Color Guard Committee. Martin Klotzbach was named to the George Washington Endowment Fund-Raising Committee. Peter Grassl was named Chairman of the Task Force for Public Relations and a member of the CAAH Task Force, Finance Committee, and Nominations Committee.

All who attended the Congress had the opportunity to see the signet ring of George Washington as it was placed on the hand of incoming President General Appleby. Also all past president generals can wear a copy of that George Washington ring.

Youth programs: Nandini Sarma returned as a seasoned Rumbaugh Orations contestant. Her topic and presentation were very good, which spoke well for the Kansas Society, but that wasn't enough to proceed to the final competition. The winner was a young lady from Arkansas who returned from the competition in 2007. The majority of contestants are from a private or parochial school, or were home schooled. The KSSSAR Americanism poster contest entry was one of 10.

The 119th Congress will be in Atlanta, July 4-8, 2009.



Kansas Society Color Guardsmen, Bob Capps, Ed Grover, and Martin Klotzbach, preparing for the march to the Memorial service at the National Congress.

## EVERYONE LOVES A COLOR GUARD

The Kansas Society color guard uniform, from its inception, has been the finest attention-getter and motivator available. Attracting lots of attention in parades and other public events, in schools, and in chapter and state meetings, the uniform is highly respected and regarded, even at funerals and visitations. It has taken a showcase position for SAR and its chapters all across Kansas.

Patterned after the one worn by George Washington, the uniform made a big hit at the 101st SAR Congress in Kansas City in the summer of 1991 when Kansas and Missouri compatriots marched alongside the more mature color guards of Massachusetts and Maryland with their woolen uniforms. The newly styled cockade for the tri-corner hat made a big hit with the many visiting SAR families from various state societies. Kes Kesler, state president that year, wore one of the first uniforms while his wife, Jean, designed, made and affixed the unique cockade to his and every tri-corn hat in the Kansas Color Guard.

Distinctively, the design stands out at district and national gatherings yet today. In the center of the cockade is a small metallic sunflower, a product of the Centennial celebration of KSSSAR in 1992. At the congress in Phoenix the following year, the uniform was displayed and promoted by KSSSAR. Reception of the idea of others having this uniform was immediate and, soon, society after society was seen in these same uniforms that Kansas had promoted. Although there are different sources for a uniform, most of the Kansas color guardsmen have used the same source, primarily to boost the appearance of a well-knitted contingent of compatriots as they march as a unit. This was especially true at Concord, where the Kansas Color Guard was received wildly, and again later in Yorktown.

Custom fitted, the uniforms have been produced satisfactorily from the same source through the years at a reasonable price.

Information and order forms are available from this source:

American Revolutionary Uniforms, c/o Dorothy Neuhaus  
5757 Monterrey Dr, Fort Worth, TX 76112, 817-496-4160

Chapters are encouraged to consider having at least two men in uniform for opening and closing each meeting and other events. Public response will be immediate. Owning a uniform is a source of considerable enjoyment and satisfaction.

Although Missouri compatriots wear the same basic polyester uniform, a red vest sets them apart from the Kansans. This vest was worn by Washington's personal bodyguard.

*Kes Kesler*

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

Worked on the 2013 Congress; see separate report. Attended George Washington Luncheon, Overland Park. Presented genealogy workshops in Hays and Leavenworth. Presented Genealogy merit badge to Troop 63, Wellsville, KS. Participated at the "Patriots Day" parade outreach booth in McLouth, KS. Attended Mission Hills DAR 50th anniversary afternoon tea. The "Finders Form" article was published in the KS DAR Spring 2008 newsletter. Worked with Doug Brady to organize the 116th Annual Conference. Presented the Bronze Good Citizenship medal to Cmpt. Keith Lindgren.

## **VICE PRESIDENT — Martin Klotzbach**

Represented the SAR at the quarterly VAVS meeting at the Colmery-O'Neal VA Medical Center on February 4. Also, delivered 88 large wall calendars to be distributed to patients. Represented the SAR at the Topeka Society for the Preservation of Memorial Day planning meeting on February 25. Met with the Volunteer Coordinator for the VA Medical Center to plan 2008 activities and goals. Represented the SAR in uniform at the US Naturalization Ceremonies at the Dole Federal Building in Topeka on March 3. Attended the KSSSAR Conference in Wichita. Attended an SAR-sponsored genealogy work shop in Hays in April. Manned the SAR booth at the Topeka Genealogical Society Conference.

## **REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT — Barnett Ellis**

Program planning at least two months ahead is essential. Contact with all members is needed to maintain chapter attendance and participation. Each chapter needs to have a "genealogist" for the chapter who can prepare applications and recruit.

For a chapter to be current with planning and changes, attendance by a "chapter representative" or chapter president at the quarterly Board of Governors meeting in Emporia is necessary.

## **AMERICANISM — Keith F. Lindgren**

Three chapters participated in the State Poster Contest, DX, Monticello and Konza Prairie. The DX contestant won.

There were 26 activities in Color Guard events. DX and State Chapters participated.

Three Chapters reported monthly Americanism Activities in local newspapers, which earns 750 points for State.

Americanism monthly reporting forms for 2008 were sent to each chapter. Four chapters have responded.

Konza Prairie Chapter made American Revolution presentations, taught by Cmpts. Cliff Meload and Chapter President Gary Groh, to 18 elementary classes.

Three chapters participated in the Knight Essay Contest. DX had six participants, Monticello two, and Konza Prairie two. DX chapter had the winning entry.

Ideas are being developed to encourage participation by additional chapters.

Total points through April is 1600: DX has 640, Fort Scott 65, Konza Prairie 595, Monticello 230, and State 70.

# *Leadership*

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

Poster judging for the state contest was held at the KSSSAR Conference in Wichita. The winner, representing DX Chapter, is Sydney Jordan of Santa Fe Trail School in Overland Park. Her poster was entered into the national judging at the National Congress in July in Sacramento.

## **COLOR GUARD — Fred Kaffenberger**

The Color Guard activities include the parade at McLouth on April 19 and the flag program at Wexford Retirement Community on April 17.

Coming events are Mission parade and booth on May 10, Turkey Creek parade and booth on May 17, Memorial Day celebrations at the WWI Memorial on May 26, Good Old Days parade and booth at Fort Scott on June 6, and Old Shawnee Day parade and booth on June 7.

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

Peter Grassl and Richard (Dick) Bryant of MOSSAR met with the KCMO downtown Marriott hotel to discuss their interest as the host hotel. Ironically, most of the upcoming Congresses are being held at Marriott hotels.

Received an email from the Westin Crown Center as a possible site but their proposed room rate of \$169 is too high.

Proposed medal design has been submitted to the NSSAR Medals and Awards committee.

Fundraising was discussed at the 116th Annual Conference with a possible dues increase authorized. Consider a patriotic incentive tied to a donation.

## **ESSAY CONTEST — Douglas Brady**

The results of the Knight Essay Contest:

1st Place: Susannah Carter, Medal, Certificate & \$500.00 Cash Award, sponsored by Monticello Chapter.

2nd Place: Megan Jilka, Medal, Certificate & \$175.00 Cash Award, sponsored by Konza Prairie Chapter.

3rd Place: Elisabeth Birchler, Medal, Certificate & \$125.00 Cash Award.

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

The spreadsheet for tracking prospects & application progress is complete. As of January, the spreadsheet contains 354 names and addresses, with assigned chapter and sponsor and columns to track progress. Every time I receive an inquiry or learn about a prospect, the new person is added. Assigned sponsors are asked quarterly for a progress report. Status categories for prospects are: Applied (application submitted to state membership secretary for processing), Complete (application complete and sent to prospect for signature and check), Active (sponsor indicates that prospect has actively worked on application since the last BOG), Inactive (sponsor indicates that prospect hasn't worked on application since the last BOG), Unknown (no report has been received from the sponsor regarding activity since the last BOG), Hold (the prospect has affirmed that he is interested, but wants to defer activ-



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ity to a later day), Removed (the prospect has demonstrated that he is no longer interested in SAR). If the sponsor makes a report, but shows the last contact was before the last BOG, the prospect's status is shown as unknown. Removed prospects are kept in the database in hopes that we can rekindle their interest. Of the 354 names of prospects, 19 have applied for membership since February. Once a prospect is marked Applied, he is kept in the Prospect Master worksheet until the next BOG report; after that, his record is moved to the Applied worksheet.

The third copy of, "From Kansas to Concord" is being distributed to prospects.

Outreach booths have been staffed at Leavenworth (in February) and McLouth (in April). Genealogy workshops have been held at Leavenworth, Wellsville, and Hays.

## ORATIONS CONTEST — Lyle Gibson

The KSSAR Rumbaugh Orations Contest was held May 3 in Emporia. 1st place winner is Nandini Sarma from Shawnee Mission East High School and sponsored by the Delaware Crossing Chapter. 2nd place went to Michael Heninger from Salina High School South and sponsored by the Bennington Chapter.

## THE LIBERTY BELL — Mike Frisbie

700 newsletters were printed by Command Print in Leavenworth at a cost of \$497.29. 672 newsletters were mailed from the Shawnee Mission Post Office at a cost of \$105.45. The balance in the mailing account is \$449.04. The mailing permit is current through February 3, 2009.

The newsletter was printed on 80 lb. glossy. The next issue will go with 70 lb. glossy improve addressing and decrease costs.

## VETERANS — Richard Kleinschmidt

Cmpt. Freeman Vicory collected calendars and other personal items for the Veterans Hospital at the April meeting of the Thomas Jefferson Chapter.

## LADIES AUXILIARY — Cathy Grassl

The ladies met in Wichita for the 2008 KSSAR annual conference. The program speaker was from the Women's Initiative Network (WIN) of Wichita, which is dedicated to getting battered women and their children back on their feet and self-sufficient. WIN Wichita is self-sustaining through sales of various food and gift items made by the organization's clients. Items were purchased and collected for the cause. The afternoon was spent at the Museum of World Treasures, which has a variety of exhibits from pre-historic to post-WWII.

The May meeting included a planning session for the coming year's activities and projects. A tour of Toad Hollow, a nursery featuring spring flowers, was planned.

The Ladies Auxiliary will again sponsor a collection for the Emporia School District. Last year the group's effort was featured in the Emporia Gazette, with a huge acknowledgement of the KSSAR and the Ladies Auxiliary.



The joint DAR and SAR float took first place in the Wild West Fest Parade in Hays, KS, on July 5. Cmpt. John McCabe of the Fort Hays Chapter portrayed John Hancock signing the Declaration of Independence. A DAR member portrayed Betsy Ross.

## AROUND THE SOCIETY

- Doug Brady led an Outreach booth at the Wellington Wheat Festival on July 12. This was followed by a KSSAR Genealogy Workshop, co-hosted by the Sumner County Historical Society on July 19. Compatriots attending included: Wayne White, Brady, Barney Ellis, Tim Peterman, and Peter Grassl. Two ladies from the DAR attended. Ellis estimates five potential members from the event.
- Outreach events have been held in Mission, Merriam, Tonganoxie, and Wellington.
- Hannah Proctor, Kansas C.A.R. President, is the granddaughter of DX member John Proctor. She is trying to boost membership and will be contacting SAR chapters.
- Bob Capps, DX President, will aid the Kansas C.A.R. with the creation of a web page.
- The Kansas and Missouri Societies provided manpower at the NSSAR's exhibit during the recent National Genealogical Society annual meeting. Visiting the booth included past President General Nathan White, Genealogist General Chuck Bragg, and Joe Dooley, Genealogist General Nominee. Bragg and Dooley hold dual membership in the Kansas Society. Dooley also attended the Monticello Chapter monthly meeting.
- Peter Grassl's guest column, "Kansas—Connected to the American Revolution" was published in several Kansas newspapers.



Konza Prairie Chapter poster winners, Courtney Alexander (left), 1st place, and Maxlin Chase, 2nd place, with Cmpt. Cliff Meloan at the presentation of the Poster Contest awards at Fort Riley Elementary School on May 2.

# \* 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,  
May, 6:00 PM, Perkins Restaurant, 1711 23rd St, Lawrence*



John G. Saylor of the Charles Robinson Chapter presented Midshipman David Ehret with the ROTC Certificate and Medal at the Navy ROTC Spring Awards on April 20.

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

**Robert N. Capps, President**

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

The April chapter meeting included a brainstorming session facilitated by Richard Hodgman that covered meeting attendance, member participation, and the Color Guard.

The chapter's officers and committee chairman for 2008-09 became effective March 30. They include: President Robert N. Capps, Vice President Programs Richard H. Wright, Secretary Richard A. Cox, Treasurer Dennis D. Nelson, and Registrar-Genealogist Don Ireland.

Plans are underway to have monthly genealogy workshops at the Johnson County Library to provide a panel of experienced SAR genealogists to answer questions on genealogical issues.

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

**Ralph Burns, President**

*Date, Time and Place of Meetings as announced*

See article on Fort Hays Chapter.

## **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 April meeting included the election of officers: Gale Beck, President; Darren Couch, Vice President; Craig Hart, Secretary-

Treasurer. Former member Kenneth Lyon was reinstated.

ROTC recipient, Cadet Andrew Webster, who attends Pittsburg University, was awarded the SAR Award for outstanding Leadership by Gale Beck, Fort Scott Chapter President and Darren Couch, Vice President, on April 3, at Pittsburg University at the ROTC Annual Spring Awards. The Fort Scott Chapter has regularly made this award since the chapter was organized in 1985.

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

**Oliver West, President**

*Meets 4th Thursday at 6:30 PM*

*Pullman Place Restaurant, 230 Cherokee, Leavenworth KS.*

The initial meeting in forming the chapter in Leavenworth was held December 11. Charter signatures were obtained and initial officer selections identified. Cmpt. Charles Goslin gave a program on the "Pennsylvania Navy".

The February chapter meeting included a presentation by Jack Brooks on George Washington's battles and trials during the Revolution. Cmpt. Oliver West was inducted as a new member and installed as Chapter President. Cmpt. Brooks Lyle was installed as Vice President-Programs, and Jason Au-vil was installed as Secretary-Treasurer and Chaplain.

The March chapter meeting had KSSSAR President Peter Grassl to present the program on the purposes of an SAR chapter. Members elected to name the chapter after Henry Leavenworth. Cmpt. Thomas Mick was inducted as a new member.

The April chapter meeting had Rolland Love, a Lewis and Clark re-enactor for the expedition bicentennial, present a program on Silas Goodrich, a member of the expedition. Cmpt. Kenneth Potter was inducted as a new member.

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

**Gary Groh, President**

*Meets 3rd Thursday at 7:30 PM*

*Meadowlark Hills Retirement Center, 2121 Meadowlark Rd.*

Chapter winner of the Knight's Essay contest, Megan Jilka of Rock Creek High School, placed 2nd in the state contest.

Recognition of 13 new Eagle Scouts in the Pawnee District was made at the annual Baden-Powell awards banquet on February 10.

A presentation was held May 1 at the Ft Riley Elementary School in recognition of the winners of the chapter's poster contest. The winner, Courtney Alexander, placed 2nd in the state contest.

ROTC medals and certificates were presented to KSU Cadets Lucas Bohannon and Matthew Cross on April 24.

## **MONTICELLO CHAPTER (Shawnee)**

**David Comer, President**

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

The March program was given by Cmpt. John Forbes, who spoke on "Our Government from Declaration to making it Work". Robert Matthews, Dave Sultz and Marvin Stoker were inducted as new members. Susannah Carter



read her KSSAR Knight Essay contest winning essay.

The April program was given by Shirley Coupal, the Kansas DAR State Regent, who gave a program on the Santa Fe Trail Markers. Mark Warnick was inducted as a new member, and his son was inducted as a Youth.

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

**Robert D. Haneke, President**

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

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

**Brian Vazquez, President**

*Meets 2nd Saturday monthly except July & August for an 8:00 AM Breakfast at Aldersgate Village, 7220 S.W. Asbury Dr*

The chapter presented donations of soap, shampoo, and other toiletries to the Colmery-O'Neil VA center.

Ken Coover and Dennis Mize presented awards to Matthew and Gabriel O'Shea, the winners of the chapter's Eagle Scout essay competition in February. Bruce Chittenden presented certificates and awards to the JROTC units in the Topeka area. The Chapter received the Avery Washburn award for membership renewals. Orval Knodel is arranging the 2009 State Conference in Topeka. Richard Kleinschmidt, Carl Smith and Alexander Smith have received life memberships.

Brian Vazquez presented a summary of his research on the use of music in militia and military groups during the Revolutionary War.

Officers for the next year are Brian Vazquez, President; Ramon Powers, Vice President; Roger Johnson, Secretary; and Richard Kleinschmidt, Treasury.

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

**William C. Carroll, President**

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

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### **PATRIOTIC ANCESTOR PLAQUE**

The Kansas Society has an exciting fund raiser which will pay homage to your Revolutionary War ancestor. This campaign is to collect funds to pay for a host reception at the proposed 2013 Congress in Kansas City hosted by the Kansas and Missouri Societies.

The handsome plaque can be hung on a wall or set up right on a table. A brass plate is affixed to each plaque testifying to the patriot, compatriot, and membership number.

The "investment" for each plaque is \$120, of which \$100 is tax deductible. An order form is available at [www.KansasSAR.com](http://www.KansasSAR.com) along with instructions and an image. Ideally, orders will be distributed at BOG meeting but may be sent directly to compatriots; shipping and handling extra.

These are a great gift idea. One compatriot ordered one for each son and another had one made for his DAR sister-in-law. Contact Peter Grassl for more information.

### **DELAWARE CROSSING CHAPTER**

*Editor's note: Continuing the series of chapter profiles, we feature the third in the series, the Delaware Crossing Chapter.*

The heritage of the largest chapter in the society and the oldest chapter in the greater Kansas City area is probably best expressed by looking back at the chapter's 40th Anniversary party in November, 2000, at the Grinter House on the Kaw in Wyandotte County. A ferry was operated here by Moses Grinter, and the crossing was used by the Delaware Indians years earlier. Grinter House is the site of the chapter's chartering on November 1, 1960.

At the 40th Anniversary party, members and guests of the chapter converged at Grinter House's Heritage Center. A 12-man color guard presented a strong, patriotic atmosphere to the celebration while Cmpt Phil Barbour and wife, Anne, in period dress, added authenticity to the occasion by impersonating Moses and Anna Grinter.

Chapter President Roger James presided over what was possibly the largest gathering of the chapter in its history with reservations for 105. Cmpt. Victor Meador presented the 40-year history. An interesting letter from the sole remaining charter member, Cmpt. Tom Little, was read by Master of Ceremonies Kes Kesler, recalling the chartering and opening years of the chapter. Cmpt. Little is the nephew of the chapter's founder, Judge Don Little. Local historian, Cmpt. Edwin Shutt, described the Grinter House Era. Former President Robert Burt shared memories of people and events of the past and present. All past presidents in attendance were recognized.

Ensuing years have seen the Delaware Crossing Chapter grow even larger and stronger under the leadership of outstanding presidents and supporting compatriots who have become involved in seeing the chapter spread its presence and influence throughout the community, the state, and beyond. Delaware Crossing Chapter has provided leadership for SAR at all levels during its proud history.

One of several exemplary events of the chapter's history was the discovery and documentation by Cmpt. Don Ireland of 11 Delaware Indians who served in the American Revolution on the side of the Patriots. These early Americans were recognized in a special event led by Cmpt. Roger James at the White Church in Wyandotte County earlier in 2000.

Another key chapter accomplishment in July, 2000, was acquiring and planting 13 tulip poplar trees, all descending from one planted by George Washington at Mount Vernon. The saplings were placed and permanently marked as SAR in 13 prominent locations in Johnson County and dedicated with the assistance of prominent leaders of the county.

*Kes Kesler*

### **SCD TO MEET IN OKC**

The annual South Central District Conference will take place August 22-23 in Oklahoma City. Robert Grover of the Missouri and Kansas Societies will preside as the Vice President General. Most national officers and candidates are expected to attend. The event begins with a Friday evening dinner and concludes Saturday noon. There will be educational events on Friday evening and Saturday. A registration form is located at the state web site at [www.KansasSAR.com](http://www.KansasSAR.com) at the Documents tab.

# 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>
Gray	Trenton	Michael	2413 Purcell's Mill	Manhattan	KS	66502	171372	2631	KP	Naughton, GG	03/25/08	Thomas Lacy
Peterman	Jacob	Ashley	RR 3 Box 138C	Butler	MO	64730	171373	2632	DX	Peterman, RW	03/25/08	John Montgomery
Potter	Kenneth	Lee	23900 County Rd 269	Clarksdale	MO	64430	171432	2633	HL	Ellis, IB	04/04/08	Griffith Owen
Roseberry	Robert	Fred	2515 Atchison Ave	Lawrence	KS	66047	171481	2634	CR	Ellis, IB	04/11/08	Alexander Roseberry
Spivey	Leland	Earl	3906 Quivira Dr	Hutchinson	KS	67501	171482	2635	SP	Ellis, IB	04/11/08	Timothy Barnes
Stamm	Michael	Alton	208 E 3rd St	LaCrosse	KS	67548	136953	2636	FH	trf from CO	04/17/08	John Garrett
Weakley	Terrence	Lee	600 Osage St	Leavenworth	KS	66048	171548	2637	HL	Ellis, IB	04/18/08	Thomas Weakley
Bannister	Charles	Ralston	11630 Tomahawk Creek Pkwy	Leawood	KS	66211	171598	2638	DX	Peterman, TE	05/02/08	Bartholomew Booth
Meng	Marvin	Allen	2 Hunters Point	O'Fallon	IL	62269	171687	2639	CR	Ellis, IB	05/15/08	Alexander Roseberry
Roseberry	Larry	Alan	3622 Torch Club Rd	Alton	IL	62002	171688	2640	CR	Ellis, IB	05/15/08	Alexander Roseberry
Knoche	Donald	LeRoy	8902 W 106th St	Overland Park	KS	66212	171689	2641	DX	Ellis, IB	05/15/08	Ezekiel Young
Knoche	Matthew	George	8902 W 106th St	Overland Park	KS	66212	171690	2642	DX	Ellis, IB	05/15/08	Ezekiel Young
Deeds	William	Joseph	8603 Goddard St	Overland Park	KS	66214	171691	2643	MC	Ellis, IB	05/15/08	Abraham Ebersole
Deeds	Steven	Brian	5357 E Maywood Rd	Fayetteville	AR	72703	171692	2644	MC	Ellis, IB	05/15/08	Abraham Ebersole
Clark	Kenneth	Myron	727 N waco Ste 560	Wichita	KS	67203	171746	2645	WA	Peterman, TE	05/23/08	David Demaree
Clark	Andrew	Carl	4818 SW 36th Ter	Topeka	KS	66614	171747	2646	TJ	Peterman, TE	05/23/08	David Demaree
Dee	Kato	Tsosie	1404 Mt Elbert Dr	Leadville	CO	80461	171819	2647	CR	Ellis, IB	06/11/08	Boaz Fleming
Russ	Alan	Lee	PO Box 68	Auburn	KS	66402	171940	2648	TJ	Johnson, RL	06/26/08	Samuel Ransom
Page	Timothy	Paul	10804 W 105th St	Overland Park	KS	66214	171941	2649	DX	Ellis, IB	06/26/08	Jonathan Mulkey
Allison	A.	Keith	225 S Roosevelt	Marion	KS	66861	171942	2650	SP	Ellis, IB	06/26/08	Edward Day

## 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>
Gregoire	Ryan	Philip	26794 195th St	Leavenworth	KS	66048	1020	17	HL	Ellis, IB	05/06/08	George Hickman
Dee	Hunter	Joseph	1404 Mt Elbert Dr	Leadville	CO	80461	1033	1	CR	Ellis, IB	06/12/08	Boaz Fleming

## SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES (May-July)

<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Middle</i>	<i>NSSAR</i>	<i>Ks</i>	<i>Ch</i>	<i>Yrs</i>	<i>Anniversary</i>
Taylor	Loren	L.	88892	841	DX	45	06/11/08
London	Richard	Carrol	104937	1011	MAL	35	07/26/08
Barber	John	Perry	113720	1219	DX	30	05/30/08
Heaven	Lewis	Arthur, Jr.	131380	1799	DX	20	06/10/08
Wright	Robert	Leroy	131502	1804	WA	20	07/13/08
Corwin	Harold	Glenn	131555	1807	DX	20	07/26/08
Scott	Travis	Jon	131557	1809	MAL	20	07/26/08
Reno	Stanley	Joseph	141139	1995	WA	15	07/21/08
Kelly	William	Lentz	141163	1996	CR	15	07/26/08
Sossoman	John	Wesley	150472	2147	TJ	10	07/16/08
Coke	Ernest	Hiram	150561	2150	TJ	10	07/28/08
Hobbs	Brian	Scott	160566	2362	DX	5	06/19/08
Maier	James	Lee	160703	2364	DX	5	07/14/08
Chittenden	Bruce	Eugene	160763	2365	TJ	5	07/23/08

## PROVEN SUPPLEMENTAL ANCESTORS

<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Middle</i>	<i>NSSAR</i>	<i>Ks</i>	<i>Ch</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Ancestor</i>
Capps	Robert	Neil, Jr.	164464	2446	DX	03/26/08	Henry Hiser

## 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>
Newhouser	Myrald	D.	128869	1764	WA	1987	02/11/08
Desmond	Richard	James	157627	2292	DX	2002	04/19/08
Banning	Donald	Gail	165238	2460	TJ	2005	05/07/08
Kesler	Hal	O'Neil	125876	1661		1985	06/15/08*

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## Kansas Society

Dear Kansas Society Compatriots:

As 2008 draws to a close, I want to congratulate the Kansas Society compatriots for being one of the more successful state SAR societies in the nation. There is much of which to be proud.

We have accomplished a good deal over the past several years. But now is not the time to stop. As descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution, we must continue to tell our fellow citizens about the sacrifices made by our ancestors. Membership in the SAR carries that obligation.

Thomas Jefferson said: "Educate and inform the whole mass of the people...they are the only sure reliance for the preservation of our liberty." The efforts of the Kansas Society during 2008 would make Jefferson happy. The Henry Leavenworth chapter came to life, the relatively new Monticello chapter continues to grow, Konza Prairie does so much with so few men, and the Fort Hays chapter distinguished itself by working with the DAR to have the top parade entry. Our youth programs, funded by the Kansas Society Heritage Fund, produced top-notch entries for national contests. You have much of which to be pleased.

One aspect of which I am really proud is the Kansas Society outreach function. We have gone into a number of communities to tell men, women, and children about the Sons of the American Revolution. We have attempted to awaken their knowledge of the purposes of our country. Progress is being made as evidenced by our membership growth. Our efforts must continue.

Compatriots, you and I have more to do. The **700** – *We Can Do It* campaign is a challenge to grow the Kansas Society to over 700 compatriots. A greater number of compatriots mean more men to share the reasons of the founding of our country; a chance to educate the public as called for by Jefferson.

When you renew your dues for 2009, pause for a moment to remember your Revolutionary War ancestor. Think about the contributions and sacrifices he/she made to create our great country. Your membership is a fulfillment of that obligation and a remembrance of him or her.

Best wishes for another productive year in the Kansas Society. Make it fun to be in the SAR!

Patriotically,

Peter O. Grassl  
President