



# The Liberty Bell News Letter of the Kansas Society Sons of the American Revolution

## The President's Corner

by Dennis Nelson

## We Need More Detectives!

The Kansas Society is receiving inquiries from potential new members in a volume never seen before in our history. We continue to receive referrals from relatives, neighbors, friends, associates from work, church or other organizations. We also received 71 referrals from the DAR that were approved for membership in 2017, making the Kansas Society the third highest state society for DAR referrals in the country. We also receive referrals from the NSSAR website for both inquiries to join the SAR and applications started online. At the time of the state conference, we had 77 referrals from NSSAR that included all 12 chapters.

Our challenge is for each chapter to engage their new potential members and to get their applications prepared. There is help at the state level with applications but the chapter must establish a relationship with the prospective member to be sure they stay a member. This includes phone and email contact as well as inviting them to meetings before they become a member. It also includes having chapter meetings at locations that encourage joining, sharing a meal, having a program by a speaker who is not a chapter member and so on.

Saturday night after the state conference, Susan and I invited Secretary General Warren Alter and Nancy to dinner. Susan asked Warren how he became involved in genealogy. His answer is worth repeating. He had been with law enforcement his entire career including being a detective. After being promoted at some point, he no longer was a detective and missed that aspect of his career. A fellow officer suggested Warren get involved with genealogy because in fact it is detective work. A genealogist looks for clues, puts together possibilities, makes a case based on the facts and process of elimination, etc.

We need more Detectives to complete these new member applications. If you have a genealogist at your chapter, ask him how you can help. It may be entering data for an application based primarily on a DAR that he can then review. If your chapter doesn't have a genealogist – volunteer. Get training from our Kansas Genealogist John Schatzel. Prepare your own Patriot Supplemental to gain experience. Become a Detective!



## State Conference and Youth Contests

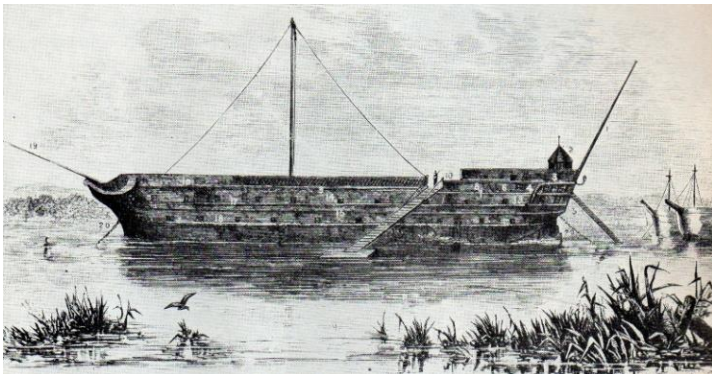
The National Congress, State Conference and chapter meetings when awards are presented are all celebrations of the success of our society. At the recent state conference was certainly something to celebrate. In the poster contest, 355 students prepared posters state wide. That means 355 students, their siblings and parents, learned something about the American Revolution.

Eight chapters participated in the Eagle Scout contest, double the number from the year before. There were more Knight Essay contestants including the winner that was at large and not affiliated with any chapter. Stu Conrad, state chairman and national judge, indicated the quality of essays continues to improve each year. There is more we can do. Every community where we have a chapter has Eagle Scouts, 5<sup>th</sup> graders, middle schoolers, and high schoolers. We need to determine how we can get contestants and all those chapters that did can help you to learn how to get it accomplished.

## Patriots who Died in Darkness: The Prison Ship Martyrs

The Tomb of the Unknown Revolution War Soldier bears the inscription, "Liberty is the light for which many men have died in darkness."<sup>1</sup> Though a few revolutionary luminaries shine brightly in our memory, most patriots died in the shadows.

During the dark winter of 1776-1777 British prisons contained almost as many patriots as the American camp<sup>2</sup> Throughout the New York campaign, the British amassed victories and prisoners of war. Barely able to provide for their own troops, British commanders were unable to care for the prisoners of war. The four thousand prisoners would have been a large burden on Sir



William Howe if he accepted the responsibility. However, precedent obliged the Americans to provide for the patriots, protocol dictated exchanging an equal number by rank, predicament precluded the British from recognizing a sovereign opponent or its prisoners and the Continental Congress established a policy opposing the exchange of frail patriots who would return home for Redcoats who would return to their units.<sup>3</sup>

While some soldiers were jailed at the notorious Sugar House, most captured patriots were confined on prison ships in the

harbors of New York, Savannah, and Charleston, where they were given little food, many dangers and few options: some were exchanged, others escaped or purchased their freedom, and the survivors were freed at war's end. However, despite the universal offer of release to any patriot pledging allegiance to the crown, approximately 18,000 patriots died as prison ship martyrs<sup>4</sup>. While prisoners arrived in groups after each battle, they died at a daily rate of half dozen, with some variance, such as an increase caused by guards retaliating against spirited patriots unceasingly singing to celebrate July 4<sup>th</sup> 1782<sup>5</sup>. In 1836, a reminiscing General Jeremiah Johnson, recalling how as a Brooklyn boy he watched the dead thrown overboard or buried in shallow graves uncovered by the tide, commented that, "death made room for all."<sup>6</sup>

While young Jeremiah watched the sun bleach the patriot remains, some patriotic citizens collected the bones. In 1804, then Colonel Johnson led Brooklyn's 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration, and ensuring banquet during which a toast was raised to "Those hardy sons of freedom, who died on board the Jersey prison ship: their bones have severally had a grave, while their patriotism has merited a monument..."<sup>7</sup> Possibly inspired by the toast, Johnson, and Revolutionary War veteran Benjamin Romaine, then Grand Sachem of the Tammany Society, decided to construct a monument to the martyrs. In 1808 the remains of more than a thousand patriots held in thirteen coffins, were paraded in a grand procession and laid to rest in a large vault on land Romaine purchased.<sup>8</sup> Benjamin died in 1844, and having been a patriot, a prisoner, and promoter of the monument, he was buried in the martyrs' vault—the only known and complete remains thus enshrined.<sup>9</sup>

Walt Whitman was the next to promote the martyrs. As the editor of the Brooklyn Daily Eagle, he tried to renew interest by reminding his readers that [he] "had been told by old citizens that nothing was more common in their early days than to see thereabout plenty of skulls and other bones of these dead—and

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.ushistory.org/tour/tomb-of-the-unknown-soldier.htm>

<sup>2</sup> In Washington's Crossing, David Hackett Fisher reports 1097 men captured at Long Island 27 Aug (p98) and 2800 captured at Fort Washington on 16 Nov (p113), while 6,500 patriots crossed the Delaware on 25 Dec (p381)

<sup>3</sup> 10 Facts About Prisoners of War by Gary Shattuck, in the Journal of the American Revolution. <https://allthingsliberty.com/2015/04/10-facts-about-prisoners-of-war/>

<sup>4</sup> Forgotten Patriots, by Edwin G Burrows, Basic Books, 2008, p xi

<sup>5</sup> VFW Magazine, Sep 2012, pp 20, 26.

<sup>6</sup> Our Whole Country: or the Past and Present of the United States, Historical and Descriptive, Vol I, by John W Barber and Henry Howe, Cincinnati, OH 1863, p407

<sup>7</sup> A History of the City of Brooklyn, Vol II, by Henry R. Stiles, Brooklyn, NY, 1869, p47

<sup>8</sup> An Account of the Interment of the Remains of the 11,500 American Seaman, Soldiers and Citizens of the American Revolution, compiled by the Wallabout Committee of the Tammany Society, New York, 1808

<sup>9</sup> The Graveyard Shift: A Family Historian's Guide to New York Cemeteries, by Carolee R. Inskeep, Orem, UT, p207

that thoughtless boys would kick them in play."<sup>10</sup> Over time the monument deteriorated and in 1875 the citizens formed "The Martyrs' Monumental Association." The city donated a portion of Washington Park (now called Fort Greene) overlooking the Wallabout Bay where a dozen or more prison ships once anchored, the association built a 25 by 11 foot brick vault.<sup>11</sup> The martyrs rested there briefly before construction at the Brooklyn Navy Yard exhumed additional patriots from "inglorious oblivion." Thus referring to the fate of the "unknown dead", William Howard Taft helped dedicate the current Prison Ship Martyrs' Monument in 1908.<sup>12</sup> Following Taft to the podium, as he would as chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Charles Evans Hughes commented that "Fortunate are the people whose soil has been the scene of patriotic service and of heroic devotion to be a noble cause."<sup>13</sup>

The martyrs have now rested beneath the 149 foot monument for more than a century during which public support changed like the revealing tide. Like its predecessor, this monument was ignored, vandalized and soon deteriorated. In 2008, a five million dollar renovation relit the eternal flame and returned the four guardian eagles.<sup>14</sup>

As America prepares for its 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we should heed Justice Hughes' caution: "We cannot afford to be indifferent to examples of fortitude, or to lose by forgetfulness the stimulus of the lessons of sacrifice," as we strive to remember our obligation to our forefathers by shining a light on these **Patriots who Died in Darkness.**

John A. Schatzel is a descendant of Captain Thomas Horton, captured at Fort Clinton, NY who died aboard a prison ship, and of his widow, Susannah Horton who paid her NYS war tax.



# The Four Pillars of Education Outreach

## Expanding the SAR's Education Mission Tom Adams (CA) and Brooks Lyles (KS)

***The Objects of this Society are declared to be patriotic, historical, and educational; to unite and promote fellowship among the descendants of those who sacrificed to achieve the independence of the American people, to inspire them and the community-at-large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom.***

Several weeks ago during an email debate over the SAR's Museum Row Project, President General Larry Guzy asked the Education Committee to define what Education Outreach mean to us. While there are a variety of ideas, we started by reviewing the SAR's Mission Statement shown above. Education is a primary goal of the organization and participation in Education Outreach activities can foster other SAR goals, promoting fellowship among compatriots, inspiring patriotism in the public, increasing interest in the organization and inspiring future generations. Compatriot Tom Adams of California, the Secretary of the Education Committee, provided the following framework that addresses our Education Outreach Mission.

### SAR Education Outreach

SAR Education Outreach consists of four distinctive categories or sets of activities which need to be viewed as separate entities for critiquing, evaluating, supporting and funding.

**Category A – Local Education Programs:** These are characterized as chapter and/or individual member initiated

<sup>10</sup> Walt Whitman's New York: from Manhattan to Montauk, New Amsterdam Books, Lanham, MD, 1963, p35

<sup>11</sup> US House of Representatives, 53<sup>rd</sup> Congress, 2<sup>nd</sup> Session, Report #609, A Monument to the Memory of the Victims of the Prison Ships at Fort Greene, Brooklyn, NY, p6

<sup>12</sup> American Genealogy, by Michael Piggott, Quincy, IL, 1915, p213

<sup>13</sup> Ibid., p214

<sup>14</sup> <http://www.prisonshipmartyrs.com/Introduction.html> The Prison Ship Martyrs Association website contains a great deal of valuable information about the Martyrs and their monument.



Education Programs, sometimes coordinated at the State level, though often not. These are activities that every Compatriot can easily participate in. Chapter programs are numerous; an example is the Sacramento Chapter's School Guard. Individual Member programs are fewer, but impressive, including Tom Green's flag presentation and Bill Stone's Articles of Association presentation. Other examples are Color Guard led activities and individuals who support education outreach as colonial living history interpreters in schools, for civic groups, and at encampments and festivals. Examples of State Programs are: Georgia's Traveling Trunk Program and Colorado's Patriot's Chest. These programs need to be documented, maintained, and shared. .... Several recent President Generals have proposed initiatives to foster local education programs. Former PGs Dooley and Tomme, along with their Education Committee Chairs, sought to gather information on local education programs at the national level and make it accessible to all. Those efforts are ongoing.

**Category B – National Education Programs:** There are currently only four of these: Poster, Brochure, Essay, and Orations. These are characterized by being State and Chapter run Education Programs, while being nationally administered. The local administration means that chapters can team with local schools to inspire youth to participate.

There may be more opportunities for new National Education Programs such as the Teaching America's Founding Documents (AFD) program which was just approved by the Trustees for pilot testing this academic year. We should not restrict ourselves to just the things we have always done, but we should be looking for new ways to expand our mission. We should also re-think just 'endorsing' outstanding programs like the "Why American is Free" 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum created by 'Values Through History'. Perhaps the Education Committee should take the lead and actively promote these previously endorsed programs at the chapter level?

The development of new programs and the distribution of State Society developed programs and DVDs like "Patriot's Chest" signals a shift in the Committee's traditional role. Programs will have to be vetted to ensure they are historically accurate and politically neutral. The SAR Brand has to be protected and our reputation guarded. There will have to be a budget to support the committee and its expanded activities.

**Category C – Center for Advancing America's Heritage (CAAH):** This is everything that Colleen Wilson does and it is the center of what has been viewed as "Education Outreach". She creates programs in such a way that the Start-up business world would call her an "incubator" of education programs. She discovers programs and creates many herself. Her "*Washington Crossing the Delaware Puzzle*" is just one example which when picked up by a Chapter becomes a successful "Local Educational Program". She has supported the Indiana and Kentucky

high schools competing in the national 'We The People' student government program. Her work with the Greater Louisville Area Schools and site visits to our HQs are also part of this category. This is her laboratory but it supports all Compatriots' Education Outreach.

**Category D – Revolutionary War Museum in Louisville:** This is the Solid Light/ Museum Row Project. It needs to be viewed as a separate entity from CAAH for evaluating, supporting and funding. However, as the Fourth Pillar of our Education Outreach platform it can play a key role in drawing people to our SAR Headquarters, our Library, and the SAR Store, where our Education Outreach products could be marketed. It can become a local draw and a focal point for our outreach programs as it complements the CAAH while getting the SAR brand out there for folks to see.

We think these categories form the Four Pillars of Education Outreach and capture very well what Education Outreach means to the members of the committee and our full time Education Outreach staff. The four pillars are each unique, but they are also complementary. We ought to be building synergy from all these activities in order to achieve our organizational goals and objectives.

The Education Committee is also working on two efforts to improve Education Outreach: information dissemination and funding. For the former, we are adding our requirements to those of the other Committees for an accessible, improved national SAR website. For the latter, we are establishing a new account, called the Nathan Hale Fund, which will become the Education Committee's operating budget and will provide support for its outreach programs.

The excitement and increase in activities associated with the upcoming 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of our nation provides us a unique opportunity to expand our Education Outreach activities. With every Compatriot taking part in, or supporting one or more of the four pillars, we can do great things for the SAR and our country.



## Genealogy Updates

John Schatzel KSSAR Genealogist



Thanks and congratulations to the Kansas Society for recruiting and researching a record of **42** new compatriots in the January -March 2018 quarter. Please continue to respond to the national inquiries, improve your partnership with DAR chapters to increase referrals, and ask each compatriot to recruit prospective members from his circle of friends. As discussed at the annual conference and genealogy workshop, please look for creative ways to mentor assistant genealogists for the chapter and to synergistically combine recruiting, retention, programs, color guards, patriotic partners, recognition and media coverage to improve your chapter and our state society.

## Greater Kansas City George Washington Birthday Celebration

On 24 February 2018, Compatriots and guests of the greater Kansas City Area Chapters of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution gathered with the local chapters of the Daughters and Children of the American Revolution for the thirty-second annual celebration of the birth of the Father of our Country, General George Washington. Guests were treated to a wonderful lunch provided by the Ritz-Charles and topped off with cherry pie. Our Guest Speaker was the Honorable Lawton R. Nuss, Chief Justice of the Kansas Supreme Court. Judge Nuss was awarded the Silver Good Citizenship Medal. The Law Enforcement Commendation Medal was awarded to the

Honorable James P. O'Hara, Chief Magistrate Judge, Kansas District of the US Court. Bronze CAR Medals of Appreciation were awarded to the President of the Missouri CAR, Edna Oswald and Alister Berns-Hoyt, President of the Kansas CAR. The Joint Color Guard was commanded by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Adjutant of the National Color Guard, Brooks Lyles, KS, the Master of Ceremonies was Robert Corum, MO and the chairman of the Planning Committee was Dewey Fry, KS. There were close to 250 people in attendance.



GWBC Combined Color Guard and award recipients.



Judge Lawton J. Nuss, Chief Justice, Kansas Supreme Court



# The 126<sup>th</sup> Annual State Conference

## 23-24 March 2018 in Junction City, Kansas

Compatriots gathered in Junction City for the 126<sup>th</sup> Annual State Conference on a cool and breezy weekend in March to recognize the accomplishments of our Chapters, individual Compatriots and Kansas Youth Awards winners over the last year. We were also honored to have Secretary General Warren Alter and his wife Nancy as our guests. The event kicked off on Friday night with the induction of Compatriot Dan Hammond, a BBQ dinner and a tour of the very interesting Geary County Historical Society and Museum, Junction City, KS.



Dan and Lynn Hammond

Saturday morning began with a moving Memorial Service in tribute to the Compatriots who have joined their patriot ancestors during the last year. Officiated by State Chaplain Vern Welkner and supported by the State Color Guard the ceremony reminded everyone of the fragile nature of our existence and the need to do as much as we can in this life to honor our ancestors and prepare for the next.

Fifty-seven Compatriots and guests from 11 of our 12 Chapters joined SCD Vice President General Bob Capps, International District Vice President General Brooks Lyles, NSSAR Secretary General Warren Alter, State President Dennis Nelson and the Compatriots of the Kansas Society for our annual business meeting and Youth Awards Luncheon. While the men were attending to the business of the State Society the Ladies Auxiliary toured the historic C.L. Hoover Opera House. Six new compatriots were inducted, streamers were awarded, and our Eagle Scout, Knight Essay, SGT Moses Adams Brochure and Americanism Poster Contest award recipients were recognized. And Color Guard Commander Dewey Fry's wife Pat was awarded the Molly Pitcher Award for her support to the Kansas Color, and whenever feasible, the cadets' family members in attendance.



New inductees from the Sons of the Plains and Fort Hays Chapters



Secretary General Warren Alter (AZ)



Bobbie Hulse, Harry Wilklow and Chaplain Vern Welkner



Kansas Colonial Soldier of the Year, Lyman Miller



Kirk Rush presents the King Eagle Scout Award



## President, General, and Compatriot Dwight D. Eisenhower

Join NSSAR President General Larry Guzy, the National SAR Color Guard and your Kansas SAR at the Compatriot Grave Marking of Kansas' most famous son!

Saturday, June 2, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. Eisenhower Presidential Library, Museum and Boyhood Home 200 SE 4th St., Abilene, Kansas

The Kansas Society Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) will host a Compatriot Grave Marking Ceremony honoring native son and compatriot, President Dwight D. Eisenhower. National Society SAR President General Larry Guzy will deliver the memorial address during the ceremony. The Kansas SAR invites all SAR, DAR, and CAR chapters, patriotic and veterans' organizations to participate by laying a wreath outside the Place of Meditation during the ceremony. The public is invited to attend this special ceremony honoring President Eisenhower's membership in the SAR as part of the celebration of D-Day.

President Eisenhower joined the SAR through the Empire State Society (New York) and was member number 65450, utilizing his great-great-grandfather, John Peter Eisenhauer, as his patriot ancestor. The elder Eisenhauer supplied grain and forage to the Army at Valley Forge. The president also filed one supplemental application for his great-great-great-grandfather, John Mater/Matter, who fought with Washington's troops at the Battle of Long Island.

All society members are encouraged to attend with their spouses and families. Attendees are asked to bring a lawn chair and plan to spend the day touring the facilities and enjoy an evening of music, which begins at 7 p.m. with the First Infantry Division Band followed by the Salina Symphony's *Symphony at Sunset*. Food vendors will be available on the grounds throughout the day.

Contact Justin Engleman at [j.engleman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:j.engleman@sbcglobal.net).

### Schedule of Events

- 10:00 a.m. - Participants and Color Guard meet for Walk-through
- 1:30 p.m. - Color Guard Muster & Participants meet for line-up
- 2:00 p.m. - Gravemarking Ceremony Available Activities
- 4:00 p.m. - First Infantry Division Mounted Color Guard
- 4:00 p.m. - Activities and Food Vendors on the Grounds
- Symphony at Sunset Annual D-Day Commemoration Concert
- 7:00 p.m. - First Infantry Division Band Concert
- 8:30 p.m. - Salina Symphony Concert

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# Dispatches from the Western Front

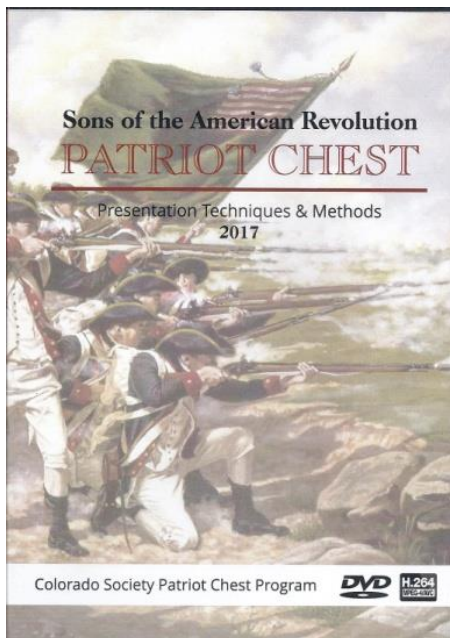
From the Prairie Chapters Bennington, Ft. Hays and Sons of the Plains

## Americanism is on the Rise

The chapters of our area are becoming complete chapters as our Americanism reports show. We are getting involved in more areas, more youth participants, better reporting and experience is beginning to show positive results. With the involvement of each new member, of which we have many, is showing that we can become a positive influence in our respective communities. With all of the misinformation, fake news, and ultra-extremes being shown around the country we can be a positive influence in bringing us as a nation back to a truly great representative government that allow for individuality as well as common goals, common aspirations, tax fairness and many other things that our forefathers wished for this nation. We were not commissioned to be pawns of the rich, servants of corporations, victims of violence, or subjects of anyone. As we go into the election process it is our duty to assess the values, mission, credibility, and the character of each and every candidate that we have on our ballot. Our forefathers have given us that right and we need to use it for the betterment of all citizens of our nation. It is our hope that this year we as a society continue to thrive and grow in our mission under the watchful eye of those who gave us these rights to take part in all facets of life can come together as Americans.

**Bobbie Hulse**, Kansas VP 620-755-3170 bobbiesar2@att.net

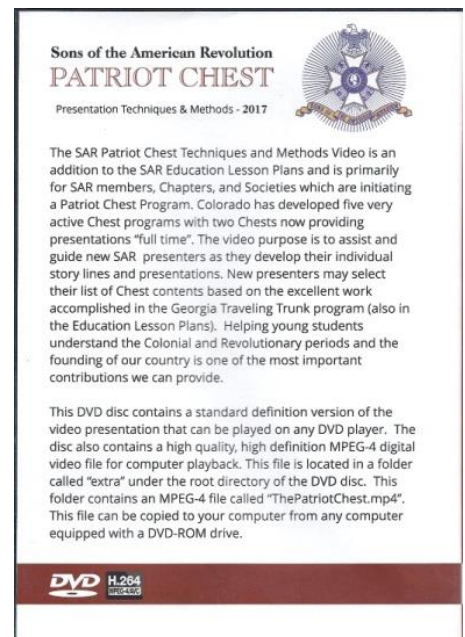
## Education Outreach Initiatives - National Headquarters



Available now through the Education Outreach Office at National Headquarters is a Patriot Chest Instructional DVD put together by the Colorado Society SAR and funded by Wayne Snodgrass, VPG Rocky Mountain District. The DVD Titled "Patriot Chest – Presentation Techniques & Methods" is 52 minutes long and includes a list of recommended Patriot Chest items, video extracts from three different Patriot Chest presenters, historical stories and anecdotes and suggestions on appropriate venues for Patriot Chest presentations. This is not intended as a "Video Travelling Trunk" but as a training

video that shows a compatriot or a chapter everything he would need to know to put his own Patriot Chest or Travelling Trunk together so he can do Education Outreach in his own chapter or state. The estimated cost of putting a Patriot Chest together is \$500, which does not include the cost of uniforms or period clothing for the presenters. But

as an incentive for chapters who want to put a Patriot Chest together Compatriot Snodgrass has made an Education Outreach Grant that will provide a \$250 reimbursement payment to chapters that spend at least \$500 putting a new Patriot Chest together! The length of the Kick-Starter Grant is 4 years so time to get going!





## AROUND TOWN

### CHAPTER NEWS

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

**Justin Engleman, President** Meets 2nd Saturday at 9:00 AM at the Hutchinson Community College, Hutchinson, KS

#### EMMA REIF WINS SAR ESSAY CONTEST

The Sons of the Plains chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution has selected the winner of their chapter's Knight Essay Contest. The winner is Emma Reif who is a sophomore at Hoisington High School and student of Marion Oborny. She is the daughter of Wayne and Daniela Reif.

Reif is involved in vocal music, basketball and KAYS. She plans to pursue a degree in elementary education by attending Barton Community College and Fort Hays State University.

The Knight Essay Contest is open to sophomores, juniors or seniors who write an essay about an event, person or ideal associated with the American Revolution or the U.S. Constitution. Reif competed with other chapter winners at the Kansas Society State convention in Junction City on March 24.



#### CHARLES ROBINSON CHAPTER (Lawrence)

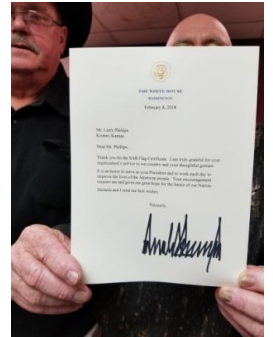
**John G. Saylor, President** Meets 3rd Monday of September, November, January, March and May, 6:00 PM, Perkins Restaurant, 1711 23rd St, Lawrence

The Charles Robinson Chapter now meets in September, November, January, March and May. Our meetings begin with dinner at 6 p.m. followed with a brief chapter meeting and then program. We continue to meet at Perkins Restaurant here in Lawrence at [1711 W 23 Street](#). They have a separate room just inside the restaurant and to your right as you enter the east entrance to the building.

#### Col. JOHN SEWARD CHAPTER (Liberal)

**Ray Dee Rinehart, President** Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the Month at 6:30 PM at the Liberal Inn, Liberal, KS

The men of Liberal took a chance and presented the White House with a flag certificate. The day Kansas SAR Vice President Bobbie Hulse made his visit to the Colonel John Seward Chapter meeting Larry Phillips sent a message that he had a special announcement to be made at the meeting. Following dinner prior to the meeting and when we moved to the meeting room Larry was called on to share his news. He pulled out a letter of thanks from President Trump for being honored with the Flag Certificate and it was quite evident it was signed with a sharpie as the ink had bled through the paper.



Pictured are Larry Phillips, Flag Chairman Darrel Long, and Chapter President Ray Dee Reinhart.



#### BENNINGTON CHAPTER (Salina Area)

**Bobbie Hulse, Caretaker** Meets 1 Nov Presbyterian Manor

Assisted Living Conference Room 2601 E. Crawford, Salina KS, Cottonwood Elementary in Salina 5<sup>th</sup> grade participated in the poster contest. Of the 78 kids 71 finished their posters in spite of massive absenteeism from the flu. Pictured are all four teachers the first, second and third place winners and Kansas Vice President Bobbie Hulse. The presentation done in uniform was assisted by Deb Hulse and the judging was assisted by Dick Trow. For the awards ceremony students from all three 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes, three 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes and 4 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes filled the all-purpose room and cheered the winners. Next year the teachers are already excited to get going early and the 4<sup>th</sup> graders are fired up to get started.

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

**Kirk Rush, President** Meets 3rd Saturday monthly for 9:00 AM Breakfast, Hilton Garden Inn 119th St. Overland Park, KS



New Delaware Crossing Chapter President Kirk Rush is inducted into office by Secretary General Warren Alter.



Alister Berns-Hoyt, Kansas Society C.A.R. President was presented SAR's C.A.R. Silver Medal of Appreciation by Dennis Nelson, Kansas Society SAR President and Dick Nelson Kansas Society SAR C.A.R. Liaison.

Alister's project is to gather funds to acquire and train dogs for Loving Paws Animal Therapy. He is a Freshman at Shawnee Mission West High School active as a percussionist the Marching and Concert bands, soccer and tennis.

### FORT SCOTT CHAPTER (Ft. Scott)

**Jim Gilpin, President** Meets 2nd Saturday in January, April, July and October at 10:00 AM at Nate's Place, Fort Scott, KS

### FORT HAYS CHAPTER (Fort Hays)

**Bill Posson, President**

Chapter President Bill Posson and Chapter Vice President Gary Baxter were sworn in to their offices by National Secretary General Warren Alter at the Annual State Meeting (See Photo Above).

### HENRY LEAVENWORTH CHAPTER (Leavenworth)

**Harry Wilklow, President** Meets 4th Thursday monthly at June's Northland, 614 Pottawatomie St, Leavenworth, KS 66048

The Henry Leavenworth Chapter, KSSAR inducted 7 new Compatriots at their Thursday 22 March Meeting.



State Eagle Scout Chairman Allan Boyce presents HL Chapter winner Joshua Schatzel his Awards.



### KONZA PRAIRIE CHAPTER (Manhattan)

**Mark Naughton, President** Meets 3rd Thursday at 7:30 PM, Meadowlark Hills Retirement Center, 2121 Meadowlark Rd. Manhattan, KS





President Mark Naughton with the KP Americanism Poster entry. There were six entries in the contest and they were all very well done and the judges had a hard job!

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

**Steve Crawford, President** *Meets 3rd Thursday monthly, 6:00 PM at Pegah's Restaurant 12122 W 87th St, Lenexa, KS 66215*

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

**Brian Vazquez, President** *Topeka Public Library, 1515 SW 10th Ave. - 9:00 a.m. (3rd Saturday of month during September to November and February to June)*

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

**Joe L. Warne, President** *Meets 3rd Saturday except January & July at 2PM Haysville Public Library, 270 S Hays St, Hays, KS*

### **The Kansas SAR Ladies Auxiliary**

**Diane Ungvasky, President** *Meets at the Quarterly Board of Governors Meeting*

At the State Meeting in Junction City the Kansas Ladies Auxiliary were joined by Nancy Alter, wife of NSSAR Secretary General Warren Alter, for a tour of the famous C.L. Hoover Opera House.



### **The Kansas Society Color Guard Dewey Fry, Commander**

The Kansas Society Color Guard continued its tradition of presenting the colors at Naturalization Ceremonies. The colors were presented at the January 26, 2018 ceremony, 89 new citizens, and the February 26, 2018 ceremony, 92 new citizens at the Robert J. Dole Federal Courthouse in Kansas City, Kansas. On March 14, the Color Guard presented the colors and lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance at a special session Naturalization Ceremony by the KCK Clerk of the Court at Johnson County Community College; 403 new citizens from 72 countries recited the Oath of Allegiance as



more than 1100 relatives and guests witnessed. After each ceremony the new citizens enjoy having their photos taken with the Color Guard; sometimes, as in the photo, the Judge conducting the proceedings and the Court Clerk wish to have photos with the Color Guard.

On February 17 2018 the Kansas Society Color Guard presented the colors at the US Army Promotion Ceremony of Major Monica Looney to the rank of Lt. Colonel. At the desire of Major Looney, the well-attended ceremony took place at a very large motor cycle dealership in Kansas City, Missouri. The celebration was arranged by Friends In Service of Heroes, aka FISH. Color Guardsmen participating were Brooks Lyles, Dewey Fry, Kirk Rush, Lyman Miller and Harry Wilklow.

At the invitation of the Missouri Society SAR Color Guard, Kansas Society Color Guard members participated in a



Plaque Dedication Ceremony in the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Aldermanbury, at the National Churchill Museum, Westminster College, Fulton, MO. The plaque commemorated the "Iron Curtain Speech" of Sir Winston Churchill on the Westminster College Campus on 5 March 1946. Sir Winston Churchill and President Harry S. Truman were recognized at Compatriots of the SAR. Kansas Color Guardsmen attending:

Brookes Lyles, Harry Wilklow, John Forbes, and Dewey Fry.

As is customary, the Color Guard presented the colors at the Memorial Ceremony and the Luncheon at the Annual Conference of the Kansas Society. Color Guardsmen also participated in the Memorial Ceremony recognizing the Compatriots who had passed in the last year the Memorial Ceremony included a Flag Folding.

For his many hours of Color Guard participation, Compatriot Lyman Miller was presented the Kansas Society Colonial Soldier of the Year at the Luncheon by Commander Dewey Fry.

It is a rare occasion in the Kansas Society that a woman is presented the Molly Pitcher Medal for supporting the color guard. On March 24, 2018, Patricia Fry was presented the medal by President Dennis Nelson at the Kansas Society Annual Conference on behalf of the NSSAR with authorization by National Color Guard Commander Mark Anthony. Pat is well known by Kansas Society SAR and Kansas Society DAR members for her many years of actively supporting the Delaware Crossing Chapter and the Kansas Society Color Guards at chapter, state, district and national events.





# Welcome New Compatriots!



<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Middle</i>	<i>NSSAR</i>	<i>Ks</i>	<i>Ch</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Ancestor</i>
Strnad	Joe	Wesley	205932	3349	BN	Schatzel, J.A.	01/12/18	Oliver Sanford
Greiner	William	Berkley	205933	3350	DX	Schatzel, J.A.	01/12/18	Edward Burgess
Shirk	Lamont	Allen	205934	3351	FH	Posson, W.A.	01/12/18	Joseph Badger
Dembowski	Richard	Kenneth, III	205935	3352	HL	Schatzel, J.A.	01/12/18	Joseph Blydenburgh
Dembowski	Jeremy	Michael	205936	3353	HLJ	Schatzel, J.A.	01/12/18	Joseph Blydenburgh
Dembowski	Ryan	Dennis	205937	3354	HLJ	Schatzel, J.A.	01/12/18	Joseph Blydenburgh
McCabe	Charles	Allen	206018	3355	SP	Hulse, B.A.	01/19/18	James Crawford
McCabe	Thomas	Allen	206019	3356	SP	Hulse, B.A.	01/19/18	James Crawford
Brewer	Dana	Evan	206020	3357	HL	Schatzel, J.A.	01/19/18	Joseph Prentice
Tollerton	William	James	206021	3358	FS	Schatzel, J.A.	01/19/18	Isaac Rucker
King	William	Throop	206111	3359	SP	Engleman, J.S.	01/26/18	Benjamin Throop
King	William	Russell	206112	3360	SP	Engleman, J.S.	01/26/18	Benjamin Throop
Johnson	Taylor	Austin	206302	3361	FS	Gilpin, J.S.	02/09/18	David Henderson
Huckabay	James	Lewis, Sr.	206431	3362	HL	Schatzel, J.A.	02/16/18	Charles Polk, Sr.
Gray	Darwin	Leon	206526	3363	BN	Hulse, B.A.	02/23/18	Samuel Gray
Gray	Douglas	Lynn	206527	3364	BN	Hulse, B.A.	02/23/18	Samuel Gray
Gray	Darin	Lee	206528	3365	BN	Hulse, B.A.	02/23/18	Samuel Gray
Gray	Devin	Leon	206529	3366	BN	Hulse, B.A.	02/23/18	Samuel Gray
Whitney	Grant	William	206640	3367	DX	Peterman, T.E.	03/07/18	David Abbey
Garten	Gary	Fredrick	206641	3368	DX	Fry, H.D.	03/07/18	Philip Boyer
Brackney	Kenneth	Hubert	206774	3369	FH	Engleman, J.S.	03/21/18	Eli Collins
Brackney	Robert	Kenneth	206775	3370	FH	Engleman, J.S.	03/21/18	Eli Collins
Stum	Dillon	Lance	206776	3371	FH	Engleman, J.S.	03/21/18	Eli Collins
Bradley	Gary	Kent	206777	3372	DX	Fry, H.D.	03/21/18	Isaac Bradley
Holley	James	Paul, II	206778	3373	HL	Dickson, D.B.	03/21/18	James Easton
Slinkard	Jason	Barrett	206779	3374	HL	Schatzel, J.A.	03/21/18	Howell Sellers
McDaniel	Joseph	Clayton, Jr.	206780	3375	HL	Schatzel, J.A.	03/21/18	Rudolph Conrad
Alley	Rick	Durand	206781	3376	HL	Schatzel, J.A.	03/21/18	Ezekiel Slaughter
Savage	William	Smith	206782	3377	HL	Schatzel, J.A.	03/21/18	John Ewing
Savage	Cody	Carter	206783	3378	HLJ	Schatzel, J.A.	03/21/18	John Ewing
Putnam	Dennis	E.	206885	3379	MC	Schatzel, J.A.	03/23/18	David Conger
Putnam	Dennis	Durk	206886	3380	MC	Schatzel, J.A.	03/23/18	David Conger
Putnam	James	Dennis	206887	3381	MC	Schatzel, J.A.	03/23/18	David Conger
Putnam	Broc	Davis	206888	3382	MC	Schatzel, J.A.	03/23/18	David Conger
Whitson	Donald	Everett	206889	3383	HL	Dickson, D.B.	03/23/18	John M. Merritt
Schneider	David	Paul	206890	3384	SP	Hulse, B.A.	03/23/18	Timothy Connor
Schneider	Mark	Richard	206891	3385	SP	Hulse, B.A.	03/23/18	Timothy Connor
Schneider	Jackson	David	206892	3386	SP	Hulse, B.A.	03/23/18	Timothy Connor
Schneider	Benjamin	Paul	206893	3387	SPJ	Hulse, B.A.	03/23/18	Timothy Connor
Smith	Craig	Randolph	206896	3388	HL	Schatzel, J.A.	03/23/18	John Craig

## Supplementals:

<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Middle</i>	<i>NSSAR</i>	<i>Ks</i>	<i>Ch</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Ancestor</i>
Schneider	Richard	John	151158	2158	WA	01/19/18	Adam Wieder
Lyles	Thomas	Brooks, Jr.	170717	2613	HL	02/23/18	John Ford, Jr.
Lyles	Thomas	Brooks, Jr.	170717	2613	HL	02/23/18	Joseph DeJarnette







# Salute to Our Departed Compatriots!



## DEATHS:

<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Middle</i>	<i>NSSAR</i>	<i>Ks</i>	<i>Ch</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Died</i>
Scott	Travis	Jon	131557	1809	MAL	1988	04/15/17
Stephenson	Everett	Southward, Jr.	78038	712		1955	12/28/17*
Sossoman	John	Wesley	150472	2147		1998	01/05/18*
Guyer	James	Talbot	92286	2367		1965	01/18/18+
Barber	John	Perry	113720	1219		1978	02/03/18*



“War is an ugly thing, but not the ugliest of things: the decayed and degraded state of moral and patriotic feeling which thinks nothing worth a war, is worse. A man who has nothing which he cares about more than he does about his personal safety is a miserable creature who has no chance of being free, unless made and kept so by the existing of better men than himself.”

— John Stuart Mill

