



Sons of the American Revolution

# The Delaware Crossing Patriot Kansas Society

Metro Kansas City's Oldest & Largest Chapter, Founded 1960

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## Upcoming DX Meeting

**Program:** Shirley Coupal will speak about Santa Fe Trail Markers  
**When:** Saturday, May 17, 2008, 9:00 AM.  
**Where:** Holiday Inn, Overland Park, 87th Street & Highway 69.  
**Reservations & Cost:** Members, wives and guests of the SAR are invited to attend. For reservations, please call the Amos Family Funeral Home at 913-631-5566 or email Richard Cox at reservations@dxsar.com before 3:00 PM, Wednesday, May 14. Cost is \$12.00 with a reservation, \$13.00 at the door, which includes a sumptuous, all you can eat, breakfast buffet.

## COLOR GUARD DUTY ROSTER

**May 17** Roger James, captain; Bob Capps; Mike Frisbie; John Swarts, musket.  
**June 21** Robert Capps, captain; Dick Wright; Gene Amos; Charles Goslin, musket.  
**July 19** John Swarts, captain; Dewey Fry; Verne Davis; Richard Cox, musket.  
**Aug 16** Charles Goslin, captain; Kyle Kesler, Mike Frisbie, musket; Gene Amos, Connor Goslin, drummer.

## COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

**May 14 - 17**  
NGS Conference and Family History Fair,  
Hyatt Regency Crown Center  
**May 17**  
Monthly Chapter Meeting, 9 AM  
**June 21**  
Monthly Chapter Meeting, 9 AM  
**July 19**  
Monthly Chapter Meeting 9 AM



## PRIZE WINNER DRAWN

The winner of our first member meeting drawing was Compatriot Dick Wright. Dick won a Complimentary One Night Stay in a Standard Room with Breakfast for Two at the Holiday Inn at 8787 Reeder Road.

The May Breakfast Meeting drawing will be for a Downtown Kansas City package. The Arabia Steamboat Museum located in the River Market has donated four admissions. In the year 1856, the steamboat Arabia served as a lifeline to the frontier, bringing tons of new supplies westward to settlements along the Missouri River. Scooter's Coffeeshouse Downtown has provided a \$15 gift card so you can enjoy coffee, cookies, muffins and smoothies. The Mango Room has donated a \$25 Gift Certificate.

Please help us solicit donations for the Monthly Member Drawing so we can continue this fun member benefit.

## COMPATRIOTS, YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

The National Genealogical Society is holding its 2008 conference in Kansas City. As in past years, the Sons of the American Revolution will have a booth at the event; some NSSAR officers may be present periodically. The purpose is to share information about the SAR and distribute material. One of the items to be distributed, primarily to Kansans, will be either a postcard or flyer describing an upcoming genealogy workshop to trace their ancestry to the American Revolution era.

The Kansas Society and the Missouri Society will provide the staffing for the booth; at least one per state society compatriot should be present at all times. Men are needed who can man the booth for two hour shifts (more if you so desire). If you are attending any of the NGS programs, perhaps you could fit a booth session between events. This is an opportunity to learn about genealogy. (<http://www.eshow2000.com/ngs/>)

Can you think of a better opportunity to educate genealogists about the Sons of the American Revolution? Many of the attendees will be from the greater Kansas City area and the potential to recruit new members is likely.

If you have a Color Guard uniform, wear it. Otherwise, wear something with SAR in mind. Parking is your own expense.

Please contact Peter Grassl for more information and to schedule a time to man the booth. (H: 913-268-5469) You do not have to be a registered NGS attendee to man the booth. The exhibit hours are shown below.

The 2008 NGS Conference and Family History Fair will be held at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center. Exhibits will be in Exhibit Hall A.

Exhibit Hall Hours:

**Wednesday, 14 May 2008**  
9:30 am to 5:30 pm

**Friday, 16 May 2008**  
9:00 am to 5:30 pm

**Thursday, 15 May 2008**  
9:00 am to 6:00 pm

**Saturday, 17 May 2008**  
9:00 am to 3:00 pm

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The month of May brings a special event to the Greater Kansas City Area that is important to our Chapter and Kansas Society. The National Genealogical Society Conference is scheduled 14-17 May 2008 and will "Show Me The Nation's Records". This is an excellent opportunity to share information about our Sons of the American Revolution and enjoy lectures, meal events, and workshops that will provide SAR networking opportunities with other genealogists.

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Sons of the American Revolution was conceived as a fraternal and civic society composed of **lineal descendants** of the men who wintered at Valley Forge, signed the Declaration of Independence, fought in the battles of the American Revolution, served in the Continental Congress, or otherwise supported the cause of American Independence.

Nationally we have 26,000 members and approved documented lineal descent is how we became Compatriots in this great organization. Genealogy and Compatriot networking is critical in recruiting and building a strong organization. The following demonstrate our involvement and ensure we are visible to other genealogists:

- Compatriot Lyle Gibson serves as history professor and lecturer of Genealogy. Lyle will be presenting "Beginning African American Genealogy" at 8:00AM on May 17th at the conference.
- Kansas and Missouri Society will have a booth and you can provide support. Direct other genealogists to the booth.
- If you are attending please wear SAR shirts, caps or nametags to provide visibility.
- Have extra copies of the Patriot Newsletter with you for interested genealogists. Always direct other genealogists to our website at [www.dxsar.com](http://www.dxsar.com)
- There will be a workshop scheduled in June as a follow-up to this event and other SAR outreach events. Please volunteer and offer to help at workshops.

Our Monthly Breakfast Meeting will be

on Saturday May 17th at 9:00AM. I hope you will support our Chapter by attending our meeting for 90 minutes and then attend the National Genealogical Society Conference on Saturday. Enjoy the conference during the week and our meeting on Saturday.

*Bob Capps, President*

*Some day, following the example of the United States of America, there will be a United States of Europe.*

**GEORGE WASHINGTON**



**PATRIOTIC POSTER WINNER**

Molly Pitcher by Sydney Jordan, Santa Fe Trail Elementary School in Overland Park

### SEWN SO PROUDLY

Although a common sight at chapter meetings today, not too many years ago the handsome George Washington style of uniform turned many heads. Worn proudly, this apparel goes back to a gentleman named Layton Walker, who originated the business in the 1970's when he and another member of the "Heroes of 76" Masonic organization felt that their flag ceremony would be more impressive if they wore Revolutionary War costumes. He secured patterns and found fabric sources in El Paso. Eastern Star ladies made the uniforms as a fund-raiser. Bernice and Robert Tippett were both involved in the organization, later taking over the operation. When Mr. Tippett died, Bernice purchased the business and continued with the Eastern Star seamstresses. A year after Robert Tippett's death in 1995, the Eastern Star group opted not to continue.

Bernice moved from El Paso to Fort Worth, where her daughter, Darlene Neuhaus, and her family reside. Bernice located a competent local seamstress and continued the business which Darlene took over in 2000 and added to the name "by Bernice's Daughter". An exceptional seamstress has been working with the firm since 2003. Topping off a long career, Bernice has retired and will be 92 years old this summer.

Meanwhile, Darlene remains very active with the business, upgrading the fabrics and modifying several of the products. The uniforms are made of polyester gabardine which wears very well and presents a neat appearance for years. She feels close to the SAR, having visited the NSSAR congresses in both Dallas and Williamsburg. The chapter presently is in the process of recycling the uniforms as they become available.

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Sons of the American Revolution**

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