



Sons of the American Revolution

The Delaware Crossing Patriot Kansas Society

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

Cmpt. James Riddell, Editor

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Upcoming DX Meeting

Program: *The Facts and History of Flags by Fred Kaffenberger*
When: Saturday, June 21, 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

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.

CONFUSED BY CARDS

If you received a membership card with the year "2008" printed on it and you have paid your 2008 dues then you are current. The recent mailing was just to make sure everyone had a current card. Apologies for the confusion; when 2009 dues notices are sent out later in the year, we will strive to provide them and the card in the format to which everyone is accustomed.

OUR SOCIETY AND CITIZENSHIP

We are members/citizens of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Kansas Society. As members we know we must bear the burden of responsibility for our Society if we are to benefit. There is a saying in free societies; you get the government you deserve. For democracy or our society to succeed, members/citizens must be active, not passive, because they know that the success or failure of our society/government is their responsibility and no one else's.

GENEALOGY TIP

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) provides live access to Federal land conveyance records for the Public Land States. The BLM website at www.glorerecords.blm.gov offers researchers a source of information on the initial transfer of land titles from the Federal Government to individuals. Kansas and Missouri Land Grants are included.

Our Chapter and Society requires constant vigilance and support by our membership. It requires and investment of time and hard work by volunteers. If you would like to become more involved and invest in your Society please call President Bob Capps at 816-838-5500 and offer your help. We have several areas where you can make a difference.

PRIZE WINNER DRAWN

The winner of our May meeting drawing was Compatriot Mike Frisbie. Mike won the Downtown Kansas City package. The Arabia Steamboat Museum located in the River Market donated four admissions. Scooter's Coffeehouse Downtown provided a \$15 gift card for coffee, cookies, muffins and smoothies. The Mango Room donated a \$25 Gift Certificate.

The June Breakfast Meeting Drawing will be a Complimentary One Night Stay in a Standard Room with Breakfast for Two at the Holiday Inn at 8787 Reeder Road.

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

COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

June 21
Monthly Chapter Meeting, 9 AM

July 19
Monthly Chapter Meeting 9 AM

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A Memorial Day weekend trip to Forest Hill Cemetery in Kansas City to visit and place flowers on my dad and grandparents graves reminded me how important it is to spend time with your father and son. My son called me at 7:15AM to remind me that we spent time there every year since 1991 and he was ready. Remembering our Ancestors and our heritage are important but maybe even more important is the time a father spends with his son. The month of June brings Father's Day

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SAR Color Guard at Liberty Memorial, Memorial Day 2008

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 which is a great time to invite your son or father to spend time with you at our June Chapter Meeting. My dad served in the Marine Corps in World War II and would have been proud to know that he descended from Revolutionary War Patriots. I hope you along with your father and son will join us at the June Chapter Breakfast Meeting.

The **118th SAR National Congress** will be held in Sacramento, California on July 5-9th. Last year the SAR congress was held in Williamsburg, Virginia and was my first Congress and a great experience. This is an opportunity to know more about the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and more fully enjoy your membership. Highlights include:

- The George Washington Ring Ceremony is very special because once a year when the President General is sworn in George Washington's Ring is part of the Ceremony. The Ring is in the possession of the National Society.
- The National Color Guard is spectacular at the Memorial Service where all State Societies participate and enter with flags.
- The Youth Awards Luncheon is an opportunity to see the National Award Winners for the Americanism Poster Contest, Knight Essay Contest, Rumbaugh Historic Orations and the Eagle Scout Award.
- The George Washington Fellows Luncheon is for Compatriots that have contributed a \$1000 or more to the George Washington Endowment Fund.

- The California Society will host a reception at the Railroad Museum in Old Town.
 - There is a Sacramento City Tour and Lodi Wine Country Tour.
- Several Compatriots from Delaware Crossing Chapter will be attending as Kansas Society Delegates. There is still time to attend the 118th SAR Congress and to register there is a form in the SAR Spring Magazine. This would make a great vacation trip and a chance to learn more about the National Society.

Bob Capps, President



Compatriot Ray Peterman playing with the American Legion Band at Liberty Memorial

A CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Compatriot Richard A. Cox, a member of the DX Color Guard since his induction in 2005, has been named Color Guard Commander, Delaware Crossing Chapter, for the year 2008/09. Cmpt. Cox was the Recipient of the Kansas Colonial Soldier of the Year Award in 2007 and states, "I'm looking forward to continuing the work and progress of former Commanders and Guardsmen."

As many of our members are getting on in years, it is even more important to convince younger members in their 20's to 60's that making the investment of time and money to become a marching member of the Color Guard is an obligation to be met.

The Color Guard is one of our most visible and effective promotional tools available to the chapter and, more importantly, to SAR on regional and national basis. It's critical not only to have a solid core of guardsmen who can perform at monthly chapter meetings, but also to have strong participation in parades and other external events.

While Cmpt. Cox isn't looking for a moniker of "Gunny Cox", he's not one to mince words when it comes to the responsibilities that members have: "My vision for the Color Guard" he says, "is to develop more of a drill-team persona, more "snap-and-slap" if you will; with additional drums, muskets and maybe even a fife or two. It won't happen quickly, but we typically have three or four members participating in a parade, and that has to change. There's absolutely no reason why we shouldn't be able to field a four-column cadre to compete with the American Legion, in every parade. We as members just need to come to the realization that the Color Guard is the most publicly visible activity we have. When pet adoption agencies put more people in the parade than we do — that's not good." Please welcome our newest marching guardsman: Cmpt. John Proctor, who is also our chaplain. —If you would like to discuss becoming a member of the team, log on to www.dxsar.com and you can reach Cmpt. Cox at secretary@dxsar.com—

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