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## MONTICELLO – OUR NEWEST

*Editor note: we're leading off the year with a profile of chapters; you'll learn more about the KSSSAR chapters in future issues as each chapter steps forward and takes a bow.*

The roots of the newest chapter in northwest Johnson County can be traced to the father of most Kansas City area chapters -- Delaware Crossing. In June 2006, DX took a huge step and set up an outreach booth at Old Shawnee Days. For years, the Color Guard had been in the annual parade, and it was time to do something at the end of the march up Nieman Road. This was a chance to tell the public about the patriotic group which led the parade.

Over 100,000 people passed through the gates during the two-day event. A number of people signed up to learn more about the SAR and to attend a genealogy workshop. During a follow-up workshop, prospects started asking about a chapter in northwest Johnson County and, eventually, the Shawnee-Lenexa area, where the population in this area exceeds 100,000. An organizing petition was signed which resulted in the granting of a charter in November 2006. The first official meeting took place in December 2006, and **Paul Whatley** was elected president.



The KSSSAR Color Guard opens the first meeting of the Monticello Chapter in December 2006. Pictured are Bob Grover, Fred Kaffenberger, Barnett Ellis, Shawnee Mayor Jeff Meyers, Chapter President Paul Whatley and Kes Kesler.

The chapter took its name based on a key road in the western part of the area -- Monticello. This represents a strong connection between the local area and Thomas Jefferson's home.

2007 will be remembered as a boom year for the chapter. The membership count started with 13 members in January and ended the year with 33 compatriots. (Minimal renewal loss for 2008.) Other "firsts" during the year include Eagle Scout essay winner, Law Enforcement, Fire Safety, web page, and a beginning with the Americanism poster contest. The chapter celebrated the first anniversary with a formal dinner and an induction of six new compatriots. The chapter has a newsletter, and email is the primary means of distribution.

### *Upcoming Events*

- Feb 2, 2008** – KSSSAR Board of Governors' Meeting, 10AM (Committee meetings 9:00 AM or as called by chairmen), Best Western, Hospitality House, 3021 W. Highway 50, Emporia, 620-342-7587.
- Feb 2, 2008** – Ladies Auxiliary meeting.
- Feb 19, 2008** – George Washington Birthday Celebration, 6:30pm, Scottish Rite Center, Wichita KS.
- Feb 23, 2007** – George Washington Birthday Celebration, 12 noon, Ritz Charles, 9000 W 137th, Overland Park KS.
- Mar 28-29, 2008** – 116th KSSSAR Annual Conference, Wichita KS, Best Western Wichita North.
- Mar 31, 2008** – Deadline for articles and pictures for the next issue of *The Liberty Bell*.
- May 1-4, 2008** – KSDAR State Conference
- May 3, 2008** – KSSSAR Board of Governors' Meeting.
- Jul 5-9, 2008** – 118th Annual Congress, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Sacramento CA.

### LATE BREAKING NEWS

KSSSAR Membership Secretary **Tim Peterman** announced on Wednesday, January 8, a new record for membership renewals. "KSSSAR is starting the new year with 601 members, plus seven dual members. We have NEVER begun a year with more than 600 members before." He attributed the success to the outreach activities.

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

By Peter O. Grassl  
President, KSSAR



### **WHAT DOES THE SAR DO?**

When was the last time you heard: "What does the SAR do?" What did you tell them? What could you have told them? Are you tired of feeling uncomfortable with that question?

Most of us joined this Society because we treasure our link to a person in the American Revolution. It supplies us with a stronger connection to this great nation knowing that someone made a sacrifice so that we can enjoy our fruitful life today. For some members, this is the extent of their SAR involvement while for other compatriots, it is a beginning.

The Sons of the American Revolution is a patriotic, historical, and educational organization. The stated purpose at [www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org) refers to patriotism, institutions of freedom, and national symbols to name a few. But what does that mean? How does one execute this purpose as an individual, a chapter or a state society?

We have available a guideline of what can be done to fulfill the purposes of the SAR. It is found through the SAR's Americanism Award. The beauty of the Americanism Award program is the listing of numerous activities that a chapter and this state Society may carry out to fulfill the purposes of the organization. Examples of activities include: promoting the meaning of the American Revolution through various youth programs, working with Veteran-related endeavors, helping with public relations, to name a few.

The Americanism Award program is a beginning, a framework if you will, of what a compatriot or chapter can perform to fulfill the mission of the SAR. After you read the list of activities, you'll be better prepared to answer that question of what the SAR does. Plus, you can answer the question, "what can I do?"

It is a new year and a chance to do more in the SAR. Membership in this Society brings an honor and the weight of an obligation to remember our ancestors. To paraphrase George Bernanos: we can think a lot about doing things, but if those thoughts don't result in action, then we have nothing. What can you do to make a difference in 2008?

Follow this link to learn more about the activities:  
<http://www.sar.org/committee/americanism/Americanism.Scoresheet.pdf>.

### **FEBRUARY BOG MEETING**

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

BOG reports from chapter presidents and committee chairmen are due Monday, January 28. Please complete and send them to **Peter Grassl** at [pogsar@gmail.com](mailto:pogsar@gmail.com).

### **LADIES AUXILIARY**

The Kansas Society Ladies Auxiliary will hold their quarterly meeting on Saturday, February 2 at 10:00 AM at the Emporia Best Western. This meeting takes place while the men conduct society business. Lunch is \$10.

Following a business session, there will be a historical program. A local artisan will take on the character of a woman masquerading as a soldier during the Revolution. Expect to learn about the challenging conditions she faced and the important contribution she made to achieve our freedoms. A luncheon will take place at the motel.

Membership is open to all spouses of SAR members. For more information, contact **Cathy Grassl** at 913-268-5469.

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### **MONTICELLO** (continued from front page)

The chapter meets on the third Thursday of the month at 6:00 PM, twelve times a year. An executive committee meeting takes place one week in advance. The evening meeting time is attractive for many men, and spouses do attend. The dues are \$13, and a number of men have contributed extra funds for special programs.

The chapter leadership is comprised of men across a spectrum of experiences and ages. **David Comer** was elected president in November 2007 and brought a wealth of experience as state Treasurer along with his years in DX. Other officers include Executive VP **Jeff Walsh** (the traveling man); Secretary **Lee Crutchfield**, who brings lots of administrative experience from another organization; VP Programs **Gene Amos**, which is a role he did splendidly for DX; and **Barney Ellis** as the chapter mentor. There are also a number of supporting cast in the chapter.

## AMERICANISM 2008

You may have heard of the Americanism Program and wondered how it could work in my chapter. What are the steps to start or enhance what we are doing? First, remember the Americanism Program is simply a tool to gain recognition for each chapter and the Kansas State Society for all the fine work already accomplished by each chapter and the state society, no more and no less. Obviously every chapter already performs many of the fine activities for the benefit of our youth and veterans, so lets gain the recognition so richly deserved.

Any question about the Americanism programs can be easily answered by referring to the National SAR web site at [www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org) and selecting the tab "For Members", then "National Committees", and "Americanism". Or you can contact the state chairman, **Keith F. Lindgren**, who is available to help in any way. The Americanism score sheet is the tool to use to report your chapter's points each month to the Americanism state chairman.

For those chapters who haven't yet appointed a chapter chairman for Americanism, please do so as soon as possible and inform the state chairman.

Following are some key areas every chapter can participate in as part of the Americanism Program.

1. **A chapter web site is 100 points a year.** A great place to start is [www.freeservers.com](http://www.freeservers.com). For about \$2.00 a month, plus a \$9.95 domain charge, you can use all their tools to setup and maintain your site including templates to make setup very simple. You can review the Konza Prairie site at [www.kpkssar.org](http://www.kpkssar.org). Most every chapter has a computer savvy compatriot who can do this. Contact the state chairman if help is needed.

2. **Newspaper or periodical publicity in commercial publications is 50 points for each article.** If each chapter would submit one article a month recapping their last month's activities to their local newspaper, it would equal 600 points for the year and, more importantly, would publicize the activities of the SAR, attracting more members.

3. **American Revolution presentations to fifth grade elementary classes are 10 points for each presentation.** One of the most important programs the SAR offers is to educate our children about their wonderful heritage in a hands-on manner. The related picture shows Konza Prairie Chapter President **Gary Groh** and compatriot **Cliff Meloan** leading a presentation to a class of fifth graders. They gave their presentation to 25 fifth-grade classes during 2007 including demonstrations of their period muskets. The muskets were a big hit with the children, and the presentations were well accepted by both the students and teachers.

4. **Youth Programs, the foundation of all SAR activities, which educate our children, are 25 points each.** There are the Knight Essay contest, Eagle Scout Essay contest, Rumbaugh Oration contest, ROTC/JRROTC Cadet Recipient, and the Poster contest.

5. **Awards and Recognitions to non-members are 15 points each.** There are the Good Citizenship Medal, Law Enforcement Medal, Fire Safety Medal, Heroism Medal, R.O.T.C. Medal, Service to Veterans Medal (Non-SAR Member), SAR Appreciation Medal (DAR Members), and Martha Washington Medal

These are just a few of the activities contained in the Americanism program. They are activities in which all chapters can participate, no matter how small the chapter. Certainly few (if any) chapters can do them all, but each chapter can choose those activities they feel most important to their compatriots and give them every effort possible.

If we all pull together, Kansas can win the National Americanism contest. Every member has good ideas, we just need to give them the opportunity to express and activate those ideas. It is with all sincerity that your help and direction and support is requested.

*Keith F. Lindgren, State Americanism Chairman*



Konza Prairie Chapter President Gary Groh, left, and compatriot Cliff Meloan leading a presentation on the American Revolution to a class of fifth graders. (See associated story.)

## AROUND THE SOCIETY

- **Bob Sjolin** has resigned his position as Eagle Scout Chairman since he and his wife, Nancy, have moved to Arizona. President **Peter Grassl** has appointed **Bob McFarlin** of the **Monticello Chapter**, to chair this important committee; he has done a great job promoting the program in the Johnson County area, which has four districts, and he is very active as a Scouter. He can be reached at 913-441-3138 or by email at [mcfarlin@everestkc.net](mailto:mcfarlin@everestkc.net).
- The **Monticello Chapter** has elected **David Comer** as their new chapter president. Past President **Paul Whatley** resigned due to personal reasons.
- The December meeting in **Leavenworth** was cancelled due to the weather. But there is a "silver lining" in that the cancellation notice was sent to TV stations which broadcast the notice about the SAR. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 22, at 6:30 PM at the High Noon Saloon at 206 Choctaw in Leavenworth.

## COLONIAL SOLDIER OF THE YEAR AWARD

All color guardsmen who are exclusively dedicated to the Kansas Society Color Guard, including those in any one of the Kansas chapters, are eligible to compete for this prestigious award for their color guard services beginning on March 1, 2007, and ending on February 28, 2008. Color Guard members who are interested in being considered for the award should contact **Kes Kesler** by Feb 11, 2008, to let him know of your interest. An official Report Form will be sent to those responding by that date. It will contain spaces for the date of each event, the name of the event, and the points earned for each event. Last year's winner is not eligible to compete again until next year. General officers also are not eligible.

Report Form entries must be postmarked by March 4, 2008. The plaque, which bears the names of the illustrious winners of past years, will be presented to the new winner at the Saturday evening banquet of the KSSSAR 116th Annual Conference in Wichita on March 28-29, 2008. This will be this handsome award's 16th year.

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

Attended chapter meetings of the Bennington Chapter, Delaware Crossing Chapter, and Monticello Chapter. Represented Kansas at the 2007 SCD meeting in Branson MO. Attended the Fall 2007 SAR Leadership meeting in Louisville KY. Presented genealogy workshops in Leavenworth, Wellsville, and Overland Park. Preparing workshops in Emporia (for November 4) and Ottawa (for November 28). Organized SAR meeting in Leavenworth for November 5, with 89 postcards mailed. Attended memorial service for Past State President **Robert Slemmons**.

## **VICE PRESIDENT – Martin Klotzbach**

Attended Konza Prairie Chapter meeting in August. Represented the SAR at Colmery-O'Neil Hospital VAVS Quarterly meeting on August 22. Attended and posted the Colors at the 2007 SCD meeting in Branson MO. Presented selected history books to the Seneca grade and middle schools for the Society on September 4. Represented the SAR in uniform at the US Naturalization Ceremonies at the Dole Federal Building on September 14. Attended the Fall 2007 SAR Leadership meeting in Louisville KY. Posted the Colors at the Topeka Area Scholarship Program on October 7. Represented the SAR at Colmery-O'Neil Hospital VAVS Quarterly meeting on October 17. Attended the funeral service for Past State President **Robert Slemmons**.

## **REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT – Barnett Ellis**

Attended chapter meetings and executive committee meetings of the Monticello Chapter. Correspondence with Monticello Chapter and Konza Prairie Chapter.

## **TRUSTEE – Edgar Grover**

Attended the Fall 2007 SAR Leadership and Trustee meeting in Louisville KY. It was announced that a five-story building in Louisville is available in the Historic and Museum area of the city and would have about the same space as the present building and proposed new building, only under one roof. The Trustees voted to see if this building would better serve the purposes than the present plans. A report on the findings are to be posted at the Spring Trustees Meeting.

New IRS requirements for Chapters and State Societies.

A new Historian Generals Award is being planned and will separate some criteria from the President Generals Cup.

The current *SAR Magazine* is the last issue edited in part by **Winston Williams**. **Stephen Vest** of Kentucky is the new editor.

Entries for the Newsletter competition must be in by December 15. Two issues must be submitted to **George Thurmond**, 120 Cannonade Drive, Alpharetta, GA 30004.

**Edgar Grover** and **Everett Mulkey** represented Kansas at the October 7 Memorial Service commemorating the First Battle of the American Revolution at Point Pleasant WV. Thirty wreaths were presented.

## **AMERICANISM – Keith F. Lindgren**

See article on Americanism in this issue.

## **AMERICANISM POSTER CONTEST – Dick Nelson**

The annual event is in November. Information is due at NSSAR by June 1. **Delaware Crossing Chapter** has contacted the Shawnee Mission Art Resource Director and has

already signed up one school to participate and is in the process of identifying others for participation. **Konza Prairie Chapter** plans to participate in the poster contest. Monticello Chapter has identified a participating school.

Continued support of this youth program should be included in the yearly budget to pay for the State award.

## **AUDITING – John G. Saylor**

An audit has been completed as required of the KSSSAR Treasurer's records for the accounting period from January through December of 2006. A notebook binder containing these accounting records was received at the August BOG meeting. These records were found to be well documented and above reproach. The committee compliments Treasurer **David Comer** for his good work in maintaining these records for the Kansas Society during this time. Treasurer Comer maintained an accurate, well-documented report of all income and expenses along with photocopies of checks written and receipts for expenses paid. The identification of expenditures with the matching check number was most helpful in auditing all expenses.

## **CHAPTER NEWSLETTERS – Kes Kesler**

The objective is for chapters to produce the best newsletters possible and to gain recognition at National of the efforts of the chapters and the Kansas Society.

The newsletter nameplate at the top of page one should have the name of the publication and also the name of the chapter and state society. It should also include the volume number, issue number and date (month and year). The masthead is in a box at the top of the first column on page two. It includes the name of the publisher, the frequency of publication, the name, address, phone number and email address of the editor, and the name of the president of the chapter.

Copy Kes Kesler by mail or email on each publication. Use color whenever you can; color is a plus with the judges. Send your best two issues each year to the national chairman for judging. Kes has received newsletters from the following chapters: DX September issue (color), Monticello August issue (color), SP September issue (color), TJ September issue (color), and Washington August issue (color).

## **COLOR GUARD – Fred Kaffenberger**

Color Guard activities include the following. Constitution Day on September 28 by the **Bennington Chapter** (**George Easter**). Constitution Day on September 28 by the **Konza Prairie Chapter** (**Groh and Meloan**). Constitution Day on September 28 by the **Washington Chapter** (**Mulkey and Grover**). 2007 SCD on August 24-25.

## **COLOR GUARD SUPPLEMENTAL – Kes Kesler**

The newest member of the Kansas Society Color Guard is **Robert N. Capps, Jr.**, who not only has a brand new uniform but also a Color Guard Book which he purchased at the National Congress in Williamsburg. He joins his son, **Robert N. Capps, III**, in the Color Guard. Both are members of **Delaware Crossing Chapter**.

We can't compliment our Color Guard Commander

# Reports

**Fred Kaffenberger** too much for the service he is performing for KSSSAR.

## CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS – **John G. Saylor**

There has been no activity to report since the August BOG meeting.

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

I attended the NSSAR Congress Planning committee at the Fall Leadership meeting. There have been ongoing discussions with **Romy Carr** of the Missouri Society and others regarding the Kansas and Missouri Societies jointly hosting the 2013 Congress. Approval would take place in 2009. Fund raising would need to start right away for the Kansas Society to raise \$5,000 for our share of the \$10,000 that would be needed. A number of ideas have been discussed and are ongoing. A prototype of a Congress medal design by **Cmpt Charles Goslin** was approved at the November BOG.

## EAGLE PROGRAM – **Robert Sjolin**

December 15 is the cutoff date for notifying the Society of Chapter winners and awards. The State winner is awarded in February. NSSAR needs to be notified of the State winners by February 15. A flyer is available that can be reproduced and distributed. Four chapters participated last year. More chapter involvement and interest is needed. New medals are ordered from the NSSAR. The local papers are a good source for identifying new Eagle Scouts.

## ESSAY CONTEST – **Douglas Brady**

Entry cutoff date must be postmarked on or before December 31. The annual event is in July at the National Congress. Information is due at NSSAR by March 15.

Information packets are available from **Doug Brady** and were presented to all chapters represented at the November BOG.

## GENEALOGIST – **Timothy E. Peterman**

A genealogy contact is needed for the following chapters: **Bennington, Charles Robinson, Fort Hays, Fort Scott, and Sons of the Plains.**

A Genealogy Survey was included in the August Liberty Bell. Special recognition goes to the 33 compatriots who have responded: **Jeff Richards, Glenn Corwin, Tom Evans, Lyle Gibson, George Gordon, Peter Grassl, Frank Hedgcock, Roger James, Dennis Nelson, Tim Peterman, Stephen Thomas, Gary Groh, Keith Lindgren, Gary Naughton, Mark Naughton, John B. Schwartz, Warren Fitch, Lee Crutchfield, Barnett Ellis, Paul Whatley, Bobbie Hulse, Ken Coover, Scott W. Kelsey, Richard McReynolds, Vern Thomas, Ken Bradley, John A. P. Leiter, Phillip Little, Everett Mulkey, William J. Reals, Jr., Lawrence Skelton, Michael Snively and Craig Stallwitz.** Members can still return surveys to me, and if a replacement is needed, then let me know. The purpose of the survey is to accumulate information about people who are willing to work at outreach booths, Genealogy/Membership workshops and to sponsor new members.

A newsletter called "From Kansas to Concord" has been launched by this office. It is intended to be a communica-

tion device to prospects and other interested friends of SAR. It is also intended to convey an image of SAR activity and membership growth to prospective members.

Outreach booths have been hosted at Lawrence, Wellsville, Overland Park, and Fairway. Genealogy workshops have been held at Fort Leavenworth, Lawrence, Wellsville, and Overland Park.

## HANDBOOK – **Roger Johnson**

Committee members are **Roger Johnson, John Saylor** and **Brian Vazquez.** We are in the process of updating the handbook.

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

Books were donated to Seneca KS schools, which had experienced a fire loss. Vice President **Martin Klotzbach** travelled to Seneca on September 4 to present the books to the school. The cost of the books is \$110.

## ORATIONS CONTEST – **Lyle Gibson**

Entry cutoff date is January, but may need to be extended to meet the needs of all chapters. The annual event is May 3, 2008. Information is due at NSSAR by June 13.

All chapters have been contacted regarding the promotion of the contest by each chapter.

**Delaware Crossing Chapter** has contacted the schools in their area and is planning its contest early in 2008.

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

700 newsletters were printed at a cost of \$506.74. 688 newsletters were mailed from the Shawnee Mission Post Office on October 29. The cost of mailing was \$107.89, of which \$34.40 was covered using pre-cancelled postage and the remaining \$73.49 was covered by the Society's post office account, leaving a balance of \$260.65. Last minute, post-print corrections were required by the post office at mailing time. One correction is in regards to the use of "address correction requested" that is printed with the return address. The post office no longer accepts this phrase, which required it to be removed manually. This phrase will be replaced in forthcoming editions with the acceptable "return service requested" that direct undeliverable mail to the return address. The other correction is in regards to the permit number. This was manually corrected by using pre-cancelled postage to fix the problem.

A different printer was used to shorten the turn-around time in publishing the newsletter; however, the resulting product was of inferior quality, so a return to the previous printer is planned.

## VETERANS – **Richard Kleinschmidt**

The Kansas Society voted at the November BOG to donate \$100 to the Eisenhower Veterans Center.

It was recently noted that four of the five officers in the **Konza Prairie Chapter** are veterans.

## LADIES AUXILIARY – **Cathy Grassl**

Attended the 2007 SCD meeting in Branson MO. Attended the SAR Fall Leadership meeting in Louisville KY. The school supplies delivered to the Emporia School District at the August BOG received great publicity in the Emporia newspaper including a photo. The November BOG meeting featured a luncheon based upon Martha Washington's cookbook, and gift bags for the Veterans were assembled.

# \* 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)*

Chapter meeting held Oct 30 and scheduled for Jan 22.

Color Guard members attended the Constitution Day event at the Abilene Eisenhower Center on September 28.

Cmpt **Richard Cook** presented a program at the **Nathan Edson DAR Chapter** in Concordia KS.

The Chapter is looking for contestants for the Orations Contest and have contacted St. John's Military School in Salina regarding the JROTC award.

One application is in process.

## **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*

Chapter meetings held Sep 17 and Nov 19, and next scheduled for Jan 21 and Mar 17.

Assisted Cmpt. Tim Peterman with the placement of SAR materials and with the genealogy workshop at Watkins Museum in Lawrence KS in September.

At the September Chapter meeting, the program was provided by Cmpt. **Jeff Richards**, who gave an "undress" rehearsal of his Constitution Day presentation, and a new compatriot, a student at KU, was inducted.

Cmpt. **Jeff Richards** conducted 18 classroom visits for Constitution Day. He gave a first-person impression, in uniform, of an (imaginary) military aide to George Washington, relating the "observations" that he made at the Constitutional Convention.

One flag certificate presentation was made.

## **DELAWARE CROSSING CHAPTER**

**(Kansas City & Johnson County)**

**Timothy Peterman, President**

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

On Sep 22, chapter members **Peter Grassl, Barnett Ellis, Fred Kaffenberger, Dewey Fry** and **Tim Peterman** along with Cmpt. **Martin Klotzbach** staffed an outreach booth at Wellsville Days. On Sep 29, an outreach booth at the Overland Park Fall Festival was staffed by chapter members **Richard Cox, Dewey Fry** and **Fred Kaffenberger**. On Oct 13, in a driving rain, chapter members **Tim Peterman, Bob Capps** and **Fred Kaffenberger** staffed an outreach booth at the Shawnee Indian Mission Fall Festival. On Oct 17, a genealogy workshop was held in Wellsville KS, a follow-up to the outreach booth the month before. On Oct 24, a genealogy workshop was held in Overland Park, a follow-up to the outreach booths just weeks before.

August chapter meeting. Cmpt. **Charles Goslin** presented "Illustrating History: Myth and Fact". **Nandini Sarma**, National Essay third place winner, was presented a \$500 check awarded by NSSAR. **John W Trantham** and **David Gladson** were inducted as new members. **John W. Trantham** was

presented membership certificates for his sons, **Timothy Trantham** of Scottsdale and **Daniel Trantham** of Chicago. A supplemental certificate was presented to **Robert N. Capps**. **Eugene P. Amos** was presented the Liberty Medal, which was awarded by NSSAR at the Williamsburg Congress for recruiting 10 new members.

September chapter meeting was the annual picnic. The chapter voted to raise chapter dues from \$13 to \$15. A \$50 check was presented to **Susannah Carter**, President of the Santa Fe Trail C.A.R. Supplemental certificates were presented to **Barnett Ellis** and **Robert N. Capps**.

October chapter meeting. **Rolland Love**, a board member of "Friends of Kaw Point" and a re-enactor, portrayed Private **Silas Goodrich** on the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Detective **Joe Langer** of the Leawood Police Dept. was presented with the Law Enforcement Award. A collection was taken to support the Veteran's Home in Leavenworth KS.

**Tim Peterman** represented the Chapter at the SCD meeting in Branson, at the 225th commemoration of the Siege of Fort Henry in Wheeling WV, and at the Fall Leadership meeting in Louisville. Members attending the SCD include **Barnett Ellis, Peter Grassl, David Comer, Bob Capps**, and dual members **Robert Grover** and **Charles Bragg**. Cmpt **Grover** was nominated Vice President General for 2008-09. KSSAR was presented a banner recognizing the involvement of **Ray Peterman** and **Tim Peterman** in the Siege of Fort Henry event. Members attending the Fall Leadership meeting include **Barnett Ellis, Peter Grassl, Ray Peterman** and **David Comer**.

Cmpt. **Charles Goslin** is working on the final designs to the Delaware Indian Patriot Memorial.

Fred Kaffenberger distributed information to schools for the Essay Contest and the Orations contest. Bob McFarlin distributed information on the Eagle Scout program to troops at Northern Tier and Trailhead district roundtables.

Four applications are in process.

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

**Ralph Burns, President**

*Date, Time and Place of Meetings as announced*

Membership continues to grow, and Barnett Ellis has sponsored several new members in the area.

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

**Gale D. Beck, President**

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

100% of the members have paid their dues for 2008.

The meeting site is being moved to the Best Western Motel.

A genealogy workshop was held January 12 at the Fort Scott Community College. The chapter meeting followed.

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

**Donald D. Hettinger, President**

*Meets 3rd Thursday at 7:30 PM*

*Meadowlark Hills Retirement Center, 2121 Meadowlark Rd.*  
Chapter meetings were held Aug 16, Sep 20 and Oct 18,

and are scheduled for Nov 15, Dec 20, and Jan 17.

Living History presentations were made to 11 elementary and middle-school classes by Cmpts. **Gary Groh** and **Cliff Meloan**, along with promotion of the Annual Poster Contest and presentation of a set of the "Freedom Collection" papers to each class.

Cmpts. **Gary Groh** and **Cliff Meloan** participated in the State Color Guard at Constitution Day activities in Abilene KS. **Gary Groh** and **Gary Naughton** participated in the Republican Valley Pioneer Festival in Clay Center KS.

Assisted in the enrollment of two family members in Polly Ogden Chapter, DAR, in Manhattan KS.

Information packets on the Essay Contest and the Orations Contest were sent to area high schools in September and October, respectively. Chapter VP **Mark Naughton** coordinates the Chapter's Eagle Scout recognition program and attends all the Pawnee District Council meetings.

Two prospects are being contacted.

### **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*  
See the front page article.

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

**Robert D. Haneke, President**

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

Chapter meetings were held Sep 8, Oct 13, and Nov 10.

The Chapter is looking to fill the office of Chapter Vice President and Chapter Treasurer.

A flag certificate presentation was made in September.

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

**Brian Vazquez, President**

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

At the September chapter meeting, Cmpt. **Martin Klotzbach** gave a presentation on the National conference in Williamsburg and the SCD meeting in Branson. The Chapter received an Outstanding Service Award from the Department of Veterans Affairs for service given to the Colmery-O'Neil VA Medical Center.

At the October chapter meeting, Cmpt. **Elborn Mendenhall** discussed his recent trip to Salt Lake City for research at the Mormon Church Library. Cmpt. **Jim McHenry** was inducted as a new member.

At the November chapter meeting, Cmpt. **Ken Coover** gave a program on scouting, local Boy Scout council activities, and leadership training provided by the scouting program.

At the December chapter meeting Cmpt. **Phil Baker** gave a program on the history of the Palatinate migration. Cmpt. **Dennis Cress** was inducted as a new member.

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

**Douglas Brady, President**

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

September chapter meeting. The program presenter had to cancel at the last minute. We discussed numerous on-going chapter events and activities, which included "Operation Ensign" and the four other Veterans Memorial refurbishment projects. Rededication of the Spanish American Monument is set for Sep 22. The John Stevens Flag Pavilion is set for completion in October with a Rededication Ceremony set for Monday, Nov 12 at Veterans Memorial Park in Wichita. Our Law Enforcement Award Luncheon is scheduled at the Hometown Buffet on W. Central in Wichita on Saturday, Dec. 1 at 11:00 AM.

Essay Contest rules were distributed to Wichita Metro Area High School Counselors or Assistant Principals in August. Orations Contest applications will be distributed to Wichita Metro Area High Schools in November.

Eagle Scout Award information is provided to Quivira Council at their Service Center and eagle Scouts are presented with Congratulatory Letters and certificates.

One application is in process.



Color Guard members from Missouri and Kansas participated in Veteran's Day activities at Liberty Memorial in Kansas City. They are Robert Grover, J. Frank Shouse, James Scott, Dirk Stapleton, Russell DeVenney, Jr., Kyle Kesler, Fred Kaffenberger, and Francis Roberson.

### **COMPATRIOTS' SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES**

<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Middle</i>	<i>NSSAR</i>	<i>Ks</i>	<i>Ch</i>	<i>Yrs</i>	<i>Anniversary</i>
Black	John	Victor	93775	899	MAL	40	11/30/07
Paine	George	Medley	103092	991	MAL	35	01/31/08
Burt	Robert	Eugene	113707	1206	DX	30	01/30/08
Peterman	Timothy	Edward	121096	1478	DX	25	11/02/07
Worth	Richard	Lee	121280	1488	BN	25	12/06/07
Stout	Richard	Craig	121343	1491	MAL	25	12/20/07
Venable	William	Ralph, Jr.	121434	1492	MAL	25	01/06/08
Venable	William	Ralph, III	121435	1493	DX	25	01/06/08
Peterman	Raymond	Webster	121469	1494	DX	25	01/12/08
Edwards	Charles	Faunce	130403	1787	MAL	20	01/08/08
Rankin	Paul	Charles	139850	1974	CR	15	12/09/07
Jameson	Archie	David	139990	1975	CR	15	01/12/08
Grover	Kenneth	Lynn	139991	1976	SP	15	01/12/08
Sielert	David		139992	1977	MAL	15	01/12/08
Hodgman	Richard	Blair	139993	1978	DX	15	01/12/08
Burgess	Keith	Eugene	149283	2127	SP	10	11/24/07
Jones	Harvey	Grady, II	149284	2128	WA	10	11/24/07
Bolen	Edward	Michael	149285	2129	BN	10	11/24/07
Bartlett	Bert	James	149329	2131	WA	10	12/01/07
Cunningham	Robert	Allen	149580	2134	DX	10	01/13/08
Mendenhall	Elborn	Eugene	159326	2327	TJ	5	11/04/07
Potter	Marvin	Matthew	159498	2332	DX	5	11/26/07
Potter	Paul	Marvin	159499	2333	DX	5	11/26/07
Potter	Russell	Matthew	159500	2334	DX	5	11/26/07
Frost	Michael	David	159501	2335	DX	5	11/26/07
Pepoon	Donald	Willard	159596	2337	DX	5	12/30/07
Groh	Gary	William	159597	2338	KP	5	12/30/07
McIntosh	Gary	George	159598	2339	DX	5	12/30/07
Goetz	Lewis	Worthington	159599	2340	DX	5	12/30/07
Bolton	John	Richard	159600	2341	MC	5	12/30/07

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

Last	First	Middle	Address	City	St	Zip	NSSAR	Ks	Ch	Sponsor	Approved	Ancestor
Christian	Carroll	Ray	1630 N Ash	Russell	KS	67665	169957	2582	FH	Ellis, IB	09/24/07	Jean Sherbundy
Wyatt	Roger	Lewis	16272 Hollingsworth Rd	Basehor	KS	66007	169960	2583	MC	Ellis, IB	09/24/07	Thomas Wyatt
Wyatt	Richard	Lynn	2400 N 51 <sup>st</sup>	Kansas City	KS	66104	169961	2584	MC	Ellis, IB	09/24/07	Thomas Wyatt
Wyatt	Jeremiah		7300 Kansas Ave	Kansas City	KS	66111	169962	2585	MC	Ellis, IB	09/24/07	Thomas Wyatt
Trimble	Glen	Eugene	1725 Woodrow Ct	Wichita	KS	67203	170423	2586	WA	Blake, PW	11/05/07	Mathias Smock
Doty	William	Bryant	10005 Grandview Dr	Overland Park	KS	66212	157822	2587	DX	trf from CA	11/07/07	Silas Doty
Auvil	Huey	Cline	30382 172 <sup>nd</sup> St	Leavenworth	KS	66048	159854	2588	MC	trf from MO	11/07/07	William Hebb
Auvil	Huey	Jason Stein	30382 172 <sup>nd</sup> St	Leavenworth	KS	66048	159855	2589	MC	trf from MO	11/07/07	William Hebb
Mellott	Robert	Rogers	5540 Beverly Kn	Mission	KS	66202	170536	2590	MC	Ellis, IB	11/26/07	Jacob J. Mellott
Mellott	Brian	Keith	21512 W 51 <sup>st</sup> St	Shawnee	KS	66226	170537	2591	MC	Ellis, IB	11/26/07	Jacob J. Mellott
McDuff	James	Melvin	10419 W 50 <sup>th</sup> Ter	Shawnee	KS	66203	170538	2592	MC	Ellis, IB	11/26/07	Daniel McDuff
McDuff	Douglas	Melvin	10419 W 50 <sup>th</sup> Ter	Shawnee	KS	66203	170539	2593	MC	Ellis, IB	11/26/07	Daniel McDuff
Fleury	Mark	Eric	1077 30 <sup>th</sup> St NW Apt 604	Washington	DC	20007	170540	2594	TJ	Ellis, IB	11/26/07	David Barney
Murray	Ted	Allen	2700 Verona Ter	Mission Hills	KS	66208	170541	2595	DX	Ellis, IB	11/26/07	Isaiah Case
Hyer	Charles	Henry	15515 Beverley St	Overland Park	KS	66223	170542	2596	DX	Ellis, IB	11/26/07	Henry Fry
Dillavou	Allen	Craig	12208 Nieman Rd	Overland Park	KS	66213	170543	2597	MC	Ellis, IB	11/26/07	Chandler Lovejoy
Stuart	Mark	William	4802 Salem Dr	Columbia	MO	65203	170544	2598	Leav	Peterman, TE	11/26/07	Thomas Royal
Hosty	Patrick	Brendan	6816 El Monte	Prairie Village	KS	66208	170545	2599	MC	Ellis, IB	11/26/07	Joseph Mings
Hedrick	John	Jackson, IV	12815 W 99 <sup>th</sup> St	Lenexa	KS	66215	170546	2600	MC	Ellis, IB	11/26/07	Joel Grout
Stoker	Marvin	Lee	7065 Monticello Rd	Shawnee	KS	66226	170547	2601	MC	Ellis, IB	11/26/07	John Wentworth
McCabe	John	Francis	2502 Sherman Ave Apt 406	Hays	KS	67601	170548	2602	FH	Ellis, IB	11/26/07	John Bibbee
Colquette	Paige	Russell	PO Box 66	Milton	KS	67106	170549	2603	WA	Ellis, IB	11/26/07	Samuel Walker
Asbury	Stephen	Durham	2631 N Cranberry St	Wichita	KS	67226	170550	2604	WA	Ellis, IB	11/26/07	Richard Asbury
Aaron	Martin	H.	2723 Amherst	Houston	TX	77005	170551	2605	DX	Ellis, IB	11/26/07	Enos Goble
Bowman	Marlowe	Bruce	197 Hillcrest West	Lake Quivira	KS	66217	170552	2606	MC	Ellis, IB	11/26/07	James Graham
Bowman	Robert	Layne	6631 County Line Rd	Shawnee	KS	66216	170553	2607	MC	Ellis, IB	11/26/07	James Graham
Breneman	Steven	Howard	13901 Harbor Dr	Bonner Springs	KS	66012	170554	2608	CR	Ellis, IB	11/26/07	Melchior Breneman
Breneman	Michael	Joseph	612 SW High	Topeka	KS	66606	170555	2609	TJ	Ellis, IB	11/26/07	Melchior Breneman
Breneman	James	Fredrick	13901 Harbor Dr	Bonner Springs	KS	66012	170556	2610	CR	Ellis, IB	11/26/07	Melchior Breneman
Ferleman	William	Allen, Jr.	431 Trant	Edwardsville	KS	66111	170622	2611	DX	Peterman, TE	11/26/07	Thomas Gann
Warnick	Mark	Raymond	7609 Bradshaw	Shawnee	KS	66216	170716	2612	MC	Grassl, PO	12/17/07	Samuel Wear
Lyles	T.	Brooks, Jr.	2918 Garland St	Leavenworth	KS	66048	170717	2613	Leav	Ellis, IB	12/17/07	Abraham Penn

## BOB SJOLIN MOVES ON

A hearty round of appreciation goes out to Cmpt. **Robert W. Sjolín** as he and his wife, Nancy, have moved to Arizona in their retirement. His many years of faithful service to both the Kansas Society and the Delaware Crossing Chapter cannot be measured, but he is especially remembered and highly regarded for his leadership in the SAR Eagle Scout Recognition and Scholarship Program. All good wishes go to the Sjolins in their new environment. They will be missed.

The electronic version of *The Liberty Bell* is on the KSSAR web site at: <http://www.kssar.org/documents.html>.

## PROVEN SUPPLEMENTAL ANCESTORS

Last	First	Middle	NSSAR	Ks	Ch	Approved	Ancestor
Slemmons	Robert	Sheldon	132344	1831	TJ	09/24/07	William Slemmons, Sr.
Trautman	Frederick	Allan	149065	2126	WA	09/24/07	Dudley Davis
Barbour	Philip	Clarke	108715	1114	DX	12/05/07	Timothy Hale, Sr.
White	Wayne	Lee	127781	1739	WA	12/05/07	William Harris
Capps	Robert	Neil, Jr.	164464	2446	DX	12/05/07	Johann Philip Sonner

## FAREWELL TO OUR DEPARTED COMPATRIOTS

Last	First	Middle	NSSAR	Ks	Ch	Member	Died
Harner	Michael	Lynn	87186	785		1961	06/07/07*
Trimble	Glen	Eugene	170423	2586	WA	2007	09/22/07
Clark	Thaine	Alvin	126368	1685		1985	10/05/07*
Chatlain	John	Kenneth	140839	1994	DX	1993	10/20/07
Slemmons	Robert	Sheldon	132344	1831	TJ	1989	10/22/07
Fry	Joseph	Dale	126226	1676	MAL	1985	10/24/07

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