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2007 Annual Conference Historic Event

The 115th Annual Conference in Overland Park earned its place in the history of the Kansas Society. From the well attended opening breakfast to honor an American patriot until the chirping fire alarm during the closing moments, compatriots and guests enjoyed themselves. The Delaware Crossing chapter did an outstanding job hosting the Conference.

The highlight of the Conference was the presentation of the Sons of the American Revolution's Gold Good Citizenship medal. Authorized by the NSSAR medals & awards committee in 2006, Society President Robert D. Haneke pinned the medal on General Richard B. Myers. (See separate story.)

The events began informally on Friday evening with a trip to the New Dinner Theatre. Those who have been married for a few years would have appreciated the circumstances of the play "I Do, I Do." It was a very pleasant evening of camaraderie.

Continuing a long tradition, Secretary General Bruce Wilcox traveled from Virginia to participate in the events. His keynote address included an intriguing story of the SAR connection to the burial of John Paul Jones at Annapolis. His wife, Theresa, enjoyed herself with the Ladies events.

Another guest traveling some distance was South Central District Vice President General Glenn A. Railsback III. He offered words to inspire the state society and recounted his ancestral ties to Kansas.

There were several unique touches to the 115th Annual Conference. First, KSSSAR Historian John Forbes
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Retiring KSSSAR President Robert Haneke and General Richard B. Myers.

General Myers Awarded Medal

General Richard B. Myers was awarded the SAR's Gold Good Citizenship medal. The request by the Kansas Society Board of Governors was approved by the SAR's Medals & Awards committee at the Spring 2006 Leadership meeting. The BOG saw this as a fitting recognition for a fellow Kansan.

The Gold Good Citizenship Medal is the most prestigious honor given to a nonmember of the Sons of the American Revolution and is only awarded to an adult who has attained unusual patriotic achievements of NATIONAL IMPORTANCE.

Much of 2006 was spent working with the General's staff to arrange for the presentation. All of a sudden, events fell into place in early March 2007. Word was sent by email to those on the KSSSAR email list and through chapter presidents.

General Richard B. Myers became the fifteenth Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on October 1, 2001. In this capacity, he served as the principal military advisor to the President, the Secretary of Defense, and the National Security Council. Prior to becoming Chairman, he served as Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff until his retirement in 2005. He is a 1965 graduate of Kansas State University.

Upcoming Events

05 May 2007 – 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.

05 May 2007 – Ladies Auxiliary meeting.

16 June 2007 – Deadline for copy and picture for next issue of *The Liberty Bell*.

07-11 Jul 2007 – 117th Annual Congress, Williamsburg, VA, Williamsburg Lodge.

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May BOG Meeting

The Board of Governors will meet on May 5, 2007, 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. Each chapter is expected to send one representative and the meeting is open to all compatriots.

New versions of the BOG reports will be emailed to chapter presidents and committee chairman. Please complete them and return by email to Peter Grassl pogbowman@aol.com by Monday, April 30th.

One topic on the agenda is a further discussion of how to promote youth activities. The Rumbaugh Orations contest will take place at 2 PM. There are three entries as of this writing. The winner will advance to the NSSAR Congress at Williamsburg, Virginia.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO MEET

The Kansas Society SAR Ladies Auxiliary will meet on Saturday, May 5, 2007 at 10 AM at the Emporia Best Western.

This will be an organizational and planning meeting with a focus on programs, service projects, and other ways to promote and support the KSSSAR. Plus, there will be a brief discussion of the upcoming Congress in Williamsburg. All ladies in the KSSSAR are invited to join the meeting of fun and fellowship. For more information, contact Cathy Grassl at 913-268-5469.

*** FREEDOM RINGS***

By Peter O. Grassl
President, KSSSAR



Greetings fellow compatriots of the great Kansas Society. I am honored to be selected by my peers as your Society president for the next two years. I will endeavor to lead our organization to a higher level.

But I didn't get here on my own. I want to thank my wife, Cathy, for her support, Kes Kesler, my sponsor, Barney Ellis, Tim Peterman, Ed Grover, and Bob Haneke for allowing me to be his vice president.

The 115th Annual Conference in Overland Park was a great day in the history of the Kansas Society. On this anniversary, KSSSAR awarded the Gold Good Citizenship medal to fellow Kansan, 4-Star General Richard B. Myers. And in the evening, a group of men stepped forward as newly elected officers. Isn't that a great example of duty? This is what sets KSSSAR apart from other societies.

115 years ago, on March 31, 1892, this Society was formed. For over a century, this Kansas Society has grown, not only in size, but in recognition within our National Society.

From my attendance at National Society Leadership meetings in Louisville to Congresses, I have learned that our Kansas Society is unique and a leader among others. What gave us that stature?

People like Arthur Mansfield King and Bob Burt organizing The Eagle Scout Recognition and Scholarship Program. Kes Kesler and the award-winning *LIBERTY BELL*. Barnett Ellis in senior NSSAR positions. And Ed Grover and Everett Mulkey with the Color Guard plus many others of recent decades. Men who have made a difference in our National Society reflect well on the Kansas Society.

Actions speak loudly; it is the constant flow of entries for the orations contest, the essay contest, the Eagle Scout competition and the recent Americanism Poster contest, which are the results of efforts in our ten chapters.

This stuff doesn't just happen. It takes compatriots who are dedicated because of a connection to their Revolutionary War ancestor. Men who work extra hours to make the Kansas Society greater. Like the many readers of this column.

At our 115th Convention, General Richard B. Myers spoke of how the SAR perpetuates citizenship. Compatriots, we have the knowledge and the resources, and only need to use the opportunities around us to teach young and older Kansans about citizenship.

Let us carry the torch of citizenship and patriotism to the major communities in this state. Let's join together as a "Band of Brothers" and let our fellow Kansans know about the Sons of the American Revolution. Every one of you can contribute to the patriotism of your fellow Kansan through reaching out to the communities.

I invite all compatriots to continue the great traditions of our Kansas Society. We have an obligation to remember not only our forefathers of the Revolutionary War but to the men that founded this Kansas Society in 1893.

Thomas Paine provides us with a plan for our future: "**Tis not in numbers but in unity that our great strength lies.**" Let's work together for the betterment of Kansas.

Thank you for permitting me to serve as your Kansas Society President.

Peter Grassl, President, KSSSAR

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created a display with some of the state society's history. Of particular interest were the applications of the founding members. This included KSSSAR #1, John Giles Fonda, and KSSSAR #6, Avery Washburn, the first state society president. Other displays included Delaware Crossing, Monticello and Washington Chapters.

Rounding out the extra touches of the meeting was an increased supply of SAR merchandise. Ties and the new SAR-USA lapel flag pin were the most popular items. Overall, the society will realize a small profit from selling these consignment items.

The luncheon focused on youth. The Knight Essay Contest winner was supplied by Delaware Crossing. Nandini Sarma wrote about the contributions of a female spy. Again, Delaware Crossing supplied the winning King Eagle Scout Essay contest winner, David Pfortmiller. (The Rumbaugh Orations contest will be held at the May BOG meeting.) Both were presented with their awards. Ms. Sarma's essay has been forwarded to NSSAR for the national contest, and Eagle Scout Pfortmiller's essay was graded at the NSSAR Spring Leadership meeting but was bested by some others.

Society Finances Addressed

Following a review of chapter and committee reports, David Comer (DX), KSSSAR Treasurer, and his assistant presented their financial information. First, the attendees of the annual meeting have been bearing the 133% of the cost of hosting the Annual Conference. The extra costs include the Secretary General's travel, medals & awards, and a host of miscellaneous expenses. These costs reflect the Society as a whole and not just the attendees. The net result is two fold. First, the cost of attending will be, essentially, the cost of the food. Second, the "overhead" expenses of the Annual Conference will be shifted to the general budget.

The next part of the budget addressed the increased costs of the youth programs. One of outgoing President Haneke's accomplishments is boosting the youth contest award amounts. The purpose of offering larger awards is to increase participation in SAR programs, which increases students' awareness of the Revolutionary War. However, the income stream from the Kansas Heritage fund has not covered the award amounts for a number of years; historically, the general fund has been tapped for the difference.

Another segment of the budget included an increase in spending for Outreach activities. These include items to be used at genealogy workshops and community fairs. The objective of such events is to increase the public's awareness of the SAR, its purposes, youth activities, along with the goal of increasing membership.

Peter Grassl (DX) pointed out two key elements about the KSSSAR dues structure. First, the cost of printing the *LIBERTY BELL* will take a dramatic jump with the May issue. Second, to the best recollection of those present and from asking some senior members, the dues have not been increased in over 15 years. An inflation calculator revealed the dues should be close to \$11. Third, from the historical display, the dues in the early 1930s were only \$2.

Thus, the dues have increased only \$5 in over 70 years! The dues need to be increased to account for the increased expenses and new programs. Barnett Ellis (MC) moved that the dues be increased to \$10 beginning with the 2008 year; the motion was passed.

An additional financial matter was a final review of a proposed bylaw change. The accounting for the Life Membership Fund and Kansas Heritage Fund was proposed a year ago and reviewed by John Saylor (CR). He reported back a favorable report at a recent BOG meeting. The essence of the change will do this: any Life Fund income in excess of the amount to be transferred to the General Fund on January 1 will be used in the current year's youth activities. Following some discussion, this motion passed. This should alleviate some of the drain on the General Fund which has been an issue for years.

A related topic to youth activities concerned the presentation of award money. A majority of men voted that the winner needs to be present to receive the award money.

Overall, the financial review addressed the burden of attending the Annual Conference, increased dues to reflect the cost of inflation and to increase programs to the public, and cleaned up Bylaw language pertaining to the Life Fund and the Kansas Heritage Fund with the intent of using income in a more productive manner.

Afternoon Business Session

If we could do anything we want with improving the Kansas Society, what would it be? The "Participation Forum" was skillfully led once again by Dick Hodgman (DX). From a flow of ideas, the group decided on three topics to spend more time exploring: leadership development for chapter and state society men (Paul Whatley—MC), how and where to look for monthly chapter programs (Kes Kesler—DX), and recognition of SAR (Tim Peterman—DX).

Banquet

The evening banquet is always a colorful and festive event. With many ladies in formal dresses to men in tuxes (business suits or Color Guard uniforms were optional), this was a highlight of the day's events and filled with joyous camaraderie. The "atmosphere" was created by a musical quartette from a local high school.

Following a reception and a receiving line, compatriots and guests settled into an evening of cheer and fellowship. The presentation of awards followed dinner and there were several which garnered special interest. Dr. Philip Bernsdorf (WA) was awarded the C.A.R. Gold Medal by Secretary General Wilcox for his 23 years of service to the National Society, Children of the American Revolution. Herick "Kes" Kesler was presented with a striking plaque recognizing his exemplary service the Kansas Society as editor of the *Liberty Bell*. Color Guard Commander Fred Kaffenberger was awarded the Patriot Medal for his efforts in the Kansas Society. The final significant award of the evening was the Colonial Soldier of the Year, and it went to Richard Cox (DX) for his dedicated service to the KSSSAR.

Secretary General Wilcox played a major role in the events

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At the awards breakfast of the KSSSAR Annual Conference, General Richard B. Myers, Herrick "Kes" Kesler and Congressman Dennis Moore.

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of the evening. Following his keynote address, he was presented with a handsomely framed print of "The Patriots." This autographed piece depicts Washington, Jefferson, Franklin and Adams. It was created by compatriot and famed artist Charles Goslin (DX). Autographed copies are available. The final act by the Secretary General was the swearing in of the new officers and the transfer of the gavel from President Haneke to Peter Grassl. Robert Haneke was presented the State Society Past President pin and the Meritorious Service medal for his service as president.

Following the interruption of a fire alarm, KSSSAR President Grassl offered remarks about the future of the society. He suggested strongly that Society members have the knowledge and ability to carry the torch of citizenship to every major community in Kansas. In essence, he was calling for an expansion of chapters in the Kansas Society. The meeting was adjourned until the 116th Annual Conference in Wichita.

Ladies Auxiliary Program

The Ladies Auxiliary enjoyed three programs during the Annual Conference. The highlight was presented by compatriot Lyle Gibson, who is a professor at Kansas City's Penn Valley Community College. (He is the new KSSSAR Rumbaugh Orations Chairman.) Gibson spoke about the important role of women in the history of the United States. Later, the ladies learned about the creation of quilts from Jeanne Poore and took particular interest in "red, white, and blue" themed quilts. Lastly, the ladies toured Children's Mercy hospital and presented toys to comfort the young patients.

The final business for the ladies was an election of officers. The 2007 - 2009 officers: Cathy Grassl, president; Ruby Nelson, vice president; Theresa Klotzbach, secretary; and, Wanda Kaffenberger, treasurer.

Later in the day, outgoing Ladies Auxiliary president Emalene Grover was presented with the Daughters of Liberty medal. This was presented in appreciation for her "unselfish devotion, tireless efforts and assistance to the SAR, who has dedicated her time, energy, ability and/or finances to the organization in support and furtherance of the stated objectives of the National Society."

VICE PRESIDENT – Peter O. Grassl

Presented the SAR flag and the State of Kansas flag on behalf of KSSSAR to the Monticello Chapter. Arranged for a KSSSAR outreach booth at the Leavenworth Militaria Show on February 3, which will be followed up by a genealogy workshop at the Leavenworth Public Library on February 20. Tim Peterman sent announcements to current and former SAR members in the area. Distributed SAR WHATS to January 2007 meeting of the Johnson County Genealogical Society. Working on a date to award Gen. Richard B. Myers the SAR's Gold Citizenship medal.

RECORDING SECRETARY – Robert H. Crowther

Compiled and distributed minutes of the November 2006 BOG meeting as well as the meeting notice and tentative agenda for the February 2007 meeting. Transferred the bulk of Recording Secretary files to Historian John Forbes and to Gary Neal in anticipation of his future service as Recording Secretary.

ESSAY CONTEST – Douglas Brady

Chapters that have received entries should have them judged and on the way to the State Chairman with a report of the number of enquiries, entries received and awards given. Judging by a panel of three judges is scheduled for February with the results out by February 20.

EAGLE PROGRAM – Robert Sjolin

We are looking for four more chapters to submit scholarship applications. The judging takes place on February 3 to select the state winner to go to Louisville for the NSSAR judging.

HANDBOOK – Roger Johnson

The handbook needs to be reviewed and updated. The update should consider the revised National SAR handbook that was issued during the last year. The committee will review the handbook and update as needed.

The LIBERTY BELL – Kes Kesler & Mike Frisbie

750 copies were printed of the February 2007 issue because of the increase in membership as well as the outreach efforts to recruit prospective new members. The new editor, Mike Frisbie of the Delaware Crossing Chapter, is replacing Kes Kesler, who has served 16 years as editor. Keith Hayes, of the Monticello Chapter, will be handling the mailing duties, replacing Don Ireland, who is retiring after many years of service.

POSTER CONTEST – Dick Nelson

The Delaware Crossing Chapter has chosen its patriotic poster competition winner. She is Alexx Graham, a 5th grade student at Overland Park Elementary School. A panel of judges chose the winner out of a total of 22 winners from three participating schools. 142 5th grade students made posters with the theme being Yorktown. Alex and her art teacher were recognized at the February chapter meeting. The winning poster was on display at the State Conference in March.

Reports

ORATION CONTEST – Kes Kesler

The objective of the Rumbaugh Orations Contest this year is to have more chapters involved in sponsoring a local contest and sending their winners to the state contest which will be held at 2:00 PM, Saturday, May 5, 2007, in Emporia. The following are the chairmen of their chapters' contests: Darren W. Couch, Fort Scott; Stanley D. Hambright, Konza Prairie Chapter; John G. Saylor, Charles Robinson Chapter; Larry G. Boyd, Fort Hays; Edgar E. Grover, Sons of the Plains Chapter; George W. Easter, Bennington Chapter; Ramon S. Powers, Thomas Jefferson Chapter. A special promotion piece has been designed just for the orations contest and sent to both the president and the orations chairman of each of these chapters. Along with this were included the Contestant Entry Form, Biographical Sketch Form and Suggestions for Planning the Orations. Requests for assistance may be directed to this state chair.

AMERICANISM – Martin Klotzbach

(See Chapter News on pages 6 and 7 for details.)

TREASURER – David Comer

Donors to the Kansas Heritage Fund

From **Bennington Chapter**: PD Bolen, RA Cook, GW Easter, DJ Kadavy, JB Lane, DD Robb. From **Charles Robinson Chapter**: PC Rankin. From **Delaware Crossing Chapter**: JM Brooks, DL Comer, HG Corwin, Cunningham, IB Ellis, HD Fry, PO Grassl, RB Hartzler, JG Hayes, JF Hess, RB Hodgman, HH Kesler, CH Kinder, WB Lohse, FT Louk Jr, WH McBride Jr, RA Nelson, TE Peterman. From **Fort Hays Chapter**: CC Middlekauf, LH Whiteker, LH Whiteker Jr. From **Konza Prairie Chapter**: WH Avery. From **Members-at-Large**: RW Neuforth, MS Roupe. From **Sons of the Plains Chapter**: DW Hull. From **Thomas Jefferson Chapter**: PL Baker, JR Caton, TR Conn, RL Johnson, OA Knodel, DM Mize, RD Parr, FM Vicory, DW Wallace, JB Wood. From **Washington Chapter**: PW Bernstorf, LE Booker, BD Brady, SD Brady, HG Jones II, RL LeMasters, WM Lewis, I Miller, JB Orr, LH Pickett, LW Purinton, TE Smith Jr, CS Stallwitz, RD Standrich, GP Taylor, RC Taylor, RP Taylor, JA Wilcox.

Donors to the George Washington Fund

From **Bennington Chapter**: RA Cook, GW Easter, JB Lane. From **Delaware Crossing Chapter**: Beckett, RA Cunningham, IB Ellis, HD Fry, RB Hartzler, JL Hayes, JF Hess, RB Hodgman, RF James, HH Kesler, CH Kinder, FT Louk Jr, WH McBride Jr, RA Nelson, TE Petterman. From **Members-at-Large**: RW Neuforth, MS Roupe. From **Sons of the Plains Chapter**: DW Hull. From **Thomas Jefferson Chapter**: PL Baker, JR Caton, RL Johnson, OA Knodel, DM Mize, RD Parr, FM Vicory, DW Wallace, JB Wood. From **Washington Chapter**: PW Bernstorf, LE Booker, BD Brady, JM Gaffney Jr, HG Jones II, RL LeMasters, WM Lewis, I Miller, LH Pickett, LW Purinton, AR Sleeper Jr, CS Stallwitz, RD Standrich, GP Taylor, RC Taylor, RP Taylor, JA Wilcox, RL Wright.

COMPATRIOTS' SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

Last	First	Middle	NSSAR	Ks	Ch	Yrs	Anniversary
Pamman	Luther	Hays	72022	671	MAL	55	03/24/07
Sleeper	Alan	Roy, Jr.	87911	810	WA	45	02/20/07
Wheeler	Ross	Sterling	87916	815	WA	45	03/31/07
Fellenstein	Charles	Frederick	111812	1186	DX	30	02/17/07
Coffelt	Jerry	Allen	129230	1768	MAL	20	03/26/07
Stephenson	Mark	Wilson	129314	1770	TJ	20	03/31/07
Brady	Bryan	Dewayne	138448	1950	WA	15	02/28/07
Smith	Ralph	William	138449	1951	DX	15	02/28/07
Luthi	Jeffrey	Ray	138450	1952	DX	15	02/28/07
Bond	James	Ellsworth	138552	2140	BN	15	03/10/07
Holmes	Carl	Dean	138605	1954	DX	15	03/19/07
Burns	James	Robert, III	138652	2351	DX	15	03/25/07
Basler	Paul	Bryant	147664	2098	MAL	10	02/07/07
Kleinschmidt	Eldon	Richard	147665	2099	TJ	10	02/07/07
Kinder	Charles	Horace	147745	2100	DX	10	02/21/07
Stallwitz	Craig	Stewart	147803	2101	WA	10	02/26/07
Grassl	Peter	Otto	147804	2102	DX	10	02/26/07
Bolen	Patrick	Daniel	147897	2103	BN	10	03/14/07
Haneke	Robert	Dean	157504	2288	SP	5	03/12/07
Barber	John	Perry, II	157506	2290	DX	5	03/12/07
Little	Dylan	Michael	157626	2291	DX	5	03/29/07
Desmond	Richard	James	157627	2292	DX	5	03/26/07
Reals	William	Joseph, III	157756	2294	WA	5	04/03/07
Forbes	Bradley	William	157782	2298	DX	5	04/05/07
Morgan	William	Phillip	157839	2300	DX	5	04/12/07
Baker	Phillip	Leonard	157860	2301	TJ	5	04/12/07
McCoin	John	Mack	157870	2302	DX	5	04/12/07

SAR SPRING LEADERSHIP MEETING

KSSSAR Trustee Barnett Ellis and VP Peter Grassl attended the SAR Spring Leadership meeting in Louisville the last weekend of February. The events included a wide range of committee meetings, Trustee's meeting, leader training and camaraderie.

Compatriot Ellis is completing an interim term on the SAR Foundation. The Nominations Committee recommended that he be elected to a three year term. Grassl chaired the "Task Force for New Chapter Development" and presented a Power Point presentation on "Creating New Chapters" to a packed room.

VP Grassl and Treasurer-General Appleby of Missouri made an informal presentation to the Congress Committee for hosting the 2013 event in Kansas City.

Colleen Wilson, SAR Director of Outreach Education, presented a program on outreach education. Updated historical education lesson plans are being rolled out. She shows some of the outreach events taking place at HQ for area schools; those programs will be available soon for nation-wide distribution. The Florida Society's "Keyholes in History" public service announcements were introduced and is being developed for distribution to other state societies.

The Fall Leadership meeting will be held September 27-29, 2007 at The Brown Hotel in Louisville. The event is open to any compatriot who desires to learn more about the SAR, to improve his skills, and to contribute to the betterment of the Society.

CONGRESS IN WILLIAMSBURG

The 117th SAR Congress will take place in Williamsburg, VA between July 6 - 11, 2007. The Congress will feature the national Rumbaugh Orations contest, which is one of the big highlights, the memorial service, business and training sessions, and programs for the Ladies Auxiliary. Color Guardsman are encouraged to wear their uniforms throughout the community. A pass to all areas of the Williamsburg property is included in the SAR registration fee. See the SAR Magazine for more information or <http://www.sar.org/news/congress/117thCongress.html>.

* CHAPTER NEWS *

BENNINGTON CHAPTER (Salina)

George W. Easter, President

*Meets at Senior Center, 249 North 9th Street,
on Dates and Times as announced*

In October, Compatriot Richard Cook sponsored a DAR booth at the Concordia Fall Festival and joined in the signing of Christmas, get well and thinking-of-you cards for Kansas VA hospitals and for the Landstuhl Medical Center in Landstuhl, Germany.

CHARLES ROBINSON CHAPTER (Lawrence)

Jeffrey H. Richards, President

*Meets 2nd Saturday of September, November, January,
March, May, 10:00 AM, Lawrence City Library,
707 Vermont*

DELAWARE CROSSING CHAPTER (Kansas City & Johnson County)

H. Dewey Fry, President

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

The Chapter celebrated the 46th anniversary of its founding at the November meeting. Compatriot William "Tom" Little spoke about three of the early members, Donald Little, Frank Bates and Earl Musser. Don Little was an active founder and the first cousin once removed of Tom Little. Dewey Fry briefly reviewed the past chapter presidents, of whom Don Little was the first, and recognized those past presidents in attendance. Compatriot Don Ireland was presented his 30th Anniversary membership pin. Compatriots Phil Barbour and Ray Helstrom were presented approved supplemental applications.

The talented young ladies and men of the Blue Valley High School Classic Sound entertained with song and dance at the December meeting. Clifford Edwin "Eddie" Fonner and Joseph Bernard "Joe" Peterman were inducted into the SAR. Joe is a convert from Youth Registrant and has been active in the Color Guard for a couple of years. Compatriot John McGuire was presented his 25th Anniversary membership pin.

At the January meeting, Compatriot Bob Capps, V.P. of Programs, presented a program on the role DNA plays in the verification and augmentation of family genealogy. Bob was presented with another approved supplemental application. David Pfortmiller was presented the Eagle Scout Award in recognition of his Eagle Scout accomplishments and essay. David is a junior at Olathe North High School, where he is captain of the swim team. The selection of the Eagle Scout Award winner was made through the efforts of Compatriot Bob McFarlin.

Compatriots from the Delaware Crossing Chapter and the Konza Prairie Chapter marched as the KSSAR Color Guard in the Veterans Day parade in Ottawa, KS. Compatriots from the Delaware Crossing Chapter delivered gifts to the veterans in the Veterans Nursing Home in Leavenworth. Petty Officer Jennifer Richner of the US Navy League Cadet Corp was pre-

sented the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal at the Harry S. Truman Squadron Sea Cadet Awards Banquet at the Hunt Lodge on Fort Leavenworth on Saturday, December 2, by Dewey Fry.

Americanism Poster Contest Assemblies were held in three participating elementary schools. Eight finalists were chosen at each school, and a grand winner, Alexx Graham of Overland Park Elementary, was chosen in late December.

The committee for the Delaware Indian Patriots Memorial, chaired by Peter Grassl, is continuing to pursue a memorial site through the Unified Government of Kansas City and Wyandotte County, with the current discussion being over the location at The Legends at Village West.

There is one application in progress.

FORT HAYS CHAPTER (Hays)

Ralph Burns, President

Date, Time and Place of Meetings as announced

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*

The Chapter meeting was at Mayberry Shawnee Trails in Fort Scott, KS. Compatriot Craig Hart presented a program on the history of his Revolutionary War ancestor. It was reported that all 2006 members have paid their dues for 2007. The next Chapter meeting will be at Girard, KS in conjunction with student participation in the Rumbaugh Oration contest. Plans for a genealogy seminar were discussed with hopes for a seminar this spring in Fort Scott. Compatriot Darren Couch reported that information on the Rumbaugh Orations contest had been distributed to the schools in southeast Kansas. At least one student is participating in the contest, with their presentation planned for the Chapter meeting at Girard on April 14. There was interest from another student, but he is over the age of 18 and unable to participate.

KONZA PRAIRIE CHAPTER (Manhattan)

Donald D. Hettinger, President

*Meets 3rd Thursday at 7:30 PM
Meadowlark Hills Retirement Center*

At the December meeting, two new members were inducted, William Clifton Cromer and Jonathan Michael Meloan; they are the grandsons of Compatriot Cliff Meloan. The program was a discussion on the raid by the Continental Army on the Hessian forces at Trenton, New Jersey, Christmas Day, 1776, and its importance as a turning point in the War.

At the January meeting, one new member was inducted, Dane Meloan, the grandson of Compatriot Cliff Meloan. Compatriot Meloan reported that all of the Manhattan grade schools had been sent flyers about presenting living history programs to 5th grade students to teach them about the Revolutionary War and the life of the soldier in that era of history. The chapter win-

ner of the Knight Essay contest is Megan Jilka of Rock Creek High School with her essay entitled "Richard Henry Lee and the American Revolution". The program was a discussion about the escape of Washington's forces from Trenton as Cornwallis was moving his forces in that direction, and the American victory at Princeton, New Jersey in January, 1777.

The chapter presented awards to 19 Eagle Scouts at the annual banquet and awards ceremony of the Boy Scout Pawnee District in Manhattan. Three chapter members were dressed in period clothing, which made a significant impact to attendees.

At the February meeting, Megan Jilka, chapter winner of the Knight Essay Contest, read her paper titled "Richard Henry Lee and the American Revolution". The program was a general discussion about the first American flags and the early battles of the Revolutionary War.

MONTICELLO CHAPTER (NW Johnson County)

Paul R. Whatley, President

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

A discussion of the history of Shawnee, KS and its ties to Monticello was given by Compatriot Gene Amos at the November meeting. Paul Whatley was inducted into the SAR.

Chapter officers were elected at the December meeting; Paul Whatley, President; Jeff Walsh, Vice-President; David Comer, Treasurer; and Del Crutchfield, Secretary. Shawnee Mayor Jeff Meyer welcomed the new Chapter. John Bolton was appointed Chaplain, Bob McFarlin was appointed Eagle Essay Chairman, and Gene Amos was appointed Program Chairman. Kent McCord was inducted into the SAR.

The January program was presented by Mr. Roy Shenkle of Shawnee on his experience as a gunner on a WWII bomber and his time as a POW in Germany. The chapter's first winner of the Eagle Scout Essay Contest is Eagle Scout Alex Abramovitz, who read his essay on the "Founding of the U.S. Navy". For mentoring Alex along the trail to Eagle Scout, Mr. David Sultz was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation. Two new members were inducted, Keith Hayes and Ralph Knox.

In February, Colonial Frank Weimer, Rtd spoke at the chapter meeting about his personal experiences as a WWII pilot in SE Asia. Jeff Walsh was inducted as a new member. Paul Whatley visited the Shawnee Mayor's office and received a Proclamation recognizing the 275th Birthday of George Washington. The City of Shawnee praised the Monticello Chapter for what we will be doing for the city.

The Chapter website is currently being built by Jeff Walsh. There are up to five applications in progress.

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

In November, Compatriots Ed Grover and Darrell attended a Veteran's Celebration with Compatriot Everett Mulkey from Wichita at the Hutchinson Theater.

THOMAS JEFFERSON CHAPTER (Topeka)

Martin S. Klotzbach, President

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

There were 18 members and six guests at the November meeting. Newly inducted member, Jim Suber, was introduced. The program was on the Veterans History Project. The VA Hospital sent appreciation for the donations of calendars and Christmas cards to the patients. Newsletter editor and webmaster, David Vicory, announced his retirement from those jobs due to health reasons.

There were 23 members and five guests at the December meeting. Compatriot Freeman Vicory collected funds for purchasing snacks for VA Hospital patients. Compatriot Harry Briscoe became a life member.

Due to the inclement winter weather, there were only 12 members and two guests present at the January meeting and the speaker had to cancel due to illness. The nominating committee announced a proposed slate of officers for the following year.

Members continue to be active in the Military Order of the Purple Heart memorial dedications, the Veterans Administration Volunteer Service organization and KSSSAR activities.

There were 17 members and two guests at the February meeting. Vice President Brian Vasquez gave a program about Thomas Jefferson including a number of Jefferson's quotes on many topics. The election of new chapter officers is scheduled for next month's meeting.

WASHINGTON CHAPTER (Wichita Area)

Douglas Brady, President

Meets 3rd Saturday monthly except July & August at 10:30 AM at Grace United Methodist Church, or 2nd Saturday at 11:30 AM at Spears Restaurant

At the November meeting, Compatriot Bill Carroll presented a program on Veterans Day. Other members shared in telling about their military experiences. Compatriot Mulkey reported on the Color Guard and the 2300 JROTC and Leadership program at Century II.

The December meeting was the annual Law Enforcement Award Luncheon combined with the DAR sisters. Wichita Police Department Captain Darrell Haynes introduce Officer Maurice A. Mitchell. Law Enforcement Award Chairman Robert "Pat" Taylor made the presentation to this year's recipient. Officer Mitchell has been awarded the Wichita Police Department "2006 Annual Officer of the Year" Award.

At the January meeting, four JROTC Cadets from Wichita West High School's Honor Guard presented the Colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance. They also provided the program by sharing how the JROTC Program has helped them improve their life skills. Compatriot Blake reported on Operation Ensign and the four other Veterans Refurbishing Projects.

Knight Essay Rules and Rumbaugh Orations Rules were delivered to counselors at six Wichita high schools and to counselors at Derby, Goddard, Haysville and Valley Center.

Scholarship materials for the Eagle Scout Award were delivered to the Boy Scout Council Office.

There are three applications in progress.

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
Peterman	Joseph	Bernard	RR. 3 Box 138C	Butler	MO	64730	168197	2528	DX	Peterman, RW	11/30/06	Asa Eggleston, Jr.
Knox	Ralph	Wesley	7017 Ballentine	Shawnee	KS	66203	168200	2529	MC	Grassl, FO	12/05/06	George Alford
McCord	Kenton	Motter	6523 Parkhill	Shawnee	KS	66216	168201	2530	MC	Taylor, HL	12/05/06	Andrew Merhoun
Auchterdonnie	Kyle	Philip	11703 W Bekemeyer	Wichita	KS	67212	168202	2531	WA	Blake, PW	12/05/06	Daniel Dimon
Pfurnm	Matthew	Amos	5924 Bluejacket	Shawnee	KS	66203	168242	2532	DX	Amos, EP	12/13/06	David Beverly, Jr.
Amos	Gregg	Parker	15150 W 55 th Ter	Shawnee	KS	66217	168243	2533	DX	Amos, EP	12/13/06	David Beverly, Jr.
Walsh	Jeffrey	Cameron	5301 Summit Ct	Shawnee	KS	66216	168306	2534	MC	Ellis, IB	12/29/06	Jacob Weiss
Shade	Robert	Jay	421 Dexter	Wray	CO	80758	168382	2535	FH	Ellis, IB	01/23/07	Simon Reigel
Snively	Michael	Roy	218 N Gordon St	Wichita	KS	67203	168383	2536	WA	Mulkey, EE	01/23/07	Christian Keagy
Miller	Mark	Todd	Dagobertstrasse #9	SS116 Mainz	Germany		168496	2537	MC	Amos, EP	02/09/07	Joseph Cowles
Miller	Wilbert	William, Jr.	13735 W 87 th St PlsWy	Lenexa	KS	66215	168497	2538	MC	Amos, EP	02/09/07	Joseph Cowles
Miller	Shannon	Matlock	401 Hawthorn	Gardner	KS	66030	168498	2539	MC	Amos, EP	02/09/07	Joseph Cowles
Denny	Craig	Kenton	14609 W 83 rd Ter	Lenexa	KS	66215	168499	2540	MC	Grassl, FO	02/09/07	Robert Denny
Hulse	Bobbie	Arthur	508 E Kansas Ave	McPherson	KS	67460	168548	2541	SP	Ellis, IB	02/12/07	Richard Hulse
Lowenbruck	Sylvan	Francis	6604 Eamsshaw	Shawnee	KS	66216	168658	2542	MC	Ellis, IB	02/13/07	Downen Hendhen
Bemstorf	Philip	David	2475 N Greenleaf St	Wichita	KS	67226	168659	2543	WA	Bemstorf, FW	02/13/07	Frederick Walser
Kohler	John	Edward	7507 Goddard St Apt 101	Shawnee	KS	66214	168743	2544	MC	Ellis, IB	02/22/07	Joshua Partidge, Sr.
Carroll	Wayne	Douglas, Sr.	1019 N Oak St	Union	MO	63084	168820	2545	WA	Carroll, CM	02/23/07	William Carroll
Carroll	Wayne	Douglas, Jr.	388 Red Fox Rd	St. Clair	MO	63077	168821	2546	WA	Carroll, CM	02/23/07	William Carroll
Carroll	Warren	Dean	1019 N Oak St	Union	MO	63084	168822	2547	WA	Carroll, CM	02/23/07	William Carroll
Collins	Vingil	Evans	12900 W 101 st St	Lenexa	KS	66215	168908	2548	DX	Ellis, IB	02/27/07	John Weaver
Hueben	David	Mark	9023 Outlook Dr	Overland Park	KS	66207	168909	2549	DX	Ellis, IB	02/27/07	Daniel Morse
Metzler	Kenneth	Ross	PO Box 104	Ellis	KS	67637	168952	2550	FH	Ellis, IB	03/07/07	John Taney
Metzler	David	Ross	905 5 th Ave	Dodge City	KS	67801	168953	2551	FH	Ellis, IB	03/07/07	John Taney
Crutchfield	Delbert	Lee, II	9112 Westbrook Dr	Overland Park	KS	66214	168954	2552	MC	Ellis, IB	03/07/07	Joseph Waugh
Crutchfield	Stephen	Lee	15518 Iron Creek Ct	Basehor	KS	66607	168955	2553	MC	Ellis, IB	03/07/07	Joseph Waugh

PROVEN SUPPLEMENTAL ANCESTORS

Last	First	Middle	NSSAR	Ks	Ch	Approved	Ancestor
Goslin	Charles	Edward	153150	2193	DX	11/30/06	Jabez Murray Tipton
Goslin	Charles	Edward	153150	2193	DX	11/30/06	John Tipton
Comer	David	Leroy	153546	2201	DX	11/30/06	John McFarlane
Comer	David	Leroy	153546	2201	DX	11/30/06	Robert McFarlane
Comer	David	Leroy	153546	2201	DX	11/30/06	Lewis Hale
Comer	David	Leroy	153546	2201	DX	11/30/06	Robert McFarland, II
Comer	David	Leroy	153546	2201	DX	11/30/06	Robert McClain
Gibson	Lyle	Eric	167471	2514	DX	11/30/06	Lewis Adkins
Amos	Eugene	Paul	106044	1043	DX	12/14/06	David Trimble
Amos	Gregg	Edward	106045	1044	DX	12/14/06	Humphrey Sparks
Amos	Gregg	Eugene	106045	1044	DX	12/14/06	Martin Nalle
Amos	Gregg	Edward	106045	1044	DX	12/14/06	Thomas Sparks
Amos	Gregg	Edward	106045	1044	DX	12/14/06	David Trimble
Capps	Robert	Neil, Jr.	164464	2446	DX	12/18/06	Edmund Roberts

FAREWELL TO OUR DEPARTED COMPATRIOTS

Last	First	Middle	NSSAR	Ks	Ch	Member	Died
Gudgen	Prentice	Everett, Jr.	100357	956		1970	06/16/06*
Hiatt	William	Robert	126576	1745		1985	08/24/06*
Conard	Erik	Paul	107443	1067		1974	10/30/06*
Garwood	John	Delvert	122755	1531		1983	11/27/06*
Lemon	Elbert	Vern	108723	1122		1975	12/22/06*
McClaren	DeVene	Eugene	144745	2048		1995	01/03/07*
Thurston	Warren	Henric	61348	639		1944	01/04/07+

*inactive, + demitted

CHARTER CENTENNIAL MEDAL

All compatriots who were members in 2006, plus those approved at the chapter level before January 1, 2007, and subsequently approved by the NSSAR, are eligible to purchase the 2006 Charter Centennial medal set, which celebrates the chartering of the SAR in 1906 by Congress and President Theodore Roosevelt. The medal has a bronze finish and has a likeness of Teddy Roosevelt and is suspended from a blue ribbon. There are two medals in the set, one standard size and one miniature. They come in a nice velvet case. Details can be found at this link:

<http://sarmmerchandise.safeshopper.com>.

Select "Medals and Awards" and then "Specialty Medals". The price of the medal set is \$25.00. This is a one-time, limited offer from NSSAR.

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