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## SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON MEETING NOTICE

Our September Meeting will be held at Hometown Buffet, 6820 W. Central, Wichita, KS 67212 on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30AM. Cost for the buffet meal will be \$8.00, this includes tax and tip. Come join us for a surprise program.

## WHAT IF?

This was Philip Blake's May program: Ten Ways the American Revolution Could Have Been Lost. Now in his own words: "What If? That is an intriguing question, isn't it? And it is a game that many can play and nobody is the loser! When you apply it to the American Revolution it becomes an almost frightening trip into history. At a hundred points in the late 1700s any number of things could have gone awry and literally stopped the Thirteen Colonies in their tracks on the road to independence. Let's look at some of them and if it doesn't scare the daylights out of you, then you just don't understand how tenuous the fabric of the War for Independence really was. Number 10 was what if Martha Washington had not been willing to stay with General George at Valley Forge to help instill some sense of loyalty in the desperate troops?"

## OPERATION ENSIGN FINISHES ANOTHER PROJECT

Operation Ensign has finished the laying of concrete; placement of bronze service medallions and flagpoles at the World War

II Memorial located in Emerson McAdam Park. The completed project has been turned over to the Park Department and American Legion Post 273. Operation Ensign's remaining project is the reconstruction of GAR Pavilion at Maple Grove Cemetery. Final completion and rededication of the Memorial will be accomplished during 2009 barring excessive inclement weather.



Flagpole at World War II Memorial located in Emerson McAdam Park on East 13<sup>th</sup> Street in Wichita.

## FLAG POLES FOR SALE

Operation Ensign has several used 25 foot aluminum flag poles for sale for \$500 as pictured in the above photo. The City of Wichita has donated these flagpoles to Operation Ensign for their efforts in the restoration of the John S. Stevens Flag Memorial. The retail price would be greater than \$1100. Please contact Operation Ensign, P.O. Box 4754, Wichita, KS 67204.

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The Kansas Society SAR presented a Genealogy Workshop on July 19<sup>th</sup> in Wellington. Leading the activities were VP General South Central District SAR Barney Ellis, Chapter Regent Kimberly Wimmer Valley Center DAR, Tim Peterman Genealogist Kansas Society SAR, Douglas Brady of the Washington Chapter Color Guard, Peter Grassl President Kansas Society SAR and Becky Hunter of Goddard DAR.



Everett Mulkey and Douglas Brady representing the Washington Chapter Color Guard.



Douglas Brady and Gary Neal man the Kansas Society SAR Outreach Booth

### **OUTREACH ACTIVITIES**

Our Color Guard participated at the April meeting of the Uvedale Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. This was the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their founding.

The Washington Chapter attended the July 12<sup>th</sup> Wheat Festival in Wellington. Several of the people who stopped by the Kansas Society SAR Outreach Booth also attended the Genealogy Workshop held the following Saturday. We have already received a membership application.



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