

The Liberty Bell

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World War II Memorial

Forever, we honor the men and women in military service in World War II - the largest war in human history with the greatest toll in lives, treasure, and suffering. Those we honor acted with greater strength than they thought they possessed. In dark hours, they saw beyond fear and suffering to the hope of a good life for themselves and for others. They did their duty with a quiet valor that we celebrate. Their commitment to their nation and to their countrymen preserved freedom for the generations to come and thus we resolve to honor their sacrifice by taking their hopes of individual freedom and mutual respect as our responsibility and our destiny.

On the cover: Compatriot Timothy Bevan, Washington Chapter's winning entry in the NSSAR Thomas Jefferson Bond Jr. Memorial Photographic Award.

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President's Corner



KSSSAR Covid Reset

Compatriots I must first say that you are to be commended for finding ways to continue our mission as members of the SAR during these unusual times. Men have found ways to reload and keep up the charge into the next level of membership as we approach the 1000 member s in our march. As we move into this level of membership retention is paramount in saying this is truly an accomplishment. I hope that all new members are receiving a call from their president or sponsor inviting them to the next meeting for introductions to others and installment into the Society, pinning them with their rosette and welcoming them officially into the group. Many chapters have re-started meeting in person if at all possible and as yet I have heard of no ill effects from the renewed contact. I do have reservations for some with compromised health attending but we do live in a free nation and that decision is personal, in my opinion.

Two new Patriot Chests are out in circulation and two more have been made by Compatriot Bit Roberts of

the Sons of the Plains Chapter. I anticipate turning one over to the East and keeping one in the West for use in the schools. In the west we have split up some of the stuff from the State purchase of materials in order to get off to a strong start when we are allowed in the Classroom. If we can't get in classrooms the thought is that we could Zoom to the students a presentation since many are doing hybrid studies and this may be a great time to actually find new schools to approach and find our way into the hearts of the teachers as they are truly having a tough time right now with attendance during the Zoom sessions with students. They are looking for ways to get the kids more involved. That said the way we present may be even more challenging as we will not have the advantage of seeing the students and interacting with the group. Please be sure to try and do the YPT before you go into the classroom.

We must be encouraged by several things that have happened during the covid era. We have moved into an area of technology that we most likely would not have done so quickly had it not been out of necessity. Who knows when we would have started doing Zoom meetings had it not been forced on us. I want the express my thanks to Bryan Wampler and Justin Engleman for ushering us into this and setting up the State Society's Zoom account. I feel that we have been more than receptive to ideas, tasks, and ways to get things done and do it in a timely manner. Those of you on National Committee's I know it has been a challenge for all to set up and attend those meetings

as some are set up on top of each other. Some were done at a time when other things were planned and they seem to go on for a long time but for the most part the discussions have been productive and in many cases more accomplished than if they were done on a forced schedule at leadership.

Some of the things going on that I have heard about are a project with the CAR in Wichita with the Washington Chapter. Several new Color Guardsmen are working on getting new uniforms in the Prairie Minutemen Chapter, there are a good number of new members in the Ft. Hays Chapter and several applications in progress there. Bennington Chapter President Tom White has been working to get Gravestone cleaning projects going and several are in the planning stages, Tom has volunteered to go anywhere in the state to help do some training for those who are interested in that project as a public service and service to veterans as well. I know that there are many things going on around the state and please be sure to share them with Steve Hamlin so that we can all read about them in the "Liberty Bell". Steve has done a super job since taking on the "Liberty Bell" so we should all make sure that our chapters activities are shared to the rest of the KSSSAR.

Until we meet again Stay Safe and be sure to vote.

KSSAR History

The following story is reprinted from the original article in the Topeka Daily Capitol dated April 1, 1892.

THEY ORGANIZE

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION IN KANSAS

In the rooms of the State Historical society yesterday afternoon the Kansas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution was founded and the following officers were elected: President A. Washburn; vice president Second congressional district, F. H. Betton, vice president Fourth district, J. L. Furber; secretary, F. G. Adams; treasurer, George D. Hale; historian U. C. Spencer; registrar, T. E. Bowman; delegates to national convention, F. G. Adams and A. Washburn.



1st President of KSSAR Avery Washburn

The object and purpose of the society is to keep alive among the members and their decedents the patriotic spirit of the men who in military, naval or civil service, by their acts or council achieved American Independence; to collect and secure for preservation the manuscript rolls, records ad other documents relating to the war of the Revolution and promote social intercourse and good feeling among its members now and hereafter.

Any person is eligible for membership who is a resident of Kansas and who is descended from a revolutionary ancestor wherever resident, who is of the age of twenty-one years, and whose ancestor was either a military or naval officer, soldier or sailor, or was an official

in the service of any of of the thirteen original colonies or states, or of the government representing or composed of those colonies or states who assisted in establishing American independence during the war of the revolution

The following gentlemen signed the constitution yesterday afternoon: Goe. D. Hale, F.G. Adams, A Washburn, H. W. Curtis, S. J. Woodman, J.L. Furber, A. Holcrt, F. H. Betton, U.C. Spencer, E. Edwards, A.D. Washburn, N.F. Handy, A.J. Borrrows, T.E. Bowman, H.J. Adams, and J. C. Hogue.

The origination will be enlarged by members from all over the state. The officers elected yesterday were empowered to act as an executive committee to appoint vice presidents for the remaining congressional districts of the state.

Judge Adams in speaking of the society said: "Massachusetts in 1875 celebrated the 100th anniversaries of the battles of Lexington and Bunker Hill, the opening of the revolutionary war.



Judge Franklin George Adams National Delegate

"The national centennial of 1876 led to unusual local celebrations of the Fourth of July in many of the states. At the celebrations at San Francisco, Cal., was begun the organization of a permanent society called the 'Sons of Revolutionary Sires'. This society contemplated a national organization of societies in other states.

"In New York City the society of the 'Sons of the Revolution' was organized in 1883, as an out-growth of the interest taken in the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the evacuation of New York by the British army. The constitution of the society provided for auxiliary societies in other states, which might be organized by procuring charters from the parent, the New York Society.

In 1888 the Pennsylvania society of the 'Sons of the Revolution' was organized, But it did not procure a charter from the New York Society and declined to occupy a position auxiliary to that society.

"The interest in the celebrations, in 1889, of the centennial anniversary of the inauguration of Washington as the first President of the United States, led to the organization of a society in New Jersey. This society applied to the New York society for a charter. The charter was refused for the reasons among other that the New York society considered that the people of New Jersey lived so near to New York that it would be better for them to become members of or attend the meetings of the New York or Pennsylvania society.

"In 1889 the Connecticut society was formed. This applied to the New York Society for fraternal recognition and admission to the fellowship. The New York society replied that the Connecticut society could be "accepted only as an auxiliary branch of the New York society. The Connecticut society declined affiliation except as co-equal, and on the 24th of April adopted the constitution under the name of the 'Connecticut society of the Sons of the American Revolution.'

"In March 1889, in view of the national celebration of the New Jersey society took steps towards a national organization of the descendants of the revolution, sending out invitations to all the states to participate in such organization. Thirteen state organizations were formed. The national convention met in New York April 30, at which eighteen states were represented. This convention organized the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

"It will be seen that among these several societies there have been three different names. First the California society called 'Sons of Revolutionary Sires,' established in 1876. Next the New York society named 'Sons of the Revolution,' established in 1883. Third the name "Sons of

the American Revolution," first adopted in 1889 by the Connecticut society, and the same year by the National society. This is the present session. It is a striking fact that the war records of the revolutionary struggle have never yet been published. They remain in boxes in the department of state at Washington. The government is now publishing the records of the late civil war, and already volumes of these are in print. But those of the war which gave life to the republic are yet in the condition of which I speak.

"My own interest in this movement for organizing the Kansas descendants of the revolution is in a large measure due to the fact that it is in line with the work of the Historical society. I have taken pains to gather into the library of this society as far as possible all records of all the wars in which this country has been engaged. In all this the people of the state are interested. Especially are they interested in the records of the late war. These records are being made accessible, but often and often the Ohio, or Michigan, or Connecticut soldier who comes in here inquires for the record of his revolutionary grandfather. In the case of one or two of these states we can give the record. These the states have published. But in the main part there is no means by which the Kansas descendant who knows only by tradition the fact that his ancestor was a revolutionary soldier can verify the fact by reading the record. As I have stated the national society of "The Sons of the American Revolution" is working with good effect at Washington to secure the publication of such records by the United States government. Prof. G. Brown Good, assistant secretary of the Smithsonian institution who is registrar general of the society, and others are now at work for that object, with good prospect of success."

The society of the Sons of the Revolution was chartered yesterday, with the following directors: Elisha S. Thomas, Edward Wilder, T.D. Thacher, T.J. Kellman, J.D. Livingston, W.C. Webb, J. Willis Gleed and B. R. Wheeler, all of Topeka, and W.A. Pierce of Maple Hill.

Color Guard Activities

Spotlight on Monticello Chapter Color Guard Members

The Monticello Chapter is extremely proud of their Color Guard members who have created a great legacy for other members to follow. These men, and often their wives, are routinely called upon for numerous events. If one is not able to attend, others rally to assist. Without question, the Color Guardsmen of the Monticello Chapter are the face of the chapter and represent our State and National Organizations well!



Compatriot Lyman Miller and his wife Mrs. Betty Miller are long time members of the Monticello Chapter Color Guard. Some of our best photos of Color Guard events were taken by Betty Miller. Lyman has served as the Chapter Color Guard Commander and currently holds the title as the Monticello Chapter Color Guard Commander Emeritus because of his long and faithful service to the organization. Lyman has earned the Bronze and Silver Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard Medals and is a past recipient of the Kansas Society Color Guardsman of the year at least two different times!



Compatriot (Dr.) Alan Martin, DDS is the current Monticello Chapter Color Guard Commander and Chapter Secretary. Alan is extremely active with the Color Guard at the Chapter and State level. Additionally, he is able to balance his dental practice, support his local church and BSA Scouting Troop. Alan has also earned the Sons of the American Revolution Bronze and Silver Color Guard Medals.



Compatriot Bruce Bowman is a Past Chapter President and a valued member of our Color Guard and is the individual who coordinated with the United States Court House to have the Monticello Chapter to provide the Color Guard for the Naturalization Ceremonies. We look forward to supporting the Naturalization Ceremonies again once the Coronavirus Pandemic ends! Bruce also serves as the Chapter's Genealogist and Mentorship Chair. Bruce has earned the Sons of the American Revolution Bronze Color Guard medal and is a George Washington Fellow.



Compatriot Craig Dillavou is also a Past Chapter President and extremely active in the chapter. In addition to being a member of the Color Guard, Craig is the Chair of the Poster and Brochure contest, working with schools each year for submissions of both. There are times when it is extremely difficult to select winners from the many submissions. The students always enjoy seeing Craig when he arrives to present their awards. Craig has also attended many Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps awards ceremonies presenting cadets their awards. Craig is also a Chapter Advisor and has earned the Sons of the American Revolution Bronze Color Guard medal.

A group that was founded by Compatriots Charles Goslin, Phil Barbour, and Craig Dillavou was called the "Drums of Freedom," a group that we are working to reestablish. When initially founded, the hope was to establish a fife and drum corps, but the group was never able to find anyone who could play the fife. The group selected a unique uniform, bought drums and started performing at different events to include schools where they would talk about the Revolution. Compatriot Phil Barbour passed away a few years ago and Compatriot Charles Goslin has retired from the group. You will still see Compatriot Craig Dillavou with his drum performing at events such as the Kansas & Missouri George Washington Birthday Celebration and our State Conference.



Caption Above: Compatriot Charles Goslin taking a break after an event at the Lenexa Hills Elementary School.



Compatriot Craig Dillavou remembers the Drums of Freedom's first program at an elementary school. They all dressed in their unique uniforms, spoke of the Revolutionary War, and then asked the students

if they wanted to march. Craig said, "Wow, they all ran to the floor, got behind us and we marched them around the gym playing a lively cadence on the drums. It was a lot of fun!"



Henry Leavenworth Chapter Member Receives Liberty Medal



Henry Leavenworth Chapter member Brooks Lyles received the Liberty Medal, a National award from the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). The award was for recruiting ten members

Prairie Minutemen Chapter Celebrate Constitution Day

The Prairie Minutemen Chapter hosted a Constitution Day bell ringing at Ellsworth High School, led by chapter members Logan and Noah Erichsen, with the assistance of chapter president John Sherman in his color guard uniform. Other PM Chapter members and prospects and Smoky Hill DAR members were also in attendance.



Washington Chapter Color Guard Initiates New Member

On a beautiful August 8th morning Washington Chapter welcomed new member Compatriot Christopher Carlton. Color Guard members in attendance were Chapter Vice President John Schwartz, Secretary Steve Hamlin, Treasurer and Registrar Joe Warne and Color Guard Commander Don Lemen Jr.



Left to Right (front row) Steve Hamlin, Christopher Carlton, Joe Warne, (back row John Schwartz, Don Lemen



Washington Chapter Color Guardsmen L-R Steve Hamlin, John Schwartz, Randy Colbey and Don Lemen Jr.

Konza Prairie Chapter Receives Brown Bess Gifts from Long Time Compatriot

Over the past year, Lifetime SAR Member Cliff Meleon, has generously donated \$3,000 to the Konza Prairie Chapter for the members to outfit themselves in Uniforms for parades, Color Guards, school functions and other Societal events. He recently notified the Chapter President that he was donating some (4) rifles to the group.

Pictured here is one of the smooth bore Brown Bess rifles with bayonet and scabbard donated at over \$1,000 a piece.



Cliff had been very active in visiting area elementary schools to present Revolutionary War History programs in person. These fifth graders always got a special treat during their study of the War for Independence. Through his generosity and partnership with these teachers, he shared a history lesson of our Patriot ancestors that has been a big part of the Konza Prairie Chapter Youth Programs.

Book Review

Killing England by Bill O'Reilly

Bill O'Reilly and his coauthor Martin Dugard expand their famous "Killing" series to include the American Revolution.

Killing England tends to focus on only one or two characters /historical figures for each chapter. In the prologue, readers are introduced to George Washington as a 21-year-old lieutenant Col for the British army at The Battle of Fort Mifflin where he faces his first military defeat and briefly summarizes Braddock's Disaster and Washington's subsequent resignation from military service until being called upon by the Continental Congress to lead the newly formed American Continental Army years later.

Besides General Washington and King George, both Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin are the other two "main characters" featured in *Killing England*, with Jefferson's story arc largely focusing on the writing and signing of The Declaration of Independence, the inner workings and day to day activities of Congress, and later as a widower and plantation owner of Monticello. Ben Franklin's ambassadorship to France and his influence on the war effort is also a major plot point, as is his reputation for affairs and courtships of multiple women throughout his life both American and French alike.

The authors explore the personalities and characteristics of each of the main characters to bring a human side to the historical record.

None of these men were without flaws and each of them were also shown as facing great internal conflicts in addition to the conflict which changed the course of human history. Readers can almost feel the anguish and worry that Washington feels for his men during the winter at Valley Forge as well as the sheer joy and sense of victory after the surrender of General Cornwallis. Thomas Jefferson is fraught with conflict over whether to stay with Congress or return home to be at the bedside of his ailing wife Martha only to end up losing her along with all but one of their children. Benjamin Franklin has a great many skills as an

inventor, writer, publisher, scientist, and politician. He has a way with words, and a way with women, as evidenced by correspondence that was discovered between him and several women over the years. He is also a skilled diplomat and a fierce patriot for the newly independent America. Yet for all his positive qualities *Killing England* also shows readers that Ben Franklin was neglectful of his own family, and of his duties as a father. In fact, the rift between Ben and his illegitimate son William was so great that he (William) chose loyalty to England and even exiled himself upon learning that his father would have arrested him and the two never spoke again. This is profound to me because it shows how politics and differing beliefs could divide families even in America's earliest days. The humanity and flaws of each man helped me to experience The American Revolution in a more personal way as opposed to mere facts and figures.

If you have a favorite book about the Revolution, Colonial America or Founding Americans and would like to share a review please send your review to Steve Hamlin at unclehammy@sbcglobal.net. Please include your name and KSSSAR chapter.

The Two Georges



General George Washington



King George III of England





Hello all!

For those who may be unaware, my name is Claire Moser, and I am honored to serve as the C.A.R. Kansas State President for this year. I am excited to have such awesome support for my State Project! This year, we are raising funds for the American Legion Legacy Scholarship. This scholarship seeks to offer financial assistance for college students who have a parent that died in active duty in the U.S. military post 9/11 or is disabled by 50% or more. The Legacy Scholarship is given out on a need-based evaluation, which can total up to \$20,000 for a single recipient. Last year alone, the American Legion was able to give out over one million dollars' worth of scholarships through this scholarship fund, which each recipient receiving almost the full \$20,000 cap.



Being a college student myself, I cannot imagine the difficulties of paying for college without financial aid. There are college students whose parents have served in the military and fought for this country and have suffered death or disability for the sake to make this country free for posterity. I believe it is part of our duty as American citizens and patriots to honor their sacrifice and do what we can to repay them. The Legacy Scholarship fund is a prime form of

such repayment. By donating to this cause, we are giving these students the opportunity to take part in not only education, but to further experience the freedom that their loved one bravely fought and sacrificed to provide for them and to us.

Summer Chaplaine is a young woman who was struggling with the idea of going to college, knowing that she would have to pay for it all on her own. However, thanks to the American Legion Legacy Scholarship, she is attending a university in Oklahoma to study Arabic and International Studies in honor of her father, who served in the U.S. Army and died from injuries he had sustained in active service. Chaplaine was quoted to say that "My father taught us that if you want to make a difference, you have to do something greater than yourself." To make a difference, we must do something that is greater than our own selves. I greatly encourage you to begin making that difference by donating to this project.

Tiana Negron, one of the most recent Legacy Scholarship recipients, is the daughter of a 24 year Army veteran. Because of this scholarship, Tiana is able to attend medical school to treat homeless men and women struggling with addiction. Elek Wellman is the son of Iraq veteran Dan Wellman, who was severely injured serving during his service. Inspired by his father, he is using his Legacy Scholarship to pursue medical school after graduating college at Notre Dame.

These children of fallen and disabled soldiers are reminders that freedom is never free. It comes at a cost, and that cost cannot be fully repaid. However, together, we can make a difference. We can honor the legacy of brave men and women who have sacrificed for us. I hope you will join me in honoring their legacy and making a difference!

Thank you,
Claire Moser
2020-2021 C.A.R. KS State President



SAR – DAR Coordination

Monticello Chapter Awards Medal of Appreciation to Regent Judy Kay Rider

By Brian Wampler President Monticello Chapter

On Saturday, October 10, 2020 Monticello Chapter President Bryan Wampler and Compatriot Jared Rider presented the Medal of Appreciation to the John Haupt Chapter Regent Judy Kay Rider with the DAR Medal of Appreciation in Valley Falls, KS. The John Haupt Chapter is a Topeka Chapter, but the members rotate their meetings between Topeka, KS and Valley Falls, KS since half the members live in the respective locations. Compatriot Jared Rider is a new member of the Monticello Chapter and grew up in Valley Falls, KS and now lives with his family in Johnson County, KS. His parents, Dr. James and Judy Rider, have had a medical practice in Valley Falls, KS for more than 40 years.



Compatriot Bryan Wampler Presents Regent Judy Kay Rider with her Medal of Appreciation Certificate. Photos taken by Jennifer Wampler

Valley Falls, KS is a thriving small town in Jefferson County near Perry Lake and east of Holton, KS. According to online sources, Valley Falls was first called Grasshopper

Falls, but later change the town's name after the name change of the Grasshopper River to the Delaware River. The Delaware River rises west of Sabetha, Kansas in Nemaha County with a southeast course through Nemaha, Brown, Jackson, Atchison, and Jefferson counties in northeast Kansas. The first Valley Falls settlement was in 1854 with an official designation in 1855. Many of the town's streets were named after women pioneer settlers.



Compatriot Jared Rider presents his Mother Regent Judy Kay Rider with her Medal of Appreciation. Photos taken by Jennifer Wampler

As outlined in the NSSAR Official Handbook, Volume V: Individual Medals and Awards, the SAR Medal of Appreciation may be presented to a member of the DAR in good standing in recognition of and in appreciation for outstanding services rendered to the SAR. The award may recognize assistance in forming new SAR chapters, obtaining a specific number of new SAR members or otherwise significantly aiding the SAR programs. A lady may receive this medal multiple times.

NSSAR Launches Patriot Sons and Daughters Project

By Dennis Nelson, KSSSAR National Trustee

The Sons of the American Revolution have made a diligent effort to locate and mark the graves of those Patriots who served in the American revolution. However, this work is only the beginning of the American Patriot story. This story continues with sons and daughters of those brave Americans as both Patriots and their children moved across North America to settle the frontier of the Western Reserve; forging west across the Mississippi and into the uncharted Louisiana wilderness to settle and tame our nation. The legacy of our Patriots continues today as we recognize the value of their many descendants in establishing towns and villages that would grow into the organized states that lay to the west.

Many communities, state and organizations were founded by these Patriot Sons and Daughters and by highlighting Patriot Sons and Daughters, we acknowledge of our Patriot Ancestors as we hold ceremonies to commemorate their Sons and Daughters, bringing attention to SAR National and

America's 250th Anniversary of founding.

Each time a grave is marked, the history of our Patriot Ancestor will be included in the ceremony, once again highlighting the importance of our founding generation.

As part of the America 250 SAR Committee program, these events will facilitate a connection with the youth we educate the will inspire them to connect and learn more about our Patriot Ancestors and their Patriot Sons and Daughters. Grave medallions will be presented as part of a ceremony honoring our Patriot Ancestor.



To honor the contributions of these many individuals, the America 250 SAR Committee seeks to place grave markers on the graves of sons,

grandsons, daughters and granddaughters of our Patriot Ancestors. The application must include the Patriot Lineage and Biography for use at the presentation ceremony and a letter of endorsement from the Chapter President, stating that the chapter will take part in the ceremony.

The America 250 SAR Committee proposes the use of a simple three circular bronze marker with the SAR wreath and Maltese Cross in the center, surrounded by the words: Sons of the American Revolution around the top and Patriot Son or Patriot Daughter around the bottom.

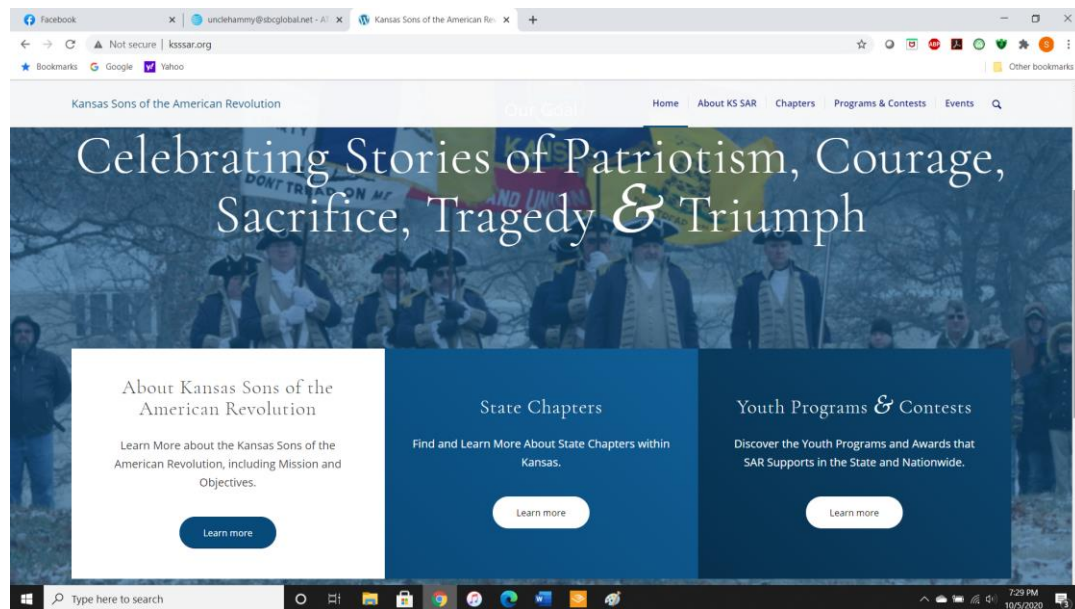
The America 250 SAR Committee unanimously adopted the concept for use by all SAR chapters at the 2019 Fall Leadership Meeting. The America 250 SAR Committee requests that the SAR National Medals & Awards Committee endorse the project and approve the manufacture and use of these medallions.

The Kansas State Society Website Continues to be Updated

By Compatriot Bryan Wampler, Eastern Region Vice President

Please visit the Kansas State Society Website at KSSSAR.org to see updated information and photos. A new section has been added under the “About KS SAR” that lists the “Ellis Spirit Award Recipients.” Please contact Compatriot Bryan Wampler and Compatriot Jordan Chambers with any changes or updates that need to be made to the website.

Here are a few images of the old website pages compared with the new site:



KSSSAR Youth Protection Program

During the August Board of Governors meeting the KSSSAR leadership discussed adopting a new youth protection program. The program is designed to protect youth participants in KSSSAR activities from abuse by adults involved with those activities. It is also designed to protect the adults who volunteer for youth activities from false accusations of improper contact with the youth by setting ground rules that each compatriot will agree to follow. Most important of the new guidelines is two deep contact with any youth. The compatriot volunteer must not initiate any one on one contact with any youth without another adult present. The adult can be another compatriot, a teacher or school administrator or a parent of guardian of the youth.

While details of the program are still being worked out the foundation of the new program is that each compatriot whom will have any contact with youth in any capacity must complete the Boy Scouts of American (BSA) online youth protection program by registering at the following website:

<https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/>

Once the compatriot has completed the BSA online youth protection training he must provide his certificate to his chapter secretary. The chapter secretary will keep the valid BSA youth protection training certificate on file for each compatriot who will have any contact with youth during any KSSSAR sponsored activity.

Educational Outreach

Sons of the Plains Chapter Poster Contest Winners

Students from Roosevelt Elementary 5th grade classes of Ashley McAllister and Maegen Stucky participated in the 5th Grade Poster Contest sponsored by the Sons of the American Revolution. Students this year were given an event from the Revolutionary period to research and create a poster depicting the event. This year each student had a different event and reported on their research to the class as well as making their posters. The teachers did their homework as well, finding over forty events for the kids to do their research on. A comment was made by the teachers that they learned more about the Revolution than they had ever known doing the search for so many events to assign. In these times this was a great year for such a venture in learning our nation's founding experience. Congratulations to all of the students and the teachers for the success this year as this learning tool has been used at Roosevelt for a number of years but the comments from all involved seemed to reflect that this year was one of the best ever.

Chapter winners were: 1st place Chelsea Wandler, 2nd place Piper VanCampen, 3rd place Kayla Martin. They are pictured with Bobbie Hulse who presented this opportunity to the students with a short skit and presentation of period artifacts from the Patriot Chest that he brings to the classroom for presentations. In addition to these winners Chelsea Wandler's poster was advanced to the state level where it was just announced that she placed 2nd in the State so she will be receiving an additional award in the near future.



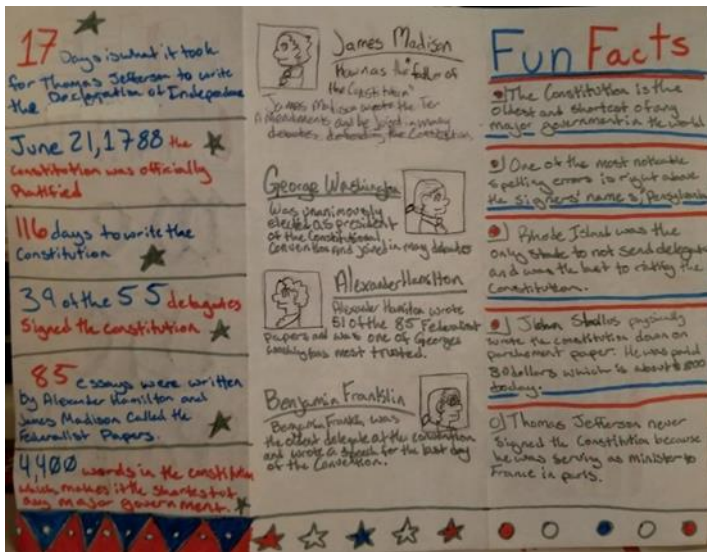
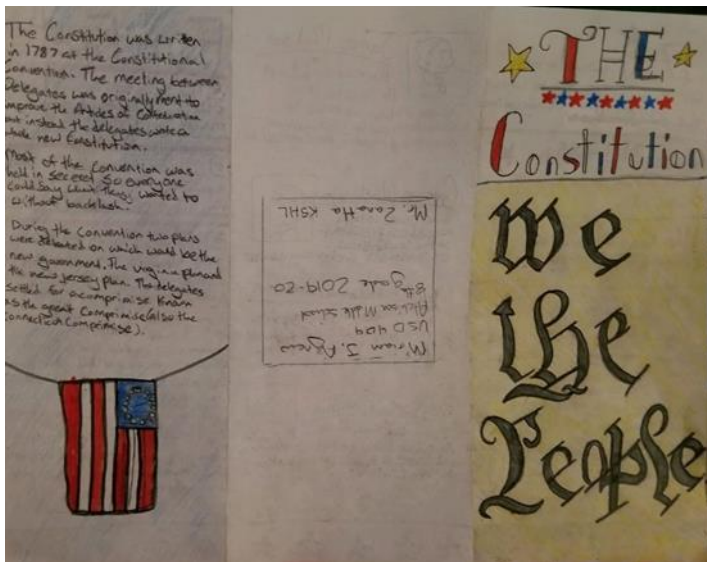
2020 KSSSAR Americanism Poster Contest Winner



"Join the Revolution" by **Audrey Grainer**
Pioneer Ridge Middle School in the Gardner-Edgerton
School District

KSSSAR 2020 Brochure Contest

Correction: In the July issue of the Liberty Bell it was reported that Mirim J. Agnew provided the winning entry for the 2020 Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest for the state of Kansas. This was an error. The winner of the brochure contest was, Mason R. Henderson. The winning brochure was submitted by Monticello chapter, Shawnee, Kansas.



Winning Brochure Entry

Miriam Agnew won 2nd place in the Kansas Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Patriotic Brochure contest. Miriam was presented a check for \$75.00 at the Henry Leavenworth Chapter meeting.



Henry Leavenworth Chapter President Darren Hasse presents Miriam Agnew a check for \$75.00

WREATHS *across* AMERICA

Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, the mission to Remember, Honor and Teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 2,100 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad. This year Wreaths Across America Day is December 19, 2020.

Many KSSAR Chapters participate in Wreaths Across America each year. This year's participants include:

The **Monticello Chapter** is an official participating sponsor of the Wreaths Across America program. Please plan to join the Monticello Chapter on Saturday, December 19, 2020 at 11:00 AM, at the Johnson County Memorial Gardens to Remember and Honor our veterans by laying remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's heroes.

Wreaths can be purchased at <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/164304>. Donations help in the mission to "Remember the Fallen, Honor those who Served, and Teach the value of freedom." The Johnson County Memorial Gardens is located at 112000 Metcalf Ave., Overland Park, KS 66210. Other organizations supporting this event include the Delaware Crossing Chapter, the Greater Kansas City Chapter of the Association of the United States Army, Tree of Memories/Johnson County Funeral Chapel, Sagamore Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Mission Road Community of Christ, Johnson County Student Veterans of America, Blue Star Mothers of the Kansas City Area, and Three Trails West Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. This opportunity is a USS Stark, Partners in Patriotism and Color Guard Event.

Washington Chapter will once again host the WAA ceremony December 19, 2020 at 11:00 am at the Kansas Veterans Cemetery in Winfield, Kansas. Sponsor wreath for this location at:

<https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/18193>.



Washington Chapter Color Guard Commander Don Lemen Jr. at WAA at Kansas Veterans Cemetery Winfield, KS

Prairie Minutemen Help Raise Awareness of Veteran Suicide

By Bobbie Hulse – KSSSAR President

At a Prairie Minutemen Meeting on 24 Sept. Bobbie Hulse awarded these three young patriots the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal. Logan Erichsen, Noah Erichsen, and Adam Vehring. The young men found out a veteran, Jeremy Miller, doing a walk across America to raise awareness for Veteran suicide would be coming into Ellsworth so they welcomed him with the Star Spangled Banner. The trio had no music so Logan arranged the music for all three instruments



Miller, who had previously expressed shock and joy at how well his cause was received in the Mid-Western leg of his journey, asked the young men if they would be

interested in playing to commemorate the end of his journey at Arlington National Cemetery.

The Ellsworth VFW assisted with the trio's travel expenses. They gave a short story of their experience of welcoming Jeremy as he walked into Arlington Cemetery in D.C. Since this story began last October two of these young men have joined the SAR in the new Prairie Minutemen Chapter in their home town.

This award was delayed for many months because of Covid but it was great to finally have them together for the presentation. More recently Logan and Noah did a bell ringing at the Ellsworth High School on Constitution Day. It is great to have these new men a part of the SAR showing their Patriotism and they are interested in Color Guard.



Membership and Retention

By Darryl Addington – Membership Chairman

SAR membership grows by new members and retention of members. Each year SAR adds about 4000 to 5000 new members. However, we lose 3000 to 4000 members by death and drops.

Every Compatriot should strive to sponsor at least one new member yearly. Engage with family and friends to tell them about the SAR Mission and goals. Many of our wives are DAR members and the DAR is a source for introducing us to possible new members.

Every chapter should be engaging all members, especially newer members, to be active in the chapter. Have interesting programs and speakers. Have spouses attend meetings, encourage them to wear period clothing to color

guard events. Every chapter should have a color guard and be active at SAR events. Does your chapter recognize spouses that help your chapter?

A great tool for retaining members is the Mentoring Program. Every chapter should be utilizing this program. Every new member should have a mentor. The program is available on the SAR web site. Use of the program will help in retention.

These past few months have posed problems for face to face meetings and interaction with possible new members. Virtual meeting can be used to engage with members who do not regularly attend meetings or live out of state. Virtual meetings can be held not just for business meetings but for getting to know members and increasing interest in the SAR and to inform members about SAR news and progress.

CHAPTER NEWS

SONS OF THE PLAINS CHAPTER (Hutchinson)

Mark Buckley President *Pizaacos Restaurant in Hutchinson, 112 So. Main St. 9AM 2nd Sat. Sept-May*

PRAIRIE MINUTEMEN CHAPTER (Elsworth Area)

John Sherman President

Several awards that would have been presented at the State Conference were presented at the chapter meeting on September 24.

In addition to the Good citizenship medals awarded to Logan Erichsen, Noah Erichsen, and Adam Vehring, Justin Engleman received his Ellis Spirit Award and an Oak Leaf for his Silver Roger Sherman Medal. Justin has been a relentless supporter of the Kansas Society. He has Prepared our Americanism Report for the State the last few years, done the genealogy for a great number of new members and prepared their applications sponsoring many and filling many more out for other sponsors that have done the recruiting. He received an Oak Leaf for his Liberty Medal and will receive several more of those this year. The Prairie

Minutemen Chapter has been his mission as western VP for the last year+ and it will be nearly 50 Strong when the current applications are approved.

Stan Jantz received a Silver Roger Sherman Medal for all of his work as Western VP and being the man who showed us all that if you want to you can get into the schools and present our youth awards programs. Stan has done us all a big favor in his pursuit to put SAR youth awards in the minds of schools in central Kansas.

Ronnie Svaty received a Silver Roger Sherman Medal for recruiting a majority of the new members for the new chapter. Ron just keeps searching the files of past DAR members to find men eligible for the SAR and he has a knack for finding other men and getting them involved as well. Ron has also shown interest in the Color Guard in the future.

The program for the evening was based around the Color Guard and with new Color Guardsman John Sherman in his new Green Mountain Boys uniform leading the way we discussed the events and other things the color guard does,

Explained the history of the Kansas Color Guard and the options available. We hope to have as many as 7-8 new Color Guard come out of this group and be a visible force to expand the SAR in the western part of Kansas.

BENNINGTON CHAPTER (Salina Area) Tom White, President Meets 9:30 AM on the 3rd Saturday of the month Sep to May at location to be announced. .

While in quarantine Frank Hottman, Flag Committee Chairman for the chapter, made this stand that can be used outside or in but his plan is to have it at outside venues to announce the location of SAR and DAR meetings. Really a cool idea making good use of time when you have to stay home.



CHARLES ROBINSON CHAPTER (Lawrence) John G.Sayler, President Meets 3rd Wednesday of September, November, January, March and May, 6:00 PM , Perkins Restaurant, 1711 23rd St, Lawrence

Col. JOHN SEWARD CHAPTER (Liberal) Carl Holmes, President Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the Month (except December) at 7:00 PM at the Southwest Medical Center, 305 W15th St, Liberal, KS

DELAWARE CROSSING CHAPTER (Kansas City & Johnson County) Ken Ludwig, President Meets 3rd Saturday monthly for 9:00 AM Breakfast, Hilton Garden Inn 119th St. Overland Park, KS

FORT SCOTT CHAPTER (Ft. Scott) Jim Gilpin, President Meets 2nd Saturday in January, April, July and October at 10:00 AM at Nate's Place, Fort Scott, KS
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FORT HAYS CHAPTER (Hays) Gary Baxter, President

HENRY LEAVENWORTH CHAPTER (Leavenworth) Greg Beck, President Meets 4th Thursday monthly at June's Northland, 614 Pottawatomie St, Leavenworth, KS 66048

Sons of the American Revolution, Kansas President Bobbie Hulse, swears in Darren Hasse as President and Jerald Gross as Vice President of Programs for the Henry Leavenworth Chapter



Henry Leavenworth chapter welcomed seven new members at their September chapter meeting. Russell Houston, Pat Proctor, Dennis Fitterling, , Pierce Darlington, Byron Darlington, Al Boyer and Stephen Wright.



Russell Houston



Pat Proctor



Dennis Fitterling



L to R, Pierce Darlington, Byron Darlington, Al Boyer and Stephen Wright

Charles Owen received the Sons of the American Revolution SAR "Service to Veterans Medal". Over the past ten years Charles has donated numerous volunteer service hours to helping Veterans at the Leavenworth VA Hospital.



NSSAR awarded John Schatzel The "Florence Kendall" Medal for recruiting 57 new members last year and 5 Oak Leaf Clusters to add to his SAR Liberty Medal. Schatzel has recruited and did genealogy research for over 100 members for the SAR.



KONZA PRAIRIE CHAPTER (Manhattan) Mark Naughton, President Meets 3rd Thursday at 7:30 PM, Meeting location TBD

MONTICELLO CHAPTER (Shawnee) Bryan Wampler, President Meets 3rd Thursday monthly, 6:00 PM at Pegah's Restaurant 12122 W 87th St, Lenexa, KS 66215



Compatriot Jeffrey Winters who is the Monticello Chapter Vice President was recently selected as a 2nd Year Trustee for the Isadore Hoehn Veterans of Foreign Wars Post

#7397 in Lenexa, KS. Compatriot Winters is also active in the American Legion Post 153 in Olathe, KS serving as a Service Officer 3rd Year and 2nd District Executive Officer.

Compatriot Bryan Wampler, the Monticello Chapter President, was recently nominated and selected by the Governor of Kentucky as a Kentucky Colonel. Compatriot Wampler was stationed twice at Fort Knox, KY, served on multiple occasions at Fort Campbell, KY and has maintained close ties with the State which is the home of the National Headquarters of the Sons of American Revolution in Louisville, KY.



THOMAS JEFFERSON CHAPTER (Topeka)

Brian Vazquez, President Topeka Public Library, 1515 SW 10th Ave. – 9:00 a.m. (3rd Saturday of month during September to November and February to June) HyVee. 29th & Wanamaker, Topeka, KS 3rd Saturday of July, Aug, Dec, and Jan, @ 9:00 am.

WASHINGTON CHAPTER (Wichita Area) Randolph Colby, President Meets 3rd Saturday except January & July at noon Haysville Public Library, 270 S Hays St, Hays, KS



Washington Chapter hosted a chapter meeting via ZOOM. In attendance were KSSSAR president Bobbie Hulse, Eastern Region VP Brian Wampler and West Region VP Justin Engleman. In addition to the regular business meeting VP Wampler presented an overview of the new KSSSAR youth protection program. This was the first meeting that Washington chapter has held in 2020 due to Covid-19 restrictions in the Wichita area.

The Kansas SAR Ladies Auxiliary

Debbie Hulse, President Meets at the Quarterly Board of Governors

New Members

<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Middle</i>	<i>NSSAR</i>	<i>Ks</i>	<i>Ch</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Ancestor</i>
Sadler	Brody	Dean	216154	3672	HLJ	Schatzel, JA	07/17/20	William Pyle
Sadler	Drake	Lowell	216155	3673	HLJ	Schatzel, JA	07/17/20	William Pyle
Ankerholz	John	Jay	216156	3674	SP	Schatzel, JA	07/17/20	Samuel Dedman
Ankerholz	Steven	Jay	216157	3675	PM	Schatzel, JA	07/17/20	Samuel Dedman
Ankerholz	Benjamin	Jay	216158	3676	HL	Schatzel, JA	07/17/20	Samuel Dedman
Ankerholz	Jesse	Eugene	216159	3677	HL	Schatzel, JA	07/17/20	Samuel Dedman
Holler	James	Walker	216160	3678	HLJ	Schatzel, JA	07/17/20	Nehemiah Howard
Holler	Finn	Oliver	216161	3679	HLJ	Schatzel, JA	07/17/20	Nehemiah Howard
Davis	Sean	Michael	216162	3680	TJ	Schatzel, JA	07/17/20	Jacob Holsinger
Wales	Jonathan	Edwin	216163	3681	HL	Schatzel, JA	07/17/20	Joseph Chaplin
Martin	John	Charles	216247	3682	DX	Fry, HD 0	7/24/20	Thomas Berry
Holmes	Todd	Andrew	216248	3683	CR	Schatzel, JA	07/24/20	William Wright
Grossnickle	Galen	Dennis	216249	3684	KP	Schatzel, JA	07/24/20	John Wagensailer
Doolittle	Derrick	Arnold	216250	3685	FH	Schatzel, JA	07/24/20	Jonas Ward
Doolittle	Daniel	Christian	216251	3686	FHJ	Schatzel, JA	07/24/20	Jonas Ward
Doolittle	Drake	Christian	216252	3687	FH	Schatzel, JA	07/24/20	Jonas Ward
Purvis-Montoya		Noah A.	216253	3688	DXJ	Schatzel, JA	07/24/20	James Glover
Smith	Calvin	Gray	216254	3689	DXJ	Schatzel, JA	07/24/20	James Glover
Darlington	Byron	Ray	216255	3690	HL	Schatzel, JA	07/24/20	John Alderson, Sr.
Darlington	Ian	Reid	216256	3691	HLJ	Schatzel, JA	07/24/20	John Alderson, Sr.
Darlington	Pierce	Coleman	216257	3692	HLJ	Schatzel, JA	07/24/20	John Alderson, Sr.
Shields	John	Francis	216258	3693	FS	Schatzel, JA	07/24/20	Benjamin Wright
Shields	Robert	Martin	216259	3694	FS	Schatzel, JA	07/24/20	Benjamin Wright
Hewins	Cale	Philip	216260	3695	KPJ	Schatzel, JA	07/24/20	Martin Chapin
Ballard	Jimmy	Earl	216261	3696	WA	Warne, JL	07/24/20	William McGarity
Bolton	Stephen	Craig	216262	3697	PM	Sherman, JC	07/24/20	Kenneth Hankinson
Bailey	John	William	216263	3698	PM	Bailey, DK	07/24/20	Benjamin Hawes
Svaty	Eli	Benjamin	216264	3699	PM	Svaty, RL	07/24/20	Andreas Schadt
Clark	George	David, II	205258	3700	HL	trf from CO	08/04/20	Enoch Osborne
Grothusen	Allan	Jack	216480	3701	PM	Svaty, RL	08/14/20	Andreas Schadt
Rider	Jared	Thomas	216481	3702	MC	Wampler, BW	08/14/20	Jabez Osborn
Nance	Christopher R.		180656	3703	WA	r/t from MS	09/03/20	Reuben Barrett
Romans	Joseph	Driskell	191781	3704	TJ	r/t from KY	09/03/20	Jacob Borah
Root	Samuel	James	217023	3705	HL	Schatzel, JA	10/02/20	Peter Gilstrap
Nelson	Kyle	William	217024	3706	HL	Schatzel, JA	10/02/20	William Iddings
Nelson	Tyler	Graham	217025	3707	HL	Schatzel, JA	10/02/20	William Iddings
Lenox	Arlo	James	217026	3708	HLJ	Schatzel, JA	10/02/20	William Iddings
Lenox	Lucas	Steven	217027	3709	HLJ	Schatzel, JA	10/02/20	William Iddings

Supplementals

<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Middle</i>	<i>NSSAR</i>	<i>Ks</i>	<i>Ch</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Ancestor</i>
Smith	Bruce	Robert	202125	3259	DX	08/13/20	Lawton Palmer
Faires	Robert	Allen	209925	3463	WA	08/13/20	Noah Adams
Long	James	Jefferson	211795	3517	WA	08/13/20	Samuel Pettengill
Long	James	Jefferson	211795	3517	WA	08/13/20	Joseph Henderson
Long	James	Jefferson	211795	3517	WA	08/13/20	Jacob Tarwater
Long	James	Jefferson	211795	3517	WA	08/13/20	Herman Rulofson
Long	James	Jefferson	211795	3517	WA	08/13/20	Christopher Forncrook
Long	James	Jefferson	211795	3517	WA	08/28/20	Cowper Williams
Long	James	Jefferson	211795	3517	WA	08/28/20	Nicholas Williams



Salute to Our Departed Comrades

<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Middle</i>	<i>NSSAR</i>	<i>Ks</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Died</i>	
Geer	Howard	Rogers	97720	944	MAL	1970	10/17/19
Cummings	Donald	Verne	179684	2823	FS	2011	11/28/19
Buffington	Phillip	Ray	181431	2844	WA	2011	03/20/20
Hayes	Keith	Quentin, II	190538	3002		2014	06/05/20*
Crump	Mark	Leonard	203719	3284	WA	2017	06/23/20
Farmer	Francis	Arthur, III	117232	1332	MAL	1980	07/01/20
Morgan	William	Phillip	157859	2300		2002	07/09/20*
Chapin	Charles	Milton	185630	2918	MAL	2012	07/27/20
Crossette	Sheldon	Maurice	175529	2730	DX	2009	09/04/20
Bagby	Daniel	Willis, III	191265	3017	HL	2014	09/18/20

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Final Thought



"And where the body of the people, or any single man, is deprived of their right, or is under the exercise of a power without right, and have no appeal on earth, then they have a liberty to appeal to heaven, whenever they judge the cause of sufficient moment. And therefore, though the people cannot be judge, so as to have, by the constitution of that society, any superior power, to determine and give effective sentence in the case; yet they have, by a law antecedent and paramount to all positive laws of men, reserved that ultimate determination to themselves which belongs to all mankind, where there lies no appeal on earth, viz. to judge, whether they have just cause to make their appeal to heaven."

- John Locke - *Second Treatise on Civil Government*

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