



# The Liberty Bell

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On the cover: KSSSAR President Bobby Hulse (left) and Compatriot Steve Hamlin (right) take part in Wreaths Across America at Maple Grove Cemetery, Wichita, KS. Photo credit: Christa Ehrstein

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## President's Corner



## Final Words as President

As the term of my office winds down the fruit basket is upset now on the national scene. It seems as though a manly duel would have been a better course than what we have witnessed most recently but it is what it is. Going forward it now is possibly the most important time in the history of the SAR for us to be out on the streets, not demonstrating, but promoting our youth programs, our missions, the real Constitutional ideology, and sharing what America means to us as the descendants of founders. This year ZOOMED by as many were afraid to venture out with the Corona Virus supposedly lurking at every turn. We learned a lot about the possibilities of technology, got to see the faces of many men we would never have met as they attended their first meeting ever online. What we also found is that for many of us this is not a viable alternative to meeting face to face whenever possible.

We had a great year for enrollment but a terrible year for retention. We cracked the 1000 member barrier for the first time but we had a nearly 10% non-renewal rate. These drops came from all over the board but there are two categories that are glaring to me. It is hard to tell for sure, but from where I look, we lost a

large number of men and juniors that were part of a family submission. This was something that I noticed last year so this year I called each new member, except juniors, as their certificate crossed my desk for signature. As you might know many do not answer the phone for a number they do not recognize so I had a few men who did not answer. That being the case, I left a message that I was Bobbie Hulse the current State President of the Kansas Society Sons of the American Revolution and that I had just signed their membership certificate, please give me a call. Probably 50% of the men called me back and the phone conversations were very enjoyable, at least to me. We have a great group of men coming on board this year and I do hope that all of the Chapter presidents take the time to call their new chapter members and welcome them as well. Most that I talked to who did any of their own genealogy work plan to be active, some of the ones that are DAR referrals are excited as well, and then there are those who did not pay their way in and some who did not know they were involved as they were a part of a family plan and no one had bothered to tell them or maybe they just did not realize what they were told and forgot about it. Making contact with these guys as the state president seems to surprise nearly every one of the new men so I think we would all be served well to make sure that an initial contact from at minimum, the chapter, is worth the while. I am suggesting at this time that each new application be sure and have a phone number, as well as an email address, or that Tim request the sponsor to get that information before he sends the application on to Louisville. One other issue that is being addressed is that if, for example, grandpa is paying the dues for his sons and grandsons that Tim be notified that that is the case so that

the billing can be expedited easily. Chasing after those who have not renewed is hard enough when one has all the information but darn near impossible without a phone number or email.

Starting a new chapter has been one of the highlights of my term as State President. It has not come without a great COVID challenge. Planning for a charter ceremony was done and never completed. The Prairie Minutemen Chapter is solid with around fifty members. As some of you know the home base for the chapter is Ellsworth, my home town, so this was special to me. Many of these guys were men that I went to school with either them or their brothers and sisters so we kind of had a reunion of sorts as I had not seen many of them for years. Justin Engleman has spearheaded the application process as he was fed leads of interested men by Ron Svaty. Ron was aided by the longtime registrar of the Smoky Hills Chapter DAR, his wife Pat. When I sponsored Ron a few years ago the three of us sat at the kitchen table in their home and discussed starting a chapter there. As we talked Pat kept telling us of more and more men that were in the same lineage as DAR members and the idea bloomed from there. We look forward to watching this new chapter mature when the masks are lifted and these guys really get going. During this process my wife Debbie has joined the DAR in the Smoky Hills Chapter with the ladies that aided in the Prairie Minutemen Charter.

Our Nation is under siege from many directions today. Our Society has the power to make a difference in the direction our nation goes. I urge each one of you to consider what you can do within your chapter on a personal basis that will not only help promote

the SAR but promote Americanism and the way of life that we all were brought up; to believe the beam of light that America has stood for since its beginning that our patriot ancestors gave to us. I hope that all of us finds a way to contribute even more as our incoming President, Vern Welkner, takes over for a couple of years. At my request Vern has been studying and researching how we can do a better job as members serving our new membership. I look forward to doing whatever I can to aid Vern as he takes on this position.

Looking back on the last couple of years there have been some great times and it was really sad that the year 2020 was defined by a virus, civil unrest, and unbelievable disdain for each other by our political parties. Canceling nearly all of our gatherings of SAR nationwide, and so on has really put a damper on enthusiasm. Looking back there were some really great memorable things that happened.

KSSSAR crossing the 1000 member barrier, marking the grave of a Revolutionary Patriot buried in Kansas, Tim Bevan winning the Photo contest at national, Patriot Chests that are now available and in the hands of some of the chapters and more on the way as they are made and filled, a new chapter, men stepping up to hold us together by Zoom, Poster winner for Kansas Placing 2<sup>nd</sup> at National, several new Liberty Medal achievers, many of us survived COVID, Ft. Hays Chapter nearly doubling in size, all in spite of lock-downs and cancellations.

I am proud of everyone who has stepped up and helped to keep Kansas, I am sure, near the top of achievers as a state society. It is my hope that the coming year turns us loose to be actively promoting patriotism all over the state and for that matter the nation. Our Nation is at the cross roads of a new era and we wish for our descendants to be able to live as we have in a free country, which is the envy of people everywhere. In spite of all of the hate spouted on the news, the country that people from all over the world want to live in is these United States of America that was given to us by OUR patriot ancestors by their hard work and sacrifice. We cannot let them down. We must preserve it and make it even better than we had it handed to us, stained with the blood of patriots who have preserved it at an immense cost.

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An email scam involving emails seemingly from KSSSAR officers is going around asking for compatriots to buy gift cards for the society and send them to someone. These emails are fraudulent. Please do not respond to any email asking for you to buy anything for the KSSSAR that would not be part of your responsibility as a KSSSAR officer.

## Passing the Torch

By: Vernon Welkner, VP KSSSAR

Compatriots, allow me to introduce myself. My name is Vernon Welkner and I am currently the Vice-President for the Kansas State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. My wife, Linda, and I have been married since 1976 and we have four children and twelve grandchildren. We live in Leavenworth, Kansas. I am the past president of the Henry Leavenworth chapter and currently serve as the chapter's chaplain. I am a member of the SAR's National Chaplain's Committee and the National Society's Membership Committee. Linda is a member of the Captain Jesse Leavenworth chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution where she serves as the chairwoman of the chapter's membership committee.

I grew up in Miami, Florida where I received a calling from the Lord to follow Him into church ministry, so I studied at the Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Missouri. I attended graduate school at the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Illinois, and received my doctorate from the Atlantic Coast Theological Seminary in Daytona Beach, Florida. I have served full-time in pastoral ministry since 1980 and in churches in Georgia, Florida, Missouri, and now Kansas. In my ministry I have traveled to Dubai in the United Arab Emirates, Belize, and Mexico. I have

preached at Native American church on the Navajo Reservation and summer camps in Juneau, Alaska. I currently serve as the Senior Pastor of the High Prairie Church in Leavenworth, Kansas.



I became a member of the Sons of the American Revolution through the efforts of my mother, who was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mom said that when she was a young girl she remember her aunt telling her that she had ancestors who fought in the American Revolution. She spent several years tracing her ancestry back to her Revolutionary War patriot and discovered his name was Joseph McReynolds who served with the North Carolina militia. He was wounded in action and captured by the British at the Battle of Camden (South Carolina) and spent several months as a prisoner of war. As soon as my mother became a member of

the DAR she began urging me to join the SAR. After several years of her encouragement, I logged onto the national SAR web site and located the Henry Leavenworth chapter. I found out when the chapter met and showed up for a meeting. Barney

Ellis became my sponsor and I received my membership on July 8, 2010.

I found chapter meetings encouraging and enlightening. My favorite aspect of the chapter meetings was and still is the historical presentations of the patriots and battles of the American Revolution. The Henry Leavenworth chapter is privileged to be located close to Fort Leavenworth and many of the instructors from the Fort

have given presentations at chapter meetings. Many of our members have also given excellent historical presentations that I have found to be a real treasure.

I look forward to continued service at the national, state, and chapter levels. I have enjoyed attending a national congress and the spring and fall leadership meetings and I urge you to get involved as well. I hope to see you at the state conference this March and upcoming Board of Governors meetings.



# Color Guard Activities

## State Color Guard Marches in Leavenworth County 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Day Parade

COVID-19 Minimized Kansas Society Color Guard participation during last quarter of 2020. The November Board of Governors quarterly meeting was held virtually on Zoom. Commander Dewey Fry Presented the Colors.

The Color Guard did march in the Leavenworth County Veterans Day Parade which celebrated its 100th anniversary. 100 years ago, there was also a pandemic in Kansas, the Spanish Flu. The Leavenworth parade is said to be the largest west of the Mississippi.



The Color Guardsmen participating, from left to right in the photos, were Dewey Fry (Delaware Crossing Chapter), Alan Martin (Monticello Chapter), Michael Chychota (Henry Leavenworth Chapter), Kirk Rush (Delaware Crossing Chapter) and Robert Wandel (Charles Robinson Chapter).

## Color Guard Uniforms and Weapons Education

Washington Chapter Secretary and color guard member made a presentation at the December chapter meeting on color guard uniforms. Many new members expressed interest in joining color guard but had no idea how to go about putting together a uniform.

**Uniform Terms - Faced**

- Coats and jackets are often described as the coat color followed by the facing color
- Continental Line (professional soldiers) are described as Blue faced Red

George Washington's uniform is Blue faced Buff

Compatriot Hamlin followed up the presentation on militia uniforms with a second presentation at the January chapter meeting on Weapons of the American Revolution.

**Militia Weapons – Private Soldiers**

- Before the war most towns had militia units.
- The towns owned the weapons and were usually provided by the British government, weapons and powder were stored in central armories
- Weapons issued to militia include:
  - Musket (smooth bore) – Normally the 1756 pattern Long Land Musket (Brown Bess)

Length 58 inches, weight 10.4 lbs  
71 or 75 caliber, effective range 50 yards  
Fired single 75 caliber ball or smaller buckshot and solid a solid ball "buck and ball"

Both presentations are available on Youtube at:

<https://youtu.be/SyeFUj5WOA>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Aq9q9z8iCdI&t=1s>

# Book Review

## The Swamp Fox: How Francis Marion Saved the American Revolution

By John Oller

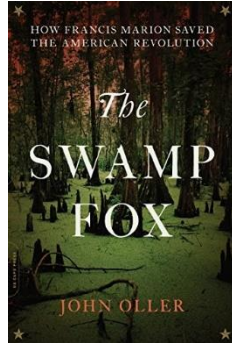
In this unique look at the fabled “Swamp Fox” the author attempts to separate fact from legend. Francis Marion may be among the least known heroes of the American Revolution but his contributions to the fight were among the most important.

A small man his size contained a big heart and an even bigger personality. Born into a prominent French Huguenot family in the Low Country of South Carolina Marion was raised on the Carolina frontier where he learned the essential skill of riding, tracking, hunting and scouting. As a young soldier Francis Marion learned the skills and tactics of unconventional warfare while fighting against the Cherokee in the Backcountry.

As a devoted Whig Marion supported the independence movement sweeping across the colonies in the early 1770's and earned an officer's commission in the new Continental Army serving in the Charleston region. In June 28, 1776 Captain Marion commanding the Second South Carolina Regiment under Colonel William Moultrie was among the defenders of Fort Sullivan (later renamed Fort Moultrie) in Charleston harbor against a British naval invasion.

Accurate fire from Marion's regiment caused extensive damage to the British fleet, whom were unable to deal much damage to the fort owing to the sandy soil and the fort's palmetto log construction. After a full day of naval bombardment to the fort the British were forced to withdraw, sailing to New York and would not return to Charleston until 1780.

In 1779 then Lt. Col Marion participated in a combined Franco-American force in a siege of Savannah, Georgia to try to drive the British out of the important port city. The siege failed when the French commander lost patience for the siege. During the assault that followed Polish born nobleman Casimir Pulaski, “the father of American cavalry”, was mortally wounded.



Withdrawing back to Charleston Marion joined the Continental force garrisoned there. While there the socially awkward Marion injured his ankle while leaping out of a second story window to escape a party. He went to his Lowcountry Plantation to recover from his injury. This stroke of bad luck for Marion proved to be fortunate for the American cause as the British returned to capture Charleston, capturing most of the Continental Army there.

When General Gage returned to South Carolina for the Battle of Camden, he assigned Marion to organize and lead a militia group requesting a leader. Thus Marion was again absent for the American route at Camden. When Gage withdrew his army Marion's small militia force was the only organized Patriot group left in South Carolina.

Taking what he learned in the many Cherokee wars Marion began an unconventional, hit and run style war against the occupying British and loyalist Tories. Marion's militia had a great deal of success against their foes and his small force grew to nearly 200 men.

Many of the British best officers were sent to root out Marion and destroy his militia. Among his pursuers was the infamous Col Banastre “Bloody Ban” Tarleton and his dragoons. Hiding in the swamps between the Santee and Pee Dee rivers, Tarleton unable to locate Marion gave up his pursuit and gave Marion the nickname “The Swamp Fox”.

When Nathaniel Greene took over command of the Continental army in the south he sent Lt. Col “Light Horse Harry” Lee to join with Marion and assist in reducing British outposts throughout South Carolina starting with Georgetown. After an unsuccessful assault of Georgetown the pair moved on to capture Forts Watson and Mott breaking the British lines of communication.

Lt General (SC militia) Marion was put in charge of the militia at the battle of Eutaw Springs, where he led an effective repulse of the British. The offensive stalled when the Americans came across the British camp and stalled to eat the unconsumed breakfast the British soldiers had prepared and break open casks of rum. A British counter attack drove off the American force and recaptured the field of battle, making Eutaw Spring an American defeat in the same vein as many of Greene's other defeats that caused so much damage to the British force that they were forced to retire.

Marion was elected to the first South Carolina Senate where he served for the remainder of the war. After the war he retired to his plantation and married his cousin Mary Videau, the couple had no children. Marion died in 1795 at age 63.

# Educational Outreach

## Certificate for 2<sup>nd</sup> Place National Poster Contest



Audrey Gainer, the 2nd Place National Winner of the SAR Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest was finally presented her Certificate on Sunday, November 8 at her home, the final presentation for her accomplishment.

The Contest was somewhat disjointed the year. Normally the posters are taken to the SAR Annual Congress in early July. They are judged, the winners of 1st, 2nd and 3rd places are announced at the Youth Awards Luncheon, the poster are taken to NSSAR Headquarters in Louisville and put on display. A certificate and check are sent to the designated person for presentation to the appropriate winner.

Because of Coronavirus Decease 2019 (COVID-19) the 2020 Annual Congress was canceled. President General Manning ordered that the winners not be announced until

and in-person Fall Leadership Meeting in September. Then the in-person Fall Leadership Meeting canceled. I communicated with Americanism Committee Chairman Louis Zaborg to encourage him to get permission from the President General to announce the winners. He concurred and made the request which was granted. He also asked me to ship her poster back to Louisville for displaying at headquarters until June of 2021.

In attempting to find Audrey's poster I found it had been judged, then shipped back to the State Society, for us that was KSSAR President Bobbie Hulse. Then President Hulse transported Audrey's poster to a Henry Leavenworth Chapter meeting and handed it off to Tim Peterman to give to Delaware Crossing, I obtained it from Tim and shipped it to Coleen Wilson at NSSAR where it arrived safely.

At a later date, President Hulse transported the associated certificate in the same manner to Tim Peterman who delivered it to President Ken Ludwig from whom I obtained it. The check did not accompany it. In investigating where the check had been sent, it was found the it had been sent to Audrey Gainer directly a couple days before I obtained the certificate, and it had been received.

An attempt was made to present Audrey the certificate by a virtual presentation to all 6th grade classes. I did not receive a response for two weeks. I then communicated with our contact who advised me there was initial favorable response by the 6th Grade teachers; however, she did not give them my email address, and no one communicated with me. We decided it had been prolonged enough and I would just present it to her at her home. The photo below is of that presentation.

The 5th grade at Pioneer Ridge Middle School is participating again this school year. The program that is generally presented in person. Due to COVID-19, it is planned to be presented in an empty auditorium on February 19, 2021. It is to be live streamed to the 5th grade class members.

Dewey Fry  
Chairman-Poster Contest



# 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 this year despite the difficulties posed by the Covid-19 virus which caused cancellations all across the country.

Washington Chapter who normally hosts the ceremony at the Kansas Veterans Cemetery in Winfield was forced to find another location this year when their ceremony was canceled. As a result Washington Chapter joined with Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Cpl. Patrick Coyne Camp, Eustice Sterling Chapter DAR, Friends of Wichita Pioneers, and Co. A 8<sup>th</sup> Kansas Volunteer Infantry (Civil War reenactors) to host a Wreaths Across America ceremony at the Grand Army of the Republic Pavilion in Maple Grove Cemetery in Wichita.



(Left to Right Steve Hamlin, John Schwartz, Don Lemen Jr., Randy Colby and Bobbie Hulse)

For the second year Delaware Crossing Chapter hosted a WAA ceremony at Johnson County Memorial Gardens. Last year about 325 wreaths were sponsored. I look forward to future growth in the number of wreaths for

the approximately 2000 veterans buried at Johnson County Memorial Gardens.



(Left to Right, Dewey Fry, Alan Martin, Ken Ludwig, Gavin Kurtz, Bob Wandel and Steve French.)

The KSSAR Color Guard, composed of Dewey Fry, Ken Ludwig, Gavin Kurtz, and Steve French of the Delaware Crossing Chapter, Alan Martin of the Monticello Chapter and Bob Wandel of the Charles Robinson Chapter, Presented the Colors and did a ceremonial laying to the first wreaths at gravesites as the audience observed.



## Delaware Crossing Chapter Celebrates 60 Years

By: Preston Washington, DX Chapter Historian

One would think the Delaware Crossing Chapter of the Kansas Society of The Sons of The American Revolution. Located in Johnson County Kansas was chartered in 1960. Some would think the chapter was named in honor of George Washington's crossing of the Delaware River, which occurred on the night of December 25–26, 1776, during the American Revolutionary War was the first move in a surprise attack organized by George Washington against Hessian forces (German auxiliaries in the service of the British) in Trenton, New Jersey, on the morning of December 26. Planned in partial secrecy, Washington led a column of Continental Army troops across the icy Delaware River in a logistically challenging and dangerous operation. Other planned crossings in support of the operation were either called off or ineffective, but this did not prevent Washington from surprising and defeating the troops of Johann Rall quartered in Trenton. The army crossed the river back to Pennsylvania, this time laden with prisoners and military stores taken as a result of the battle.

Washington's army then crossed the river a third time at the end of the year, under conditions made more difficult by the uncertain thickness of the ice on the river. They defeated British reinforcements under Lord Cornwallis at Trenton on January 2, 1777, and defeated his rear guard at Princeton on January 3, before retreating to winter quarters in Morristown, New Jersey.

What really happened: In January of 1831 a twenty-one-year-old Kentuckian by the name of Moses Grinter was sent to establish a ferry crossing at the Kansas River near the present location of 78<sup>th</sup> and Kaw Drive. The ferry was to serve as a vital link in the supply lines of the Leavenworth Cantonment, established in 1827 by Colonel Henry Leavenworth. At that time, the area north of the Kansas River was part of the Delaware Reserve established in 1829 and hence the crossing was to become known as the 'Delaware Crossing'

On November 1, 1960, in the house built by Moses Grinter, the Delaware Crossing Chapter, Kansas Society of the Sons of the American was chartered.

### **The chartered members included:**

Hugh Means, Byron Beery, Donald Little, Frank Thompson, William Thomas Little, Frank Lorin Banks, Frank Edwards, Caryl D. Sinnet, John Breidenthal, Christopher Thomas II, John Billingsly, Sr., Danial Anthony III

Over the years, many members have served with great distinction in not only at the chapter level, but at the state and national levels of the society.

Notables include:

Arthur Mansfield King -President General 1980-81,  
Secretary General 1978-80

Donald Campbell Little -Chancellor General 1967-68

Robert Eugene Burt -Genealogist General 1988-89

George Arthur Luther -Historian General 1980-82,  
Registrar General 1982-84

Charles Frederick Bragg -Genealogist General  
2006-08, Treasurer General 2008-09

Ralph Goodell, Jr. -NSSAR Executive Secretary

8 Vice President Generals – South Central District

15 Trustees and Alternate Trustee

8 Minute Man Recipients

11 Kansas Society Presidents

The chapter grew rapidly from 20 to about 80 members in 1976. In 1980 there were 104 members. In 2006 the membership reached a highpoint of 232. Many of the new members were from Missouri, and in succeeding years they went on to form other chapters; these include Alexander Majors and William C. Corum.

In 2006 several members became charter members of a new chapter, Monticello, formed in Shawnee, Kansas. Soon thereafter, chapter members lead the reestablishment of the Henry Leavenworth Chapter.



## CHAPTER NEWS

### SONS OF THE PLAINS CHAPTER (Hutchinson)

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

Christmas is a special time for the Sons of the Plains Chapter as they hold a breakfast meeting. This year the meeting was held in Hutchinson at the Downtown Sampler. As usual the food was over the top.

We had many special guests for the occasion including DAR members from Dodge City Chapter, Smokey Hills Chapter, Uvadale Chapter and the Flora Del Sol Chapter. We also had special guest Tim Bevan, 2020 SAR National Photo Contest Winner. Tim was recognized for the achievement and presented a 250<sup>th</sup> SAR Challenge Coin for answering the call of participating in the contest by State President Bobbie Hulse. Though Compatriot Bill Roberts was unable to attend, one of the Patriot Chests made by him was presented to Tim for Washington Chapter. Tim commented it will be great for Constitution Day Presentations to the C.A.R.



One highlight was the installation of new Members Verl Manwarren and David Parks. David and two sons as well as a grandson were a part of a family application. Welcome to all of these new members.



SP Chapter President, Mark Buckley, was awarded a State flag certificate for his work in buying flags and poles for his block on South Main Street where his business, The Toy Depot, is located.

DAR members, Debi Potter was awarded a SAR/DAR medal for her work with the C.A.R. and the SAR which included being a big part of Chartering a new C.A.R. chapter in the Wichita area named for Joseph Plumb Martin. Justin Engleman and Bobbie Hulse were able to attend the chartering ceremony for the Joseph Plumb Martin Chapter.



The meeting went through most of the morning breaking up just before noon as participants talked about the year, plans for the future, and just getting to know each other. There was also continued discussions held about the SAR planning a grave marking ceremony and participation in the Santa Fe Trail commemoration that will take place in Dodge City in 2021.

**PRAIRIE MINUTEMEN CHAPTER (Ellsworth Area)**  
**John Sherman President**

Compatriot Ron Svaty started a project of providing chapter secretaries with an email each day containing important events related to the Revolution that happened on that day to share with their chapters.

"The original beginning of the project was a Covid inspired goal of reading the top 100 books about the American Revolution" said Svaty "As I was reading them I thought about why I wasn't keeping some kind of log of the daily events, etc that I was reading about."

And the idea for the project was born. Svaty began keeping a log and decided to send it to SAR members assuming they might be interested. "I have made some effort to get it to teachers also and anybody else who might indicate an interest," relays Svaty "and have had feedback from SAR members from all over the United States and from some teachers."

Svaty says he just hope to spark interest in the revolution because understanding what happened then can give perspective on what is happening now.

"I have always felt that the 'all men are created equal and endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights' part of the Declaration of Independence is a continuing aspect of the American Revolution." said Svaty.

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

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

**Col. JOHN SEWARD CHAPTER (Liberal)**  
**Carl Holmes, President** Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday monthly for 9:00 AM

*Breakfast, Hilton Garden Inn 119th St. Overland Park, KS*

November 2020 was the 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the Tomb of the unknown soldier.

Our program for the January 16, 2020 chapter meeting was presented by Paul Frinsthal, a former Honor Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier serving as such from June 1965 to October 1967 and a member of Society of the Honor Guard of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

He told some of the history of Arlington National Cemetery, home of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, leading up to history of the Tomb and his experience as a Guard.

The Society of the Honor Guard of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is a 501 c (3) non-profit organization. The goal of the Society is to make certain that the individuals who made the ultimate sacrifice of their lives for our freedom are not forgotten, and that the general public understands this price of freedom.



You can read more of The Society of the Honor Guard of the Tomb of the unknown Soldier at the following website  
<https://tombguard.org/society/>

Mr. Frinsthal is Guard No. 042 on the list of Guards.

Mr. Frinsthal will accept donations for the Society of Honor Guard. If you choose to donate with a check, make it payable to: **SHGTUS** (Society of Honor Guard Tomb of the Unknown Soldier). On the "For" or "Memo" line write SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

**FORT SCOTT CHAPTER (Ft. Scott)** **Jim Gilpin, President** Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in January, April, July and October at 10:00 AM at Nate's Place, Fort Scott, KS  
At 7

**FORT HAYS CHAPTER (Hays)**  
**Gary Baxter, President**

On Nov. 4, Deputy John Miner was helping stranded motorists near Long Island when a semi slammed into the vehicles parked along the roadside. With the vehicles erupting into flames, Miner disregarding his own safety and at great peril to himself entered one of those burning vehicles and cut one of two children, ages two and four,



from their car seats and carried her to safety. With his clothing on fire, Miner returned to the vehicle and extracted the second child, carrying him to safety just as flames totally engulfed the vehicle and it was hit by a series of explosions.

Miner ended up in the burn unit at Via Christi Hospital in Wichita, where he underwent skin grafts to his legs.



As a result of Miner's heroism, Bill Posson of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Fort Hays Chapter, on December 21, 2020, presented the national organization's Medal of Heroism Certificate to Deputy Miner, with Phillips County Sheriff Charlie Radabaugh pinning the medal on Miner's chest.



The Certificate of Heroism reads "... in recognition of outstanding bravery and self-sacrifice in the face of imminent danger, thus exemplifying the high ideals and principals which motivated and sustained our patriot ancestors."

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



Kansas SAR State Officers visited the Henry Leavenworth Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. The State Officers recognized the local SAR Chapter for obtaining the 100-membership milestone. The Leavenworth SAR is now the largest SAR Chapter in Kansas. If you or a member of your family are interested in history, genealogy, investigating your heritage or want to become members of the SAR or DAR you can contact Bennett Dickson. Dickson will trace your family history for you to see if you have a Revolutionary War Patriot. He can be contacted at (913) 702-2253 or email [bennettdickson47@gmail.com](mailto:bennettdickson47@gmail.com) for information.

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

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

In October, the Monticello Chapter had their first hybrid meeting since February 2020 due to the pandemic. The chapter took advantage to present many certificates and awards at the meeting.

The Monticello chapter is happy to welcome new members: Francis Frederick Chambers, Brad Thomas Nuckols,

Jimmie Lee Wallen, Thomas Henry Cox, Edwin Lynn Bills, Jared Rider and Tyce Bruns.

Additionally, the Chapter welcomes transferring Members Compatriots Don Slaby, Mark Slaby and Mark's 5 year old son.

Life Members were recently presented to: Allen Craig Dillavou, James Douglas Thornton, Lyman Larue Mill and Charles Edward Goslin

The Monticello Chapter was presented the USS Stark Memorial Award as the Chapter, based upon size with the best record of service to veterans during the year 2019-2020 by the National Society.

Compatriot Robert Bowman was inducted into the Arthur Mansfield King Fellowship for having 10 confirmed Patriots.

Compatriot Bruce Bowman was awarded the following awards and recognition: The George Washington Fellow Membership Certificate and pin, An OLK for his Lafayette Volunteer Service Medal, An OLK for his Liberty Medal and Bronze Color Guard Medal

Compatriot Craig Dillavou was presented with his Bronze Color Guard Medal.

Compatriot Gregg Denny received his Military Service Veterans Corps Certificate and Medal Set.

On Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at approximately 10:30 am Central Time, members of the Monticello Chapter met at the Kansas State Capitol Building to induct Compatriot Tom Cox who currently serves in the Kansas House of Representatives representing the 17th District in Johnson County, Kansas.

The induction took place in the Kansas State Legislators conference room, which was once the office of the Kansas Secretary of State. Kansans will recognize the room since Governor Laura Kelley is using the room for her Covid-19 updates since it allows for social distancing.

After the induction photos were taken in the House of Representatives and Compatriot Cox took the participants on a partial tour of the Capital. He also shared interesting facts of the building. Did you know the Republican Party took the left side of the House of Representative's chamber since it is on the south side of the building and was always warmer when first constructed?



Members present were Compatriot Tom Cox, Chapter President Bryan Wampler, Color Guard Commander Alan Martin, Color Guard members and Past Presidents Bruce Bowman and Craig Dillavou.

#### **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*

On November 9, 2020 Washington Chapter Color Guard provide colors of a grave marking ceremony at Highland Cemetery in Wichita.



In 1873 Beard settled in Delano, Kansas, then a bustling town across the Arkansas River from Wichita, Kansas. He opened a successful saloon which for a time prospered. On October 27, 1873, he became angry with a prostitute who was in his saloon, but who worked across the street at the saloon owned by "Rowdy Joe" Lowe. He chased the girl outside, shooting at her. After chasing her across the street,



still shooting, they entered the Lowe Saloon, where he accidentally shot and wounded a patron and another girl. Lowe opened fire, wounding Beard, who died on November 11, 1873.

Beard was buried in Highland Cemetery in an unmarked grave. A local historical preservation group “Friends of Wichita Pioneers” arranged for a headstone through the Veterans Administration, as Beard was a Civil War veteran.

The headstone was revealed at his official grave marking was November 9, 2020.

### **The Kansas SAR Ladies Auxiliary**

**Debbie Hulse, President** *Meets at the Quarterly Board of Governors*

## **Kansas Society**

### **129<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**

**Chartered March 31, 1892**

Leavenworth, Kansas

March 19-20, 2021

### **Schedule of Events**

#### **Friday, March 19, 2021**

5:00 p.m. Registration begins  
June's Northland  
614 Pottawatomie, Leavenworth  
6:30 p.m. Buffet  
Program TBD



2:30 p.m. Workshops TBD  
June's Northland  
4:00 p.m. Free Time (Tour of Fort Leavenworth?)  
5:30 p.m. Color Guard Rehearsal

6:00 p.m. Reception  
Cash Bar Opens  
6:40 p.m. Receiving Line  
7:00 p.m. Banquet

### **Hotel Accommodations**

#### **Marriot Fairfield Inn**

1101 N Fourth Street  
Leavenworth Kansas  
(913) 758-9303  
Group Rate \$100 +/-  
Deadline February 28, 2021

#### **Saturday, March 20, 2021**

7:30 a.m. Breakfast for those at hotel  
8:15 a.m. Color Guard Muster and Rehearsal at June's Northland  
9:00 a.m. Memorial Service  
St. Paul Lutheran Church  
311 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Leavenworth, KS  
10:00 a.m. Business Meeting and Election of Officers at June's Northland  
Ladies Auxiliary Meeting (TBD)  
11:00 a.m. Poster and Brochure Judging—June's Northland  
11:30 a.m. Color Guard Muster and Rehearsal for Luncheon—June's Northland  
12:00 p.m. Youth Awards Luncheon  
June's Northland  
Installation of State and Chapter Officers  
NSSAR Secretary General Remarks  
State Awards and Certificate Presentations

### **FAQs**

Who attends the Annual Conference? Any compatriot and his guest, chapter officers and state leaders—every Kansas SAR compatriot.

May I attend only the events on Saturday? Certainly.

If my wife is not a member of the Ladies Auxiliary, can she still attend.  
Yes

May I wear my color guard uniform all day Saturday? Yes

What is the attire? Friday night is business casual. Saturday events are slightly more formal. Men: either color guard uniform or coat and tie. Women: church attire for Youth Awards Luncheon; business formal for the evening banquet.

\* (The Prairie Minuteman Chapter, Kansas' newest SAR chapter was supposed to receive its charter at the 2020 State Conference that was

cancelled due to COVID-19. If appropriate, I would like to recognize  
that chapter at the banquet. ???)



# Kansas Society 129<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference Registration

## March 19-20, 2021

Name			Chapter	
Title/Office		Phone		
Address			Email	
City, State, ZIP				
Guest Name				
	Attendee		Cost Each	Total
Friday Evening	Compatriot (Italian Buffet, Salad Bar, Dessert)		\$25.00*	
	Guest		\$25.00*	
Saturday Youth Luncheon	Compatriot (Turkey, Ham, Cheddar Cheese Sandwich, Potato or Vegetable Beef Soup, Dessert)		\$15.00*	
	Guest		\$15.00*	
Saturday Evening Banquet	Compatriot (Circle One) Chicken Cordon Bleu, Herb Roasted Pork Loin Grilled Salmon (Includes Salad Bar, Cheesy Potatoes, Sautéed Green Beans, Bread/Rolls, Carrot Cake or Cheesecake)		\$30.00*	
	Guest (Circle One) Chicken Cordon Blue, Herb Roasted Pork Loin Grilled Salmon		\$30.00*	
			<b>TOTAL</b>	

**Please make checks payable to: Kansas SAR**

Mail Registration Form and check by **March 7, 2021** to:

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## A photograph of the United States flag waving on a tall pole against a dramatic sky at sunset or sunrise. The sky is filled with clouds in shades of orange, yellow, and blue. The flag is positioned on the left side of the frame, with its stars and stripes clearly visible.

<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Middle</i>	<i>NSSAR</i>	<i>Ks</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Died</i>	
+Romans	Frank	W.	217147	3711	TJ	2020	09/13/61+
+Romans	Charles	Francis	217146	3710	TJ	2020	02/14/78+
Grossnickle	Kenneth	Otto	217730	3741	KP	2020	07/16/96+
+Romans	Robert	Charles	217727	3738	TJ	2020	02/04/11+
+Romans	David	Lee	217728	3739	TJ	2020	06/11/17+
Brackney	Kenneth	Hubert	206774	3369	FH	2018	10/05/20
Nighbert	Wayne	Thomas	187252	2961	HL	2013	11/02/20
Schiefelbein	James	Arthur	145886	2069	WA	1996	11/19/20
Slaby	Donne	Dean	216331	3726	MC	2020	12/01/20
White	Wayne	Lee	127781	1739	WA	1986	12/17/20
Ankerholz	John	Jay	216156	3674	SP	2020	12/18/20
Green	John	Lafayette, Jr.	191967	3027	MC	2014	01/05/21
+memorial member							

# Final Thought



*General Francis Marion*

"Certain it is, no man has a better claim to the public thanks than you have. History affords no instance wherein an officer has kept possession of a country under so many disadvantages as you have. Surrounded on every side by superior forces, hunted from every quarter with veteran troops, you have found means to elude their attacks, and to keep alive the expiring hopes of an oppressed militia, when all succor seemed to be cut off."

- Gen. Nathanael Greene – Letter to Gen. Francis Marion

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