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On the cover: (Top) Folding the flag at the KSSSAR Memorial Service, (Center) 2021 officers sworn in, (Bottom) NSSAR Vice President General Larry Stevens swears in new KSSSAR President Vernon Welkner with Immediate Past President Bobbie Hulse

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President's Corner



Moving Forward

I am honored to be given the privilege to serve as your state president. I look forward to two years of moving forward with our growing state society. Please allow me to reiterate some of the goals that I addressed at our Kansas Society Conference on March 20, 2021.

Compatriots, I believe our long COVID-19 winter is coming to an end. The numbers of new infections are dropping and many of us have been vaccinated and it is time to get back to our chapter meetings, color guard events, youth programs, historical presentations, and mentoring our members. At the

Conference, I challenged every chapter in this state to plan and execute four presentations to Kansas school children and teenagers. Compatriots, the Kansas Society now owns two patriot chests, one is for Kansas west and the other is for Kansas east and includes a DVD to help you develop your presentation. There is no excuse for any chapter in this state not to be ready to be available to teach children the historical facts of the American Revolution. I think you should consider making presentations at public schools, private schools, home-school groups, scout troops, and DAR or C.A.R. meetings. While you are there, remind your audience about our poster and brochure contests; our essay and oration contests; we must get our message out. Get on the National SAR website and take the NSSAR YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING and get your certificate of completion. I cannot overestimate how important it is for us to make an impact on the next generation.

Speaking of the next generation, there have been many new younger members and leaders of the Kansas Society. A path must be created for these younger Compatriots to advance into areas of service

in their chapters and the State Society. Each chapter is encouraged to develop a **mentorship program** to educate and train new Compatriots so that they will take an active role in our chapters, our State Society, and in the National Society. Over the next several months, I will publish a mentorship guide in the *Liberty Bell* and make a Power Point presentation available.

Finally, I challenge every chapter in the Kansas Society to develop a chapter Color Guard. To enhance our sense of patriotism, I would like every meeting of every chapter to have at least one Color Guard member, in colonial uniform, present and post the national colors at the beginning of every meeting. I have been at National and State meetings where the audience stood quietly at attention as our nation's flag is brought in and, as the flag is properly present, pledge allegiance to that flag, and then, stand respectfully in silence as the emblem of our freedom is honorably posted in a prominent place to be viewed by all. The Kansas State Society still has funds available for those wishing to purchase a Color Guard uniform.

State Conference Awards

The following flag streamers were awarded to representatives from each chapter.

| | BN | CR | DX | FH | FS | HL | JS | KP | MC | PM | SP | TJ | WA |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| Youth Contests | | | | 1 | | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | |
| Eagle Scout | 1 | | 1 | | | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 | | |
| Knights Essay | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | |
| Poster | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| Brouchure | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| History Teacher | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| Rambaugh Oration | | | 1 | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| JROTC/ROTC/Other | | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | | 1 |
| JROTC Enhanced | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Service Awards | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Law Enforcement | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fire Safety | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| EMS | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Heroism | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| Life Saving | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Flag | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | | |
| Flag Retirement | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | | |
| Wreath Across America | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 |
| Partners In Patriotism | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 |
| Compatriots | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Members + 10% | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| Retention 95% | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| DAR Referral | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | |
| Color Guard Growth | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | |
| Reporting | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Attend 5 State Meetings | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Americanism | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 |
| USS Stark | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 |
| Liberty Bell | | | 1 | | | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 |
| Total Streamers: | 7 | 7 | 17 | 7 | 4 | 10 | 3 | 5 | 18 | 8 | 14 | 3 | 9 |

Individual awards and medals were given to the following compatriots:

Bruce Bowman – Patriot Medal for many years of dedicated service to KSSSAR

Justin Engleman – Distinguished Service Medal for his outstanding service as Western VP and sponsoring, and genealogy support for new members and helping set up ZOOM meetings for KSSSAR

Steve Hamlin – Silver Roger Sherman Medal for his work producing and editing the Liberty Bell Newsletter



Jordan Chambers – Silver Roger Sherman Medal for developing and maintaining the new KSSSAR website

Bill Marshall – Silver Roger Sherman Medal for supporting President Hulse contact and mentor new members

Bill Posson – Silver Rober Sherman Medal for outstanding service to the Fort Hays Chapter

Stu Conrad – Silver Roger Sherman Medal for chairing Knights Essay award committee

Dewy Fry – Silver Roger Sherman Oak Leaf for keeping colorguard and youth programs active during the challenges of 2020 and Covid-19.

Vernon Welkner – Silver Roger Sherman Oak Leaf for outstanding service as membership chairman for KSSSAR



Bryan Wampler – Ellis Spirit Award for serving as Eastern VP, Stark Committee chairman, and revising the bylaws and constitution.

Dewy Fry – Ellis Spirit Award for his tireless efforts to represent KSSSAR and make it a better organization.



Linda Welkener – Medal of Appreciation for helping to organize the state conference in Leavenworth.

Youth Awards



Youth awards were presented to the winners of the George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest, Andrew Mullen, (Charles Robinson), the Joseph R Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest, Myles Day (Delaware Crossing) , and Arthur M. and Brenda King Eagle Scout Contest, Charles (Chase) Bryan Horner, (Delaware Crossing).

2021 USS Stark Memorial Awards

By Bryan Wampler – Eastern Region Vice President

In 1988, the National Society Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR) established the USS Stark Memorial Award program “to memorialize those brave men and women who continue to stand at the forefront to preserve the freedoms our patriotic ancestors fought so long and hard to achieve.”

The NSSAR USS Stark Memorial Award program recognizes outstanding chapters for their direct support of veterans. The NSSAR Veterans Committee establishes the criteria for the USS Stark Report annually and adjusted the 2020 report to allow virtual participation at events due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

It is important to highlight the USS Stark, which was a United States Navy guided-missile frigate launched on May 30, 1980. On May 17, 1987, during a deployment to the Middle East it was struck by two Exocet missiles fired from an Iraqi warplane. There were thirty-seven United States Navy Sailors killed and twenty-one injured. The Stark was repaired and returned to service but was later decommissioned in 1999.

The reporting period for the USS Stark Award competition is January 1 through December 31 of each year. Chapter activities are recorded by each Chapter, typically the Chapter Secretary who also serves as the Veterans Committee Chair, using that year’s specific scoring sheet. As the title of this article highlights, 2020 was a banner year for the Kansas Society’s efforts in supporting veterans and honoring those who have passed

The NSSAR awards recognize by ranking the chapters and state submissions. The categories for chapters are: 1 to 49; 50 to 99; 100 to 199; and over 200 members. State categories include state societies with less than 1,000 and with more than 1,000 members. Judging is conducted by using the average points per registered member of the chapter and society. It

should be mentioned that first place winning chapters and state societies cannot receive the award for two consecutive years. A “Honorable Mention” category exist for chapters and state societies who fall in the Honorable Mention category, which also comes with a streamer for consecutive first-place finishers at the NSSAR level.



Congratulations to all the participants in the 2020 USS Stark competition. The KSSSAR was the winner of the 1000+ category for 2020. The Georgia Society had more points, but they won in 2019 and cannot win again until 2021. The KSSSAR was the only State Society that had one hundred percent of their chapters submitting reports, but not all chapters had points associated with their reports, which was requested by the NSSAR Veterans Committee who oversees the USS Stark program.

Chapters who submitted their activities for the 2020 USS Stark competition where extremely successful in honoring and supporting veterans to include:

Bennington Chapter ranked #26 for chapters 10-49 members.

Charles Robinson Chapter ranked #30 for chapters 10-49 members.

Delaware Crossing Chapter ranked #16 for chapters 100-199 members

Henry Leavenworth Chapter ranked #3 for chapters 100-199 members.

Monticello Chapter received Honorable Mention for chapters 50 – 99 members. The chapter had the most points for the category but cannot win again until 2022 since they came in #1 in 2019.

Sons of the Plains Chapter ranked #22 for chapters 50 – 99 members.

Prairie Minutemen Chapter ranked #31 for chapters 10-49 members.

Washington Chapter ranked #20 for chapters 100-199 members.

An important part of the USS Stark Award program includes recognizing individuals who support Veterans and the program. The Service to Veterans Medal may be awarded to SAR members who have given long and exemplary service to veterans. The medal is awarded for 5000 USS Stark Award points accrued by a SAR member in good standing. The medal is to be awarded by the Chapter. It is important to know that documented points can be accumulated and held locally at the Chapter over several years until points are accumulated to receive the medal or an Oak Leaf Cluster (OLC). The Bronze OLC will be awarded for each multiple of 3,000 points earned after the first award.



Compatriot Ron Sisk of the Monticello Chapter once again led in the accumulation of points for the

Kansas Society qualifying for 8 Oak Leaf Clusters to his Service to Veterans Medal in 2020. His support of the Veterans Community Project of Kansas City, Missouri is inspirational and continues into 2021.

The 2021 USS Stark Report Scoresheet has been released and distributed to each chapter President. The NSSAR committee has continued to allow virtual participation of certain events due to the continuation of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The 2021 report will be the first time that we will have individuals who volunteered to be representatives at one of three Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Centers in the State of Kansas! These individuals were nominated by the NSSAR Veterans Committee Chairman and accepted by the VA Medical Center Volunteer Coordinator. At the Robert J. Dole VA Medical Center in Wichita, we have Compatriots R. Matthew Joyce (WA) and Ron Upton (WA); at the Colmery-O'Neil VA Medical Center in Topeka we have Compatriots Richard H. "Dick" Tinder (CR), Jim Cooper (CR) and James Long (WA); and at the Dwight D. Eisenhower VA Medical Center in Leavenworth we have Walter Schley, Jr. (HL), Kirk Rush (DX), and Bryan Wampler (MC). The KSSSAR can have more appointed representatives at the Kansas VA Medical Centers, or other Medical Centers in other States. If interested, please email Compatriot Bryan Wampler at bwampler.sar@gmail.com.

Members are encouraged to review the scoresheet and report their efforts. Our KSSSAR goal for 2021 is to have reportable events and individual contributions for all chapters and achieve an honorable mention for the KSSSAR

State Chaplin Report

By Randy Colby – KSSSAR Chaplin

There are times in our lives that we must stop and think. Recently has been one of those times for some of us; times that remind us of the brevity of life. Scripture says the days of our lives are three score and ten and more years than that are blessings. Let me encourage everyone to enjoy today, enjoy your family, enjoy your friends, enjoy the beauty of the day.

I am also reminded of the importance of remembering. Remembering is much of what SAR is about. It's been said that no one really dies as long as someone remembers their name. In joining SAR we remember the names of our ancestors who struggled to form our nation, we keep our ancestors and their work alive. In marking graves, cleaning gravestones, wearing our uniforms, teaching our youth, we remember. What will you do today to remember?

Membership Development

By Vernon Welkner – KSSSAR President

Let us return to the discussion of member development (mentoring). Member development is the transition of the new members into consistently involved members in their local chapters. This includes attendance at chapter meetings, participation in chapter events, and assistance in chapter programs. Ultimately, it means having new members move into chapter leadership by serving on a committee or as a chapter officer. I was recently on a Zoom call for a National committee and listened to a few members lamenting that member development is a perennial concern. That is nearly always true about volunteer organizations and this means we must continually address this issue. I would like to offer some suggestions for member development in this and future articles in the *Liberty Bell*.

As a pastor of a local church, I have been in a leadership position in a volunteer organization for over forty years and I have applied a successful strategy for member growth and development that I learned some years ago. In seeking for the growth of Kansas Society, I propose this three-fold strategy to our chapters. The three-fold strategy includes **content**, **relationships**, and **service**. I have illustrated this by calling this *the three-legged stool*. These three components should be kept in balance and can lead to a substantial growth in the

personal attachment of members to their chapters.

The first component is **content**. As with any organization, there is a quantity of information that must be communicated to the members at all levels of the organization: chapter, state, and national. This includes a number of areas, such as, the history of the organization, objectives, and specific distinctives that are characteristic of each level. For new members we should identify the chapter officers and their functions as well as the various committees and what they do. We should identify the three overall objectives of the Sons of the American Revolution, which are: historical, patriotic, and educational; and explain how the chapter puts these into practice.

The second component is **relationships**. Studies show that the greater the relationships between the members of a chapter, the greater will be the cohesion to the chapter. For this we must develop relationships with other chapter members, growing from casual acquaintances to closer friendships. Our patriot ancestors served in small units and developed a strong camaraderie with those with whom they served. Often, the friendships they made during their military service lasted a lifetime. We should work at developing stronger relationships among our chapter members by learning and remembering their names, occupations, unique skills, and

what they enjoy about the Sons of the American Revolution. We all have something in common: we all have ancestors who served courageously in the American Revolution. From that common ground can grow significant friendships.

The third component is **service**. Quite frequently, we grow in our friendships by serving together on projects and events. The Kansas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution offers a wide variety of projects and events to enable our compatriots to serve together. We have chapter meetings, Color Guard events, youth programs, and educational programs that are designed to give everyone the opportunity to serve by doing something that will make a difference in the lives of others.

We want everyone to be involved. Recognition of our family's heritage as descendants of Revolutionary War patriots is probably why most of us joined the Sons of the American Revolution. We are proud of our patriot ancestors and our country. Beyond this, we want you to actively participate and support our Society's objectives of patriotism, education, and history. Let us welcome our new members and help them become in our chapter, state, national SAR, and patriotic community activities. My next article will cover more information on how to develop our members.

Color Guard Activities

State Color Guard Honors Compatriot Don Lemen Jr.

Washington Chapter colorguard commander Don Lemen Jr. passed away April 2, 2021. KSSSAR colorguard commander Dewy Fry along with KSSSAR immediate past president Bobbie Hulse and Washington chapter officers Randy Colby (president), John Schwartz (VP), Steve Hamlin (Sect) and Joe Warne (Treas) provided and honor guard for Compatriot Lemen's visitation and funeral services.



Color Guard Participated in Several State Conference Activities

Colorguard members from across the state participated in many activities at the state conference including the memorial service, which culminated with a flag folding ceremony.



John Schwartz (Washington) and Tom Chychota (Henry Leavenworth) fold the national colors

After the memorial service the colorguard marched from the church to the meeting venue in parade with all of the Revolutionary War flags. The procession was observed by several local residents in Leavenworth who stopped to honor the flags.

The 129th State Conference kicked off with the colorguard presenting the colors.

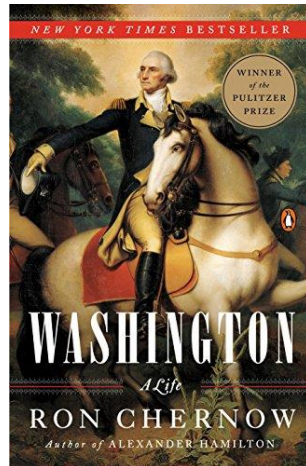


Book Review

Washington: A Life by Ron Chernow

Reviewed by Vernon Welkner

Soon after I became a member of the Henry Leavenworth chapter, then Chapter President Brooks Lyles invited our chapter to the Kansas City Public Library to listen to a presentation on George Washington by author Ron Chernow. Since George Washington plays such a prominent role in the Sons of the American Revolution, I attended this event with other members of our chapter. Mr. Chernow had recently published the book *Washington: A Life*. After his presentation, I purchased Mr. Chernow's book and found that he is a good writer and a careful historian. He divides Washington's life into six chronological sections he entitled "The Frontiersman," "The Planter," "The General," "The Statesman," "The President," and, "The Legend." The book has sixty-seven chapters and over eight hundred pages of biographical text.



I was particularly moved by Washington's surprise at being elected the Commanding General of the Continental Army. Chernow writes, "In accepting this appointment, Washington was haunted by the uncertain fate of his wife, who would be left alone and might become the target of British raids. For three days Washington couldn't bring himself to write to her. Then on June 18 he sat down with trepidation to inform her of his extraordinary appointment: "My Dearest, I am now set down to write you on a subject which fills me with inexpressible concern and this concern is greatly aggravated and increased when I reflect on the uneasiness I know it will give you...You may believe me...when I assure you in the most solemn manner that, so far from seeking this appointment, I have used every endeavor in my power to avoid it, not only from my unwillingness to part with you and the family, but from a consciousness of its being a trust too great for my capacity...it has been a kind of destiny that has thrown me upon this service...it was utterly out of my power to refuse this appointment without exposing my character to such censures as would have reflected dishonor upon myself and given pain to my friends."

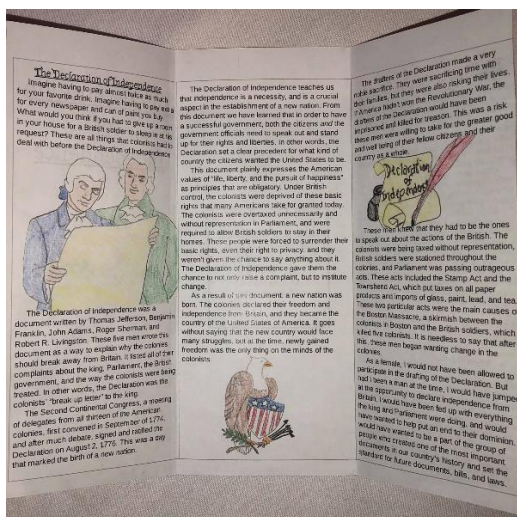
I recommend this book to you and urge you to read it. It was published in 2010 by New York's Penguin Press and is likely available at your local public library and on Amazon.



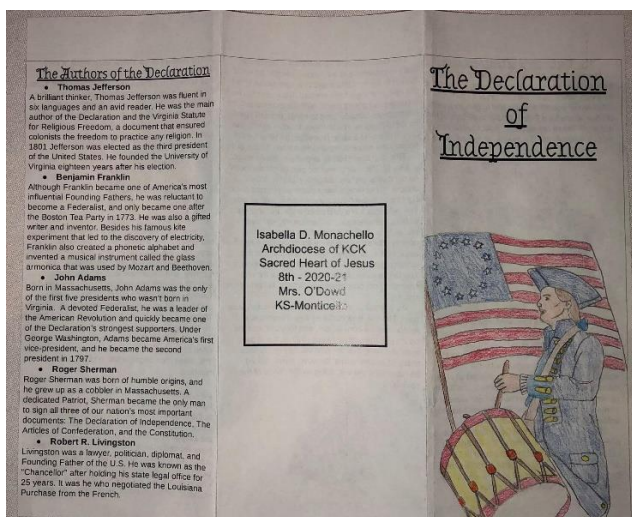
Bobbie Hulse and Larry Stevens display the SAR 250 flag at the state conference

Educational Outreach

State Brochure Contest Winner

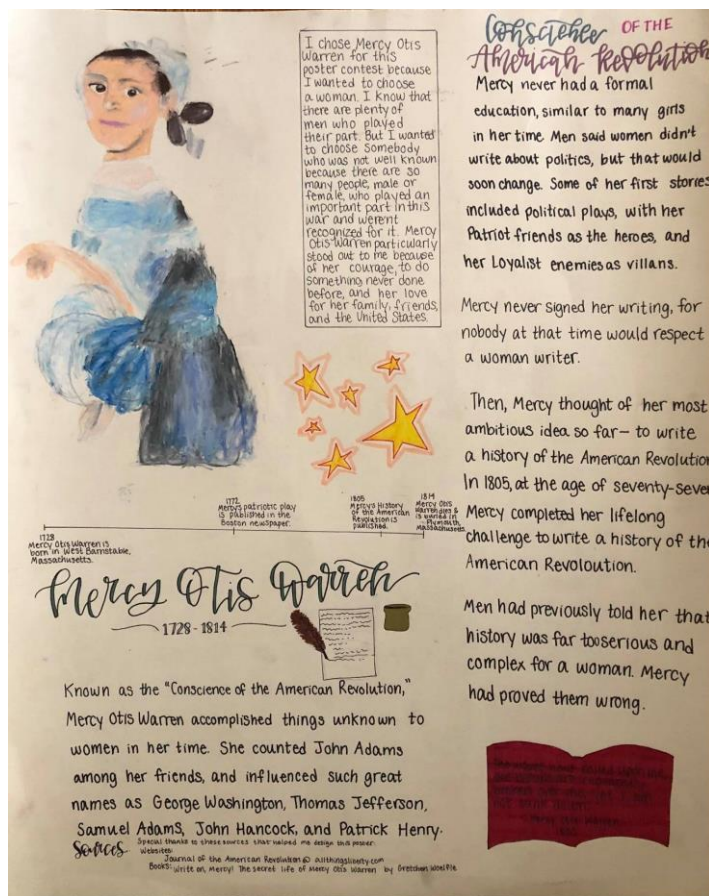


The 2021 Patriotic Brochure contest winner was announced at the state conference. The winner is Isabella D Manachello, an eighth grader at Sacred Heart of Jesus school. Her brochure on the Declaration of Independence was sponsored by Monticello Chapter.



Poster Contest Winner

The winning poster was submitted by Annie Farrell, a fourth grader at Lenexa Hills Elementary School and was sponsored by Monticello Chapter. The poster tells of the life and times of Mercy Otis Warren, the "Conscience of the Revolution".



George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest



Andrew Mullen presents his winning essay at the state conference.

Joseph R Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest

The KSSSAR 2021 Rumbaugh Oration contest winner is Myles Day. He was the Delaware Crossing Chapter Oration contest winner.

Myles is a sophomore at Olathe East High School. He is active in the school sports of basketball and tennis and is a member of the choir and barbershop quartet. His future educational interest lies in the area of business. He has aspirations to travel internationally.

Myles presented his oration at the KSSSAR annual meeting held in Leavenworth on March 20. His oration was entitled: How a Disease Can Affect a Country.

Myles related that smallpox was a major threat to health and survival during the period of the Revolution, including impacting the Continental Army causing Washington to order inoculations as a preventive measure. Additionally, he brought up malaria as another significant medical concern, especially in the Southern theater of operations.

Myles pointed out that despite the ravages of these diseases, the Continental Army and our budding nation persevered to emerge victorious.

He related that in the present day, COVID-19 has also produced a major public health concern, but the same courage and tenacity that allowed our forefathers to succeed will come to the forefront to allow America to outlast this pandemic.



Myles Day receives his certificate for his winning entry in the oration contest.

Arthur M. and Brenda King Eagle Scout Contest



Chase Horner presents his winning essay at the state conference.



SAR members thank you very much for your support for Claire Moser, 2020-2021 State C.A.R. President project of American Legion's Legacy Scholarship!

April 18th concluded the 2021 N.S.C.A.R. National Convention, and it is my pleasure to introduce the 2021-2022 State C.A.R. President, Annabelle Diebolt.



Annabelle is looking forward to the opportunity to make a difference and support

Passageways, which is a home for homeless veterans. This organization was founded because a homeless veteran died from adverse exposure under a bridge and died alone. Passageways saw a need for veterans and now provides shelter and support services to veterans to get them to gain life skills and live independently again. She has personal reasons and goals for this project and looks forward to sharing them in future SAR chapter meetings and Liberty Bell issues.

All five Kansas C.A.R. societies are open for membership for your children and grandchildren birth to 22 years old. Please contact me regarding C.A.R. membership and Miss Diebolt's State President's project at millerfam4@sbcglobal.net

Janis Miller - Senior State C.A.R. President

Americanism Report

Dennis Nelson – Americanism Chairman

The 2020 Kansas report was filed by March 1, 2021. In the Americanism contest, Kansas reported 17,660 points compared to 21,544 for 2019. In the President General Streamer contest, Kansas reported 24,469 points compared to 18,515 points for 2019. Combined totals were 42,229 points for 2020 compared to 40,059 for 2019, despite Covid 19 restrictions for almost nine months in 2020.

Americanism recognizes chapters and states that participate in outreach education efforts and who acknowledge community leaders for their efforts to perpetuate the goals of the SAR. The President General's Streamer contest recognizes chapters and states for their efforts to achieve the

administrative goals of the SAR and who contribute to the success of the SAR.

Seven chapters filed Americanism reports for 2020. Special thanks to Bennington, Delaware Crossing, Henry Leavenworth, Monticello, Sons of the Plains, Washington and our new chapter, Prairie Minutemen. Chapter Americanism reports along with state activities are combined to complete the Kansas Americanism report.

The winners of the 2020 contests will be announced at SAR Congress in July and the release of individual chapter and state results in the fall of 2021.

My Ancestor Search

By: LJ Fanning - Monticello Chapter

In 1998, I began my search for my long-forgotten ancestors. My search officially began in 1989 during a family reunion in Fayetteville, Tennessee, and even at that time the War Between the States still carried memories from the old timers that were alive at the end of the last remaining veterans.

In 1999, I returned to Fayetteville to visit my great grand uncle, who was now 90. My search for the Fanning Cemetery was in need of his memory to aid me in my quest.

I found it just like he said, 6 dry creek beds down Kelso Road, on the left stands a large Oak in a pasture and there it was. In 2004 with the help of the Rome, Georgia SCV, we marked my SCV ancestor (G3) who was buried in the family cemetery along with my G4 and G2 and many others. But my search had just begun. Where to go from here? More research would bring my search to the newly Charter Monticello Chapter and with the help of my sponsor, Tim Peterman, the documentation started in 2008.

My official date of admission was March 30, 2010. Lt. Laughlin Fanning was my Patriot ancestor, my direct ancestor, my 6th Great Grandfather.

The search for his grave was by this time marked by Georgia SAR in 2008. Due to my work schedule, a visit would not take place for quite some time.

I travel for work and take advantage of the time working in different places for my ancestry research or historical visits. In 2018 I was working in Fayetteville, North Carolina and went to visit the Alston House or better known as the House in the Horseshoe.



Phillip Alston is another Patriot Ancestor, my G6 and the antagonist, a Loyalist, Colonel David Fanning was the nephew of Lt. Laughlin Fanning. In 2018, I was approved for admission to The Loyalist and Patriots Society thru Lt. Laughlin Fanning and Col. David Fanning. Also, in 2018 I was approved to The First Families of Missouri and the SUV of Missouri. These early Missouri pioneers followed Daniel Boone from Virginia, Kentucky, and Missouri. Several were War of 1812 Veterans. In 2015, I joined the Missouri Chapter War of 1812.

The home of my 4th Great Grand Uncle, the Hickman House, sits in Columbia, Missouri at the University of Missouri Ag Farm. My early ancestors Hickman, Moss, and Brown donated land which later became The University of Missouri.



My search to prove my ancestors does not stop. Thru documentation, I have been successful in my quest. In 2018, in North Carolina, I visited 2 Patriot ancestors in South Carolina. One in Society Hill and another nearby. Yesterday I finally was close enough to drive and find my 6th Great Grandfather, Lt. Laughlin Fannin. With the help of Find a Grave, a couple of old timers, and a 300-foot hike thru the Georgia brush, I found him.



My journey does not end here. It will continue, not because I collect certificates, but to bring these ancestors back and honor them.

I want to thank Tim Peterman for that spark that began in 2008.

Kansas Society Approved Handbooks Available Online

By: Compatriot Bryan Wampler, Handbook Chair

On March 20, 2021, at the Kansas Society Annual Conference in Leavenworth Kansas, the members present approved the updated Kansas Society Handbooks. The Handbooks contain the governing documents and official policies, procedures, and protocol of the Kansas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. It provides official guidance at the Kansas Society and Chapter levels on the operations, programs, and activities of the Kansas Society. Compatriots of the Kansas Society should regularly review the Handbooks.

The Kansas Society Handbooks come in two volumes consisting of Volume I, Constitution and Bylaws. Volume I Part I contains the Constitution and Part II contains the Bylaws. Handbook Volume II contains the Processing Instructions

and Administration for the Kansas Society with Part III containing the Processing Instructions and Part IV containing Administration instructions.

Updates for all sections were provided by Board of Governor members to include the different committee chairs. Other recommended changes were provided by members from throughout the Kansas Society. It is believed that having different elements of the Kansas Society contained in multiple handbooks will allow for ease of use and ease of updating when the need arises.

The pdf versions of the Kansas Society Handbooks have been posted to the kssar.org website at: <http://kssar.org/about-kssar/handbook/>.

CHAPTER NEWS

SONS OF THE PLAINS CHAPTER (Hutchinson)

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



Sons of the plains has elected new officers for the coming year. They were installed by WVP Justin Engleman at the April meeting. From right to left they are President Dean Bruns, VP Bit Roberts, Secretary Greg Hanna, and treasurer Mark Buckley.

PRAIRIE MINUTEMEN CHAPTER (Ellsworth Area)

John Sherman President



Deb Hulse wasted no time as a member of the DAR as she received the Medal of Appreciation for referral of 3 new members who will be in the Prairie Minutemen Chapter but Deb is best known for her work with the SP member Bobbie Hulse.

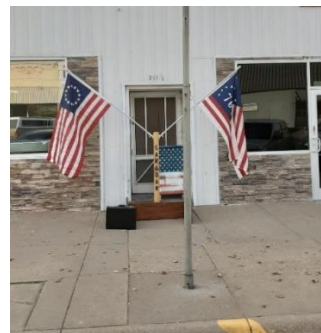
The Prairie Minutemen Chapter has continued to meet through the winter months, via Zoom. Newly elected officers include: Ron Svaty, president, David Bailey, vice president, Eli Svaty, secretary, Kendall Rathbun, treasurer, Justin Engleman, genealogist, Dr. Bill King, chaplain. Chapter member Logan Erichsen was selected as the chapter winner of the Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest winner and went on to place second in the state contest.

The next meeting will be 20 May 2021 at 6:30 p.m., at the Ellsworth Steakhouse. It will be a hybrid meeting. The chapter currently has 43 members with another 14 awaiting approval at NSSAR. Three additional applications are awaiting documentation finalization and signatures. Plans for the chapter chartering ceremony are being made for the summer with an announcement forthcoming.

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. .*

Frank Hottman is the Bennington Chapter Flag Committee Chairman. Frank is a very proactive guy when it comes to the American Flag. From the first meeting when he was installed to the present day Frank is always aware of his surroundings and the opportunity to be sure that our flag is respected at all levels. During a covid quarantine he built a flag stand to use in front of the venue that is housing and ongoing DAR or SAR meeting, sadly it has seen little use up until this time as meetings have been rare.



Recently Frank noticed a very nicely displayed US Flag and a Kansas Flag flying in front of a local patriots home. Only one thing the flags were improperly positioned. Seeing that the resident truly was doing their patriotic best but may be a little lacking in how to do so properly, Frank stopped knocked on the door and introduced himself. Explained the fact that the American flag should be on the left to those facing the house and left it at that. When he drove by later the flags had been switched and were positioned according to proper protocol.



Frank and Tom White early had noticed a ragged flag in front of a local business and purchased a new one to replace it and presented it to the business. Proof that if you see something, say something can be applied to proper display of the flag and we can make a difference if we want to be involved in making things better.

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

Compatriot Travis Towle shared the following story. Last July 3rd my home was burned to the ground by a firework accident. We have spent the last year rebuilding the place from the ground up. Because I lost pretty much everything in the fire including checkbooks etc. and with no time to do anything but rebuild I was not able to get my dues paid.

Finally, I am kinda of caught up and waiting on the drywall people to finish before I can start flooring, painting, and trim work, so I was able to get some things out of the way. I emailed the chapter here in Topeka, Kansas wanting to know what I needed to do to get our dues paid. To my surprise the members paid the local and national dues for both my 11 year old son and I.



How amazingly grateful we are for this. I guess they knew I was planning on becoming color guard with them soon.

The SAR certificates made it through the fire and will have a place on a table in our new foyer with our family's original 1750's seating set and the original battle flag that luckily were in Dallas at the time of the fire.

Amazing group of people!

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

At our chapter meeting on Saturday, February 20, 2021; Eagle Scout Charles "Chase" Horner of Boy Scout Troop 282 in Leawood, KS presented his Patriotic Essay written and submitted for the 2020 Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest. Chase won first place out of several applications received this year in our chapter.

Chase's essay was about Charles Willson Peale, a famous portrait artist during the American Revolution who painted portraits of several of our famous founding fathers, including George Washington. In addition to being an accomplished portrait artist, Peale (after the Revolution) opened one of the first natural history museums in America. It contained the first complete skeleton of the American Mastodon among many other unique exhibits. Charles Willson Peale also happens to be Chase's great-great-great-great-great-grandfather.



Chase Horner receives his certificate from Kirk Rush

After Chase read his essay, chapter Eagle Scout chairman Kirk Rush presented to Chase his award of \$500, a Certificate of Participation, and two SAR/Boy Scout partnership patches for him to wear on his uniform. Chase has also won first place at the state level and state Eagle Scout chairman Kirk Rush will present his award to him at the state Youth Awards Luncheon on Saturday, March 20, 2021 in Leavenworth, KS. Chase was also the chapter and state winner last year (for the 2019 contest).

Chase's application has been submitted to NSSAR for competition at the national level. We wish him the best of luck and hope to see him be able to accept an award at the SAR Annual Congress in Renton, Washington this July.

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
At 7

FORT HAYS CHAPTER (Hays)

Gary Baxter, President

At a meeting in Stockton the Hays Chapter inducted three new members in a meeting attended by State President Bobbie Hulse. First up were Doak Doolittle and Stan Bray. (left) Then as we were about to close up Joe Leroux came walking in as he had driven to Phillipsburg for a Parent teacher conference and since the lights were still on he came in and we were able to install him as well. Joe is on the right being pinned by Chapter President Garry Baxter.



HENRY LEAVENWORTH CHAPTER (Leavenworth)

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



Chaplain, Vern Welkner, taught students at the Genesis Academy in Tonganoxie, what it was like for children to receive an education during the Revolutionary War. Welkner is Pastor of the High Prairie Church and past President of the Henry Leavenworth Chapter, SAR.



The Henry Leavenworth Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) inducted new members at their recent meeting. The inductees were Jett Riddle, Dylan Riddle, Norm Riddle, Blake Pfeiff, and Jim Whittington.



Matthew Archambault is the newest member inducted into the Henry Leavenworth Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. Matthew is an Instructor at the U.S. Army School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS). Matthew's induction was presided over by South Central District (Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas): Vice President General Larry Stevens and outgoing Kansas Society President Bobbie Hulse.



Ed Mease, pastor of the St. Paul Lutheran Church, was presented a Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Certificate of Appreciation from Vern Welkner. Welkner is the President of the Kansas SAR. Mease provided his Church for the SAR Memorial Service held during the Kansas SAR annual Conference.

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

The Monticello Chapter for the second year in a row comes in number one for points for chapters 50 – 99 members. Monticello received Honorable Mention due to winning the category in 2019.

New chapter officers were inducted at the Kansas Society Annual Conference on 20 March 2021 (Jeffrey Winters – Chapter President; Jake Cox – Chapter Vice President; Jordan Chambers – Chapter Secretary; Ken Gilpin – Chapter Treasurer). Former Monticello Chapter President Bryan Wampler was inducted as the Kansas Society Vice President. Wampler previously served as the Kansas Society Eastern Vice President.

The Monticello Chapter is now holding hybrid meetings on the 3rd Thursday of each month at Pegah's Family Restaurant on 87th Street in Lenexa, Kansas and via Zoom. All are invited and welcome to attend our meetings in person or via Zoom.

The Monticello Chapter Poster and Brochure contestants win first place during the Kansas Society Annual Conference and will now compete at the National competition.

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 has been meeting via Zoom since January; however, the number of participants has been low. At the last meeting changing the meeting time to Thursday evenings and having dinner meetings. President Randy Colby asks that members voice their opinion on this option by calling or emailing him.



Although he was not a member for long, only since 2019, Compatriot Don Lemen Jr. was a very active member of Washington Chapter serving as Colorguard Commander. Don passed away on April 2 after battling Covid-19. Washington Chapter will miss Don's participation on every event and his constant smile and positive attitude. Rest in peace Compatriot Lemen.

The Kansas SAR Ladies Auxiliary

Linda Welkner, 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> |
|-------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Bray | Stanley | Lynn | 217984 | 3751 | FH | Engleman, JS | 01/22/21 | Johannes Ringer |
| Leroux | Joseph | Conrad, III | 217985 | 3752 | FH | Engleman, JS | 01/22/21 | William Lockwood |
| McCune | Gregory | Allen | 217986 | 3753 | KP | Baxter, GE | 01/22/21 | Samuel Seward |
| Musselwhite | Paxton | Ledger | 217987 | 3754 | PMJ | Musselwhite, TE | 01/22/21 | Robert Reed |
| Grothusen | John | Allen | 218051 | 3755 | PM | Engleman, JS | 01/29/21 | Giles Davidson |
| Flanders | Bruce | Lee | 218052 | 3756 | CR | Schatzel, JA | 01/29/21 | Enoch Flanders |
| Ross | Alan | Daniel | 218053 | 3757 | FS | Schatzel, JA | 01/29/21 | Stephen Smith |
| Cummings | Burton | Randall | 218054 | 3758 | DX | Schatzel, JA | 01/29/21 | Daniel Doolittle |
| Grossnickle | Christopher | Galen | 218055 | 3759 | KP | Schatzel, JA | 01/29/21 | John Wagensailer |
| Grossnickle | David | William | 218056 | 3760 | KP | Schatzel, JA | 01/29/21 | John Wagensailer |
| Reed | Joseph | Michael, Jr. | 218057 | 3761 | DX | Fry, HD | 01/29/21 | William Brown |
| Sparks | Orville | Owen | 218151 | 3762 | TJ | McReynolds, RL | 02/05/21 | Adam Bolnder |
| Burris | Gregory | Joseph | 218152 | 3763 | HLJ | Schatzel, JA | 02/05/21 | Vincent Tapp |
| Bonnell | David | Burton | 218343 | 3764 | CR | Schatzel, JA | 02/26/21 | John Bonnell |
| Posson | Craig | Anthony | 218344 | 3765 | FH | Posson, WA | 02/26/21 | Peter Borst |
| Posson | Jacob Ryan | Patrick | 218345 | 3766 | FHJ | Posson, WA | 02/26/21 | Peter Borst |
| Walzel | Robert | Lewis | 218804 | 3767 | CR | Schatzel, JA | 04/09/21 | George Zumwalt |
| Day | Ryan | Wesley | 218805 | 3768 | MC | Schatzel, JA | 04/09/21 | Richard Leadbetter |
| Hulse | Collin | Frederick | 218806 | 3769 | PM | Hulse, BA | 04/09/21 | Richard Hulse |
| Hulse | Michael | William | 218807 | 3770 | PM | Hulse, BA | 04/09/21 | Richard Hulse |
| Hulse | Brandon | Michael | 218808 | 3771 | PM | Hulse, BA | 04/09/21 | Richard Hulse |

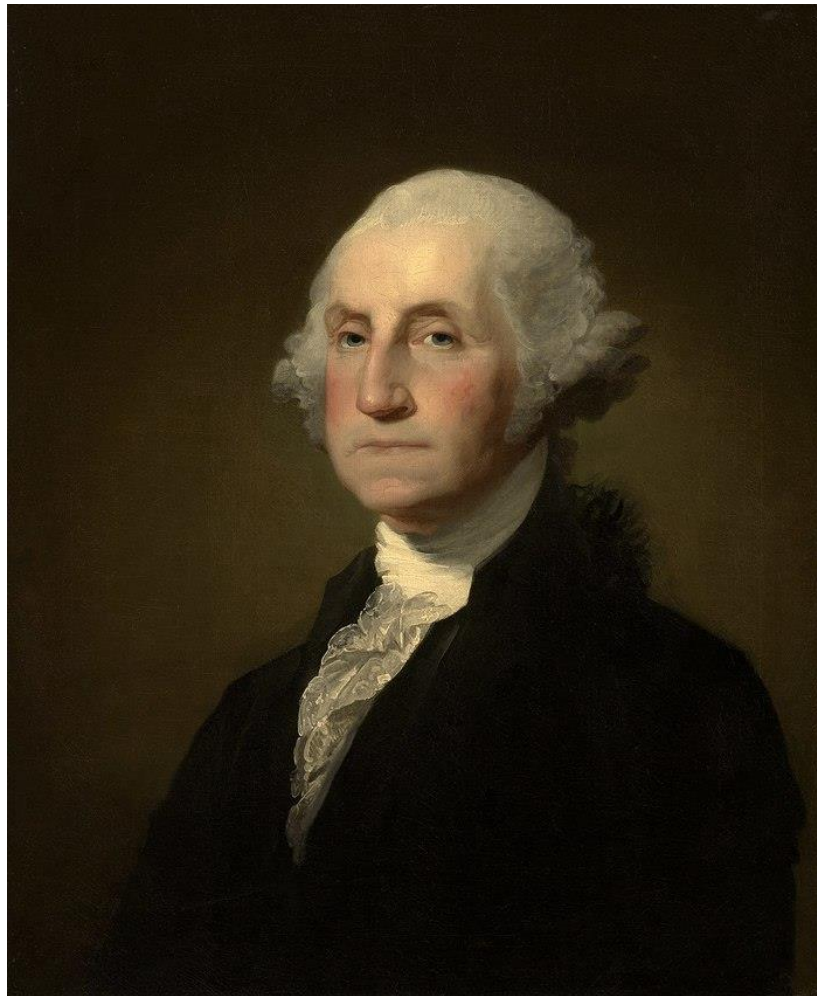


Salute to Our Departed Comrades

| <i>Last</i> | <i>First</i> | <i>Middle</i> | <i>NSSAR</i> | <i>Ks</i> | <i>Member</i> | <i>Died</i> |
|-------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|-----------|---------------|-------------|
| McKean | Donald | LeRoy | 119563 | 1424 | 1981 | 02/07/20* |
| Handly | Randall | Joe | 125577 | 1645 | 1985 | 03/18/20* |
| Walling | Eugene | Kirtley | 85544 | 768 | 1960 | 07/16/20+ |
| Hoyne | Thomas | Temple | 133670 | 1858 | 1989 | 08/12/20* |
| Penland | Harry | William | 144973 | 2056 | 1995 | 08/15/20* |
| Wilkinson | John | Ercy | 91497 | 871 | 1965 | 08/08/20* |
| Beets | Donald | Boyd | 129039 | 1765 | 1987 | 09/03/20* |
| Wilson | John | Irvine | 161574 | 2382 | 2003 | 09/21/20* |
| Naylor | Frank | Wesley, Jr. | 87194 | 793 | 1961 | 10/06/20* |
| Woodcock | Harry | Robert | 189249 | 2982 | 2013 | 11/02/20* |
| Kramer | Roy | Joe, Jr. | 133363 | 1850 MAL | 1989 | 11/10/20 |
| Heide | Robert | Kayl | 20618 | 1453 | 1982 | 12/24/20* |
| McCarter | Harold | Douglas | 110775 | 1174 | 1976 | 01/07/21* |
| Tate | Delbert | Eugene | 144031 | 2081 | 1995 | 01/11/21* |
| McCoin | John | Mack | 157870 | 2302 CR | 2002 | 01/13/21 |
| Swart | Oura | Lee | 132088 | 1972 FS | 1988 | 01/17/21 |
| Mendenhall | Elborn | Eugene | 159326 | 2327 TJ | 2002 | 01/28/21 |
| Linn | Donald | Herbert | 209245 | 3443 DX | 2018 | 02/22/21 |
| Patrick | Everett | Junior | 132663 | 1836 | 1989 | 02/23/21* |
| Houser | Kenton | Edward | 116119 | 1286 | 1979 | 03/12/21* |
| Blasdell | James | Arden | 178980 | 2799 | 2011 | 03/13/21+ |
| Lemen | Donald | Clifford, Jr. | 212262 | 3528 WA | 2019 | 04/02/21 |

*inactive
+demitted

Final Thought



George Washington

“A primary object should be the education of our youth in the science of government. In a republic, what species of knowledge can be equally important? And what duty more pressing than communicating it to those who are to be the future guardians of the liberties of the country?”

- George Washington

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