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On the cover: KSSAR delegation at the 131st National Sons of The American Revolution congress in Renton Washington. (L-R) Brooks Lyles, Timothy Petermen, Bobbie Hulse, John Schwartz, Vernon Welkner

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President's Corner



Compatriots, Linda and I have just returned from the National Congress for the National Society for the Sons of the American Revolution. After serving an extended term of two years as our President General due to the COVID-19 pandemic, John T. Manning completed his term. PG Manning did an outstanding job of leading the National Society during the difficulties brought on by the pandemic, not the least of which was changing the national by-laws to enable conducting business over video conferencing.

As a member of the National Society's Chaplains committee, I participated in the national Memorial Service at which our departed compatriots were honored. Due to COVID restrictions, the Memorial Service was held at the hotel rather than at a church building. Linda and I attended the President General's Banquet on Tuesday evening and the Installation Banquet on Wednesday evening. We found both to be very enjoyable.

Our new President General is Davis L. Wright who is from the Delaware Society. During his installation speech, new PG Wright outlined plans to move forward with our nation's 250th Anniversary celebration that will be observed in 2026. He urged all state societies and chapters to develop 250th anniversary committees and join with other local and state organizations to celebrate this historic milestone. The Kansas Society is eager to join with PG Wright to develop plans for that 250th Anniversary and I urge every chapter to have their own 250th Anniversary committee to find ways to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

I took both the winning poster and brochure from the Kansas Society to Congress. Both did well in the judging, but neither placed in the top three. With the new school year soon approaching, I urge each chapter to contact their local schools to advertise next year's poster and brochure contests. The poster contest is for third, fourth, or fifth grades (whichever grade your district studies the Revolutionary War). The theme for 2022 is "Revolutionary War Events." Submitted posters shall be on either traditional flexible poster board, 22 inches by 28 inches or foamed backed poster board, 20 inches by 30 inches. The students name cannot be on the front of the poster. Computer aided graphics designed material may be used on the posters. However, this material must be of the student's original design and is limited to no more than fifty percent (50%) of the

poster. Commercially produced or printed material such as clip art is not acceptable. Use of trademarked or copyrighted material is not acceptable.

The brochure contest is for sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students. Students may enter in any of their middle school years. Contestants must create a tri-fold brochure out of a typical 8½" x 11" piece of paper. The brochure must conform to the contest theme which is one of the six foundational documents (the choice is the contestant's) The brochure will be judged on: Content, Creativity, and Correctness. The judging criteria rates highest personally drawn art work and text authored by the student as opposed to cutting a pasting from books, magazines and the Internet. The use of software tools by the student for creating the brochure, and even the art work, is permissible. The six Foundational Documents of the United States are: The Articles of Confederation, The Declaration of Independence, The Constitution of the United States of America, The Bill of Rights, The Federalist Papers, The Articles of Association of 1774.

While we often focus on public schools, these contests are also open to students in private and home schools. I would like to see entries in both of these contests from each chapter at our next Kansas State Society Conference in March 2022. Let's get the word out—there has never been a more important time to encourage school children to learn about the American Revolution.

SAR History Teacher Award

By Bruce Flanders - KSSSAR American History Teacher Award Chairman

Kansas Society Chapters, it is time to start thinking about potential candidates for the Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award!

As the 2020-21 academic calendar comes to a close for most teachers, they can take a deep breath, reflect on the year past, and plan for the coming school year. Summer can also be a restful time for KSSSAR compatriots, but there is something we can start thinking about now: those amazing, remarkable, and inspiring social studies/history teachers in the elementary, middle, and high schools in our state.

The time to formally identify candidates for the Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award, and to encourage teachers to apply for this honor, will be upon us before we realize it, and we can start thinking about it now. This SAR contest is a great way to recognize teachers who have distinguished themselves in the instruction of American history, and especially the American Revolutionary era. Teachers in public, private, or parochial schools (but not home schools) can be encouraged to apply.

The Award program will feature a contest at each of the three educational levels so there will be a winner for the elementary school level, the

middle school level, and the high school level. A KSSSAR Chapter may submit a contestant to the state from each school level and we may hold a contest and select a winner from each school level to submit for the national awards. The national winner from each school level will receive potential benefits worth up to \$5,000.00 per winner.

This prestigious SAR award would go a long way toward helping these teachers achieve the highest levels of recognition in their profession.

The American History Teacher Award program is spelled out in more detail on the NSSAR website: <https://www.sar.org/dr-tom-betty-lawrence-american-history-teacher-award/>

How amazing would it be for the national recipient of this Award to hail from Kansas? We came close several years ago, and 2021 could be our year! Put on your thinking caps, and work together to identify outstanding history teachers in your Chapter's region. Contact these teachers to encourage them to apply, and be prepared to sponsor them. If you have any questions about the American History Teacher Award, please contact me at: bflanders.sar@gmail.com

Chaplin's Corner



Sitting down to write my words to you my compatriots, I am writing with a deep sense of nostalgia. Just yesterday I celebrated three score and five years of my pilgrimage on this earth. Now I am officially old, ready for Social Security and Medicare. Where has the time gone?

Also today my heart is heavy as I remember my brother who left this earth two years ago. He would have been seventy-nine today. We nearly shared a birthday, I on the twenty-third, he on the twenty-fourth.

So what is the point of the sentimental musing of this old preacher? It is the value of remembering. First and foremost I believe SAR is about remembering. As we work so hard finding and proving our patriot lines it is remembering that we do. Each new discovery in our genealogy is remembering. Those we have never known before, we now remember. As we remember we share, and as we share others then remember.

When we teach and share the history of our nation and its founding documents we are remembering. Remembering the sacrifices made by so many to secure so much for us today. Remembering the values and principles we as Americans hold so dear. As we teach others they remember what America is all about, and work hard to bring about the high ideals America was founded upon, but are not yet fully realized for all.

Finally let us be reminded to remember those whom we hold so dear, those who walk this earth and share our pilgrimages in life. Cherish them, hold them close, let them know of our love for them. Let us not only remember the past, let us remember today.

God Bless - Chaplain Randy.

Membership Development

By Bryan Wampler - KSSSAR Vice President

In the April issue of the Liberty Bell newly installed KSSSAR president Vernon Welkner outlined his vision for membership development. This article, the first in a series, will focus on three topics, Membership Development, New Member Recruiting, and plans for a Member at Large Muster.

The membership goal of the Kansas Society is multi-faceted focusing on many categories to include achieving and maintaining a membership strength of over 1,000 members. The Kansas Society achieved this goal in 2020, but unfortunately fell below that mark in 2021 due to attrition once the renewal period was completed. In 2020, ten of our chapters increased their membership by 10% and all chapters retained 95% of their members. With continued focus, the Kansas Society will continue to flourish and increase membership while achieving our objects that are declared to be patriotic, historical, and educational; to unite and promote fellowship among the descendants of those who sacrificed to achieve the independence of the American people, to inspire them and the community at large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom.

The responsibility for our membership initiatives is outlined in the newly revised Kansas Society Handbooks, and additional guidance was provided by our Kansas Society President Vern Welkner. As outlined

in Handbook II, "The Kansas Society Membership Committee is responsible for programs to recruit new members and to increase retention of existing members... Each year the committee sets specific goals to realize these objectives." Currently, the members of the Membership Committee include Bryan Wampler (MC), Bobbie Hulse (SP), John Schatzel (HL), Jeffrey Winters (MC), John Sayler (CR), Steve Hamlin (WC), Timothy Peterman (DX), Steve Robb (FS), Justin Engleman (PM), Vern Welkner (HL), and each Chapter President. Please send a message to bwampler.sar@gmail.com if you are interested in serving on the committee, which meets via Zoom quarterly.

There are multiple actions that will help the Kansas Society improve their levels of success in recruitment of new members to include partnering with the Daughters and Children of the American Revolution, engagement of new members through mentorship, marketing, establishing new chapters, recovery of dropped members, and member at large musters.

Recruiting New Members

The Kansas Society has been extremely successful in recruiting new members! Chapters should continue with the methods that have been time tested. During a conversation with Compatriot Timothy Peterman (DX), he mentioned that it is time to start attending the different events that have been successful in the past to

include city celebrations, county fairs, bazars, and other gatherings that bring in large numbers of participants. It is also important to try new and innovated techniques to attract new members, to include members of all ages. We have all heard over the years that the world and people are continually changing, and we as an association must innovate to find eligible members. We encourage all members to bring forward their ideas and success stories of methods that will assist others in recruiting new members, which will be published in future editions of the Liberty Bell so all chapters can learn from success stories.

Member at Large Musters

The Kansas Society currently has a large number of Members at Large (MAL). During the May 2021 Board of Governors meeting the board voted on and approved having a MAL Muster Program. The Henry Leavenworth Chapter has a successful muster program that they hold annually, which will be used as a benchmark in developing the state program. The intent of the Membership Committee is to hold an annual MAL muster during the Annual Conference, but also work with the chapters to have local and regional musters. The intent of these musters is to foster a sense of membership and possibly recover these members as chapter members if their situation allows. It is important to let our MAL know that we appreciate their membership and want to ensure they have an opportunity to be engaged.



You cordially invited to the

Chartering Ceremony

of the

Prairie Minutemen Chapter

Kansas Society
Sons of the American Revolution

Saturday, August 7, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church

405 N. Lincoln

Ellsworth, Kansas

All new chapter members will be installed at the ceremony
and this will be your opportunity to sign the charter

Buffet meal consisting of Chicken Parmesan and Flat Iron Steak

\$25.00 per person

Dress is coat and tie or Colonial Attire

Send Names of Attendees and Payment no later than July 25, 2021 to:

Kendall Rathbun

Prairie Minutemen Chapter

1516 Hwy. 14

Ellsworth, KS 67439

Checks payable to: Prairie Minutemen Chapter SAR

Color Guard Activities

State Color Guard Participates in DAR 250 Plaque Dedication

Kansas State Colorguard was asked by Susannah French Putney Chapter DAR to present the colors at the dedication of the first DAR 250 plaque in the state in El Dorado on May 30, 2021. Guardsmen from across the state led by KSSSAR colorguard commander Dewy Frey, represented KSSAR at the event which included DAR and C.A.R. dignitaries from all over Kansas. The colorguard stood in the rain for pictures after the dedication ceremony which was moved inside due to inclement weather.



Kansas Color Guardsmen at National Congress



Kansas colorguard was represented by several compatriots at the 131 National Congress in Renton, Washington including NSSAR colorguard commander Brooks Lyles, KSSSAR president Vernon WeInker and newly installed national trustee Bobbie Hulse.



Brooks Lyles gives final instruction to the colorguard before starting the possession at the President General's luncheon.



Bobbie Hulse taking his position in line for the colorguard procession.



Vernon Welkner delivers the opening invocation for the 131 National Congress



Bobbie Hulse presents the Colors at the Great Bend city concert and Independence Day celebration.

Independence Day Celebrations

Many chapters across Kansas took part in Independence day celebrations.



Washington chapter Randy Colby, Steve Hamlin and John Schwartz (not pictured) participated in the Mulvane 4th of July parade.

Abbyville Armed Forces Day Parade and Rodeo



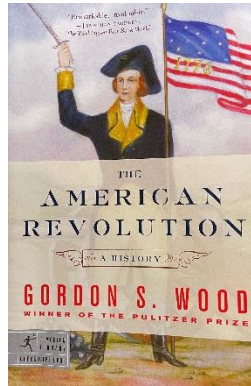
Sons of the Plains chapter leads the Abbyville parade June 27, 2021.

Book Review

The American Revolution: A History by Gordon S. Wood

Reviewed by Bruce Flanders

The author, Gordon S. Wood, is Alva O. Way University Professor and Professor of History Emeritus at Brown University. He graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Tufts University. After serving in the US Air Force, he received his PhD from Harvard University. He taught at Harvard University and the University of Michigan before joining the faculty at Brown in 1969. He is the author of *The Creation of the American Republic, 1776-1787* (1969), which won the Bancroft Prize and the John H. Dunning Prize in 1970, and *The Radicalism of the American Revolution* (1992), which won the Pulitzer Prize for History and the Ralph Waldo Emerson Prize in 1993. *The Americanization of Benjamin Franklin* (2004) was awarded the Julia Ward Howe Prize by the Boston Authors Club in 2005.



I found Wood's book *The American Revolution: A History* to be a rich introduction to this crucial time in our history. Despite the broad sweep of topics in the book, it is so incredibly concise (less than 200 pages in length) that it can be digested in a relatively short time.

While many books on the American Revolution focus almost exclusively on a description of the colonial and British forces and the major military engagements, this book also provides insight into the social, economic, and political origins of the war, and the effects of the war on American society. While that sounds dry and academic, Wood has written this history for the layperson. To be sure, the book is densely packed with historical information and insights, so it requires active engagement on the part of the reader. I found it to be a rewarding read.

Of the book's 24 brief chapters, only one focuses on the actual military battles. The book therefore is an outstanding companion to the many histories that exclusively address the period's actual military strategies and actions. The book is divided into seven sections: Origins (growth and movement of population, economic

expansion, reform of the British Empire), American Resistance (British reaction, deepening of the crisis, the Imperial debate), Revolution (the approach to Independence, the Declaration of Independence, an asylum for liberty), Constitution-Making and War (the State constitutions, the Articles of Confederation, the War for Independence), Republicanism (the need for virtue, the rising glory of America, equality, a new world order), Republican Society (effects of the War, effects of the Revolution, republican reforms, antislavery, republican religion), and the Federal Constitution (the critical period, the Philadelphia Convention, the Federalist-Anti-Federalist debate).

To provide a flavor for the book, here is a brief sampling: "It is not surprising that Americans in 1776 embarked on their experiment in republicanism in a spirit of risk and high adventure. Yet most American Revolutionaries were enthusiastic and remarkably confident of success. They believed that they were naturally virtuous and thus ideally suited for republican government. Were not the remarkable displays of popular order in the face of disintegrating royal governments in 1774-75 evidence of the willingness of the American people to obey their governments without coercion? Did they not possess the same hardy character the ancient republican citizens had? In contrast to England, where most people were tenants or landless workers, most Americans, at least most white adult males, owned their own land. Americans told themselves that they were a young and vigorous people..."

Included is a useful chronology, and maps illustrating the pattern of settlement in the colonies, and the early and late Northern Campaigns, and the Yorktown and the Southern Campaigns. Recognizing that the book is introductory in nature, the author provides a listing of literally hundreds of recommended books for the reader interested in deeper study of specific topics, such as the impact of the Enlightenment on our American founders, the forming of American nationhood, popular evangelical movements of the period, the commercial scrambling by Americans, the unconventional character of the war, British politics and the Monarchy, and so forth.

I recommend this book as a sweeping overview of and introduction to this essential era in our shared American heritage. Published in paperback format in 2003, it can be purchased from your local bookstore or Amazon, and it is likely available at your local public library.

Educational and Youth Outreach

Henry Leavenworth Chapter JROTC Award



JROTC Cadet Aubrey Williams received the Sons of the American Revolution Outstanding JROTC Cadet Award from the Henry Leavenworth Chapter. Aubrey attends Leavenworth High School and is a member of their national award-winning JROTC program. She was also named as the new Commander for National Champion Cavalry Angels. Aubrey plans to attend the Air Force Academy after her graduation.

Engaging Youth for Colorguard

SAR National Trustee Bobbie Hulse organized a youth colorguard during the Great Bend Independence Day celebration and city concert. Getting kids involved with our activities is a great way to get them interested in history and paves the way for youth participation in or programs like the poster, brochure, essay and oration contests.



Waving the Flag

Bennington chapter took to the streets to fly Old Glory at the Fair road overpass above I-70.



Tom White and his granddaughter Crystal along with Frankie Hottman and Devin Gray wave flags

Honoring Our Patriots

By: Robert Wandel - Charles Robinson and Thomas Jefferson Chapter

In some old family documents, I found a letter stating that I had a relative, John Wandel, who served in the Revolutionary War and who was buried in Muhlenberg, Pa., a town nearby where I had lived as a child and teen. John had served seven years in the 5th New York Line under Col. James Clinton.

I joined the Sons of the American Revolution chapters, Thomas Jefferson in Topeka and the Charles Robinson in Lawrence, Kansas, where I now live, using John Wandel as my Patriot.

During a trip to Pa. two years ago to visit my sister I went to the cemetery where John was reported to have been buried but I didn't find a tombstone for him. After returning to Kansas, I thought it would be nice to have a tombstone and later a dedication service to honor my Patriot.



I researched the cemetery records and found that he in fact had been buried in the Arnold-Benscoter Cemetery where I had looked. I applied to the Veterans Affairs and requested a tombstone for him. After supplying the VA with a documentation of John's burial, they supplied a tombstone. The cemetery caretaker erected the tombstone for us this spring.

I contacted the local SAR chapter in Wilkes-Barre and the DAR from the Wyoming Valley chapter and asked them to help in the dedication service. An invitation was given to the American Legion Post in Shickshinny, Pa. to attend the service. The service was held on June 19th at the cemetery with twenty-eight people in attendance. Many of those who attended were Wandel or Wandell relatives, some whom I had not seen in over 20 years or more.



One of the highlights of the service was the speech given by Lucy Honeywell a GGGGG grand daughter of John Wandel stating how proud she was that John was willing to serve his country during the Revolutionary War.



Robert Wandel speaks at dedication ceremony

Mentoring New Members

By: President Vernon Welkner

The following information is designed to acquaint you with the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR), your State Society and your local Chapter. Each organization of these three organizations allows you to be actively involved in the patriotic, historical, and educational programs that meet the goals and objectives of the entire organization. By joining the NSSAR, you are a dues-paying member of each organization.



The objectives, policies, organizational structures, protocols, and programs all flow downward from the National Society to the State Societies and then to the Chapters. We want you to have a working understanding of all aspects of the Society. It also identifies your opportunities to be a more patriotic citizen, respecting and preserving early American history, and helping to educate on the founding and preservation of this great constitutional republic.

A new member's early education in the NSSAR is in learning what is going on in the chapter and its response to carrying out the Society's objectives. It is the new member's understanding and participation in the chapter that will lead to interest and involvement at the state and national society levels. Involvement at the chapter, state, and national levels is open to all members at any time.

Participation—right up front, we are asking you to be involved. Recognition of our family's heritage as decedents of Revolutionary War patriots is probably why 95% of us joined. We are proud of our patriot ancestors and our country. Beyond this, we ask for your active participation and support of the Society

objectives of **patriotism, education, and history**. There are many ways for you to stand out from the crowd as a proud and supportive member. These range from wearing the member badge or member rosette pin to being involved in the chapter, state, national SAR, and patriotic community activities. You can start now, today, by volunteering to support one of your chapter's activities or committees, by becoming familiar with the National and State Societies and by attending Chapter, State Society and National Society meetings and participating on committees and programs.

Mentor—Your chapter will assign a mentor to you and your mentor should be your first contact on questions. Also, fellow chapter compatriots and chapter officers stand ready to help answer your questions. Answers are also readily available from the national, state, and chapter websites. The national magazine and state and chapter newsletters, Facebook pages and blogs also provide useful and current information. Your mentor will give you his telephone number and email address.

References All the details of the national, state, and chapter organizations, are available on the website of each. You are encouraged to log in to the websites and become familiar with contents of each. The websites are: The National Society—www.sar.org (follow instructions to establish access); State Society www.kssar.org (ask mentor for login password; if necessary); ask your mentor for the website or Facebook address for your chapter.

Of particular importance in the websites are national, state and chapter governing documents. You will also find schedules of events and meetings, histories of the organizations, recent developments, important announcements, lists of officers and members, patriot research and definitions of programs. The national website provides the "Store" where you can purchase pins, badges, certificates, stationery, medals, clothing, books, and pamphlets.

Important terminology for you to remember:

Annual Congress, sometimes called “Congress,” is the annual convention of the National Society, typically held in July and hosted by a State Society. State Societies select delegates to attend based on their membership size, but every compatriot is welcome to attend; spouses and family members are also welcome.

Board of Trustees manages the business and affairs of the National Society and is the custodian of all National Society property; one Trustee represents each State Society.

CAR (always pronounced as letters, C-A-R, never as a one-syllable term) is the acronym for the National Society of the Children of the American Revolution.

Congress is the shortened name for National Congress. It is the annual meeting of the National Society held in July and held at different locations in the United States.

Compatriot is the official designation of a member of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Chapter is the local organization chartered by a State Society to promote growth in membership and interest in the objects of the National Society.

DAR (always pronounced as letters, D-A-R, never as a one-syllable term) is the acronym for the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

District is a group of State Societies served by a Vice President General to strengthen the constituent State Societies. States may also have districts established within the state and having a district leader or chairman.

General Officer is the term given to the National Society officers elected at the Annual Congress to one-year terms. The President General is the Chief Executive Officer of the National Society. Serving with him, in descending rank, are the Secretary General, Treasurer General, Chancellor General, Genealogist General, Registrar General, Historian General, Librarian General, Surgeon General, and Chaplain General. A Vice President General is nominated by each District (see below) and elected at Congress.

Ladies’ Auxiliary aids the SAR at Chapter, State, and National levels. Membership is open to ladies who are related by marriage or bloodline to NSSAR Members in good standing.

Leadership Meeting is held each fall and spring in Louisville, KY, at which national committees meet to make recommendations, and the Board of Trustees manages the business and affairs of the National Society.

Membership categories are Regular Member or Regular Life Member the age of 18 years and older, Junior Member under the age of 18 years, and Memorial Membership for a deceased male of the same family as current members.

SAR (always pronounced as letters, S-A-R, never as a one-syllable term) is the acronym for the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

SAR Color Guard is composed of the compatriots who attend NSSAR meetings and events properly uniformed as either Continental Soldiers or Militiamen or attired as Revolutionary-era clergymen.



Supplemental Application is an application submitted for adding additional family patriots to your files after the membership application has been approved.

NSSAR Education Center and Museum are located at 809 West Main, Louisville, KY. NSSAR is active in education and raising funds to complete the Museum.

NSSAR Member Badge is worn by a compatriot at NSSAR functions and when representing the

NSSAR. It is a Maltese cross of four arms and eight points with a bust of George Washington at its center and available from the NSSAR Store at <https://store.sar.org/product/member-badge>

NSSAR Rosette is worn by a compatriot member, at his discretion, on the left lapel of his jacket, but is not worn simultaneously with the NSSAR Member Badge. Purchase it from the NSSAR Store at www.store.sar.org/product/member-rosette.

State Society is chartered by the National Society in any State or Territory, including any foreign country, in which a Society does not exist.

Trustee is the member nominated by his State Society to serve a one-year term with the National Society. He is elected at the Annual Congress to serve on the Board of Trustees. Also elected to the Board of Trustees are General Officers, Executive Committee Members, and former Presidents General.

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution—WHO WE ARE:

History: The NSSAR grew out of a few patriotic organizations that formed during and shortly following the centennial celebration of the United States in the 1870s and 1880s. Originally organized on April 30, 1889, in Washington D.C., the founding members chose this date because it was the 100th anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington as the first President. The Society was chartered by an Act of the U.S. Congress on June 9, 1906, and signed into existence by President Theodore Roosevelt, a NSSAR member. This charter authorizes the granting of charters to state societies and through them to local chapters. Another important date is April 30, 1890, when the first National Congress took place in Louisville, Kentucky. Volume VII of the NSSAR Handbook provides a more detailed history of the NSSAR.

Objectives “The objectives of this Society are stated in the Handbook Volume I, Constitution and Article II, Objectives: and declared to be patriotic, historical, and educational, and shall include those intended or designed to:

- Perpetuate the memory of those patriots who, by their services or sacrifices during the war of the

American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people;

- Unite and promote fellowship among their descendants; to inspire them and the community-at-large with more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers;
- Encourage historical research about the American Revolution; to acquire and preserve the records of the individual services of the patriots of the war, as well as documents, relics, and landmarks;
- Mark the scenes of the Revolution by appropriate memorials; to celebrate the anniversaries of the prominent events of the war and the Revolutionary period; to foster true patriotism;
- Maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom and to carry out the purposes expressed in the preamble of the Constitution of our country and the injunctions of Washington in his farewell address to the American people.”

For consistency, many state societies and chapters restate these objectives in their organizational documents (constitutions, by-laws, regulations, and manuals).

Handbook The eight-volume Handbook of the NSSAR contains the official policies, procedures, and protocol for the National Society. It provides official guidance for the National Society's operation, programs, and activities. The policies contained in the Handbook are established by the: (1) Annual Congress, (2) Board of Trustees, (3) Executive Committee, (4) National Headquarters staff, and (5) Standing, Special Advisory and Program Committees. The Volumes in the Handbook are:

Vol. I: Governing Documents

Vol. II: Organization

Vol. III: Membership, Compliance & Other Policies

Vol. IV: Insignia, Protocol, Ceremonies & Rituals

Vol. V: Individual Medals & Awards

Vol. VI: Youth Programs, State Society & Chapter Awards

Vol. VII: Summary History of the Sons of the American Revolution

Vol. VIII: Historical Roster of NSSAR General Officers

The complete Handbook can be viewed or downloaded from the NSSAR website www.sar.org. As a new member, you should review the indexes in each Volume of the NSSAR Manual to become acquainted with the manual's contents.

Headquarters & Library: The NSSAR headquarters is located at 809 W. Main Street Louisville, KY 40202.

The Executive Director of the National Society Headquarters and headquarters staff are employees of the NSSAR. They carry out the day-to-day operation of the Society. The NSSAR Library, NSSAR Compatriot Application Archives, NSSAR Merchandise Store, and NSSAR Museum are in the headquarters building. Headquarters also staffs Finance, Education, and Genealogy departments. Meeting facilities and classrooms are available for education. Any compatriot member may visit the headquarters and use the library for research and view the museum at no charge. Be sure to have your national membership number for access.

Non-Profit: NSSAR is a tax-exempt non-profit organization per IRS 501 (c)(3). This same status, under the umbrella of the National Society, is provided to each state society and its chapters, and each must file annual exemption notifications to the IRS.

Apolitical: NSSAR is a non-political organization. Chapters and State Societies should never endorse or recommend any candidate for public office, nor can meetings include the discussion of the pros and cons of such candidates. However, the benefit of any general question involving the social, economic, moral, or physical welfare of the people may be fairly and intelligently studied and discussed at a meeting. NSSAR may take a position on any bill or measure which may be submitted to a vote of the elected representatives of the people or a vote of the people.

General Officers: The President General (called the PG) is the official head of the organization. He along with the Vice-president Generals, and the Executive Officers: Secretary General, Treasurer

General, Chancellor General, Genealogist, General Registrar, General Historian General, Librarian General, Surgeon General, Chaplin General, and National Trustees, are all elected General Officers of the National Society. The election of the officers occurs at the National Congress held each July. All elected officers serve without compensation. Any member may apply to be a delegate to the annual Congress and vote on all measures and elections coming before the Congress.

Following Congress, national officer candidates for the following year declare their candidacy. The candidates seek endorsements from the State Societies and Districts during the year. At Leadership meeting in February, a Nominating Committee reviews credentials and endorsements and selects a slate of one officer per position. Nominations can also come from the floor at Congress.

The Standing Committee Chairmen, official members of the committees, and an Inspector General are all appointed by the President General. All these appointed committee members are members like you from chapters and state societies volunteer to serve.

Societies: Societies exist in all states (North and South Dakota are combined), as well as France, Spain, and Germany. There are 13 Districts in the U.S., one in Europe and one that covers other International locations. A US District typically represents three or four states. Each District has a Vice President General (VPG), who reports to the President General and provides oversight to the state Societies in the District



Youth Protection Program

By Bruce Flanders – Youth Protection Program
Chairman

The Kansas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution focuses on patriotic, historical, and educational activities to perpetuate the memory of those patriots who, by their services or sacrifices during the war of the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people. Today, as part of our educational mission, Kansas SAR chapters work with young people to foster true patriotism and a respect for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers. It cannot be overemphasized that, as we work with our youth in these educational efforts and youth contests, it is essential that we maintain a culture of youth protection awareness and safety.

Youth protection is the focused commitment of all of us in the KSSSAR. The purpose of youth protection is to protect young people participating in KSSSAR activities from abuse by adults involved in those activities. It is also designed to protect those of us who volunteer for youth activities from false accusations of improper contact.

KSSSAR youth protection guidelines are straightforward; here are a few of the high points: only those compatriots who have a role in SAR youth contests should contact or communicate with participants; videos and images of these youth contest participants are for use only in SAR publications or electronic media, and may be recorded only when accompanied by a signed release from the participant's parent(s); and personal contact or communication with youth contest participants must only take place with another adult over the age of 21 ("two deep

contact," avoiding any one-on-one contact with any youth without another adult present. The guidelines are spelled out in detail in Section 12 of the KSSSAR Handbook (Volume II: Processing and Administrative Instructions).

Fortunately, in our effort to maintain youth protection, we have an outstanding tool that is readily available to all Kansas compatriots: the NSSAR Youth Protection online training. This training is available on the "eLearning Portal" of the national SAR website (<https://www.sar.org/courses/youth-protection-training/>). Chapter officers and compatriots who interact directly with youth should go to this link to take the online training. The training is available to all of us, and everyone is encouraged to complete the training. It is comprised of a short series of videos and brief narrative, and it only takes about 20 minutes to complete. Once you absorb the training material, a short quiz is administered online. You can then save and print the certificate and keep it for your records. Completion certificates should also be sent to your Chapter Secretary.

Your completion of the online Youth Protection training is of vital importance to the KSSSAR, and will help us conduct youth programs in accordance with the highest standards of integrity. I wish to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the many KSSSAR compatriots who have already completed their youth protection online training. What about you? Please follow their good lead, complete the training today, and send a copy of your completion certificate to your Chapter Secretary.

CHAPTER NEWS

SONS OF THE PLAINS CHAPTER (Hutchinson)

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

In the square, is the place for patriots to assemble and honor our heritage by music each year in Great Bend. The city band plays for the crowd which this year was the biggest we have seen numbering in the hundreds. KSSAR has provided the celebrational concert with color guard for the past few years as WVP Justin Engleman plays 1st Trumpet and has gotten us in to present the colors.



This year Sons of the Plains Guardsman, Bobbie Hulse thought it would be fun to see if he could get the youth involved and went around in the crowd asking each of the young attendees to carry a small flag and march in with the Color Guard, which included Prairie Minuteman's Stan Jantz. Each of the young patriots was excited to say the least and each took a small flag, followed instructions to the tee as the colors were presented. As the colors were advanced to the top of the stage the kids broke off

and marched across in front below and marched in place until the halt was voiced.



Thank you to the band drummer for providing cadence to march in by, we had never done that before either. When the order "Present" was given they all raised their flags in the right hand to fullest extension and held them there for the entirety of the "Star Spangled Banner". They then retired with the Guardsman as instructed; it was a great thing for the crowd as they cheered for some time. It really got the concert off to a great start and as the night continued the dedication to our country was on great display. Can't wait for next year



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



Logan and Chris Erichsen at the Salina Scout Awards Banquet

Prairie Minutemen chapter members Logan and Chris Erichsen pose for pictures at the Salina Scout Awards Banquet. Logan won the PM chapter's Eagle Scout Essay contest as well as the Tri-Conda Scout essay contest. Logan's brother Noah, also an Eagle Scout, is also a member of PM chapter. Chris Erichsen, a member of PM chapter is also Scout Master for Logan's Troop.

A chartering ceremony for Prairie Minutemen chapter will be held August 7, 2021 at 6:30 pm at the First Presbyterian Church 405 N Lincoln, Ellsworth, KS all SAR members are invited to attend

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. .

On Saturday May 23 three members of the Bennington Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution were blessed with a very unique gift.

As we were placing flags on veteran grave sites in preparation for Memorial Day it was noticed that one grave stone was for a veteran of the war of 1812. This veteran's name was Josiah Cook and further research revealed a very unique story.

Joshia Cook started life in New Hampshire and service records indicate he was a member of the New York Light Infantry. Additional service records show that he

may have answered his nation's call during the Mexican-American war as well.

Not much is known about his life outside of his service to his country. What we have discovered based on his obituary is a very sad end for a veteran who answered his nation's call twice.

At the time of his death on August 7, 1885 at 98 years of age Mr, Cook was a resident of a poor house and upon his death his body was placed in a potter's field in an unmarked grave.

A few days after his first burial the members of post 63 Grand Army of the Republic retrieved his body. His remains were then moved to the veteran section of the Abilene cemetery with a proper military burial. The eulogy fitting this veteran was performed by a local minister and an obituary was posted in the local newspaper. Post 63 also placed a veteran marker at his final resting place.

As always it's a great honor to clean around and place flags for the grave sites of all veteran's.



(L-R) Tom White, Frankie Hottman, and Jim Brown and in front Crystal White the granddaughter of Tom, place flags at Josiah Cook's grave for Memorial Day

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

On Memorial Day, Charles Robinson chapter member Bruce Flanders placed 50 flags on the graves of military veteran at Oak Hill Cemetery in Lawrence. One grave had special significance to Bruce as it was the grave of his father Harold Flanders, a WWII veteran.



Bruce Flanders places flag on his grandfather's headstone

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



Dr. James N. Leiker

Those few members who attended the June 19, 2021 Chapter Meeting got to enjoy a very good program presented by Jim Leiker about the history of the Quindaro Settlement in what is northern Kansas City, KS. The in-depth research by Jim and his associate enlightened us in regard to the location and history of the Settlement, including the story of the Underground Railroad often referred to in regard to the slaves seeking freedom in the Kansas Territory. I, Dewey Fry, spent the first 24 years of my life in the KCK area and went to Washington High School just a few miles south of the Quindaro Ruins.

Mr. Lieker's presentation was totally verbal, but very captivating. It certainly did not need any visual aids. To those who missed it, if you ever have the opportunity to hear the presentation by Mr. Leiker, who teaches at JOCO Community College, I advise you to seize the opportunity.



Dewey Fry holds Virginia flag gifted to DX chapter by Bob Capps

Past Delaware Crossing Chapter President, KSSSAR President and South-Central District VPG Bob Capps presented the Delaware Crossing Chapter with a Virginia State Flag on a pole at the June 19, 2021, chapter meeting. He had purchased it for use during a visit to welcome President General Joe Dooley at the SCD Conference.

Bob as well as several others in the Delaware Crossing Chapter have patriot ancestors from Virginia. Thank you, Bob.

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, *Meeting Dates and Location- Meet on the 3rd Tuesday of Jan, May, July, Sept, Nov. at 7:pm (March is the State SAR Meeting) at the Rooks County Museum, 921 S. Cedar St, Stockton, KS.*

Chapter president Gary Baxter and his son-in-law, Jason Channell, designed and built a new display board for the chapter to display their banners. Gary says "Gary supervised and Jason built".



Gary Baxter presents new banner display

HENRY LEAVENWORTH CHAPTER (Leavenworth)

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



Ronald Proctor was recently inducted into the, Henry Leavenworth Chapter. Proctor's Revolutionary War Patriot ancestor was James Stagg. Proctor is also the father of Kansas State Representative Pat Proctor.



Brett Warming and Don Wales were sworn in as the newest members of the Henry Leavenworth Chapter.

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 Pegha'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 participated in the Mulvane Independence Day Parade on July 4.



The Kansas SAR Ladies Auxiliary

Linda Welkner, President Mrs. Welkner *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>
Chamberlain	Toby	Lee	171429	3772	MAL	dual ILSSAR	04/30/21	John Kennedy
Robb	Ronald	Steven	202793	3773	FS	trf from VASSAR	05/06/21	Daniel Dodge
Feight	Robert	Joseph	219165	3774	BN	B. A. Hulse	05/14/21	John Gunter
Hill	Scott	Lance	219166	3775	WA	J. L. Warne	05/14/21	John Bradstreet
Ryman	William	Francis	219167	3776	HL	J. A. Schatzel	05/14/21	Burton Pride
McCall	George	Andrew	219168	3777	KP	J. A. Schatzel	05/14/21	Michael Dayton
McCall	George	Timothy	219169	3778	KP	J. A. Schatzel	05/14/21	Michael Dayton
Warming	Steven	Leon	219170	3779	HL	J. A. Schatzel	05/14/21	Henry Briscoe
Warming	Brett	Joseph	219171	3780	HL	J. A. Schatzel	05/14/21	Henry Briscoe
Schneider	Todd	Thomas	219172	3781	PM	J. S. Engleman	05/14/21	Stephen Ferryman
Mai	Curtis	Wesley	219173	3782	PM	J. S. Engleman	05/14/21	Stephen Ferryman
Mai	Jason	Andrew	219174	3783	PM	J. S. Engleman	05/14/21	Stephen Ferryman
Mai	Blake	Lawrence	219175	3784	PMJ	J. S. Engleman	05/14/21	Stephen Ferryman
Mai	Nathan	Daniel	219176	3785	PM	J. S. Engleman	05/14/21	Stephen Ferryman
Mai	Garret	Daniel	219177	3786	PM	J. S. Engleman	05/14/21	Stephen Ferryman
Maresch	Stanley	Everett	219178	3787	PM	J. S. Engleman	05/14/21	Stephen Ferryman
Dominguez	Rhyse	Anthony	219179	3788	PMJ	J. S. Engleman	05/14/21	Stephen Ferryman
Schneider	Larry	William	219180	3789	PM	J. S. Engleman	05/14/21	Stephen Ferryman
Lyman	Brett	Taylor	219181	3790	PM	J. S. Engleman	05/14/21	Stephen Ferryman
Lyman	James	Lawrence	219182	3791	PM	J. S. Engleman	05/14/21	James Hope
Lyman	James	Lawr, Jr.	219183	3792	PM	J. S. Engleman	05/14/21	James Hope
Lyman	Lake	Robert	219184	3793	PM	J. S. Engleman	05/14/21	James Hope
Janes	Lee	Robert G	219185	3794	PM	J. S. Engleman	05/14/21	James Hope

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>
Chamberlain	Toby	Lee	171429	3772	MAL	12/22/09	Esther Stilly*
Chamberlain	Toby	Lee	171429	3772	MAL	04/07/17	George Michael Imler*
French	Steven	Dean	210017	3475	DX	05/07/21	Jonathan Weir
Lemen	Donald	Clifford, Jr.	212262	3528	WA	05/07/21	John Reynolds, Sr.
Romans	Charles	Joseph	191780	3602	TJ	05/21/21	Philip Conrad Aumiller
Romans	Charles	Joseph	191780	3602	TJ	05/21/21	Peter Borah
Barnds	Campbell	Craig, III	173357	2677	DX	05/28/21	Josiah Craig
Wampler	Bryan	Wayne	194673	3099	MC	06/11/21	Jacob Catron
Long	James	Jefferson	211795	3517	WA	06/11/21	Abraham Roelofson
Svaty	Ronnie	Lee	194111	3076	PM	06/25/21	Joseph Trego
Riddle	Robert	Dale	207008	3389	HL	06/25/21	Kimber Barton
Talkington	Gregg	Lee	214779	3632	WA	06/25/21	James Edmands
Lawrence	Manon	Halloran	197727	3166	WA	07/09/21	Richard Bush
Lawrence	Manon	Halloran	197727	3166	WA	07/09/21	Prescott Bush
Long	James	Jefferson	211795	3517	WA	07/09/21	James Scott

*supplementals for new dual member



DX President Ken Ludwig presents Steve French with his supplemental certificate for patriot ancestor Johnathan Weir who served in the Virginia Militia.

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>
Baldwin	Richard	Walter Carl	107891	1090		1975	aft 1977*
Denny	John	Marshall	103095	994		1973	06/05/16*
Brooks	John	Mahan, Jr.	149581	2135		1998	aft 2016/ bef 2020*
Wright	Robert	Leroy	131502	1804		1988	08/03/17*
Taylor	Lawrence	Martin	100373	972		1972	03/08/18+
Overmyer	David	Joseph	161993	2399	CR	2004	04/16/21
Peterman	Thomas	Clark	196561	3131	MAL	2015	05/04/21
Bannister	Charles	Ralston	171598	2638	DX	2008	05/16/21
Ward	Charles	Richard, Jr.	173276	2668		2009	06/08/21*
Meloan	Clifton	Edward	123257	1550	KP	1984	06/10/21
Dittemore	Hugh	Ronald	213426	3565	DX	2019	06/28/21

*inactive

+demitted



Final Thought



Bernardo de Gálvez leads Spanish troops in the Battle of Mobile, Alabama

As a part of the U.S.A.'s Bicentennial Anniversary in 1976 a bronze equestrian statue of Gálvez was erected in Washington, D.C. to commemorate his service and dedication to the patriot cause. On December 16, 2014, Bernardo de Gálvez was awarded honorary citizenship by the United States Congress and was cited as a hero of the American Revolution.

The Editor of the Liberty Bell is Steve Hamlin of Washington Chapter. The Publisher is Vernon Welkner of the Monticello Chapter, President of the Kansas SAR. You can reach the Editor at unclehammy@sbcglobal.net This is your Society News Letter, if there is something you want to see in it please contact me or Vernon and we will see what we can do!