The Liberty Bell

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On the cover: KSSAR Colorguard lead by KSSSAR President Vernon Welkner and State Colorguard Commander Dewey Fry prepare to present the colors at the Emporia State University Veteran's Day celebration.

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President's Message

By Vernon Welkner



Greetings. It is a great time to be part of the Kansas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution because we are on the edge of surpassing one thousand members in Kansas! Credit for this growth can be attributed to a number of compatriots who work diligently to recruit new members to our state society. We have genealogists at the chapter and state levels who leave no stone unturned in trying to prove the ancestral line of a prospective member. We also appreciate the help of DAR referrals who provide us with a steady stream of potential applicants.

I would also like to point out that we live in challenging

times in our country. We have all heard of the rise of Critical Race Theory (CRT) which is being taught in many of our elementary and secondary schools. I believe one of the targets of CRT is to remove Constitution our especially our Bill of Rights that guarantee the right to free speech. I believe that the Sons of the American Revolution are perfectly positioned to teach our children the powerful and positive benefits of our Constitution and tell them its real meaning and importance. I think it has never been more necessary for members of all of our Kansas chapters to acquire uniforms from the Revolutionary War period and find ways to appear in classrooms of public, private, and home schools to spread the message of the greatness of the Constitution of the United States of America.





The 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 2026 is drawing ever closer. Already many members of the Kansas Society have received chapter, state, and national medals commemorating their efforts to encourage the celebration of this great milestone in our nation's history. I hope that you are keeping track of your contributions the to 250th celebration of the anniversary so that you can receive the medal to which you are entitled.

We are almost at the 1,000-member mark. I think we will soon be there. May I encourage you to keep up the good work so that we can reach this goal. I appreciate all you do for the Sons of the American Revolution.

Delaware Crossing Chapter Celebrates 60 Years

Those members and guests who did attend the chapter's 60th Anniversary Celebration at Grinter Place enjoyed a good program presented by Mr. Bill Nicks, Site Director, who portrayed Moses Grinter and told a brief life story of Moses and his life in Kansas.



Mr. Nicks also presented additional information about the Grinter House which became the Kansas Historical Site, Grinter Place. Several toured the house and got to view the

living room in which Delaware Crossing Chapter was and founded organized November 1960 as well as other rooms in the house. Bill Nicks was present in the house to answer any questions people had about it. When our chapter was founded, the living room was a meeting room and the dining room was set up like a restaurant with several tables. as that is what was for several years.



It was a Fried Chicken Restaurant owned and operated by the Hanson family when our chapter founders met there.

Now the house is decorated as it would have been as a residence. (Two photos show

the living room, one the dining room and one an upstairs bedroom) each of these rooms had a fireplace as that was the only means of heating a home in 1857 when the house was built 164 years ago.



After the tour of the Grinter House, we enjoyed a nice meal, inducted new member Jeremy Parris and heard of our chapter history from Tim Peterman.

Some of us even spent money on items in the silent auction.



Kansas Society 130th Conference

Abilene, Kansas March 18-19, 2022

Schedule of Events Friday, March 18, 2022

5:00 p.m. Registration begins **Greyhound Hall of Fame**

407 S. Buckeye, Abilene, KS

6:30 p.m. Buffet

Speakers: Mayor Dee Marshall

Mary Jean Eisenhower



Saturday, March 19, 2022

7:30 a.m. Breakfast for those at hotel

8:00 a.m. Registration Table Greyhound HOF

9:00 a.m. Business Session at Greyhound HOF

10:20-11:30 a.m. Memorial Service

St. Andrew Catholic Church

311 S. Buckeye Avenue, Abilene, KS

10:00 a.m. Business Meeting and Election of Officers at Greyhound HOF

Ladies Auxiliary Meeting (TBD)

- 11:00 a.m. Poster and Brochure Judging–Greyhound HOF
- 11:30 a.m. Color Guard Muster and Rehearsal for Luncheon–Greyhound HOF
- 12:00 p.m. Youth Awards Luncheon at Greyhound HOF

Kansas State SAR Muster

Contest Presentations

Awards Ceremony

2:00 p.m. Workshops at Greyhound HOF

Chapter Officers

Committee Chairmen

Color Guard

Schedule for March 20, 2021 (Continued)

Genealogy/250th Anniversary

2:00 p.m. Women's tour of the Seelye Mansion (\$10)

5:00 p.m. Color Guard Rehearsal

5:30 p.m. Reception

Cash Bar Opens

6:00 p.m. Receiving Line

6:00 p.m. Banquet

Hotel Accommodations Holiday Inn Express

110 E. Lafayette Avenue Abilene, Kansas, 67410

(785) 263-4049 Group Rate \$100

Deadline: February 15, 2022



FAQs

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

May I attend only the events on Saturday? Certainly.

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

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

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

Registration Form

Name				Chapter		
Title/Office			Phone			
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	Compatriot	Registration Fee			\$15.00	
	Guest	Registration Fee			\$15.00	
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	Guest				\$20.00*	
Saturday	Compatriot (Ci With mashed p cake or cheese	Chicken Cordon Blu potatoes, green beans, roles		uxedo layer	\$25.00*	
Luncheon	Guest (Circle C With mashed p	Chicken Cordon Blu potatoes, green beans, roles	\$25.00*			
Saturday Evening	Compatriot Ba Bread basket,	\$25.00*				
Banquet	Guest				\$25.00*	
					TOTAL	

Please make checks payable to: Kansas SAR

Mail Registration Form and check by **March 5, 2021** to:
John Schwartz

15236 East Castle Circle,
Wichita, KS 67230

Email: <u>Jbschwartzz51@gmail.com</u> - Phone: (316) 239-1116

Color Guard Activities

Earning Color Guard Medals

Anyone who has not yet been presented a Bronze Color Guard Medal or Silver Color Guard Medal, I urge you to do so based on your point count from participation.

The Bronze Medal is earned from being a Color Guard Member for 3 years and earning 300 points through Chapter Events. Chapter and State Society participation points are counted toward the 300 needed for the Bronze Color Guard Medal. The Bronze Medal is awarded by the Chapter after approval by the State Society President or Color Guard Commander. There is no standard record form for applying; therefore, I created the attached form for that purpose.

A Silver Medal requires earning 200 over and above the 300 earned for the Bronze Medal.. These points must be earned for participating in District or National Events. The Color-Guard-Reporting Form developed and issued by the NSSAR must be used. The State Color Guard Commander, or the State President must approve it and the National Society Color Guard Commander must approve it. He then authorizes the NSSAR Merchandise Department to sell the Medal so that a State Society may award it.

The qualification are covered as well as some the events that qualify for National Event points, in the NSSSAR Handbook which is attached.

If you have any questions, please contact Dewey Fry KSSSAR Colorguard Commander. Significant time is needed for processing to be presented the Silver Color Guard. The Silver Color Guard is presented at the KSSSAR Annual Conference which will be March 19, 2022. Please have your applicable for to me by February 4, 2022.



Kansas Honor Flights

Five Honor Flights are scheduled to leave KCI airport in 2022. Kansas Colorguard members are requested to participate by contacting Dewey Fry. Following is the scheduled flights for 2022.

The 2022 Spring Honor Flight returns to the Kansas City International airport currently look like this. Dates are solid for all. TBD items are forthcoming.

Date	<u>Organization</u>
Thu, Mar 31	Heartland Honor Flight
Tue, Apr 26	Southern Lyon Co KS HS HF
Wed, May 18	Honor Flight Network of KC
Wed, May 25	Parsons KS HS Honor Flight
Week1, June	Central Heights SE KS HF

Kansas Society Patriot Muster



The Henry Leavenworth Chapter and the Kansas Society Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) celebrated their annual Patriot Muster, at June's Northland. The muster connected over 80 members of the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution, and friends with their Revolutionary War Patriot ancestor and the Colony they served. The Colony of Pennsylvania won the muster with the most ancestors represented. The Chapter collected Toys for the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program and announced their participation in Wreaths across America on December 18, 2021. The meeting was also broadcast on Zoom throughout Kansas and Missouri.



Sons of the American Revolution Kansas City Area Chapters

cordially invite you and your guests to attend a special luncheon honoring our country's first president

George Washington

<u>Place: Embassy Suites Hotel-KCI</u> 7640 NW Tiffany Springs Parkway Kansas City, MO 64153

Date: Saturday, February 19, 2022

Time: 11:00 am Gift Basket Silent Auction & Share Fair 12:00 pm, noon, Luncheon

Price: \$37.00 per person 14 years and above, \$20.00 per child 13 years and under with Kid's Meal

Recommended Dress Men, Jacket and Tie; Women, Period Dress or Semi-Formal

The COVID-19 Ordinance of the City of Kansas City, Missouri In effect the date of this celebration will be applied.

For additional information visit our Website www.gwbckansascity.org or on Facebook at George Washington Birthday Celebration–KC

Reservations for February 19, 2022* George Washington Birthday Celebration

*Paid Reservations must be postmarked by

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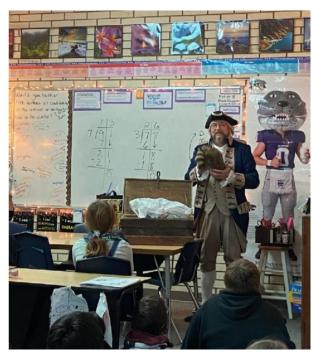




CHAPTER NEWS

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 Chapter Vice President Bit Roberts made a presentation to local 5th graders about the SAR poster contest.



PRAIRIE MINUTEMEN CHAPTER (Ellsworth Area)
John Sherman President

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.*

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

Col. JOHN SEWARD CHAPTER (Liberal)

Carl Holmes, President "Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the Month (except December) at 7:00 PM at the Leader and Times Newspaper Office, 16 S. Kansas Avenue, Liberal, Kansas

The Col. John Seward Chapter of SAR based in Liberal, Kan., participated in the annual Christmas Parade in Liberal on the first Saturday in December 2021, along with ladies representing the Byrd Prewitt Chapter and Cimarron River Chapter, both of DAR. Members of CJS on board were former VP Darrell Long, President Larry Phillips, Vice President Dr. Ray Allen and Chapter Chaplain Duane Willsey. Parade announcer Earl Watt, our new Chapter Secretary and publicity and program chairs gave a nice edscritption of what SAR stands for and how anyone interested can join SAR and how to contact Phillips or any other member.



"It was a lot of fun, especially considering we only found a trailer four days before the parade," Phillips said. "Earl and I dressed the trailer up in one evening, and he placed all the lighting on it on the day of the parade. And, we plan on doing better next time during the July Fourth Parade that we, DAR and other civic groups are planning on hosting this summer. It will be the first Independence Day Parade in recent memory in Liberal."



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

The chapter's 60th anniversary, although postponed by Covie-19 was well attended.



Standing -Mike Reed, Tim Peterman, John Forbes, Ken Ludwig, Dan Dryer, Dewey Fry, Steve French, Rick Alley, Jim Mozena, Gary Hicks, and Cam Barnds. Seated-Tom Bedient, Stu Conrad, Kirk Rush, Dick Nelson, Bruce Smith, Dennis, Nelson, Jeremy Parris



Jeremy James Parris was inducted at the 60 Anniversary Celebration of our Delaware Crossing Chapter at Grinter Place on November 13. 2021. We had to delay the celebration by one year. Seemed fitting for Jeremy to be inducted then, as his application approval had been pending for nearly a year. It took significantly more research by Jeremy and his Sponsor, Dewey Fry, to put together 13 additional documents to submit a Preponderance of Evidence to link the Patriot Ancestor, William Humphries, to his son William Humphries Jr. Tim Peterman was even admonished by the NSSAR genealogist processing the

application; but in the end she had to relent and approve the application which was very quickly Registered thereafter.

The documents possessing the most weight were land grants and deeds in an area where the border of North Carolina and South Carolina was so blurred that Governors from both states were issuing land grants of land of the other state.

Congratulations Jeremy.

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.

Fort Hays chapter compatriot Joe LeRoux of Victoria was selected Ellis County Third District commissioner at the January Ellis County Commission meeting.



Joe LeRoux speaks at Ellis County Commission meeting

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



Compatriot Bill Ryman was inducted as the newest member of the Henry Leavenworth Chapter

Kansas Sons of the American Revolution President Vern Welkner presented Brandon Horn the SAR Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate and patch. The presentation was at the High Prairie Church Eagle Scout Court of Honor



The Henry Leavenworth Chapter and the Kansas Society Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Presented three SAR Silver 250th Anniversary Medals to Candy Braksick, Walt Schley, and Linda Welkner at their annual Patriot Muster.



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

At the December 4th, DAR (Polly Ogden Chapter) meeting, Konza Chapter Pres. Mark Naught presented Alicia Firstbrook-Stott with a Referral Medal for nominating her dad, Clint, for membership to the Konza Chapter. There were 38 DAR members at their meeting. Mark also spoke to the group about the activities of the SAR. Compatriot Wally Mack attended with Mark. Thanks go to Alicia and Mark for a job well done!



The Konza Prairie chapter is proud to have compatriot Clint Firstbrook III in the ranks. After a couple of years of coaxing from his daughter, Alicia, Clint discovered his interest in his forefather. Moving from Minnesota to Manhattan and finding the Konza Chapter very near synched his desire to join.



Veterans Day parade. Compatriot Bill Marshall gives a point to the Manhattan Mercury photographer. Keeping a close eye on the bayonet is compatriot Tim McCall. Color guard and support for the parade. Bill Marshall, Doug Brabb, Mark Naughton, Tim McCall, Wally Mack, Rick Gardner and Greg McCune. Truck leading the group was driven by David Euler and copilot was compatriot Kyle Brabb. Weather was perfect and this parade had one of the largest crowds ever!



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

SAVE THE DATE: The Kansas City Area George Washington Birthday Celebration Planning Committee announces that the 2022 George Washington Birthday Celebration will be held on February 19, 2022 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Kansas City International Airport located at 7640 NW Tiffany Springs Pkwy, Kansas City, MO 64153.

Look forward to seeing you at the George Washington Birthday Celebration!

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 3 rd Saturday of July, Aug, Dec, and Jan, @ 9:00 am.

WASHINGTON CHAPTER (Wichita Area) Randolph Colby, President Meets 3nd Friday except January & July at 6:30 pm at Spear restraint, 4323 W Maple St, Wichita, KS

Washington Chapter welcomed two new Compatriots during our November meeting. Michael Halfman and Tim Baxter.



Joe Wanre presents Michael Halfman with is SAR rosette.



Tim Baster receives his membership certificate from President Randy Colby

At our December meeting President Randy Colby presented medals to two chapter members.



Joe Warne is presented Chapter Medal of Distinguished Service by Randy Colby



Randy Colby presents Steve Hamlin with the Bronze Roger Sherman medal.

The Kansas SAR Ladies Auxiliary Linda Welkner, President Mrs. Welkner Meets at the Quarterly Board of Governors

New Members

Last	First	Middle	NSSAR	Ks	Ch	Sponsor	Approved	Ancestor
Olsson	Phillip	James	129897	3821	TJ	r/t from ILSSAR	11/01/21	Oliver Coe
Rodman	Lynn	Arthur	221179	3822	WA	Warne, JL	12/17/21	John Hardesty
Krebaum	Kyle	James	221180	3823	PM	Engleman, JS	12/17/21	John Wright
Lockwood	Kevin	Patrick	221181	3824	PM	Schatzel, JA	12/17/21	Joseph Thornburgh
Lockwood	Kenton	Blaine	221182	3825	PM	Schatzel, JA	12/17/21	Joseph Thornburgh
Shields	Jacob	Patrick	221233	3826	FS	Schatzel, JA	12/31/21	Benjamin Wright
Jones	Bryan	Keith	221234	3827	TJ	McReynolds, RL	12/31/21	Ichabod Brownell
Comer	Jesse	Everett	221235	3828	DX	Comer, JR	12/31/21	Augustine Comer
Bolte	Allen	Nicol	221236	3829	HL	Schatzel, JA	12/31/21	Josiah Jackson
Robinson	Recil	Theodore	221237	3830	WAJ	Colby, RJ	12/31/21	John Watts
Long	John	Christopher	221238	3831	WA	Long, JJ	12/31/21	Henry Long
Comer	Michael	David	221239	3832	DX	Comer, DL	12/31/21	Hugh Larrimore
Comer	Aaron	Michael	221240	3833	DX	Comer, DL	12/31/21	Hugh Larrimore
Comer	Carter	David	221241	3834	DXJ	Comer, DL	12/31/21	Hugh Larrimore

Supplementals

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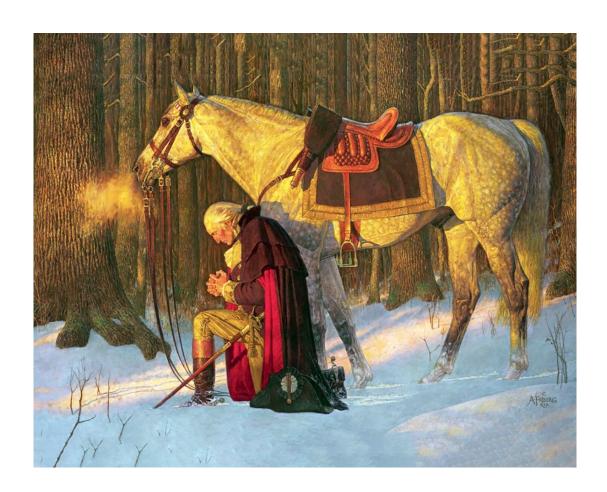
^{*}supplementals for new dual member

Salute to Our Departed Comrades

Last	First	Middle	NSSAR	Ks	Chapte	r Member	Died
Heft	Jimmie	Harmon	194371	3084	TJ	2015	10/18/21
Wilt	Paul	Richard	125175	1613		1985	10/22/21*
Phillips	Donald	Franklin	134649	1883		1990	11/20/21*
Kempf	Steohen	James	202386	3264	HL	2017	12/19/21

^{*}inactive

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Final Thought



General Israel Putnam

"The enemy advances and you tremble. They've better numbers, you say. Better weapons. Better training. But I do not fear, and neither should you. For what they have in material, they lack in conviction and care. But not us. We have discipline. We have order. And most importantly, we have passion. We believe! So maintain vigilance. Conserve your ammo. Ensure a proper line of sight. And above all else, men, do not fire until you see the whites of their eyes. Then fire low." – General Israel Putnam

The Editor of the Liberty Bell is Steve Hamlin of Washington Chapter. The Publisher is Vernon Welkner of the Henry Leavenworth 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!