The Liberty Bell

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NSSAR Historian General and National Color Guard Commander Brooks Lyles presents KSSSAR Immediate Past President and National Trustee Bobbie Hulse with the National Von Steuben Medal for Sustained Achievement in the NSSAR Color Guard, authorized 2 March 2012 by the NSSAR Executive Committee, may be awarded for sustained service to the Society as a Color Guardsman at the National or District Levels.

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President's Message

By KSSSAR President Vernon Welkner



During the days of colonial Philadelphia, William Penn had a bell hung from a tree in order to call citizens to gather for announcements and proclamations. Over time, the city grew and a larger bell was required. In 1751, Isaac Norris, who was the speaker of the Pennsylvania legislature constructed a tower on the south side of the State House (which would become Independence Hall) and order a two-thousandpound bell from the Whitechapel Bell Foundry in London. Mr. Norris was an avid student of the Bible and chose to have the text of Leviticus 25:10 inscribed on the bell; "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land to all its inhabitants." The foundry shipped the Pennsylvania State House Bell to America and it arrived in August 1752. When the citizens gathered to hear the bell, it cracked with the first ring. The bell was made of copper and tin (along with small amounts of other metals).

Mr. Norris fired off an angry letter to the Whitechapel Foundry who wrote back saying that the bell must have been damaged as it was shipped across the ocean. The bell was taken to metalworkers John Pass and John Stow, who made a mold of the bell and then broke it into small pieces, which were then melted down and remolded in the cast. Once again, the citizens of Philadelphia gathered to hear the bell toll and this time when it was struck, it didn't crack but neither did it ring. It simply clunked.

Once more the bell was smashed to pieces, melted down, and recast. On June 7, 1753, for the third time the bell was lifted to the steeple of the State House. The third time was the charm: the bell rung, but did not crack. It was used to summon legislators to session and announce the news of the day. It tolled to announce the end of the French and Indian War, the Stamp Act, and the beginning of the Revolutionary War. Perhaps its most meaningful moment came on July 8, 1776 when it called the people together for the reading of the Declaration of Independence.

Later, when the British invaded Philadelphia, the bell was hidden beneath the floor of a church in Allentown. It was reinstalled in 1785 and rang once more with the news of the day. Sometime

in the 1830s the bell developed its famous crack. Nobody is sure how or why the bell cracked. Although the bell was now silent, it continued to proclaim liberty. In the days before the Civil War, the Bible verse inscribed on it began to be used by Abolitionists who advocated for the emancipation of slaves. Its portrait began to appear on pamphlets and posters and in the process was given a new name: The Liberty Bell. The Bible verse cast on the Liberty bell speaks about the year of Jubilee that was to be held once every fifty years. The words "proclaim liberty" were to be the motto of those years of Jubilee and all property was to be restored to its original owners and all Hebrew slaves were to be released and returned to their own family property. As members of the Kansas State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution we choose to "reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty" every time we gather for a meeting. We recognize liberty as being one of the greatest blessings bequeathed to us by our patriot ancestors and the most important gift to leave to our descendants.

National Recommends New Ethics Rules for State

State societies face the same problems with member discipline as does national. At national we have Bylaw 33 and provisions in the Member Handbook that specify standards of conduct and disciplinary procedures. Many state societies do not have similar rules so when a problem arises, they do not have a set of rules to ensure the society can discipline its members or to ensure that due process is afforded. These model rules have been drafted by the NSSAR Ethics Committee, reviewed by the NSSAR Legal Advisory Committee and approved for use by the NSSAR Executive Committee. The rules are not mandatory but states are encouraged to consider their adoption. Although states may wish to modify the rules to fit their operating practices, they are encouraged to leave the due process and procedural aspects intact as much as possible. As each State Society is unique in its membership strength, participation, and talent pool, these guidelines are merely intended to be simple, yet comprehensive and empower State Societies to handle ethics issues within their own jurisdictions. It is always a good practice to allow the local State Societies to consider the personalities involved, their history within the State Society and their value to the Society. Offending Compatriots should be judged by those members who know them best, their fellow State Society compatriots.



This is a model set of rules for state societies to use to handle ethics violations and disciplinary proceedings. It is up to the discretion of the state society as to whether or not to adopt these rules. The rules are intended as an aid to help state societies properly handle these matters to make sure everyone receives due process and the ethical standards of the NSSAR and the ??SSAR are maintained. It is also up to the state society to modify the rules to fit their Constitution and Bylaws. For example, a state may call their governing body the Board of Managers while another may call theirs the Board of Governors. One state may have a state chancellor while another may not. A state may decide that a part of a recommended procedure will not work in that state so they may choose to modify it. Please keep in mind before you modify the proposed rules that the Ethics Committee, the Legal Advisory Committee and the Executive Committee have reviewed and approved these

The proposed model rules consist of four parts. The first part is a model bylaw or policy that can be adopted that is consistent with Bylaw 33 of the NSSAR Bylaws. This bylaw or policy can be modified to suit differences in each states rules but states are encouraged to try and maintain the procedural safeguards and due process considerations. Where the proposed rules say ??SSAR a state may simply replace it with their own state designation. Section 2 deals with ethical standards and is identical with Bylaw 33 at NSSAR. A state could add more specific standards if they desired and some states have even listed specific prohibited conduct. These rules spell out the responsibilities of the State President, the Ethics Committee, the Board of Managers and the Delegates to the Annual Meeting.

The second part consists of the four standards listed in Section 1 and these policies were adopted in compliance with IRS standards. The Code of Business Ethics and conduct was adopted by NSSAR and seems to apply to all SAR members and arguably can be enforced by a state society also if a state society member violates that code. The next three codes are the Conflict of Interest/Code of Organizational Conduct, the Whistleblower policy and the Records Retention and Destruction Policy. These three codes were adopted by the NSSAR but they are specific to NSSAR and a state would have difficulty enforcing most of the provisions because it applies to NSSAR employees, actions by a NSSAR officer or committee chairman or a member reporting bad conduct by a NSSAR official. Therefore, a state wishing to adopt these codes should replace the XXSSAR designation with their own state designation. Also because of differences in how each state operates some other modifications may need to be made. Even if the state did not wish to adopt the disciplinary rules it is a good idea to adopt these codes as it will help insure the state society operates in accordance with IRS rules for non-profits and it will probably be consistent with any state government laws for the operation of non-profits within that state.

The third part is a bylaw or policy proposal that would allow a state to have a State Compliance Officer. It would be his responsibility to ensure the state complies with the four codes listed above. This could be done with a bylaw or perhaps in a state handbook if that state has one or even under the authority of the State President. The Compliance Officer would be helpful investigating violations of these four codes.

The fourth part is a bylaw or policy proposal that would allow a state to have an Inspector General. The Inspector General may be used for any investigations the State President assigns to him, including ethics investigations.

A proposed model has been provided to the state society and will be discussed at an upcoming Board of Governors meeting. A copy of the proposal is posted on the KSSSAR.org website for all members to review.

https://ksssar.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/State-Discipline-Model-Rules-Revised.pdf



Color Guard Activities

Wild Bill Hickock Day Parade – Abilene, KS

Bennington Chapter, Konza Prairie, and Sons of the Plains all were involved in the Wild Bill Hickok Days Parade in Abilene. Color Guard of Bill Marshall, Bit Roberts, and Bobbie Hulse as well as Devin Gray and Frank Hottman bearing flags in their truck participated at 4PM on one of the 100 degree afternoons. It was very well attended for miles of parade.



Fifteenth Air Force Reunion Banquet – Wichita, KS

Washington Chapter color guard was invited to present the colors for the 15th Air Force reunion banquet held in Wichita on Sept 17, 2022. The banquet is an annual even that draws veterans from all over the country. Washington chapter color guard commander John Schwartz was contacted by Ed Clendenin a SAR Compatriot from Texas who was helping to organize the event. Clendenin joined the color guard for the event.



Colorguard members (L-R) Tim Baxter, Steve Hamlin, Ed Clendenin, Joe Wanre, John Schwartz and Randy Colby

Carl Dorsey Reinternment – Grenola, KS

Members of the KSSSAR Color Guard attended the funeral of Private Carl G. Dorsey of Grenola, Kansas. Pvt. Dorsey was killed in Germany during WWII. He was declared MIA Dec 4, 1944. His remains were identified July 2022 and returned to his family for burial among family members.



Color guardsmen (L-R) Tim Baxter, Randolph Colby, Joe Warne, John Schwartz and Steve Hamlin were joined by Bagpiper John Bierens.

Peter Turk Reinternment - Fort Riley, KS

Kansas Society Colorguard members Bit Roberts, Dean Bruns, Bobbie Hulse from Sons of the Plains, Doug Brabb, Mark Naughton, and Tim McCall from Konza Prairie and Steve Hamlin from Washington Chapter provided honor guard at the funeral of Seaman Second Class Peter Turk at the Kansas Veterans Cemetery at Fort Riley, KS.



Turk, a native of Cherokee County, Kansas, was killed in action on the Battleship California on December 7, 1941.



George McCall from Konza chapter also attended and took pictures.



Johnson County Old Settlers Day Parade Olathe, KS

On September 10, the Kansas Society Color Guard marched in the Johnson County Old Settlers Day Parade in Olathe, Kansas. A crowded estimated in excess of 10,000 line the streets of the parade route.



(left to right) Dewey Fry, Dennis Nelson, Rich Alley, Kirk Rush of the Delaware Crossing Chapter and Robert Wandel of the Thomas Jefferson Chapter.

The Color Guard was judged to be First Place of the Marching Groups in the parade. They were presented an award consisting of a Ribbon a and a check in the amount of \$125.00.



Naturalization Ceremony – Lawrence, KS

On September 13, The Kansas Society Color Guard Presented to Colors at a Naturalization Ceremony at the Lied Center on the campus of the University of Kansas and conducted by the US District Court of Kansas.



356 petitioners were administered their Oath of Allegiance. Color Guardsmen were, left to right, were Dewey Fry of the Delaware Crossing Chapter, Robert Wandel of the Thomas Jefferson Chapter and Tom Chychota of the Henry Leavenworth Chapter presented the colors during the reciting of Pledge of Allegiance and singing of the National Anthem during the proceedings.

Dewey Fry had the distinct honor of leading the 356 new citizens in their first reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance as a new United States citizen and several hundreds of their family and friends in attendance.



After the ceremony the Color Guard stood in the foyer of the Lied Center for more than an hour permitting the new citizens and their families to have pictures taken with them.





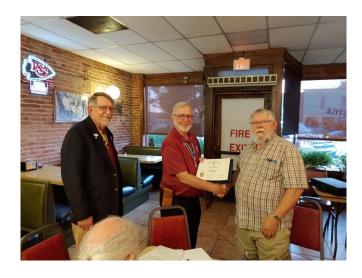
CHAPTER NEWS

SONS OF THE PLAINS CHAPTER (Hutchinson)

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

Jim Leach was inducted as a new member of Sons of the Plains Chapter at their September chapter meeting.

Bobbie Hulse and chapter President Dean Bruns presented Jim Leach with his membership certificate.



Debby and Greg Potter honored Their son with a memorial membership that was presented at the September Sons of the Plains Meeting.



PRAIRIE MINUTEMEN CHAPTER (Ellsworth Area) Ron Svaty President

BENNINGTON CHAPTER (Salina Area)

Bobbie Hulse , President *Meets* 9:30 *AM on the* 3^{rd} *Saturday of the month Sep to May at location to be announced.* .

Joe Black who has been attending Bennington Chapter meetings for nearly two years was finally inducted at the Septemeber Bennington Chapter meeting in Abilene. Joe has provided a place to meet at his office during covid and will be a great addition in fact already has been to our chapter.



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

The Charles Robinson chapter held a family friendly ice cream social on Wednesday, 20 July 2022. It was grand event!

But the real "topping" was the presentation of the SAR Life Saving medals to Maddox and Thomas Westerhaus of Lawrence. Part of the citation: On May 18, 2022, 12-year old Maddox Westerhaus was playing outside with friends when they observed 4year old Xavier Rigney jump into a swimming pool in Lawrence, Kansas. It was clearly apparent Xavier could not swim. Xavier is autistic and nonverbal. Maddox quickly sprang into action, alerting his father, Thomas Westerhaus of the situation. Thomas ran to the pool and quickly pulled Xavier out, who at this point had been underwater for over 3 minutes. Thomas conducted CPR for several minutes until Xavier was revived, and Lawrence Fire/Rescue personnel arrived. Thomas and Maddox are local heroes, and the Charles Robinson Chapter of the Kansas Sons of the American Revolution is proud to award them Life Saving medals for their outstanding efforts!

Photo (left to right): Troy Phillips (Charles Robinson Public Service chair), Maddox Wedterhaus, and his father Thomas.



Col. JOHN SEWARD CHAPTER (Liberal)

Larry Phillips, 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

President of the Col. John Seward Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution Larry Phillips, standing, holds the certificate that accompanies two Roger Sherman Medals that were awarded June 21 to former Chapter President Carl D. Holmes. Holmes is a co-founder of the Chapter and has served as Treasurer and President, as well as on various committees. His stewardship through the Covid 19 disruption was invaluable in saving the Chapter from disappearing altogether.



Members of Col John Seward chapter, Carl Holmes, Darrel Long, and Duane Willsey, joined Chapter President Larry Phillips to present a Life Member certificate to Rodney Nix. Congratulations Compatriot Nix.



DELAWARE CROSSING CHAPTER (Kansas City & Johnson County)

Larry Tatum, President Meets 3rd Saturday monthly for 9:00 AM Breakfast, Hilton Garden Inn 119th St. Overland Park, KS

August 20. John Schatzel, VP of the KSSSAR Eastern District was Jon's Sponsor and Tim Peterman his Cosponsor. Tim presented Jon Horine with the Membership Rosette. Jon's Patriot Ancestor under whom he joined was Thomas Bullard who was born in Virginia and served in North Carolina as a Private. In speaking with Jon, one learns the "rine" portion of his surname is pronounced the same as the Rhine River in Europe. We are very pleased Jon has become a member of SAR and our Delaware Crossing Chapter and look forward to his participation in our chapter. We also look forward to meeting his wife Jan. Welcome aboard Jon!



President Larry Tatum presents Compatriot John Horine with his membership certificate.

The Delaware Crossing Chapter received the Honor Flight Award during the 2022 Sons of the American Revolution National Congress. The receipt of this award by the Delaware Crossing Chapter is due to the many hours of planning, scheduling, and implementation by our Color Guard and especially by Compatriot Dewey Fry. Without his constant efforts to recognize the sacrifices of our veterans, this award would not have been received.



KSSSAR President Vern Welkner presents National Honor Flight Award to DX President Larry Tatum

On Tuesday evening 9/20/22 Boy Scout Troop 123 of Lenexa, KS held their fall Court of Honor and Community Covenant Church. During the Court of Honor, I presented (in Color Guard uniform) Flag Certificates to Jackson Doll, Brendan Gillaspie, Max Meoli & Briggs Wilson. This was for their work organizing and conducting a Flag Retirement Ceremony at summer camp this summer at H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation. In addition, Briggs Wilson is the son of Byron Wesley Wilson who has submitted his application to become a member in our chapter.



Briggs Wilson with his flag certificate

The Delaware Crossing Patriot October 2022 Annual Chapter Picnic, Memorial Service and Flag Retirement Ceremony The Annual Picnic of the Delaware Crossing Chapter with guests from Monticello and Henry Leavenworth Chapters was held on Saturday September 17 at Antioch Park. Good company and good food were enjoyed by those who ventured out on the warm day.



David Profit, John Forbes, Barbara Comer, and Kirk Rush.

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

Compatriots John Gilpin and Martin Dupslaff teamed up with DAR spouses with a joint SAR – DAR booth at Balkan Days this summer. Our two chapter are selling Wreaths Across America wreaths to place at the Fort Scott National Cemetery and it has become a fundraiser for both groups. An additional benefit was they both distributed information on SAR and DAR and got several leads for new members!





FORT HAYS CHAPTER (Hays)

Garry 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.

HENRY LEAVENWORTH CHAPTER (Leavenworth)

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

Steven Woelk was our guest speaker at the Henry Leavenworth Chapter meeting. Steven was a crew member of the U.S.S. Pueblo when the ship was captured in 1968 by the North Koreans. Steven was wounded during the attack. He and his crewmates spent 11 months in captivity. Steven was awarded two Purple Hearts and the POW Medal. Pictured is Steven Woelk and Chapter President Jerry Gross.

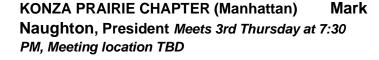


Compatriot Allen Bolte was sworn in as the newest member of the Henry Leavenworth Chapter



Compatriots Charles and Joshua Greene were sworn in as the newest members of the Henry Leavenworth Chapter





Konza Prairie Chapter President Mark Naughton served as colorguard commander at the funeral of Seaman Second Class Peter Turk at the Kansas Veterans Cemetery at Fort Riley, Kansas. Naughton was joined by KP members Doug Brabb, Tim McCall and George McCall.



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

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.

On October 8, 2022, TJ President Brian Vazquez presented a SAR DAR Medal and Certificate of Appreciation to Marty Flanagan for referring a person for SAR membership.



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 President Randy Colby and Treasurer Joe Wanre provided a historical presentation to Cross Point Baptist Church Home School Chapel. The presentation included a period sermon, genealogy, and period items. The youth were very receptive.



Congratulations to the Washington chapter for taking second place in the Mulvane, Kansas Old settlers parade float contest I think the uniforms did it



Colorguard members Tim Baxter, Randy Colby, Joe Warne and John Schwartz

Compatriot Joe Warne represented Washington chapter at the 6th annual Veterans Awareness Expo in Wichita, Kansas on August 6.



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

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New Members

Last	First	Middle	NSSAR	Ks	Ch	Sponsor	Approved	Ancestor
Billington	Perry	Eugene	223150	3873	HL	Dickson, DB	07/15/22	Ezekiel Billington
Kinney	Donald	Wayne, Jr.	223151	3874	CR	Sayler, JG	07/15/22	Jehiel Isham
Leach	James	Allen	223152	3875	SP	Hulse, BA	07/15/22	Daniel White
Alvord	Randy	Gene	223153	3876	FS	Schatzel, JA	07/15/22	Obed Alvord
Hinds	Heywood	Leroy, Jr.	223154	3877	HL	Schatzel, JA	07/15/22	Samuel Tucker
Mathews (Dommain) Schleck	Andrew hty	Scott	223239	3878	BN	Hulse, BA	07/29/22	Magdalena
Stephenson-Moser	Finley	McClure	223240	3879	DXJ	Schatzel, JA	07/29/22	Henry Whitner, Sr.
Willingham	Donald	Aubrey	223241	3880	FS	Schatzel, JA	07/29/22	William Dollar*
Topping	Robert	Elliott, Jr.	223242	3881	CR	Schatzel, JA	07/29/22	Edward Topping
Conner	William	Ross	223243	3882	KP	Schatzel, JA	07/29/22	Ebenezer Wood
McNeff	Beau	Daniel	223342	3883	DX	Schatzel, JA	08/05/22	Thomas Owsley
McNeff	Daniel	Eugene	223343	3884	DXJ	Schatzel, JA	08/05/22	Thomas Owsley
McNeff	Joseph	Anthony	223344	3885	DXJ	Schatzel, JA	08/05/22	Thomas Owsley
Lawson	Brian	Gene	223430	3886	MC	Schatzel, JA	08/12/22	John Watts
Greene	Charles	Henry, III	223431	3887	HL	Dickson, DB	08/12/22	Isaac Parker
Wampler	Carl	Edward	223606	3888	MC	Wampler, BW	08/26/22	Michael Wampler*
Martin	Steven	Kaye	223607	3889	MC	Wampler, BW	08/26/22	Thomas Gorby
Martin	Blake	Steven	223608	3890	MC	Wampler, BW	08/26/22	Thomas Gorby
Greene	Joshua	Aaron	223673	3891	HL	Dickson, DB	09/02/22	Isaac Parker
Gilpin	Matthew	John	223674	3892	FS	Schatzel, JA	09/02/22	John Baptist Dant
Davis	Mark	Stanley	223675	3893	HL	Schatzel, JA	09/02/22	Asa Colton
Gosling	Francis	Rowland	215400	3894	WA	r/t from TX	09/08/22	Freeborn Moulton
Bremer	John	Eugene	223748	3895	FH	Hulse, BA	09/09/22	William McKay
Hoyt	Edward	Eugene, Jr.	223861	3896	TJ	McReynolds, RL09/23/22 Walter Hoyt		Walter Hoyt
Berns-Hoyt	Edward	Alister	223862	3897	TJ	McReynolds, RL09/23/22 Walter Hoyt		Walter Hoyt
Berns-Hoyt	Nicholas	Roderick	223863	3898	TJ	McReynolds, R	L09/23/22	Walter Hoyt
Feight	Francis Th	neodore Danie	el 223864	3899	BNJ	Hulse, BA	09/23/22	John Gunter

Supplementals

Last	First	Middle	NSSAR	Ks	Ch	Approved	d Ancestor
Riddle	Robert	Dale	207008	3389	HL	07/22/22	Edward Leavell
Long	James	Jefferson	211795	3517	WA	08/05/22	William Florence
Warne	Joe	Lynn	173359	2679	WA	08/26/22	David Carnahan
Colby	Randol	ph Joseph, Jr.	187307	2962	WA	09/23/22	William Ray

Salute to Our Departed Comrades

Last	First	Middle	NSSAR	Ks	Ch	Member	Died
Willingahm	Donald	Aubrey	223241	3881	FS	2022	05/30/62+
Wampler	Carl	Edward	223606	3888	MC	2022	05/05/75+
Burgess	Keith	Eugene	149283	2127	SP	1997	12/04/21
Neidigh	Ronald	Wayne	153790	2206	WA	2000	01/12/22
McIntyre	Kent	Alan	220619	3812	WA	2021	07/05/22
Reffner	Jack	Franklyn	130735	1790	WA	1988	07/27/22
Lear	James	William	166752	2499		2006	08/04/22*
Head	David	Conwell	191075	3010	MC	2014	09/02/22

^{*}inactive

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Final Thought



Polly Cooper was a Native American woman from the Oneida tribe of the Iroquois Confederacy. During the terrible winter at Valley Forge, Cooper carried corn and taught the soldiers how to cook it so they would have something to eat. Her arrival with the lifesaving supply of food was a welcome relief for Washington and his men.

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!