

# The Liberty Bell

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On the cover:

NSSAR Historian General and National Colorguard Commander Brooks Lyles presents the National Von Steuben Medal to outgoing KSSSAR Colorguard Commander Dewey Fry for his sustained achievement leading the KSSSAR colorguard.

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## President's Message

By KSSSAR President Bryan Wampler



As I step into the role as the Kansas Society President, I feel deeply honored to continue the legacy of the Kansas Society Sons of the American Revolution as we work collectively to uphold the values of patriotism, courage, sacrifice, and triumph of our ancestors.

It was an honor to have the first act as the Kansas Society President be to recognize the leadership of an extraordinary individual, the Reverend (Doctor) Vern Welkner, by presenting him with the Patriot Medal for his service as the Kansas Society President from 2021 to 2023. Many may recall Vern's initial speech as the Kansas Society President. He reminded us of the many facets of the Preamble to the Constitution. He also proffered three challenges to all members of the Kansas Society to focus on, to include Education: telling the story of our ancestors; Historical: Speaking to the next

generation and today's youth; and demonstrating Patriotism: through strong involvement and demonstration of our ideals. His presidency was launched while we were still dealing with the restrictions of the pandemic, and the Kansas Society could not have had a better leader than Vern during this time.

Many know that we have experienced difficulties over the past several years, but if we think about the lives of our ancestors, it will surely provide all of us with some clarity. Our ancestors very best day of their lives would surely be one of our very worst days. The simple hardship of their lives demonstrates the importance of family, friendship, and our individual beliefs.

As the Kansas Society President, it will be my focus to promote fellowship, inspire members and their families, since families must be our number one priority, foster true patriotism, and perpetuate the SAR Pledge and SAR Recessional through three focused areas: Educate, Support, and Connect!

The first focus area is to Educate through time-tested programs at the Society, Chapter, and Compatriot levels to preserve and reinforce the stories of patriotism, courage, sacrifice,

and triumph. I would suggest that it is incumbent upon all of us to keep our ancestor's stories alive through educational activities. This will include the continual support to our Color Guard members since they are the face of the Kansas Society.

The second focus area is to Support members through teamwork, coordination, and open communication. Strong committees and leadership will offer unparalleled and seamless support from the Kansas Society to the Chapters and membership.

The third focus area is Connecting with our members to foster a culture of friendship, dignity, and respect. We must welcome new members and develop positive relationships with them. Recovering former members will also be a top priority, and we will engage them with meaningful opportunities.

Being a member of the Kansas Society offers unique opportunities to meet people across the state. I look forward to this opportunity and fulfilling the obligations outlined in the SAR Pledge and SAR Recessional as we focus on achieving the Kansas Society's object and purpose.



## State Conference

The 131<sup>st</sup> KSSSAR State Conference was held March 18 – 19, 2023 at the Indian Hills Library in Olathe, Kansas.

### Friday Evening Dinner

Friday evening Monticello Chapter hosted a dinner at Hereford House restaurant. KSSSAR President Vernon Welkner welcomed the compatriots and their guests. Including South Central District Vice President General Charles McLemore and Historian General Brooks Lyles.



KSSSAR President Vernon Welkner welcomes everyone to the 131<sup>st</sup> State Conference.

The highlight of the evening was keynote speaker NSSAR Historian General Brooks Lyles presentation on the newly launched SAR Education Outreach smartphone application. The ap provides resources for youth coordinators, teachers and history buffs with links to the SAR Education Center and Museum, lessons plans for educators and interesting videos on the American Revolution. The ap can be downloaded for free from the Apple Store and Google Play for Android devices. Search for SAR Education Outreach.



NSSAR Historian General Brooks Lyles (right) presents the SAR Education Outreach smartphone ap. (L-R) SCD VPG Charles McLemore, KSSSAR President Vernon Welkner, Mrs. Jennifer Wampler, KSSSAR President Elect Bryan Wampler, Mrs. Linda Welkner

### Memorial Service

The Saturday morning session began with the annual Memorial Service for departed Compatriots. Compatriot Greg Beck announced the names of each departed compatriot as the Colorguard honored each compatriot by doffing their hats and bowing before the memorial.



KSSSAR Past President, National Trustee Bobbie Hulse and members of the State Colorguard honor departed compatriots during the Memorial Service.

The following compatriots were honored at the memorial service:

**Jon Carl Goodell** – Member at Large – March 3, 2021  
**Keith Eugene Burgess** – Sons of the Plains - Dec 4, 2021  
**Ronald Wayne Neidigh** - Washington - January 12, 2022  
**John Joseph Jewett** – Delaware Crossing - January 13, 2022  
**James Walter Catron, Jr.** – January 23, 2022  
**Lawrence Manon Halloran** – Washington - January 25, 2022  
**John David Goodell** – February 5, 2022  
**Donald James Martin, Jr.** – February 5, 2022  
**Joseph Lawrence Cox** – February 25, 2022  
**Arlen Keith Allison** – Sons of the Plains - March 3, 2022  
**David Enloe Neil** - Member-at-Large – March 7, 2022  
**Philip Robert Engelhardt** – March 10, 2022  
**Daniel David Meyers, Jr.** – Delaware Crossing – Mar 14, 2022  
**Stanley Willis Jantz** – Prairie Minutemen - March 22, 2022  
**Daryl Lee Taylor** - Delaware Crossing - April 12, 2022  
**John Eugene Towner** – Charles Robinson - May 7, 2022  
**Ralph Cloyes Allen** – Member at Large – May 12, 2022  
**Craig Wynn Hart** – Fort Scott – June 21, 2022  
**Kent Alan McIntyre** - Washington - July 5, 2022  
**Tony Ray Whisenant** – Member-at-Large - July 25, 2022  
**Jack Franklyn Reffner** – Washington - July 27, 2022  
**James William Lear** – August 4, 2022  
**David Conwell Head** – Monticello – September 2, 2022  
**Christopher Yancey Thomas, III** – September 7, 2022  
**John Norman Birmingham** - Monticello - September 13, 2022  
**Donald William Vaughn** – November 19, 2022  
**Reese Henry Hays, Jr.** – Bennington – November 28, 2022  
**Lawrence Harold Skelton** – Washington - December 10, 2022  
**Dennis Michael Dailey** – Charles Robinson - January 3, 2023  
**Charles Edward Goslin** – Monticello – January 22, 2023  
**Oliver Ilan West, Jr.** – Henry Leavenworth - January 24, 2023  
**William Throop King** – Prairie Minuteman – January 25, 2023  
**Max Lee Liby** – Sons of the Plains – February 8, 2023  
**Roger Jay Mall** – Konza Prairie – February 27, 2023

Following the memorial service which also included a missing man table setting Colorguard members, Alan Martin, Bill Marshall and Bobbie Hulse presented a flag folding ceremony as Compatriot Greg Beck explained what each fold signifies.



Colorguard Commander Dewey Fry supervises as (L – R) Colorguardsmen Alan Martin, Bill Marshall and Bobbie Hulse present the flag for the folding ceremony

After the Memorial Service the group retired to the commons area in the Indian Hills Library for group photos.



Group photo of all the Compatriots and Lady's Auxiliary members who registered and attended the conference

## Business Meeting

The business meeting was well attended with nearly sixty compatriots present to vote on new officers and updates to the bylaws and constitution. Officers elected for 2023 – 2024 are the following:

President – Bryan Wampler (Monticello)  
Vice President – Tim Peterman (Delaware Crossing)  
Eastern Vice President – Jeffrey Winters (Monticello Chapter)



Western Vice President – Garry Baxter (Fort Hays)  
Treasurer – John Schwartz (Washington Chapter)  
Recording Secretary – Steve Hamlin (Washington Chapter)  
Membership Secretary – Tim Peterman (Delaware Crossing Ch.)  
Registrar – Tim Peterman (Delaware Crossing Chapter)  
Chancellor – Brian Vasquez (Thomas Jefferson Chapter)  
Trustee – Vern Welkner (Henry Leavenworth Chapter)  
Alternate Trustee – Bobbie Hulse (Sons of the Plains)  
Historian – Jordan Chambers (Monticello Chapter)  
Chaplain – Randy Colby (Washington Chapter)  
Publicity – Steve Hamlin (Washington Chapter)  
Genealogist – John Schatzel (Henry Leavenworth Chapter)

After a healthy debate KSSSAR Handbooks 1 and 2 were approved with some change. New President Wampler has appointed a committee to address the issues that were brought up during discussions prior to the vote. The approved handbooks can be reviewed on the KSSSAR.org website under the Handbooks link.

## Youth Luncheon

At the Youth Luncheon the winners of the Rumbaugh Oration Contest, the Knight Essay Contest and the Eagle Scout Essay contests presented their presentations and received their awards and certificates.



Eagle Scout Essay Committee Chairman Kirk Rush presents Essay Contest Winner Nathan Phillips the 2023 Eagle Scout Award



Compatriot Jake Cox presents Rumbaugh Oration Contest Winner Myles Day with his Medal and check.



Knight Historical Essay Chairman Stu Conrad presents the award to the winner James Dykes

## Changing of the Guard

The highlight of the days events was the changing of the KSSAR colorguard commander. After many years of dedicated service to the Kansas Society as Colorguard Commander, Dewey Fry stepped down from the position.



NSSAR Historian General and National Colorguard Commander presents Dewey Fry with the National Von Steuben Award for his dedication and years of service to the colorguard

The ceremony began with a grand procession of the color guar led by Commander Dewey Fry and Colorguard Western Adjutant Bill Marshall. The colorguard formed two lines to represent representing the outgoing and the incoming commander.



Western Adjutant Bill Marshall left and Commander Dewey Fry lead the colorguard for the Changing of Command Ceremony



NSSAR Colorguard Commander Brooks Lyles and KSSAR President Vernon Welkner preside over the Changing of Command

National Colorguard Commander Brooks Lyles took the halberd from Commander Dewey Fry and prented it to Bill Marshall, signifying the passing of command. President Vernon Welkner place two gold stars on incoming Commander Marshall's shoulder epilates.



National Colorguard Commander Brooks Lyles presents new Commander Bill Marshal with the halberd signifying passing command



President Vern Welkner and NSSAR Colorguard Commander Brooks Lyles place two stars on each of Bill Marshall's epilates to signify his position as Kansas State Colorguard Commander



## New Officer Inductions

The Saturday evening festivities began with a reception line of the visiting dignitaries and state officers. South Central District VPG Charles McLemore was the guest of honor.



(L-R) Adjutant Steve Hamlin, VPG Charles McLemore, Mrs. McLemore, NSSAR Historian General Brooks Lyles, Diane Ungvasky, President Vernon Welkner, Linda Welkner, President Elect Bryan Wampler, Jennifer Wampler

The Colorguard formed up for the dignitaries to process to their seats. VPG McLemore led the procession.



SCD VPG Charles McLemore and his wife are received by the Colorguard led by new Commander Bill Marshall

VPG McLemore gave an address about his time in the SAR and his "surprisingly short" path to VPG reminding the assembled KSSAR chapter leaders to engage new members as soon as possible. McLemore said that getting new member involved as an active participant in the chapters activities is essential to attract and retain new members, some of whom will be the next generation of leaders in the organization.



South Central District Vice President General (Arkansas Society) provides his Keynote Address

VPG McLemore then swore in the new chapter and state society officers.



(L-R) Treasurer John Schwartz, Chancellor Brian Vasquez, East VP Jeffery Winters, Secretary Steve Hamlin, Vice President Tim Peterman, Historian Jordan Chambers, West VP Garry Baxter

President Elect Bryan Wampler was sworn in as Kansas Society President by VPG McLemore. President Vernon Welkner presented him with the Society Presidents gavel.





President Welkner waits while VPG McElmore administers the Oath of Office of the President of the Kansas Society to President Elect Bryan Wampler

## Awards Ceremony

The first award presented was the National Von Steuben Medal, it is awarded for sustained service to the Society as a Color Guardsman at the National or District Levels. The medal was awarded to Dewey Fry by NSSAR Colorguard Commander Brooks Lyles (photo on cover).

The Edgar E. Grover Colonial Soldier of the Year is awarded to Compatriot Kirk Rush. This special recognition was established in 1992 and was first presented in March 1993 to the Kansas Society member who had earned the most points in wearing his colonial uniform.



Colorguard Commander Dewey Fry presents the Edgar G. Grover Colonial Soldier of the Year award to Compatriot Kirk Rush

The Silver Color Guard Medal is presented to Compatriot Steve French. The Silver Color Guard Medal is for service at the District and National levels. The medal is awarded for at least three years of service at the applicable level.



The Molly Pitcher Medal is presented to Lisa Rush. The Molly Pitcher Medal may be awarded to women who have supported the SAR Color Guard at the State, District and National Levels.



Dewey Fry presents the Mary Pitcher Medal to Lisa Rush

The Ellis Spirit Award is awarded to Compatriot Steve Hamlin. The Ellis Spirit Award was established in 2014 to recognize extraordinary support to the Kansas Society during January 1st through December 31st of each year. The Kansas Society President selects and presents this award annually for outstanding service to the Kansas Society. It is the highest Kansas State Society individual award. The individual is presented with an individual award, a Kansas Society Certificate, and the chapter of membership receives a streamer with the individuals name embossed.



President Vernon Welkner presents Steve Hamlin with the Ellis Spirit Award

The State Medal of Distinguished Service is awarded to: Compatriot Bryan Wampler. The incumbent State President may present one medal during his term (or each year of his term if elected to a multiyear term) at the Society's Annual Meeting to a Compatriot in recognition for that Compatriot's conspicuous service to the State Society during his administration.



President Welkner presents Bryan Wampler with the Distinguished Service Medal

The Silver Meritorious Service Medal is awarded to: Compatriots John Schwartz, John Schatzel, and Tim Peterman. The Silver Meritorious Service Medal is awarded to SAR members who have rendered long, faithful and meritorious service to their state society.



President Welkner presents John Schwartz with the Silver Meritorious Service Medal



The Silver Roger Sherman Medal is awarded to Compatriots Stu Conrad, Randy Colby, Jordan Chambers, Brian Vasquez, and Bruce Smith. The Silver Roger Sherman Medal is awarded to a compatriot in recognition of, and in appreciation of, outstanding services rendered to the State Society.



President Welkner presents Silver Roger Sherman medals to Brian Vasquez and Jordan Chambers

The Sons of the American Revolution Medal of Appreciation: Ladies Auxiliary President Linda Welkner. The SAR Medal of Appreciation is presented to a member of the DAR in good standing in recognition of and in appreciation for outstanding services rendered to the SAR. Mrs. Linda Welkner is being presented this medal for her leadership as the Ladies Auxiliary President.



President Welkner and President-Elect Wampler present the Lady's Auxiliary Medal to Linda Welkner

The Silver 250<sup>th</sup> Medal is awarded to Mrs. Pat Fry – and – the Bronze, Silver, and Gold 250<sup>th</sup> Medals are awarded to Compatriot Alan Martin. These medals are designed to encourage and recognize those compatriots, chapters, and societies to participate in local, state, national and international events which publically educate, and recognize, honor, and celebrate the heroes of the American Revolution. Participation involves the planning and execution of these events, as well as attendance.



President Welkner presents Pat Fry and Alan Martin with the Gold SAR 250 Medal. Welkner also presented Mrs. Fry with a bouquet of roses to thank her for her dedicated support of the State Colorguard.

Compatriot Jeffrey Winters was presented the George Washington Fellow Pin. All new George Washington Fellows receive a beautiful gold lapel pin, a certificate acknowledging their status as a GW Fellow, and their name is added to the list of all GW Fellows in the NSSAR Library.



President Welkner and NSSAR Historian General Brooks Lyles present Jeffrey Winters with the George Washington Fellow Pin and certificate

The Kansas Society Certificate of Appreciation is awarded to Compatriot John Berg for his assistance to the Kansas Society Sons of the American Revolution.



President Welkner presents NSSAR Parliamentarian General John Berg a Certificate of Appreciation

President Vern Welkner presented the Olathe Indian Creek Library with this Certificate of Appreciation.



The Augustus di Zerega V Award Recognition is made annually to a "Small and Large" chapter that is most successful at membership recruitment. The Monticello Chapter achieved this award in 2021 and is once again in 2022 for Large Chapter and Fort Hays Chapter received the 2022 award for Small Chapter .



President Welkner presents the Augustus di Zerega V Award for Large Chapters to Monticello Chapter President Jeffery Winters



President Welkner presents the Augustus di Zerega V Award for Small Chapters to Fort Hays Chapter President Garry Baxter





## SAR Operation Ancestor Search (OAS)

Operation Ancestor Search (OAS) is a free genealogy program offered to the injured service members in military hospitals, veterans hospitals and armed forces retirement homes across the country. OAS helps soldiers, veterans, and their families and caregivers discover their roots and better understand themselves through family history. A program of the NSSAR, it is operated by local chapters.

OAS began as a veterans' program in 2009. It grew out of a Wounded Warrior program at Walter Reed Hospital initiated by the District of Columbia Society as and SAR program to help veterans in long-term medical care situation or who otherwise were rehabilitating or living in government of state veterans homes.



The OAS program is a cooperative program between Ancestry.com and the SAR. This partnership program provides each participating veteran with an account at no cost, allowing them to research and discover their ancestry as part of a rehabilitation program. The OAS Committee coordinates the program.

OAS is not considered a recruiting program. The veterans participating are not obligated to join the SAR. It is viewed as a therapeutic and rehabilitation program providing veterans with an activity to occupy their minds. Before the Covid-19 pandemic, the program succeeded in several societies and chapters.

However, from 2020-2022, veterans facilities had firm restrictions for entry by non-staff personnel, so many programs were paused. During the latter part of 2022 some programs were revived and resumed, but occasional outbreaks of Covid -19 have hindered the reintroduction of the program.

### How The Program Works

Expectation for 2023 are that many programs will be able to resume. Numerous Chapters and state

officers changed during Covid and may need to learn how to restart or initiate the program. The steps are:

First, contact a veterans home in you area to see if they can support the program by providing a space such as a library or similar room. The facility must have internet access. Chapter volunteers may provide their laptops if needed.

Second, the program should be scheduled once or twice per month. Each veteran needs 20-30 minutes of contact with the chapter volunteers, who must be familiar with Ancestry.com

Third, the OAS Committee acquires the necessary login information and passwords for the chapter point of contact for the facility being used. These are usually good for one year and can be renewed.

Contact OAS Chairman Stephen Miller at [milleronglen@aol.com](mailto:milleronglen@aol.com) or Vice Chair Tom Payne at [toparx@gmail.com](mailto:toparx@gmail.com). Vice Char Payne is the contact for obtaining the login and passwords. For those restarting a program, contact him directly.

The SAR looks forward to making this program a must for our nations veterans.





**South Central District  
2023 Annual Meeting**

**25 - 26 August 2023**

**DoubleTree by Hilton Wichita Airport  
2098 AIRPORT ROAD WICHITA, KS 67209**

**Host: Kansas Society**

**State Societies**

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***Schedule of Events Continued***

**Friday, August 25, 2023**

12:00 PM: Registration - Outside Salon 1/2  
4:00 PM: Candidate's Forum - Salon 1/2  
5:00 PM: Flag Ceremony – Front of Hotel  
6:00 PM: Reception and Seating - Salon 1/2  
Call to Order / Welcome!  
Invocation  
Presentation of Colors  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Posting of Colors  
SAR Pledge  
6:30 PM: Banquet – Salon 1/2  
7:15 PM: Guest Speaker – PG John Dodd  
7:30 PM: Elem. History Teacher Maegan Stucky  
7:45 PM: Dist. 97 Rep. Nick Hoeheisal  
8:00 PM: Closing Remarks-VPG Bobbie Hulse  
Benediction  
SAR Recessional  
Retirement of Colors  
Adjourn

***Schedule of Events Continued***

**Saturday August 26, 2023**

7:00 AM: Personal Time  
7:30 AM: Registration Continues – Outside Salon 1/2  
8:00 AM: Eisenhower Breakfast Buffet – Salon 1/2  
9:00 AM: Business Meeting - Salon 1/2  
Call to Order / Welcome!  
Invocation  
Presentation of Colors  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Posting of Colors  
SAR Pledge  
State President reports  
11:45 AM: Closing Remarks  
Benediction  
SAR Recessional  
Retirement of Colors  
12:00 PM: Adjourn

**Ladies Auxiliary – Saturday, August 26, 2023**

9:00 a.m. Opening Ceremony  
9:30 a.m. Depart for TBD  
12:00 p.m. Adjourn

All schedules are subject to change.



## 2023 South Central District Annual Meeting Registration 25 – 26 August 2023

**DoubleTree by Hilton Wichita Airport**

**2098 AIRPORT ROAD WICHITA, KS 67209**

**PHONE: (316) 945-5272 | Code: SAR South Central District | Rate: \$115 | NLT July 25, 2023**

Name			State/Chapter		
Title/Office		Phone			
Address			Email		
City, State, ZIP					
Guest Name			Title		
Dinner			Cost	Number	Total
Compatriot Registration Fee (Members Only)			\$20		
Dinner			Cost	Number	Total
<b>Friday Evening</b>	<b>DoubleTree by Hilton Wichita Airport – Salon 1/2</b>  Dinner Buffet: Entrée: Chicken Piccata & Medallions of Beef. Sides: Herb Roasted Lemon Potatoes, Wild Rice Pilaf, Chef's choice vegetable and Dessert Selection. Drinks: Tea, Water, Coffee		\$60		
Breakfast			Cost	Number	Total
<b>Saturday Morning</b>	<b>DoubleTree by Hilton Wichita Airport – Salon 1/2</b>  <b>Break Buffet:</b> Chilled Juices, Sliced Fresh Fruit, Freshly Baked Blueberry and Banana Nut Muffins, Scones, Butter, Preserves, Fluffy Scrambled Eggs, Applewood Smoked Bacon, Country Sausage Links, Biscuits, Sausage Gravy, Potatoes O'Brien, Coffee, Regular and Decaffeinated, Assorted Herbal Teas		\$35		
Ladies Auxiliary Trip			Cost	Attending	Total
<b>Saturday Ladies Outing</b>	Wichita Art Museum 1400 W Museum Blvd Wichita, KS 67203		Free		\$0
			<b>TOTAL</b>		

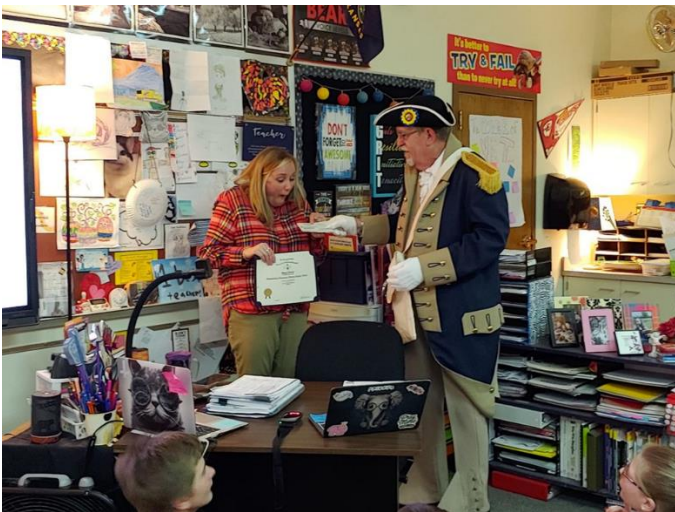
Please register online by **August 5, 2023**, at: <https://kssar.org/scd2023>  
If paying by check, make checks payable to KSSAR postdated by the above date.  
Send to: John Schwartz, 15236 East Castle Circle, Wichita, KS 67230  
Email: [jbschwartz51@gmail.com](mailto:jbschwartz51@gmail.com) - Phone: (316) 239-1116



## CHAPTER NEWS

**SONS OF THE PLAINS CHAPTER (Hutchinson) Bit Roberts President** *Pizaacos Restaurant in Hutchinson, 112 So. Main St. 9AM 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. Sept-May*

Compatriot Bobbie Hulse presented a check from the KSSSAR for being selected as the Winner of the Elementary History Teacher of the Year to Mrs. Stucky. She will now compete at the National level.



In their first year of participation in the Poster contest three students from Goessel Elementary took all three places in the poster contest. Teacher, Emily Gibson, was so excited for the kids who got a late start as the presentation by Compatriot Hulse was only a couple of weeks away from the deadline for submission. The three girls took on the task on their own time and in just a few days produced really quality work. The girls, Hannah Adrian, Emma Walker and Kinzie Koehn were all excited to get their awards from the chapter and then Hannah was told that she got third place at the state level and when she was presented with her check from the KSSSAR she was really speechless.



The way that we were able to get into the school was by conversations with a prospective member that has a child whose CAR application is in progress. Andy, a Goessel Elementary parent, was the one who approached the school and got permission for us to make the presentation so thank you Andy for that and I am sure the girls thank you as well.

The SAR has youth contests at levels from elementary school all the way through high school. These include orations, posters, essays, tri-fold construction as well as Eagle Scout competition and JROTC recognition. All of the competitions are history based and are designed to promote Patriotism especially now that we are heading into a celebration of our 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the near future.

**PRAIRIE MINUTEMEN CHAPTER (Ellsworth Area)**  
**Ron Svaty President**

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

**CHARLES ROBINSON CHAPTER (Lawrence) Jim**

**Cooper, 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)**

**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*

**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*

Compatriot Byron Wesley "Wes" Wilson was inducted at our February 11, 2023, Delaware Crossing Chapter Meeting. Wes was Registered as a new member on December 31, 2022 and assigned NSSAR Member No. 224780. Wes's Patriot Ancestor is Zenas Briggs, he served as a Private in Elijah Walker's Co., Col. Pope's Regt, Bristol Co. Militia, Dec 8, 1776 Alarm, 21 days; John Hathaway's Regt., Brig Gen Godfrey's Brigade, Bristol Co. Aug 2. 1780 for 5 days on Tiverton RI Alarm. It took the effort of Wes, Kirk Rush his Sponsor and Dewey Fry to get Wes's Application approved after many months delay as a result of COVID19 and poorly communicating State of Oklahoma in regard to obtaining the Death Certificate of his grandmother. With his persistence as an Armed Forces veteran, welcome aboard Wes.



*Larry Tatum presents Wes Wilson with his SAR Membership Certificate.*

We had two of our youth contest contestants at our February Chapter Meeting. Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest winner for our Chapter is Nathan Phillips of Scout Troop 123. Nathan read his essay at our February 11 meeting. It was revealed that Nathan is also the Kansas Society contest winner and will be entered into the National Society Sons of the American Revolution contest.

Nathan was awarded \$500.00 and a medal by Committee Chairman Kirk Rush for being our chapter contest winner. He will be presented a trophy and check for winning the state level award on March 18, at the Youth Luncheon of the Kansas Society at the Annual Conference in Olathe.

This award is significant to our Chapter as Arthur Mansfield King was an early President of our Delaware Crossing Chapter.





*Committee Chairman Kirk Rush presents Nathan Phillips with the Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest winner's Medal, Certificate, and a \$500.00 check.*

### **FORT SCOTT CHAPTER (Ft. Scott)**

**Jim Gilpin, President** Meets second Saturday in February, April, June, August, October and December at Lucci's Cafe at 11 am

### **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.*

Dr. Doak Doolittle presenting flag certificates to Alan Imhof, owner of THIO Industrial LLC and Jamey Sealy crane operator doing work on Amber Wave Gluten plant in Phillipsburg. Dr. Doolittle is President of the Fort Hays Chapter, KSSSAR. The photo appeared in the 30 Mar 2023 issue of The Advocate.



Fort Hays Chapter treasurer Bill Posson presented a Certificate of Appreciation to DAR Sarah Steward chapter Regent on 18 Feb at the Sarah Steward chapter meeting.



### **HENRY LEAVENWORTH CHAPTER (Leavenworth)**

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

Henry Leavenworth (HL), Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Chapter members attended the Kansas SAR State Society Conference. Chapter member, SAR National Chaplain General, and Kansas SAR President Compatriot Vern Welkner turned over

his gravel to incoming Kansas SAR President Brian Wampler. Compatriot John Schatzel was elected Genealogist, and Vern Welkner as Trustee.



Compatriot Walt Schley was the guest speaker at the 78th Anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima. The ceremony was held at Leavenworth National Cemetery on Saturday, March 25th, 2023. Compatriot Schley is also the former Department of Missouri Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart.



Henry Leavenworth Chapter President Jerry Gross presented SAR Veterans Service Medals to Compatriots Doug Darling and Neal Hanley



Henry Leavenworth SAR Chapter inducted four new Compatriots (Don Davis, Mark Davis, Perry Billington, and John Billington). Photo (L-R): Kansas SAR Genealogist John Schatzel, Don Davis, Mark Davis, Perry Billington, John Billington, Chapter Vice President Bennett Dickson, and Chapter President Jerry Gross.



Henry Leavenworth SAR Chapter Compatriot Walt Schley (left) receives the Silver Good Citizenship Medal from Kansas SAR President Vern Welkner (on the right).





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

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

**WASHINGTON CHAPTER (Wichita Area) John Schwartz, President** *Meets 3rd Friday except January & July at 6:30 pm at Spear restraint, 4323 W Maple St, Wichita, KS*

**The Kansas SAR Ladies Auxiliary**  
**Jennifer Wampler, President** *Meets at the Quarterly Board of Governors*

## New Members

<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Middle</i>	<i>NSSAR</i>	<i>Ks</i>	<i>Ch</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Ancestor</i>
Buss	Michael	Carl	225010	3936	WA	Warne, JL	01/20/23	William Dusenberry
Fischbach	Bruce	Richard	225154	3937	MC	Schatzel, JA	02/03/23	William Beekman
Kengor	Adam	Paul	225155	3938	MC	Schatzel, JA	02/03/23	Peter Ebgle, Jr.
More	John	Clarence	225156	3939	CR	Grassl, PO	02/03/23	George Easton
Davis	Dan	Joe	225157	3940	HL	Schatzel, JA	02/03/23A	sa Colton
Phelan	Thomas	Whittredge	225158	3941	HL	Schatzel, JA	02/03/23	James McCotter
Fulwider	Lynn	Evan	225159	3942	FH	Schatzel, JA	02/03/23	Ulrich Fullenwider
Marion	Breck	Alden	225226	3943	CR	Sayler, JG	02/10/23	Joshua Tarkington
Hanna	Jeremy	John	225320	3944	KP	Schatzel, JA	02/17/23	Ezekiel Day
Hanna	Steven	John	225321	3945	KPJ	Schatzel, JA	02/17/23	Ezekiel Day
Hanna	Brady	James	225322	3946	KP	Schatzel, JA	02/17/23	Ezekiel Day
Hanna	Tyler	James	225323	3947	KPJ	Schatzel, JA	02/17/23	Ezekiel Day
Hanna	Henry	Charles	225324	3948	KPJ	Schatzel, JA	02/17/23	Ezekiel Day
Billington	Tony	Dean	225325	3949	HL	Dickson, DB	02/17/23	Ezekiel Billington
Johnson	Bradley	Robert	225326	3950	WA	Warne, JL	02/17/23	Jonathan Weir
Shingledecker	Christopher	Nelson	225327	3951	HL	Schatzel, JA	02/17/23	Richard Howell
Billington	John	Ray	225328	3952	HL	Dickson, DB	02/17/23	Ezekiel Billington
Nelson	Francis	James	225329	3953	DXJ	Nelson, DD	02/17/23	Daniel Nelson
Starkey	David	Alan	225447	3954	WA	Warne, JL	03/03/23	Hezekiah Stowell
Esslinger	Austin	Wyatt	225513	3955	SP	Hulse, BA	03/10/23	Abraham Piatt
Berg	John	Richard	90924	3956	MC	dual from OR	03/17/23	William Devin
Geiger	Jack	Edward	225688	3957	HL	Schatzel, JA	03/24/23	Andrew Stocker
Spatz-Geiger	Dane	Jackson	225689	3958	HLJ	Schatzel, JA	03/24/23	Andrew Stocker
Plumly	Denis	Wayne, Jr.	225690	3959	MC	Schatzel, JA	03/24/23	Joseph Walden
Brewer	Jeremy	Darrol	225691	3960	MC	Schatzel, JA	03/24/23	Paul Teeter
Fry	Scott	Wade	225791	3961	SP	Hulse, BA	03/31/23	Eli Noble
Dixon	Jack	Hamilton	225792	3962	WA	Warne, JL	03/31/23	Jacob Story
Baker	Leonard	Albert	225793	3963	TJ	Baker, PL	03/31/23	John Baker+
Woodyard	Wayne	William	225794	3964	SP	Hulse, BA	03/31/23	Jacob Miller
Phillips	James	T. A. L.	225795	3965	DX	Fry, HD	03/31/23	Nathan Ayre
Feld	Derek	Keesling	219243	3966	KP	r/t from NC	04/06/23	Conrad Keesling
Talbott	Evan	Eugene	225979	3967	SP	Hulse, BA	04/14/23	William Pendleton

White	Jimmy	Dale	225980	3968	TJ	McReynolds, RL 04/14/23	Isaac White
Chandler	Michael	Francis	225981	3969	TJ	McReynolds, RL 04/14/23	Seth Chandler
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## Salute to Our Departed Comrades

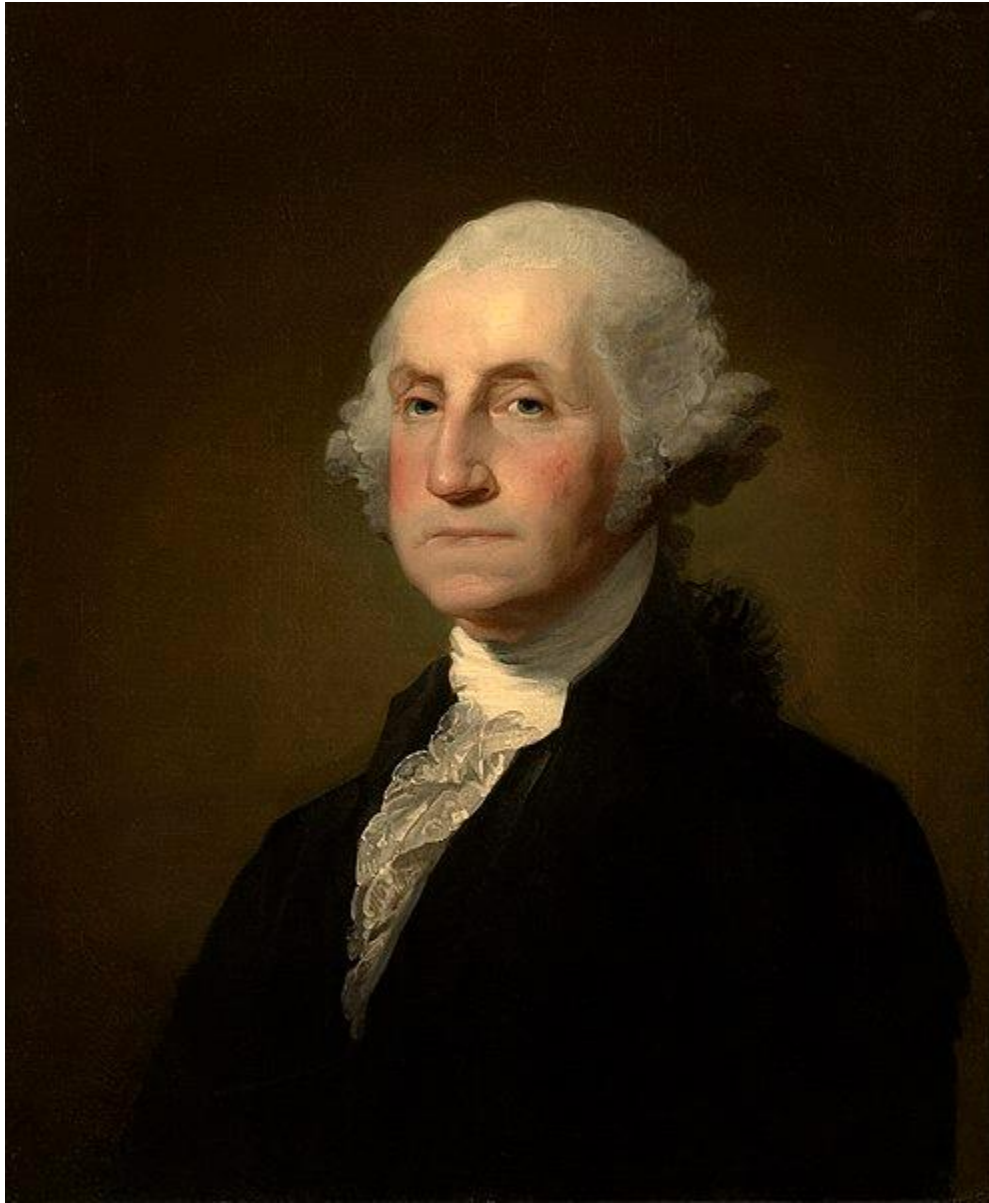
<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Middle</i>	<i>NSSAR</i>	<i>Ks</i>	<i>Ch</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Died</i>
Baker	Leonard	Albert	225793	3963	TJ	2023	03/30/88+
Jewett	John	Joseph	157757	2295		2002	01/13/23*
Goslin	Charles	Edward	153150	2193	MC	2000	01/22/23
West	Oliver	Ilan, Jr.	170953	2618	H L	2008	01/24/23
King	William	Throop	206111	3359	PM	2018	01/25/23
Mall	Roger	Jay	149036	2124		1997	02/27/23*
Liby	Max	Lee	222561	3865	SP 2	2022	02/28/23
Hill	Charles	Eugene	97721	945	TJ	1970	03/19/23
Thomas	Vern	Aaron	137503	1929	TJ	1991	03/27/23
Weaver	Michael	Allen	220629	3800	MC	2021	03/27/23
Naysmith	Kenneth	Vernon	201382	3245	BN	2017	03/29/23
Millican	Gregory	Allen	188329	2972	DX	2013	04/03/23

\*inactive

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## Final Thought



“I was no party man myself, and the first wish of my heart was, if parties did exist, to reconcile them.” — George Washington

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