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Isaac Barney Ellis (April 19, 1925 - June 10, 2025), past Kansas State Society President, Vice President General and recipient of the Minuteman Medal, the highest award issued by the Sons of the American Revolution, passed from this life to eternity on June 10, 2025.

He was a member Delaware Crossing Chapter & Monticello Chapter and a Life Member of both National SAR and Kansas SAR.

The Kansas Society of SAR said farewell to one of its favorite sons last month. Isaac Barnett “Barney” Ellis passed away on Tuesday afternoon, 10 June 2025, just months after his 100th birthday. Family and friends were with him.

Barney was a remarkable man who influenced the lives of many. He is fondly remembered for walking up on the left side of a compatriot, firmly taking hold of his bicep, and emphatically saying how the man was going to help the SAR. It was a great mentoring method that resulted in him turning a large number of members into leaders.

He was born in the family home in Walker, Missouri, attended Walker schools, and found success in high school that resulted in leadership positions. He attended a business school in Sedalia, Missouri, following high school graduation, but returned to teach high school as male teachers were going off to War. At that same time, he was overseeing a segment of the food rationing program. While he waited for his US Navy V-12 program application to be processed, he attended Missouri Valley College, Northwestern University and Harvard Business School where he received his BS degree. Most of his V-12 college education was at Northwestern University, completing the program at Harvard. Following graduation in 1943, he was commissioned as a US Navy Ensign in 1945 and deployed to Guam, serving there until June 1946.

Barney returned from the War to marry his college sweetheart, Virginia, starting their family in the Kansas City area. His business career commenced as an auditor, earning a CPA and shepherding his blossoming career.



While teaching at Central Business College, Sedalia, Missouri, Barney earned his Certificate in Public Accounting (CPA) at Kansas City, Missouri. He was employed by W. S. Dickey Company, serving as an accountant and finishing his career as president of the Company. His experience included forming a foundation for a hospital and then becoming president of Pitt Plastics in Pittsburg, KS.

Prior to retirement, he oversaw fundraising for a major hospital project in Joplin, Missouri, which would become useful for future endeavors. Retirement found him joining the Kansas SAR. Once again, he moved up the ranks. He went from president of the largest chapter in the Kansas SAR to state president to Vice President General. He sponsored about 250 men into SAR and helped start multiple chapters. That fundraising experience was put to work in the SAR Foundation, where he was elected president. He attended many Leadership meetings and Congresses. Barney received the Minuteman award in 2008.

Barney will be sorely missed and remembered for his inspirational leadership. Fair winds and following seas to a member of the Greatest Generation. He was a resident of Foxwood Springs, Raymore, MO. He was born to Isaac S. Ellis and Wiltsee Potter Ellis of Walker, Missouri.

His wife, Virginia Hoffman Ellis, his parents and a son, Randall Ellis (Teri) of Tulsa, Oklahoma, all preceded him in death. He is survived by two sons - Dale Ellis (Kathleen), Overland Park, KS; James Ellis (Melody), Wichita, KS; four grandchildren: Isaac Ellis, Overland Park, KS, Rebecca Ellis (Overland Park), Kathleen Misk (Ryan), Crown Point, IN and Sandra Ellis (Luke), Bella Vista, AR as well as six grandsons and two granddaughters.

He and Virginia were active in the Disciples of Christ Churches wherever they lived. He was a Boy Scout Volunteer for 42 years and served in various local, district and regional positions. He was recognized for service in BSA, awarded medals for the Silver Antelope and Silver Beaver medals. He was also active in the Sons of the American Revolution again, serving in chapter, state, district and national positions.



Barney's main hobby was Genealogy and he became State Genealogist for the Kansas SAR. He completed over 300 applications for other people. His service was recognized by the national SAR awarding him the Minute Man Medal.

A graveside service with military honors was held at Newton Cemetery, Nevada, MO, where his parents, wife and her parents are buried on Monday, June 16, 2025.

Memorials may be made to the Fellowship of John Foundation, by mail to Fellowship of John, Foxwood Springs, PO Box 701, Raymore MO 64083. This foundation provides compassionate and confidential assistance to residents who have outlived their resources. Barnett was very active in fundraising and operations of this foundation for many years.

He was fully dedicated to the mission of the SAR and his legacy will live on.

I raise a toast to Barney with a hearty HUZDAH, HUZDAH, HUZDAH on a job well done!!



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Kansas SAR President's Message



By Timothy Peterman
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Delaware Crossing Chapter

As many of us enjoy the summer weather, the Kansas Society, SAR remains active and focused on several things. Since being installed as your Kansas Society President, I have endeavored to visit several chapters: Bennington, Charles Robinson, Delaware Crossing, Henry Leavenworth, Monticello, and Washington. Since several chapters don't meet during the summer, my plan is to continue chapter visits in the fall when meetings resume. Many chapters are involved in various patriotic activities during the summer and fall from Color Guard in parades to outreach booths in county or town festivals. I encourage the team of District Advisors to continue to look for and foster SAR activity in various community events. If members are planning to be involved, representing SAR in public, I encourage them to take Youth Protection Training at NSSAR. I did this on May 11 of this year. Go to the following link to learn more: https://bredenfoerder.com/YPT_SAR_University_D/

What is the purpose of outreach? To introduce the public to SAR. Considering that millions of non-members have Revolutionary War patriot ancestors, our hope is that people will choose to apply for SAR membership. We also hope that more of the youth will get involved in the variety of youth contests that SAR hosts. The measure of outreach success is an increased flow of applications or participation in youth contests.

How does a member do outreach? Volunteer to serve in the Color Guard for parades. Man outreach booths in community events. Talk about SAR within your personal network. Hand out SAR stuff when interacting with the public. Gather names and contact information. There is not a



pre-determined model that works. I encourage all members to be innovative. Think outside of the box. Share your ideas with other members. Test different approaches. Discuss your success stories and your failures. We don't want anyone to re-invent the wheel and then discover that they have perfected a flat tire. Listen to others. Be respectful of others.

Based on the Kansas Society membership count of January 1, 2025, we have 921 primary members that entitles Kansas to have 21 delegates at the SAR's National Congress this year. That event will be held in Uncasville, CT. Delegates to the Congress will get the opportunity to vote on a lot of noteworthy things, such as dues increases, application fee increases, modifications to the NSSAR Constitution and Bylaws, as well as the election of national officers. Congress involves many more activities, such as committee meetings, luncheons, banquets, and tours of noteworthy, historic locations. I encourage everyone to attend at least one Congress. Two members of the Kansas Society will be running for national office, from the floor, at the Uncasville Congress. What that means is that they will be running in contested races against someone endorsed by the senior leadership, so getting there to support them is of paramount importance. The names of all proposed delegates had to be reported to NSSAR by May 16, 2025. I am sad to report that over half of our delegate slots will be unfilled. If any significant changes are made at the Congress, you will learn about them in the next Liberty Bell or SAR Magazine.

As the summer wears on, we need to begin thinking about 2026 dues. The portal will open for payment in mid-August and I encourage all to renew online in August or September. Don't overlook contributions to the various funds for both the Kansas Society and your chapters. The cost of postage is increasing again, from 73 cents per stamp to 78 cents per stamp in July 2025. Most of us have noticed that the quality of mail delivery has declined over the last few years. With the portal, you don't need to worry about any of that. Paper notices will be mailed to the unpaid in September & October.

I encourage renewing members to consider purchasing a Life Membership. This can be done online using the portal, if you want to use a credit card. They can also be purchased by check using regular mail. The schedule of Life Membership prices (which are on an age-declining scale) can be found immediately following the Color Guard section in this Liberty Bell. This schedule is subject to change, depending on whether the National Congress makes the increase a reality.



I look forward to seeing many of you at the Board of Governors meetings in August and November, and at the various chapter meetings that I attend this fall.

Tim



Editorial

By Robert Lofthouse
Liberty Bell Editor
Treasurer, Henry Leavenworth Chapter
General Chair, George Washington Birthday Committee
Treasurer, Kansas State Society

Greetings! As we pass mid-year 2025, several milestones have already been achieved at the local, state and national levels. While I won't attempt to cover them all in this space, I am going to note some significant items. This edition is going to be longer than the Spring edition, but hang in there, it's all good stuff! The Society is actively involved in many initiatives. The Color Guard in particular is on the move.

First, and foremost, the 135th Annual National Congress took place this month (12 July – 17 July) at the Mohegan Sun Resort in Uncasville, Connecticut. Several hundred compatriots, accompanied by their ladies and some children attended. The Kansas Society was represented with 9 compatriots. If you want to absorb the full SAR experience, and if you have not yet attended one of these gatherings, mark your calendars for next July and join us to learn some South Carolina history. I attended this year as a Green Dot, marking me as a first-time attendee. We had our own orientation and joined in a group photo. I volunteered to help on my first day there and met some wonderful compatriots from numerous states. Wouldn't ya know, my day captain is a retired Marine Sergeant Major. We got along great! You will see there's no shortage of volunteers, as the host Connecticut Society handed out red polo shirts to all volunteers. They gave us each a \$50 gift card, too! There was no shortage of volunteers throughout the Congress. I attended the business meeting sessions as well as the Memorial Service, voted on some bylaws amendments and heard some great speeches. Our own Chaplain General Vern Welkner, and Bishop Ashley Null made presentations. Zach Distel, Curator and Director of Collections, gave a talk about Connecticut's involvement in the Revolution. Quite interesting, as the state was known as the Provision State – supplying the Continental Army with many needs from food to weapons and



powder. Connecticut Governor Trumbull was the only Royal Governor who remained true to the cause of independence throughout the eight years of war.

Tours included Fort Griswold, Mystic Seaport, Pequot Museum, War Office and Trumbull House. Much recognition and many awards were handed out, too numerous to track here. The Color Guard was colorful, and fantastic. With four drummers keeping a steady march beat and the fifers adding a colonial flair to their step, the Color Guard carried approximately 40+ flags. I think these brothers must have been professional musicians. It was quite the site and sound to behold.

Meetings and workshops included C.A.R., Family Tree Maker, Educational Outreach, South Central District Breakfast, GWEF Luncheon, America's 250 SAR Committee, Budget and Finance Committee to much pageantry. It was both inspirational and informative. Come to the next BOG to learn more, as several BOG members attended and will be giving their own reports.

Topping the list of highlights for the Kansas Society was that T. Brooks Lyles [North Carolina Society] was elected in a hotly contested race to be our next Treasurer General. Brooks won by a single vote out of 235 and he hit the ground running. William Allen Greenly, [Georgia Society], was elected Secretary General, and Michael J. Elston, [Virginia Society], is now our President General. Gary O. Green, [North Carolina Society] is now our Genealogist General. Also, for the year 2025-2026, Bryan Wampler [Monticello] was installed as Trustee, with Jeffrey Winters [Monticello] becoming an Alternate Trustee. Phil H. Hunt [Oklahoma Society] was installed as Vice President General for the South-Central District. Exciting things are anticipated with this strong leadership team!

Our next BOG meeting will be held on Saturday, 2 August, at the American Legion in Manhattan. If you haven't yet placed your lunch order (turkey, ham or roast beef), or need directions, call or write to me at either one of these contact points (610.392.7084 or rlofthouse@ksssar.org). We'll need to know how many will attend, for planning purposes.



I will be forming a Meeting Planning Committee, for the purpose of planning our upcoming BOG meetings and the next Annual Conference. If you want to get involved with your state society, and influence some of the statewide meetings we conduct, reach out to me and let me know your interest.

We still have new South Central District lapel pins for sale, a bargain at \$10 apiece. If you haven't yet purchased your Kansas lapel pin, we have several of those left and they are available at the same price.

During the March Annual Conference, I was tasked with automating our operating account. I am pleased to inform you all that this task is complete with a full reconciliation of our bank accounts and investment accounts. Jordan Chambers [Monticello], who makes up our IT department, has secured a non-profit license for KSSSAR through Tech Soup, saving hundreds of dollars.

Many of you may know that our US Army celebrated its 250th Birthday earlier this summer. What you may not know is that the US Navy and US Marine Corps will celebrate their 250th Birthdays later this year. So our hats off to the Army, Navy and Marine Corps for standing in the breach and continuing to build on their fine traditions to become the finest military forces in the world!

Rob



The Kansas Society (KSSSAR) of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) recently attended the SAR National Congress in Uncasville, CT. Past Henry Leavenworth Chapter President and past Kansas Society President Brooks Lyles was elected Treasurer General of the National Society of the SAR. The Annual Congress of the SAR is time-honored tradition started at its founding in 1889. This national meeting is named after the original Continental Congress which governed the America Colonies during the Revolutionary War. In the photo, left to right, are T. Brooks Lyles[HL & South Carolina], Bruce Smith[MC], Jeffrey Winters [MC], Bobbie Hulse [SP], Bryan Wampler [MC], Tim Peterman [DX], Vern Welkner[HL], Robert Lofthouse[HL], and Jerry Gross [HL]





Past Kansas Society Presidents



Left to Right: Bobbie Hulse [SP], T. Brooks Lyles [HL & South Carolina], Bryan Wampler [MC] and Vern Welkner [HL]



Congress Photos:

South Central District Delegates and their Ladies



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I leave you with the following short story I was inspired to write as my wife and I departed Congress and headed for home. It's printed in the old style but with modern-day English. Hope you'll enjoy it.

I settled back in the worn leather of my rented car, with the mid-day sun drenching the plush green trees of the Connecticut countryside. A member of the Sons of the American Revolution for only three years, I feel a profound connection to this land, a living testament to the birth of this nation. My Patriot ancestor was born, lived and enlisted just a few miles west in Haddam. He served as an Artillery Artificer throughout the eight grueling years of war and fought in most major battles as part of several Continental Artillery Regiments. Today's drive, from the SAR Congress just concluded at Mohegan Sun, back towards T. F. Green Airport in Providence, evoked strong feelings and stirred the ghosts of revolution in my mind's eye. Join me in thinking about what your Patriots must have experienced.



We passed a field near Voluntown, the new grass shining with a vibrant green, and in that instant, the mundane faded. The field transformed before me. I saw not the neatly fenced pasture, but a ragged line of Continental soldiers, their brown homespun compatriot militia alongside, a stark contrast to the scarlet coats advancing in their direction across the same ground.

Muskets roared, the acrid smell of gunpowder filled the air, a phantom scent that made me inhale sharply. I imagined the fear in the young colonial faces against the disciplined might of the British regulars. Determination etched on the brow of a farmer-turned-soldier as he stood his ground and rolled that canon ball down the barrel of his six-pound gun. BOOM! It's 1778 and the British have realized that Connecticut is known as the provision state for a reason. The locals provide food, munitions, weapons, clothing, men and supplies for George Washington's Army.

Further along, a gentle rise in the land became a strategic hill, now dotted with hastily assembled colonial militia. I pictured them behind makeshift barricades of stone walls, picking off redcoats as



they struggled uphill. I could almost hear the sharp crack of their rifles, so different from the disciplined volleys of the British muskets. In a valiant attempt to make their impact, I envisioned a young officer on the flank, barely more than a boy, rallying his men, his voice hoarse but filled with patriotic intensity.

We rounded a bend, and the tranquil Thames River, flowing gently beneath an old stone bridge, morphed into a scene of desperate retreat. The colonial soldiers, ranks broken, scrambled across the bridge, pursued by bayonet-wielding British troops. The splash of boots in the water, the cries of the wounded – it was all so vivid, as if history itself was replaying for me along this quiet country road.

I knew the names of some of these battles, the skirmishes that peppered the Connecticut landscape – Ridgefield, Danbury, even the larger engagements further south. But today, it wasn't about specific dates or commanders. It was about the sheer courage and sacrifice of ordinary men, fighting for an ideal, on the very ground we were now traversing in the comfort of our modern automobile. It was about defending the homeland.



As we drove on, the visions slowly receded, and present-day Connecticut countryside reasserted itself. The sun began to dip towards the horizon, painting the sky in hues of orange and purple. I felt a familiar mix of pride and humility. The peace and prosperity we now enjoy are a direct result of the struggles I had just witnessed in my mind's eye. Patricia brought me back to reality as she so often does, saying, "Don't forget to turn left here." I gripped the steering wheel a little tighter, a silent promise to never forget the price of liberty, a promise kept alive by every drive through this historic and beautiful land. Just like that, we merged onto I-95 for the final leg of our journey to the friendly skies.

Trivia: How many US Presidents became General of the Army before they became President?

The Editor of the Liberty Bell is Robert Lofthouse of the Henry Leavenworth Chapter. The Publisher is Tim Peterman of the Delaware Crossing Chapter, President of the Kansas SAR. If there is something you want to see please reach out to the Editor at rlofthouse@kssar.org.



Color Guard

Face of the Kansas SAR

Just some of the many activities our Kansas Color Guard participated in during the past quarter:

From Omaha Beach to Abilene, an American Flag Story

by Robert Lofthouse
Liberty Bell Reporter

June 7, 2025

Scouting America in Europe traces its roots back to 1948, when dedicated volunteers, often military personnel who had been Scouters in the U.S., organized Boy Scout troops in military communities across Germany. These early units were formed without formal support, relying on the passion and dedication of experienced leaders.

Pictures below were taken at the Eisenhower Museum D-Day flag presentation.

The Transatlantic Council of Scouting America was founded in Europe in 1950, and since then, has grown to serve families in Africa, the Middle East and Central Asia. TAC serves over 4,000 youth members and 2,000 adult volunteers in over 50 countries. The parents of about half of TAC's youth serve in the US Military overseas.

President Eisenhower shares some wonderful history with TAC. He served as the first Supreme Allied Commander Europe, and in 1954 signed a letter authorizing "manpower and logistical support" to the EUCOM Advisory Council.

TAC is very thankful and indebted to the many contributions by President Eisenhower to our country, Europe, the world and especially during TAC's formative years. Scout



Executive/CEO, Joshua Dick, looks forward to a continuous longstanding partnership with the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum and is very appreciative of their invitation to join in this year's D-Day commemoration.

From its earliest days, international scouting has been central to U.S. Scouting in Europe. In 1951, European Scouts joined over 18,000 Scouts from 47 nations at the 7th World Scout Jamboree in Austria. U.S. Scouts also regularly camped with British, French and German Scouts, a tradition that continues today.

TAC's signature event, the Normandy Camporee, was last held in April 2024. The French Government has designated Transatlantic Council, Scouting America, as the official "Custodians of Omaha Beach." Copy this link: (<https://tacsouting.org/activities/normandycamporee/>)

NORMANDY CAMPOREE

The TAC Normandy Camporee, held between 19 and 21 of April, 2024, in Normandy, France, was a significant international Scouting event that brought together over 1,400 Scouts and leaders from more than 50 troops worldwide. This was particularly meaningful, as it coincided with the 80th anniversary of D-Day, offering participants a unique opportunity to honor history while engaging in Scouting activities.

Near the Eisenhower Museum earlier this year, on a park common in Abilene, Kansas, TAC Scout Executive/CEO, Joshua Dick, delivered one of the 80 American flags flown over Normandy at that Camporee. The accompanying photos capture our KS Society Color Guard in action, led by Compatriot Color Guard Commander Bill Marshall. They retired the Eisenhower Museum flag and replaced it with flag #18 which was flown over Normandy at the 2024 TAC Normandy Camporee.

Ms. Mary Jean Eisenhower, granddaughter of President Eisenhower, along with Joshua Dick and her son, Merrill Eisenhower Atwater, walked the flag up to the flagpole and handed it over to Commander Marshall. Compatriots Bobbie Hulse and Pat Crawford raised the flag. During



the ceremony, Compatriot Bugler Bit Roberts played *Retreat*, *To The Colors* and *Reveille*, while an audience of more than 200 looked on with respect.

The US Flag, presented to Mary Jean Eisenhower and the Eisenhower Presidential Library by Scout Executive/CEO Joshua Dick, flew over Omaha Beach at last year's Normandy Camporee.

To learn more about Transatlantic Council visit tacscouting.org.

Abilene D-Day Celebration:





Color Guard Commander Bill Marshall receives his Silver Meritorious Service Medal and Certificate at the D-Day flag presentation in Abilene.

Homestead Days in Beatrice, Nebraska:





Lexington / Concord:





Chaplain General
Vern Welkner

Editor's Note: A big shout-out to CG Commander, Bill Marshall [KP], for managing the statewide Color Guard activities, coordinating and communicating well, and for the outstanding job Deputy CG Commander, Brian Vazquez [TJ] is doing in support. A huge thanks also for Kirk Rush [DX] for supporting Bill as Deputy up until mid-year this year, when he stepped down to pursue other interests.



Life Membership

Questions and Answers

1. Why should I purchase a Life Membership? This works to your benefit because:

- a) you are protected from inevitable future dues increases, and
- b) you can no longer be dropped from the membership rolls for non-payment of dues (if you have bought into both the National and Kansas Life plans).

2. Who can purchase a Life Membership? Any member in good standing with the SAR can purchase a National Life Membership. Any member in good standing with the Kansas Society, SAR can purchase a Kansas Life Membership, provided he has also purchased a National Life Membership.

3. Explain why there are two life membership plans? All members of the SAR must remain in good standing with both the national society (NSSAR) and a state society (in this case, KSSSAR). The National Life plan pays only national dues. The Kansas Life plan pays only Kansas state dues. Participation in both plans is necessary to insure that a life member will remain in good standing.

4. What is the history of these life plans? The National Life plan was created in about 1990. Past President General and KSSSAR member, Arthur Mansfield King, was influential in getting this started. About 4,500 SAR members have become National Life Members since that time. As national dues have increased, the price of a National Life Membership has changed quite a bit during this time, increasing from a flat \$500 in 1995 to a declining scale today that ranges from \$1,521 if purchased at age 1 to \$95 if purchased at age 100. If national dues are increased in the future, the price for a new life membership will most certainly be increased as well.

The Kansas plan was created in 1980, under the leadership of Dr. Phil Bernstorf. The plan paid both national and state dues, an unsound condition since the Kansas Society didn't set the amount of national dues. Under the leadership of Herrick H. "Kes" Kesler, national life



memberships were purchased by the Kansas Life Trust for all existing Kansas Life Members in 1990. Since that time, the Kansas Life Trust has been responsible for only state dues. The fee was set to a flat \$150. After the National plan was switched to a declining scale, the Kansas plan was switched to a declining scale as well. Four hundred KSSSAR members have purchased national and state life memberships. Of these, Two-hundred and seventy-five are still living with their state dues paid out of the trust. This is about 28.5% of the current Kansas Society membership.

The combined declining scale table (2025 prices) can be found on the next page.

5. How much does a Life Membership cost? Consult the chart on the next page. There is no guarantee that these prices will remain in effect for long. Any future dues increase, at either the national or state level, would likely trigger a price increase for life memberships.

6. If I purchase a Life Membership this year, do I still have to pay 2026 dues? No. If the payment is received before Dec. 1, 2025, the National and Kansas Life Trusts will pay your 2026 dues.

7. What about chapter dues? The National Life trust only pays National dues. The Kansas Life trust only pays Kansas state dues. If you want to remain in good standing with your chapter, in most cases, you will still have to pay annual chapter dues. See your Chapter Treasurer for details.

8. How do I purchase a Life Membership? Purchase online during dues renewal (credit/debit card), or contact the KSSSAR Membership Secretary, Jeffrey Winters, (if paying by check):



Life Membership Prices

Age	National	Kansas	Combined	Age	National	Kansas	Combined
1	\$1,521	\$150	\$1,671	51	\$955	\$122.50	\$1,077.50
2	\$1,516	\$150	\$1,666	52	\$936	\$120	\$1,056
3	\$1,510	\$150	\$1,660	53	\$917	\$117.50	\$1,034.50
4	\$1,504	\$150	\$1,654	54	\$898	\$115	\$1,013
5	\$1,497	\$150	\$1,647	55	\$879	\$112.50	\$991.50
6	\$1,491	\$150	\$1,641	56	\$859	\$110	\$969
7	\$1,484	\$150	\$1,634	57	\$839	\$107.50	\$946.50
8	\$1,477	\$150	\$1,627	58	\$819	\$105	\$924
9	\$1,470	\$150	\$1,620	59	\$800	\$102.50	\$902.50
10	\$1,463	\$150	\$1,613	60	\$779	\$100	\$879
11	\$1,455	\$150	\$1,605	61	\$759	\$97.50	\$856.50
12	\$1,448	\$150	\$1,598	62	\$739	\$95	\$834
13	\$1,440	\$150	\$1,590	63	\$718	\$92.50	\$810.50
14	\$1,431	\$150	\$1,581	64	\$697	\$90	\$787
15	\$1,423	\$150	\$1,573	65	\$676	\$87.50	\$763.50
16	\$1,414	\$150	\$1,564	66	\$655	\$85	\$740
17	\$1,406	\$150	\$1,556	67	\$634	\$82.50	\$716.50
18	\$1,397	\$150	\$1,547	68	\$612	\$80	\$692
19	\$1,388	\$150	\$1,538	69	\$590	\$77.50	\$667.50
20	\$1,379	\$150	\$1,529	70	\$568	\$75	\$643
21	\$1,369	\$150	\$1,519	71	\$546	\$72.50	\$618.50
22	\$1,360	\$150	\$1,510	72	\$523	\$70	\$593
23	\$1,350	\$150	\$1,500	73	\$501	\$67.50	\$568.50
24	\$1,340	\$150	\$1,490	74	\$478	\$65	\$543
25	\$1,330	\$150	\$1,480	75	\$457	\$62.50	\$519.50
26	\$1,319	\$150	\$1,469	76	\$435	\$60	\$495
27	\$1,308	\$150	\$1,458	77	\$413	\$57.50	\$470.50
28	\$1,297	\$150	\$1,447	78	\$392	\$55	\$447
29	\$1,286	\$150	\$1,436	79	\$371	\$52.50	\$423.50
30	\$1,274	\$150	\$1,424	80	\$351	\$50	\$401
31	\$1,262	\$150	\$1,412	81	\$331	\$47.50	\$378.50
32	\$1,250	\$150	\$1,400	82	\$311	\$45	\$356
33	\$1,238	\$150	\$1,388	83	\$292	\$42.50	\$334.50
34	\$1,225	\$150	\$1,375	84	\$274	\$40	\$314
35	\$1,212	\$150	\$1,362	85	\$256	\$37.50	\$293.50
36	\$1,198	\$150	\$1,348	86	\$239	\$35	\$274
37	\$1,184	\$150	\$1,334	87	\$223	\$32.50	\$255.50
38	\$1,170	\$150	\$1,320	88	\$207	\$30	\$237
39	\$1,156	\$150	\$1,306	89	\$192	\$27.50	\$219.50
40	\$1,141	\$150	\$1,291	90	\$179	\$25	\$204
41	\$1,126	\$147.50	\$1,273.50	91	\$166	\$22.50	\$188.50
42	\$1,110	\$145	\$1,255	92	\$154	\$20	\$174
43	\$1,095	\$142.50	\$1,237.50	93	\$144	\$17.50	\$161.50
44	\$1,078	\$140	\$1,218	94	\$134	\$15	\$149
45	\$1,062	\$137.50	\$1,199.50	95	\$126	\$12.50	\$138.50
46	\$1,045	\$135	\$1,180	96	\$119	\$10	\$129
47	\$1,027	\$132.50	\$1,159.50	97	\$112	\$7.50	\$119.50
48	\$1,010	\$130	\$1,140	98	\$106	\$5	\$111
49	\$992	\$127.50	\$1,119.50	99	\$100	\$2.50	\$102.50
50	\$974	\$125	\$1,099	100+	\$95	\$0	\$95



Elections

New officers of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution for 2025-2026, elected at the July 2025 Annual Congress:

President General: Michael J. Elston
Secretary General: William A. Greenly
Treasurer General: T. Brooks Lyles
Chancellor General: Peter Davenport
Genealogist General: Gary O. Green
Registrar General: Keith A. Weissinger
Historian General: Jeffrey D. Thomas
Librarian General: James Osbourn
Surgeon General: Joe R. Hamil, MD
Chaplain General: Christopher W. Grimes

New officers of the Kansas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution for 2025-2027, elected at the March 2025 Annual Conference:

President – Tim Peterman (DX)
VP - Jerry Gross (HL)
East VP – Doug Brabb (KP)
West VP – Steve Hamlin (WA)
Recording Secretary – John Schwartz (WA)
Treasurer – Robert Lofthouse (HL)
Membership Secretary – Jeffrey Winters (MC)
Registrar – Jeffrey Winters (MC)
Chaplain -Bruce Cromwell (SP)
Historian – Jordan Chambers (MC)
Genealogy – Joe Warne (WA)
Publicity Director – Mark Davis (HL)
Chancellor – Brian Vazquez (TJ)
Delegate-at-Large – Bruce Smith (DX)
Trustee – Bryan Wampler (MC)
Alternate Trustee – Jeffrey Winters (MC)



YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING

by Bruce Smith
Education Outreach
Kansas State Society, Sons of the American Revolution
Delaware Crossing Chapter

After much dedicated effort, **SAR University** launched earlier this year. Access to this site can be found among the choices on the NSSAR front web page (sar.org). This site contains training modules for chapter and state officers and chairmen relative to their duties. In addition, a **revamped Youth Protection Module** is provided.

SAR takes the responsibility of ensuring the safety and well-being of youth who encounter our members as part of SAR sponsored activities very seriously.

Part of this is requiring periodic refreshers for members be completed to keep this topic top of mind and updating the training module periodically as new information on this topic becomes available. Such is the case in this release.

The training also requires at least an annual reminder be provided to compatriots regarding the need to complete this training. This notice delivered to all compatriots on the KSSSAR distribution represents that reminder.

WHO MUST complete this training?

At a minimum, every chapter and state officer, every chapter and state youth contest chairman, and all color guard members. This is clearly spelled out by KSSSAR and in accepting membership, you agree to abide by this requirement. Participating in a wide variety of youth-facing events (youth contests, parades, fairs, Patriot Chest, Boy Scouts, and many others) can present potential for compatriot liability, the type of which has been documented within other organizations. People who participate in such activities and who do not complete this training, as required, create potential exposure for KSSSAR and themselves.



The training format is like the past in that certain principles and examples are provided, after which a test is administered. Successful completion of this module generates the opportunity to print a personalized certificate of completion for your records. This certificate should be saved as there is currently no reprint function if the certificate becomes misplaced. You will want to avoid the possibility of needing to retake the test to print a new certificate, like I had to!

Importantly, it is the responsibility of the trainee to submit a copy of the completion certificate to the applicable people, including their chapter and state secretaries.

Please note that on the introductory page for the SAR University training selections, the national officer training chairman asks that you also send him a copy of your completion certificate (jack.b@fuse.net).

There is no central tracking system that automatically documents your completion of training and distributes the results. So, if there is no certificate on file, it can be construed that the training was **NOT** done.

Completion of this new training is valid for **THREE** years. If your prior training still has time before its two-year expiration occurs, you may continue to utilize it and take the new training when the expiration occurs. Personally, I chose to do it as a matter of being current even though I had time left.

Historically, certificates of completion are filed with the chapter and state secretaries for their documentation in an inconsistent way. This creates much uncertainty as to whether the training has been completed. As a society of responsible members of the community, it would be unfortunate to need to implement a system of “policing” compliance or require presentation of the certificate at functions to allow participation.

Please own this as a matter of your personal commitment to SAR and public trust.

Please manage by prevention. Not by reaction.

Take the course.



Send your certificate copies.

Keep compliant.

Protect our youth, yourselves, and the organization you love.

Thank you.



KSSSAR Youth Contests

Bruce Smith
Delegate-At-Large
Youth Contest Coordinator

The annual NSSAR Congress has just completed and we celebrate our National Finalists in the Eagle Scout and Poster Competitions.

But Kansas schools will be going back into session in August!

So, we are about to begin the youth contest cycle again.

- Each year the requirements for each contest are posted on the KSSSAR website.
- Each year an article appears in the Patriot reminding us of the contests, deadlines, and contacts.
- Each year the contest chairmen send out reminder notices by email to the chapter presidents, secretaries, or youth coordinators, depending on the contact information we have (as provided to KSSSAR and posted on the chapter portion of the KSSSAR website).

BUT each year we have situations where these various notices are not followed, and submissions are requested after posted deadlines, some of which are also not compliant with rules requirements.

Now is the time for responsible compatriots at each chapter to review the rules for the contests they sponsor. Knowing this information is chapter level responsibility. If there are uncertainties or questions needing clarification, contact the responsible state contest chairman in a timely way for assistance.

KSSSAR sponsored YOUTH contests and chairmen:

- **KING EAGLE SCOUT**- Kirk Rush (DX), **deadline** for entries to chapter 12/31/2025
- **KNIGHT ESSAY**- Stuart Conrad (DX), **deadline** for entries to chapter 12/31/2025
- **RUMBAUGH ORATION** - Bruce Smith (DX), **deadline** for entries to chapter 12/31/2025
- **POSTER**- Bruce Smith, judging of chapter winners occurs at Annual KSSSAR Conference in March
- **ADAMS BROCHURE**- Bruce Smith, judging of chapter winners at Annual KSSSAR Conference in March



➤ **YOUTH VIDEO-** Bruce Smith, **deadline** for entries to chapter 12/31/2025

Deadlines are based on the timelines set by NSSAR for submission of state winners for national judging.

The Eagle Scout, Essay, Brochure, and Youth Video contests are judged **before** Congress and the winners selected in advance. The Oration contest is pre-judged using video entries, and six finalists are selected from these to attend and compete at Congress.

Your state contest chairmen provide the maximum amount of time possible to receive chapter winning entries and conduct state judging but often leaving themselves very little time to turn around state winning entries to National.

So, do not be surprised if a deadline is missed, that there is an inability to accommodate this. Once judging of on-time submissions has started at the state level, adding another entry to the queue is not something chairmen are likely to accept.

Of course, the sooner an entry is provided, the sooner feedback can occur to correct rules compliance issues, if present.

Please reach out if there are any questions and good luck in identifying contest candidates.

Kansas has a rich history of positive outcomes in Youth Contests, and we need all of you to support these for that legacy to continue.



Olathe Chapter, NSDAR presents

Sept 27, 2025
6pm-9pm
CAF Hangar
6 Aero Plaza
New Century, KS

with the Commemorative Air Force
Heart of America Wing



-featuring-
the Diamond Empire Band

For tickets & event info : www.darswingwings.com

Dress to Impress in your 40's best!	Silent Auction <i>with vintage memorabilia & other treasures!</i>	Dinner Buffet <i>by Smokin' Gringos Catering</i>	Limited Tickets Available! \$50 ea
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South Central District Annual Meeting

Friday Afternoon, August 22nd and Saturday, August 23rd, 2025

Hosted in Owasso, Oklahoma

- Plan to arrive before 3 pm and get your credentials at the Hotel
- Attend the Candidates Forum and dinner at the Folds of Honor HQ
- Saturday: Breakfast, Dedication Ceremony and SCD Business Meeting on Saturday at the Folds of Honor HQ

Please use the link below to make your room reservation at the Hampton Inn & Suites Tulsa North/Owasso. Once on the site, pick which room set up you would like (Single King or Double Queen), SAR room rate is built in. Complete the booking by populating your info and payment. Parking is free.

[Available Rooms - Hampton Inn & Suites Tulsa North/Owasso](#)

Make your plans and book your room now. Registration packets will be sent out in June for the SCD Festivities. I hope to see you all at the Uncasville Congress at the Mohegan Sun Resort & Casino.





COMPATRIOT FEATURE

Beginning with this Summer edition of the Liberty Bell, we are starting to highlight a compatriot in each edition who is doing remarkable volunteer work for the Kansas Society of the SAR. To kick off this new feature, there is no-one more suitable for this than Compatriot John More from the Charles Robinson Chapter in Lawrence. John serves as the chapter secretary.

I sat down with John in a noisy Olive Garden Restaurant, on 23 June of this year to learn about his background and what he brings to SAR. As so often happens in a popular restaurant, it was very quiet when we began the interview but the hostess quickly filled in the booths surrounding us, so the audio recording sounds like one of those NPR interviews where you hear the clinking and clanking of glasses, dishes and silverware in the background along with children laughing, a baby wailing and adults carrying on their own conversations.

So imagine those noises as you read about John More.

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INTERVIEW EXCERPS

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LB: John, why did you become a member of SAR?

John: In the late 1980's I got really interested in local history but it was more focused on Kansas history. I may have known about SAR for years but I was busy doing local historical interpretations. I've attended various events around the state of Kansas wearing period attire of four different pioneers and patriots until one SAR compatriot introduced me to SAR and invited me to investigate.

LB: What got you interested in history?

John: Getting away from the television, in my younger years. I was responsible for cleaning dishes after family meals, and one evening, I twisted the faucet so hard that it sprung a leak. Unfortunately, the family TV was nearby and got soaked, shorted out, stopped working. We couldn't afford to



buy another TV, so we started going to the library and reading books. Dad, who is a veteran, was a WWII history buff so I guess it started there, in the books.

LB: What characters do you do interpretations on?

John: Thanks to my patriot ancestor, there are now four, ranging from the 1776 period up to 1909. I'll start with the most recent and work my way back. First, there's John Selzer, a 1909 Clearfield Kansas school board member. Next is John Moore, different spelling and not related. John is an 1858 Brooklyn Kansas Livery owner in a town that was burned to the ground by Quantrell. Then in 2021, on the 200th anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail, I picked up Ezekiel Williams, an 1821 Santa Fe Trail Furrier who was born in 1776 and became known as the godfather of the Santa Fe Trail. Finally, I do my patriot ancestor, George Easton, who was a New York Militiaman living in 1776 Charlotte County.

LB: Who got you interested in SAR?

John: I was coordinating with Santa Fe Trail at the Maple Leaf Festival and met Peter Grassl. He started talking with me about my work and asked me to investigate SAR. I became a member not long after, in 2023.

LB: John has put together a nice tri-fold flyer describing his activities, and I encourage you when you see him to ask for a copy. You'll be impressed by all that he does, such as volunteering to serve with the Kansas SAR Color Guard, the Eudora Historical Society, Santa Fe Trail Association, Douglas County Chapter Board, Topeka Reformed Presbyterian Church, and Monticello Community Hospital. He is a regular participant with the SAR Color Guard in parades, honor flights, veterans funerals, the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Topeka, Wreaths Across America, and Black Jack Cabin, among many, many others. He says, "I'm having way too much fun just getting out and promoting the organization from the outside. It's where I find my most



enjoyment.” He’s no stranger to jumping in the car and driving long distances to perform. It’s what he loves to do!

John is a self-published author, writing “*American Cast Iron Desks*” in 2021, “*Clearfield Kansas*” in 2022, “*Hanging on in the Americas and Asia*” in 2007, “*Mom the Greatest*” in 2023 and multiple church children’s coloring books.

He is the youngest of two boys. His father served in the US Air Force Reserves and he has distant relations with the Beach Boys and Braum’s Ice Cream. He’s never been married and works his day job as a certified public accountant (CPA). He earned his bachelor’s degree in accounting from the University of Kansas. Since 2023, he’s been working with Michael Swisher, CPA, in Overland Park.

John occupies himself with historical programs wherever and whenever he can make it. As a child, he built model airplanes and navy ships, not cars. He lived in Monticello before it got annexed and was involved with the Monticello Historical Society. He’s a member of the Presbyterian Church, the Covenanters from Scottish history.

John wrapped up our interview by leaving this bit of insight with us, “I see 2026 as a huge year for SAR and I want to be ready for it. I immersed myself during my first membership year in the color guard. I want to be ready for the 250th anniversary.” Let’s join him!

He added, “Volunteerism is worth the effort you want to put into it.” You may see John show up at various flag waving events across the area. He loves the US flag and feels that it needs to be displayed more.

“Let’s not embarrass George Washington.” John More



Photos courtesy of Compatriot John More (CR)



Chapter News

BENNINGTON CHAPTER (Salina Area)

David Dean, President - Meeting place; Harmony Hideaway, 3488 N Crystal Springs Rd, Salina Kansas meeting time: 4th Tuesday at 7PM September-May.

Swearing in of new Bennington Chapter officers

KSSSAR President and New Bennington President David Dean and VP Devin Gray

KSSSAR President Tim Peterman presenting the oath to new officers from him around are President David Dean, VP Devin Gray, Treasurer Joe Black, Chaplin Frank Hottman, and Secretary Tom Peebles

President Tim swearing in new members left to right, Tim, Wane Stull, David Dean, Chester Leach, Tom Dill, Tom Peebles. In behind is Bobbie Hulse the sponsor of 4 of them.

Bennington Chapter has a really nice group of new members and those that live in the area are really going to be great assets to the local chapter. We are searching for chapters for those that are not local but it is great to have them with us and we hope that the newsletters and such help make them feel welcome.

Congratulations to Mac Steele for becoming a Gold Quill donor from the Bennington Chapter.



Michael Stoneking – new member





Joshua Stull induction at the Place of meditation fountain in Abilene. Bennington Chapter new member.

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*

Members of the Charles Robinson chapter and the Betty Washington chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution united to present a historical and educational program on the Declaration of Independence at CPA Park in Eudora on the morning of July 4th.

Listeners heard about how Kansas Territory settlers named places based on the American Revolution. Following a reading of the Declaration, the audience learned the copy signed was penned by Timothy Matlack; he was honored in early June by the Kansas Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Burrton where a group of his ancestors reside.

Kansas SAR president Tim Peterman attended.



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*

No update.

DELAWARE CROSSING CHAPTER
(Kansas City & Johnson County) Vincent Clark, President - *Meets 3rd Saturday monthly for 9:00 AM Breakfast, at Milburn Country Club, Overland Park*



Lifetime member Edwin Dale Shutt, II, passed away on March 20, 2025, in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Past President Delaware Crossing Chapter 1988-89

[December 23, 1950 - March 20, 2025]

Edwin had resided in Fairbanks for the last six years. He was born on December 23, 1950, in Kansas City, Kansas and lived for most of his life in the Kansas City, Kansas



area. Edwin was a graduate of Turner High School and Emporia State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Social Science and a Master of Arts in History. Edwin was a forty-two-year employee of the United States Postal Service. He had also been an adjunct instructor of History at Kansas City, Kansas Community College. He was the author of *Silver City, a History of the Argentine Community of Kansas City, Kansas*, and a contributor to *Simmons Centennial History of Argentine*. He was a lifetime member of the Kansas State Historical Society and was a frequent guest speaker for Civic and Senior Citizen organizations with presentations on Kansas and Kansas City, with emphasis on the Turner, Argentine and Wyandotte County areas. Over the years, he was a member and/or officer of the Wyandotte Historical Society, Wyandotte County Museum Board, Delaware Crossing Chapter of the Kansas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Friends of the

Grinter, Inc., Monnett Battle of Westport Fund, Native Sons of Greater Kansas City, Civil War Roundtable of Kansas City, Kansas City Historic Trails Association and Friends of the Library of Kansas City, Kansas. He was a recipient of the Wyandotte County Historical Society's "Historian of the Year Award" and the "Heritage Award" for the preservation of local history from the Kansas City, Kansas Community College. Edwin was also a long-time volunteer, with his mother Mabel, at the Shepherd's Center of Kansas City, Kansas.

Edwin was preceded in death by his parents Edwin D. and Mabel M. Shutt, and younger brother, Gregory E. Shutt.

He is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Laurie and Robert Gieck Jr. of Fairbanks, Alaska. He is also survived by his nephew and niece, Corbin Gieck and Paige Gieck (Alan Roos) also of Fairbanks, Alaska.

Edwin was laid to rest at Maple Hill Cemetery in Kansas City, Kansas. A celebration of his life for friends and family will be held on June 7, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 3333 Wood Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas 66102.



Edwin has requested that any contributions in his memory be made to the Civil War Roundtable of Kansas City, 4125 NW Willow Drive, Kansas City, MO 64116 or the Wyandotte County Historical Society and



Museum, 612 N 126th St, Bonner Springs, KS 66012.

FORT HAYS CHAPTER (Hays) Stanley Groom, 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.*

No update



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*

No update.

HENRY LEAVENWORTH CHAPTER (Leavenworth) Bennett Dickson, President - *Meets 4th Thursday monthly at The Heritage Center, 109 Delaware St., Leavenworth, KS 66048*

Chapter President Bennett Dickson received a Quilt of Valor at the Chapter's May's meeting. President Dickson served in Vietnam with the

U.S. Army, as a Rifle Platoon Commander.



Cameron Davis receiving his Bronze Henry Knox Award:



Catherine Moen won the Knight's Essay Contest hosted by the Henry Leavenworth Chapter. Moen's winning essay was on the Revolutionary War Patriot Nathan Hale.



Color Guard
Commander Tom
Chychota,
Drummer Evan
Marion and Alan
Martin:



Kirk Sours induction:



Sherburn Dunn
Induction:



During the 249th “Salute to America” picnic, Henry Leavenworth presented a patriotic salute to America. The picnic was held at the Wollman Park pavilion on June 28th. A larger crowd than last year turned out and enjoyed the smoked pork, BBQ hamburgers and hot dog cuisine of Compatriot Mark Davis. Sharing in the potluck nature of the event, everyone brought food to share. We inducted our newest member, Colonel Francois-Xavier HOUTTE DE LA CHESNAIS of the French Army. Xavier treated the audience to some history of his family, their involvement in our Revolution and the French Revolution. Colonel Chesnais had three Revolutionary War ancestors who fought at the Battle of Yorktown. Two of his ancestors were French Naval Officers aboard the blockade ships and one was a French Army Officer serving in the defensive positions keeping the British surrounded that ended with their surrender. Colonel Chesnais served as the French Liaison Officer at the Fort Leavenworth Combined Arms Center prior to receiving his promotion and reassignment back to his home country.

Raise a toast to celebrate this historic family.
Huzzah! Huzzah! Huzzah!





Sportswriter David Smale, who has covered some of the great baseball players, like Hank Aaron, was the guest speaker for the event. Smale gave an entertaining presentation about his love of sports and conducted a few rounds of Sports Trivia questions. He also spoke about his coverage of the Chiefs and Royals, predicting that the new Chiefs stadium might be near the Legends. Smale has published twenty-eight books on sports figures, and is currently working on about five more.



Chapter President Bennett Dickson awarded Joan Koechig the SAR Appreciation Medal for recommending Colonel Francois-Xavier de LA Chesnais for induction into the SAR. John Schatzel took care of the genealogy work to solidify Xavier's lineage. Ms. Koechig is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and is the President of the St. Charles (MO) Historical Society.



Cameron Davis received the SAR War Service Medal for his career in the US Army and combat service in Vietnam.



Compatriot Mark Davis received the SAR Bronze Henry Knox Medal. Davis's unselfish service has contributed to the Chapter's numerous successes.



Compatriots Rob Lofthouse and Mark Davis of the Henry Leavenworth Chapter presented an SAR Wreath during the Memorial Day Ceremony at Leavenworth National Cemetery.



The Henry Leavenworth Chapter planted an American Elm Tree on Arbor Day, April 25, 2025, at the Pioneer Sports Complex, Leavenworth, KS. This event signified the first of thirteen tree plantings in honor of the

250th anniversary of the American Revolution. Planting of the Elm Tree was completed in partnership with the Leavenworth Unified School District 453. The program began with Compatriot Walt Schley welcoming everyone. The Invocation followed with NSSAR Chaplain General Dr. Vern Welkner. Colors were presented by Kansas SAR Color Guard commanded by Compatriot Tom Chychota, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by 7th Grade Student Sebastian Delgado. Opening remarks were given by KSSAR Vice President Jerald Gross, followed by Richard Warren Middle School Principal, Mr. Scott Kessler and Henry Leavenworth Chapter President Bennett Dickson. The 7th and 8th Grade Students participated by laying fresh soil to complete the ceremonial planting. The benediction was given and the KSSAR Color Guard retired the Colors, concluding the ceremony. This Liberty Tree project marked the first such SAR 250th Celebration planting in the state of Kansas and is also the first of 13 trees that Henry Leavenworth intends to plant over the next few years.





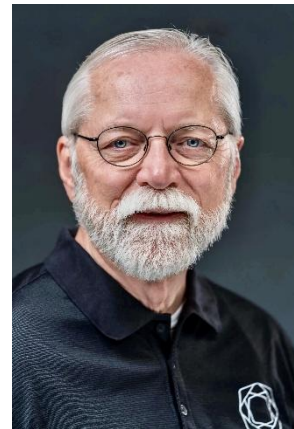
Jack Walker received the SAR War Service Medal and the Wounded Warrior Coin for his combat service in Vietnam. Walker also received the Service to Veterans Medal for the numerous hours of Volunteer Service mentoring Veterans.



Jerry Gross received the Distinguish Service Medal for his dedication and superior service to the current Chapter President.



Compatriot Robert Lofthouse received the SAR Bronze Distinguished Service Medal. Lofthouse's unselfish service has contributed to the Chapter's numerous successes.



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

Chapman Elementary school had 5 participants in the Kanza Prairie chapter poster contest.

Kennedy Poff was the chapter contest winner. This is Kennedy's second year participating. In March, at the Kansas annual conference, her poster was chosen as the Kansas Society first-place winner and was placed in contention at the National Congress. Kennedy place in the top five nationally!!

Congratulations Kennedy, we hope to see more creative work from you in the future.





LITTLE BALKANS CHAPTER (Pittsburg)

Dustin Strong President - *Little Balkans*

Chapter is the state's newest chapter, they continue to increase membership.

No update

MONTICELLO CHAPTER (Shawnee)

Jordan Chambers, President - *Meets 2nd*

Tuesday monthly, 6:00 PM at the American Legion Hall on 75th in Overland Park

No update.

PRAIRIE MINUTEMEN CHAPTER

(Ellsworth Area) David Bailey, President

No update.

SONS OF THE PLAINS CHAPTER

(Hutchinson) Bit Roberts President -

Meetings at Reno County Museum 100 South Walnut Hutchinson Ks 7PM Tuesday Sept-May



The generals photo covers a VE Day 80th Anniversary Celebration in Tunis that was attended by generals from all over Europe.

We attended a VE Day 80th Anniversary celebration in Tunis as guest of Compatriot Null.

We were not allowed to take pictures inside the church during the celebration as the number of generals, ambassadors and other dignitaries that were gathered in one place was a major security issue if the gathering was known to certain factions in the area. It was a



very interesting conversation with some as I would tell how I was acquainted with Ashley through the Sons of the American Revolution. Most were joking about how, “do you not regret leaving the Empire?” When talking about how much we have in common from our association with mainland Europe, immigration, Islamic terrorism, global unrest with Russia, China, Iran and the other terroristic faction around the world including the land on which we stood. We have much in common.

- Bobbie Hulse



Lucas Timberlake the JROTC Outstanding Cadet from the Lyons Air Force JROTC unit in Lyons High School.



President Peterman swore in 5 new members at the Bennington Chapter meeting in April where we all suffered major hail damage to our vehicles at the end of the meeting we had hail the size of racket balls so the dints were huge. Holding the certificates are Marshall Wane Stull, David Drake, Chester Leach, Tom Dill, and Tom Pickering.

A Liberty Tree has been paid for and will be planted by Kliewer Landscape in a Dodge City cemetery and the Kansas Veterans Cemetery at Fort Dodge KS.

The DAR/SAR/CAR have formed a relations partnership including; The Daughters of the American Revolution Dodge City, KS - The Children of the American Revolution, Buffalo Society Dodge City, KS - The Sons American Revolution Sons of the Plains Hutchinson KS.

It has been a busy spring for the Sons of the Plains. Bobbie Hulse participated in the

Medal of Honor Parade in Gainesville, Texas in April which is an incredible event as 7 MOH recipients were honored and participated in the event this year.

We had our annual joint meeting with the Uvada Chapter DAR that was really well attended and hosted this year by the ladies. Working with the DAR has been a really good experience as last year we jointly did the 250th bench placed on the State Fair Ground and we are now working to plant Liberty Trees. One is in progress in Dodge City spearheaded by members of the Winger Family that are active in the SAR, DAR, and CAR. The marker will reflect the joint efforts but credit really goes to DAR Patty Winger for her work with the Kansas Veterans Cemetery at Ft. Dodge to get it placed there. The tree will be a Heritage Oak which was a recommendation by the cemetery because of its shape and durability.

This year thanks to the work of Commander Angela Evans we were invited to present a JROTC Outstanding Cadet medal and that was presented by Bobbie Hulse and Bit Roberts in uniform at the awards ceremony in Lyons, Kansas at the high school. The Cadet receiving the honor was Lucas Timberlake who has enlisted in the Army to be enrolled at the end of the school year.

Next the CG welcomed home the Honor Flight on April 30th. It is our honor to be able to do that upon the arrival of those veterans back home from DC and see how much they appreciate the warm welcome that many Vietnam Veterans have said they really



appreciate as they did not get one when they came back from Nam.

Armed Forces Day Parade was once again led by the Sons of the Plains CG which is an annual event that we have the privilege of doing and any CG who wishes to participate next year is welcome to Parade with us on Armed Forces Day and it is a National Event if you are counting.

June 8, was a big day for us as we led the Great Bend Parade, then traveled to Abilene for the D-Day remembrance which takes place every year. This year was special as we were honored to have Compatriot Ashley Null come in from Berlin along with Scout Director of Europe Joshua Dick who, along with the Scouts, are the Guardians of the Omaha Beach Veterans Cemetery, Presented a flag flown over the cemetery during the Normandy Camporee. The Flag was raised by the Kansas Society Color Guard and Presented to Mary Eisenhower and the Director of the Library Complex, Todd Arrington. A special thanks to Compatriots Null and Commander Bill Marshall for all of their work to coordinate the event. The Bugle was played by SP President Bit Roberts who is an active member of Bugles Across America which, by the way, he travels to Veteran Funerals all over the state to supply a live playing of the Taps. It is our hope to continue our support and maybe increase our presence in events at the Eisenhower Complex in the future and have a tent with SAR information and sign in sheet for prospective members. That will take more men and some with some genealogy

willingness to help with new member applications and follow-up. Since both Ike and Mamie were members of the SAR and DAR. Granddaughter Mary is also a member of the DAR and as such since the Meditation center has the membership certificate and grave marker medals for both Ike and Mamie in it we have a presence that we could take more advantage of to grow our organizations with I am sure their blessing.

Sons of the Plains feels and we are sure many others feel that we have a window of opportunity to grow our chapters and State Society exponentially during the years of the 250th Anniversary of events which gave us our freedom and our Nation that endures yet today. We need all of us to do what we can to increase our numbers while we are so visible.

THOMAS JEFFERSON CHAPTER (Topeka) Brian Vazquez, President –

Chapter meets on the 2nd Saturday of a month at 9:00 am at the Topeka Shawnee County Library, 1515 SW 10th St., Topeka, KS.

No update

**WASHINGTON CHAPTER (Wichita Area)
Steve Hamlin, President;** *Meets 3rd Thursday except January & July at 7:00 pm at Good Shepherd Church Wichita, KS*

Randy Colby traveled to the great state of New Hampshire to participate in a Patriot Grave Marking ceremony for five Patriots at the Old



Meredith Village Cemetery in Meredith, NH.
Several Patriot descendants were also present.



THE KANSAS SAR LADIES AUXILIARY
Laura Hamlin, President - *Meets during the*
Quarterly Board of Governors

No update.



New Members

Last	First	Middle	NSSAR	Ks	Ch Sponsor	Approved	Ancestor
Dean	David	Michael	233194	4108	BN Hulse, B.A.	04/04/25	Jacob Clement
Sauvage	Axel	James	233228	4109	BNJ Hulse, B.A.	04/11/25	Benjamin Chubbuck
McCall	Wayne	Scott	233229	4110	BN Hulse, B.A.	04/11/25	Charles McCall
McCall	Heath	Scott	233230	4111	BN Hulse, B.A.	04/11/25	Charles McCall
McCall	Ellis	Heath	233231	4112	BNJ Hulse, B.A.	04/11/25	Charles McCall
McCall	Carson	Tanner	233232	4113	BN Hulse, B.A.	04/11/25	Charles McCall
McCall	Grant	Carson	233233	4114	BNJ Hulse, B.A.	04/11/25	Charles McCall
McCall	Myron	Ellis	233234	4115	BN Hulse, B.A.	04/11/25	Charles McCall
Watkins	James	Francis, Jr.	233382	4117	HL Schatzel, J.A.	04/25/25	Henry Watkins
Thomas	Roger	Edward	233383	4117	KP Schatzel, J.A.	04/25/25	John Van Etten
Hoover	Todd	Duncan	233384	4118	DX Schatzel, J.A.	04/25/25	Daniel McJunkin
DelaChesnais	Francois-Xavier		233790	4119	HL Schatzel, J.A.	06/05/25	Joseph Casimir Francois
Shatzman	West	Alan	234031	4120	MCJ Schatzel, J.A.	06/27/25	Beverly Callicot
Lofthouse	John	William	234032	4121	HL Lofthouse, R.E.	06/27/25	James Knowles+
Allen	Eli	Sutton	234033	4122	MCJ Schatzel, J.A.	06/27/25	Isham Bobbitt
Cannon	Frank	Nickolas	234034	4123	CR Schatzel, J.A.	06/27/25	John Healy
Billings	Duane	Barron	234035	4124	HL Schatzel, J.A.	06/27/25	John Pomeroy
Philbrick	Michael	Dean	234036	4125	HL Schatzel, J.A.	06/27/25	Thomas Sebring
Mash	Westin	Niel Lee	234037	4126	HL Schatzel, J.A.	06/27/25	Philip Hewitt
Wiseman	Ronald	Darren	234038	4127	HL Schatzel, J.A.	06/27/25	George Lintner
Hadley	Stephen	Henry	234039	4128	HL Schatzel, J.A.	06/27/25	Stephen Pankey, Sr.
Hayes	Jeffrey	Lorn	234040	4129	HL Schatzel, J.A.	06/27/25	Hans Black
Garrison	Larry	Richard	234041	4130	HL Schatzel, J.A.	06/27/25	Jacob Fisler, Jr.
Fisher	Michael	Joseph	234042	4131	FS Schatzel, J.A.	06/27/25	Benjamin Ethell
Glidewell	Jay	Christopher	234043	4132	HL Schatzel, J.A.	06/27/25	Philip Roush
Crown	Dwight	David	234044	4133	SP Hulse, B.A.	06/27/25	Thomas Lide

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Supplementals

Last	First	Middle	NSSAR	Ks	Ch	Approved	Ancestor
Gross	Jerald	Scott	185996	2936	HL	06/27/25	Reuben Thorp

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Last	First	Middle	NSSAR	Ks	Ch	Member	Died
Lofthouse	John	William	234032	4121	HL	2025	11/11/98+
Breneman	Robert	Michael	170850	2614		2008	07/20/20*
Ellis	Randall	Spencer	146145	2077		1996	10/08/20
Potter	Russell	Matthew	159500	2334		2002	12/17/21*
Lipscombe	Nathan	Thomas	161077	2369		2003	01/31/22*
Cunningham	Mark	James	150074	2143		1998	08/19/22*
Myers	David	Edwin	161702	2385		2003	03/20/23*
Maloney	Timothy	Sean	180899	2839		2011	12/01/23*
Ficarra	John	Thomas	117619	1345		1980	01/20/24<
Sutton	Delmar	Eugene	115052	1226	MAL	1978	01/24/24
Burke	Manford	William	119253	1396		1981	08/06/24*
Taylor	Stephen	Leonard	204171	3292	WA	2017	09/23/24
Wood	Robert	Miles	156027	2245		2001	11/4/24*
McEwen	Fredrick	John	106031	1030		1974	01/19/25*
Stapleton	Charles	Parnham	190743	3006	MAL	2014	01/22/25
Gilbert	Gary	Gene	125251	1618		1985	01/26/25*
Docking	William	Russell	107882	1081		1975	03/13/25*
Nelson	Sheldon	Dudley	176717	2749		2010	03/16/25*
Kriegh	Charles	Robert	65251	625		1945	03/17/25*
Rhodes	William	Lawrence	162668	2417		2004	03/17/25<
Shutt	Edwin	Dale, II	117124	1328	DX	1980	03/20/25
Shields	John	Francis	216258	3693	FS	2020	04/13/25
Throckmorton	Robert	Wayne	104945	1019		1973	04/22/25*



Last	First	Middle	NSSAR Ks	Ch	Member	Died
Shultz	Jack	Warren	191965	3026	2014	04/22/25*
Gilliland	Donald	Darrel	163976	2440	2004	04/28/25*
Garrison	Donald	LeRoy	148845	2114	1997	05/29/25*
Ellis	Isaac	Barnett	145151	2059 MC	1995	06/10/25
Garrison	Larry	Richard	234041	4130 HL	2025	06/16/25
Knodel	Orval	Arnold	151633	2172 TJ	1999	06/28/25

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Taps Verse

Thanks, and praise, for our days,
'Neath the sun, Neath the stars,
'Neath the sky,
As we go, this we know,
God is nigh.

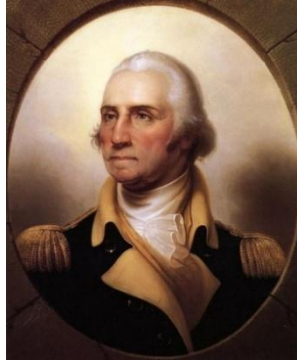


MSGT Keith Beyer
300th Army Band

Bugler, and Professional Trumpet Player; Taps for Memories



Final Thoughts



**Beware of the continuing legacy which you carry
as a
Son of the American Revolution.**

Remembering General George Washington's farewell message to his most trusted officers in Fraunces Tavern on the evening of 4 December 1783, Colonel Benjamin Talmadge recorded in his memoirs that the General said, "With a heart full of love and gratitude, I now take leave of you. I most devoutly wish that your latter days may be as prosperous and happy as your former ones have been glorious and honorable. I cannot come to each of you but shall feel obliged if each of you will come and take me by the hand."

During his Farewell Orders to the Army, a little over a month earlier, the General acknowledged their achievements, commended the Army with high praise, expressed his personal gratitude, called for unity and order, expressed his fervent wish for future prosperity and gave them a moving farewell.

Then, after a brief 4-year hiatus as a farmer, he was called back into service once again, this time to preside over the Constitutional Convention and to ultimately become our first President in 1789. May we do well to follow the General's example.



Appendix A

Resource List Summary

KSSAR Civic Engagement Resource Guide

us1. Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Chapters in Kansas

- **Directory:** Comprehensive list of Kansas DAR chapters. **URL:** [https://kansasdar.org/chapters/\(Wikipedia\)](https://kansasdar.org/chapters/(Wikipedia))

2. Chambers of Commerce in Kansas

- **U.S. Chamber Directory:** List of local chambers across Kansas. **URL:** <https://www.uschamber.com/co/chambers/kansas>
- **Kansas Chamber (State-Level):** Advocacy and policy for Kansas businesses. **URL:** <https://www.kansaschamber.org/>

3. Kansas City Governments

- **Kansas League of Municipalities Directory:** Comprehensive directory of Kansas municipalities. **URL:** <https://www.lkm.org/page/DirectorySearch>

4. Public Libraries in Kansas

- **Kansas Public Library Directory:** Comprehensive list of public libraries in Kansas. **URL:** <https://librarytechnology.org/libraries/public.pl?State=Kansas>

5. Veterans Organizations

- **VFW Posts in Kansas:** Directory of VFW posts in Kansas. **URL:** <https://vfwks.org/di/vfw/v2/postroster.asp>
- **American Legion Kansas Posts:** List of American Legion posts by district in Kansas. **URL:** <https://kansaslegion.org/posts-by-district>

6. Civic and Service Clubs in Kansas

- **Kiwanis Clubs:** Kansas District Kiwanis Club directory. **URL:** <https://k09.site.kiwanis.org/>
- **Lions Clubs:** Directory of Lions Clubs in Kansas. **URL:** <https://www.kansaslions.club/>



- **Rotary Clubs:** ○ **District 5710 (Eastern Kansas):** Club directory. URL: <https://rotary5710.org/clubdirectory>
- **District 5680 (Western Kansas):** Club directory. URL: <https://rotary5680.org/clubdirectory>
- **Fraternal Order of Eagles (Locator):** Aerie Locator for Kansas. URL: <https://www.foe.com/Aerie-Locator>
- **Moose Lodges (Locator):** Moose International Lodge search for Kansas. URL: <https://www.mooseintl.org/locator/>
- **Big Brothers Big Sisters Kansas:** Kansas affiliate locations. URL: <https://www.kansasbigs.org/our-locations-communities>
- **Knights of Columbus (Kansas):** Kansas council directory. URL: <https://kansas-kofc.org/ministryfinder>
- **National Sojourners Chapters:** List of chapters in Kansas. URL: [https://nationalsojourners.org/chapters/chapters-at-large/\(RabbitEars\)](https://nationalsojourners.org/chapters/chapters-at-large/(RabbitEars))

7. Active Newspapers in Kansas

- **Kansas Press Association Member Directory:** Comprehensive list of active newspapers across Kansas. URL: <https://kspress.com/directory/browse-full-member-database>
- **W3Newspapers – Kansas:** Categorized listings of daily and weekly newspapers in Kansas. URL: <https://www.w3newspapers.com/usa/kansas/>
- **Wikipedia List of Kansas Newspapers:** Extensive list of current and historical newspapers in Kansas. URL: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_newspapers_in_Kansas

8. Active Television Stations in Kansas

- **List of Television Stations in Kansas:** Comprehensive list of full-power and low-power TV stations. URL: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_television_stations_in_Kansas
- **RabbitEars – Wichita Market Stations:** Detailed technical data on Wichita-area stations. URL: https://www.rabbitears.info/market.php?mktid=84&request=print_market
- **Station Index – Kansas TV Stations:** Directory of Kansas television stations. URL: [https://www.stationindex.com/tv/by-state/KS\(Station Index\)](https://www.stationindex.com/tv/by-state/KS(Station%20Index))

9. Unified School Districts in Kansas

- **Kansas Department of Revenue – School District Numbers:** Official list of Kansas Unified School Districts by county. URL: <https://www.ksrevenue.gov/pdf/schooldistricts.pdf>



- **Kansas State Department of Education – Educational Directory:** Detailed directory of USDs, including contact information and maps. **URL:** <https://www.ksde.gov/Home/Quick-Links/Directories/Kansas-Educational-Directory>

- **Kansas GIS – USD Boundary Maps:** Interactive map and data on USD boundaries in Kansas. **URL:** [https://hub.kansasgis.org/datasets/KSDOT::unified-school-districts/about\(Wikipedia\)](https://hub.kansasgis.org/datasets/KSDOT::unified-school-districts/about(Wikipedia))

10. Museums in Kansas

- **Wikipedia – List of Museums in Kansas:** Extensive list of museums by type and region. **URL:** https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_museums_in_Kansas

- **Travel Kansas – Museums & Historic Sites:** Official tourism directory of museums and historic sites. **URL:** <https://www.travelks.com/things-to-do/history-and-culture/museums-and-historic-sites/>

- **WhichMuseum – Kansas:** Directory of museums with visitor ratings and details. **URL:** <https://whichmuseum.com/place/kansas-8946>

- **Atlas Obscura – Unusual Museums in Kansas:** List of unique and offbeat museums. **URL:** [https://www.atlasobscura.com/things-to-do/kansas/museums\(Kansas Tourism, Atlas Obscura\)](https://www.atlasobscura.com/things-to-do/kansas/museums(Kansas Tourism, Atlas Obscura))