



Sons of the American Revolution

The Delaware Crossing Patriot Kansas Society

Metro Kansas City's Oldest & Largest Chapter, Founded 1960

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Upcoming DX Meeting

Program: *The Overland Park Police Department Fraud Unit*
When: Saturday, May 16, 2009, 9:00 AM.
Where: Holiday Inn, Overland Park, 87th Street & Highway 69.
Reservations & Cost: Members, wives and guests of the SAR are invited to attend. For reservations, please call the Amos Family Funeral Home at 913-631-5566 or email Jamie Riddell at reservations@dxsar.com before 3:00 PM, Wednesday, May 13. Cost is \$12.00 with a reservation, \$13.00 at the door, which includes a sumptuous, all you can eat, breakfast buffet.



***DXSAR at the Johnson County Genealogical Society Meeting, April 25
Dewey Fry, Dennis Garstang, Jane Hurt, Susan Nelson, Dennis Nelson***

Dennis and Susan Nelson recently presented "What is a Lineage Society" to the Johnson County Genealogical Society. Susan, a member of the Shawnee Mission Chapter of D.A.R., began with a general overview followed by Dennis who described the S.A.R. Dennis made an appearance in his DX Color Guard uniform and explained the chapter selected using the uniform — from a portrait of General George Washington. Dennis also explained the types of Patriots allowed by S.A.R. and highlighted our chapter's participation by the Color Guard at local events, how we are a multi-generational organization, that we support local youth through various patriotic activities, and described our flag retirement ceremony at the annual picnic. The National Society's involvement in marking gravesites of Revolutionary War soldiers was included using a photograph taken at Susan Nelson's Patriot ancestor, Gilbert Samuels, grave marking ceremony in Indiana which occurred as recently as Oct. 2007. Dennis concluded his discussion of the S.A.R. with a quote by **Tim Peterman**: SAR is "Where Patriotism and Genealogy Meet."

Tim and Ray Peterman also were in attendance and Tim was able to proudly point out all 36 gold stars for his S.A.R. supplemental patriots.

Delaware Crossing (DX) member, **Dewey Fry**, was asked to speak about The Mayflower Society. He stressed the history of the society and the application process.

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COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

- May 16** Monthly Chapter Meeting 9 AM
- June 20** Monthly Chapter Meeting 9 AM
- July 4-8** National Congress, Atlanta, GA
- July 18** Monthly Chapter Meeting 9 AM

COLOR GUARD DUTY ROSTER

- May 16** **Captain, Kyle Kesler**; Robert Capps III; Robert Capps; Dewey Fry; Richard Cox, *Musket*.
- June 20** **Captain, Dewey Fry**; Gene Amos; Robert Capps; John Proctor; Richard Cox, *Musket*.
- July 18** **Captain, Richard Cox**; Roger James; Sheldon Vasquez; Robert Capps; Kyle Kesler, *Musket*.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

May: The May program will be presented by **Detective Enloe** of the Overland Park Police Department Fraud Unit. During difficult financial times many cons, frauds and bait switching is directed at our senior citizens as well as other age groups. This timely topic will help raise awareness in the community.

June: **Betsy Heimke** will return by popular demand as our guest speaker. The topic, "I Was a Prisoner of War by the Japanese."

Our Active Color Guard!

Dewey Fry, Fred Kaffenbeger, and John Sayer all were at McLouth, KS for the Patriots Day parade.

Fred Kaffenbeger also attended a Flag program at Gower, MO and Horizon Grade School on April 14 & 16th.

We have a Winner!

Dewey Fry was the April meeting door prize winner - \$30 in gift certificates from BD's Mongolian Barbeque at 95th Quivira.



*From the April Meeting:
DXSAR Color Guard with Hannah Proctor, CAR*

DXSAR PRESIDENT DENNIS NELSON'S MESSAGE

I was privileged to attend the 11th annual Air Force Junior ROTC Awards Ceremony at Washington High School on April 23rd. Besides the awards banquet, the event included a new recruits swearing in ceremony, a drill team performance, and a Pass in Review Parade. Cadet **Justin Smallwood** was presented a medal, certificate, and \$50 check.

I left the event just as **Patrick McCormack**, Lt. Colonel, USAF (ret) said I would, proud of the cadets, the school, the community and the United States. They are "developing citizens of character, dedicated to serving their nation and community."

On May 2nd, Cadet **Aaron Patterson** received his award at Shawnee Mission North High School and on May 6th Cadet **Colin Lemuz** will receive his award at Shawnee Mission West High School.

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Dewey has recently begun his three year position as Deputy Governor for the Kansas Mayflower Society. Dewey's wife, **Pat**, was also in attendance.

Jane Groves Hurt, D.A.R. Treasurer for the State of Kansas as well as a member of the Shawnee Mission Chapter, presented details about three organizations to which she belongs: Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Colonists, and Colonial Dames of the 17th Century. Jane's son is **Jamie Riddell**, Secretary of the Delaware Crossing Chapter.

Dennis Garstang spoke about a very active group in our area, the Sons of the Confederate Veterans (S.C.V.). Dennis Nelson, addressed the other side of the border as a member of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (S.U.V.C.W.).

The program ended with Susan briefly describing other heritage organizations, some little known, and others that are mostly a certificate program. Two of those highlighted might surprise you: "The Order of the Descendants of Pirates and Privateers" and "The Associated Daughters of Early American Witches." Susan is a direct descendant of a convicted Salem Witch. Ann Foster was convicted, imprisoned, avoided hanging long enough for the verdicts to be questioned and overturned, but died in prison before her son could collect enough money to pay for the costs of her imprisonment.

Susan ended the program with a statement written by Dennis for all to think about: Your grandchildren *know* you. Your great, grandchildren *may* know you. [But] They *will* know you along with *their* children and their *grandchildren* if you have left a legacy of membership in a lineage society.

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