



Sons of the American Revolution

The Delaware Crossing Patriot Kansas Society

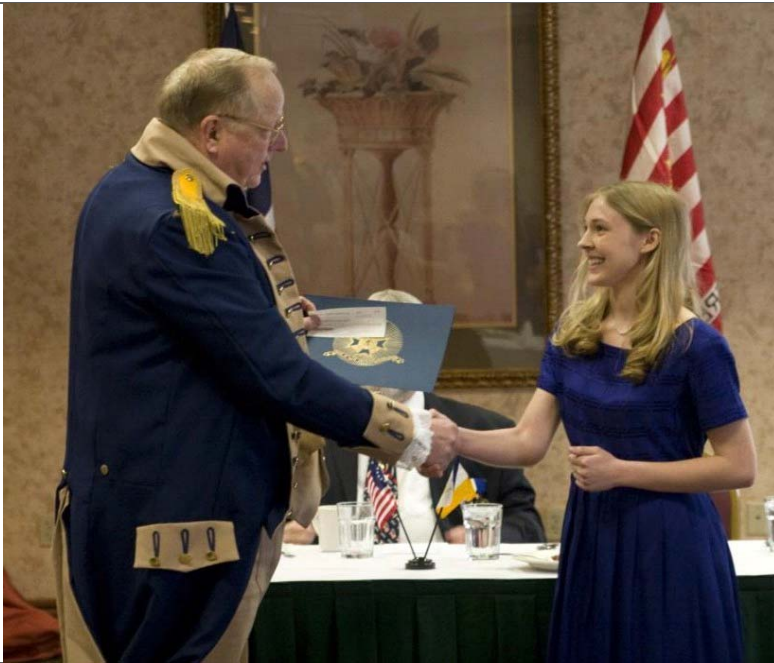
Metro Kansas City's Oldest & Largest Chapter, Founded 1960

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Upcoming DX Meeting

Program: *The Local Trolley System, F. W. Wagner*
When: Saturday, April 18, 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, April 15. Cost is \$12.00 with a reservation, \$13.00 at the door, which includes a sumptuous, all you can eat, breakfast buffet.



Dewey Fry with Sarah Wacker, Rumbaugh Orations Winner.

We both entertained and were impressed by two young orators at our March chapter meeting. **Sarah Wacker**, our First Place winner spoke of The Great Cannon Trek of 1775 led by Col. Henry Knox to Ft. Ticonderoga which was both challenging and rewarding. **Joshua Yeomans** spoke of the life threatening risks taken by our nations founding fathers and specifically John Hancock. Both of the young orators are home schooled and are 9th graders. Sarah will compete at the KSSSAR Board of Governors meeting on May 2 in Emporia.

TOWN CRIER

Just before the American Revolution, many changes were occurring in the Colonies. American Colonists always wanted to be up-to-date on events or rumors that might affect their lives. Communities were allowed – under the prevailing laws of England – to select their own community representatives to deal with community problems. In Boston Town in the Massachusetts Bay Colony people were elected to local offices under their Charter given by the King. One position was Town Crier for official information.

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COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

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

COLOR GUARD DUTY ROSTER

- April 18** Captain, Richard Cox; Kes Kesler; Sheldon Vasquez; Mike Frisbie; Kyle Kesler, *Musket*.
- May 16** Captain, Kyle Kesler; Robert Caps III; Robert Caps; Dewey Fry; Richard Cox, *Musket*.
- June 20** Captain, Dewey Fry; Gene Amos; Robert Caps; John Proctor; Richard Cox, *Musket*.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

April: Our speaker will be **F. W. Wagner**, a retired lawyer and former Vice President of the Trust Department for the Overland Park State Bank. He is the President of the Overland Park Historical Society. He will speak on Mr. Strang and the Trolley system which once provided transportation in Overland Park.

May: The May program will be presented by 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."

HOT off the Press!

Merriam Patriot's Day, originally scheduled for April 18, 2009 has been cancelled.



SAR TOWN CRIER !!!

Our program chairman, **Phil Barbour**, will appear dressed as a New England Town Crier during the 2009-2010 meetings of the Delaware Crossing Chapter meetings. To our knowledge, no other chapter in Kansas has ever had a Town Crier and certainly none with the unique qualities that Phil brings. Be sure to join us for the next chapter meeting!

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Highlights of the Kansas Society annual conference banquet.

- Our own **Peter Grassl** completed his term as President of the Kansas Society. Peter has done an outstanding job in that position and we have benefited from his leadership the past two years. We are very proud he is a member of our chapter.
- **Martin Klotzbach** was installed as the new Kansas Society President. Martin is with the Thomas Jefferson Chapter in Topeka.
- **Cathy Grassl** completed her two year term as President of the Kansas Ladies Auxiliary. Thanks to Cathy for performing this vital role for the Kansas Society.
- **Fred Kaffenberger** completed his tenure as Kansas Color Guard commander. His dedication to the Color Guard has been outstanding.
- Fred turned over the command of the Color Guard to **Bob Capps**. Bob completed his term as President and then five minutes later took on the new role as Kansas state Color Guard commander. Thanks to Bob for taking on this very important role.
- **Bob Capps**, President was presented with a certificate for the Delaware Crossing Chapter. The chapter was declared the winner of the Kansas Society Augustus di Zerega Award for having recruited the largest percentage of members during 2008.
- **David Sympson**, SAR Historian General, gave a very interesting talk regarding the history of the SAR. The number of past United States Presidents who have been members is very impressive.
- **Corey Goodburn**, our American poster contest winner, also won first place at the Kansas Society.
- Congratulations to the Kansas Society for putting on a great banquet.

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The Town Crier was the official voice of the King appointed Company Governor and/or local mayor. Even as local newspapers with the early printing press emerged, many people could not read. Official notices were both read and then “posted” at a Tavern’s Door. In the Northeastern Colonies, Criers dressed less lavishly than central colonies. Many carried a bell and a scroll with the official information written on it (plus perhaps a hammer and a few nails for the “posting”). Sometimes a drummer would precede the Town Crier, or he may have “beat his own Drum”. Staffs of authority much like a band major might carry were also popular. After the Revolution, Town Criers were continued to open meetings and/or herald an event. They were much like the Government official spokesperson of the present.

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