



Sons of the American Revolution

# The Delaware Crossing Patriot Kansas Society

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## Upcoming DX Meeting

**Program:** *Medicine of the Revolutionary War, by Dr. Jerald Burton*

**When:** Saturday, May 15, 2010, 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 email [reserve@dxsar.com](mailto:reserve@dxsar.com) or call Jamie Riddell at 816-935-0160 before 3:00 PM, Wednesday, May 12. Cost is \$12.00 with a reservation, \$13.00 at the door, which includes a sumptuous, all you can eat, breakfast buffet. *Please note the change for emailing RSVP's.*

## COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

**May 15** Monthly Chapter Meeting 9AM

**Jun 21** Monthly Chapter Meeting 9AM

**July 17** Monthly Chapter Meeting 9AM

## LOOKING FORWARD TO MAY

The program for the May 15, 2010 meeting will be *Medicine of the Revolutionary War*, the 18th century and how diseases and treatments affected the outcome of the Revolutionary War, especially the Southern Theatre.

The program will be presented by Dr. Jerald A. Burton. Dr. Burton is a local Missouri native educated in both Missouri and California earning his M.D. and has been Board Certified in Internal Medicine, Pulmonary Diseases and Critical Care. He has also earned a Ph.D. in Pharmacology. Dr. Burton has retired from his practice of Medicine after having been the Director of Pulmonary Medicine and Critical Care at Suburban Medical Center but is still a member of the UCLA School of Medicine Clinical Faculty. He has received many honors and awards for both academic medicine and private practice.

Dr. Burton's wife, Patricia, is a member of the James Ross Chapter DAR and of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Kansas. His application is in process to become a member of the Sons of the American Revolution through the Delaware Crossing Chapter.

Dr. Burton has used his love for and knowledge of medicine to create a very informative program. After his past 20-25 minute presentations, the audience has asked many questions as he had aroused the interest; Dr. Burton has answered from his in depth knowledge. This proves to be a very informative and enjoyable program.



## A TRUE PATRIOT

Claude S. Harkins was presented the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal for the many places and events at which he has shared his vast collections of historical artifacts, paintings and manuscripts through more than 15 museums, numerous programs presented to organizations such as the SAR and DAR. His most impressive contribution to the promotion of history and patriotism is that he has permitted the viewing of many artifacts and presented programs to more than 2600 elementary, middle, and high school students. Claude has made all of his presentations entirely at his expense, which is a testament to his desire to promote patriotism and the history of our country.

## AMERICANISM POSTER WINNER

The Delaware Crossing Chapter and KSSSAR Americanism Poster winner, Sydnie Cross, and her family will be in attendance at the May Chapter Meeting. You will have an opportunity to meet Sydnie and view her winning poster. She will be sending her poster to the NSSAR National Congress in Cleveland, Ohio this June.

### ORATION CONTEST WINNER

Kelcie Marquardt was presented a certificate and a check for \$250.00 for being the Delaware Crossing Chapter winner of the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration Contest. She did an excellent job of preparing and presenting her oration titled *The Enduring Nature of Common Sense*. On Saturday May 1, Kelcie won the KSSSAR contest and will represent the Kansas Society at the NSSAR Annual Congress in Cleveland, Ohio this June.

Her initiative is why she became a contestant. She found the scholarship contest on Scholarship.com as Mill Valley was not among the more than twenty private and public schools where contest material was distributed to more than eighty educators.

Kelcie is the daughter of Paul and Cheryl Marquardt of Shawnee. She is a member of the National Honor Society on the Debate and Forensics Team, is active in Track and Volleyball, has been the newspaper Illustrator and Photographer and is the founder and current Director of the Mill Valley Dance Club.



### A HERO HONORED

Timothy McCarthy of Overland Park was presented the SAR Medal of Heroism by President Fred Kaffenberger. On March 16 a car containing three teenage boys in the Senior Class at Olathe South High School crashed through a utility pole and the corner of a house coming to rest in the yard where it sat severely damaged and on fire.

Timothy, living nearby, ran to the scene and pulled the driver out of the car window and put out the flames on the teenager with his bare hands. Doing so severely burned Timothy on his right hand and also burned his left hand. The car could have exploded and injured Timothy and the driver severely if not fatally. Witness accounts and the police investigation confirm that Timothy saved the life of the teenage driver.

The Chapter also presented Timothy with a check for \$100.00 to help financially as he missed three weeks of work from the injuries he sustained.

## President's Message

### Thoughts on Patriot's Day

I think it is ironic that tax day and Patriot's Day are so close together. The irony is that England's economic troubles that led to the Revolution and the Tea party demonstration in recent weeks, have their roots in the same problem. National debt; the English debt was caused by a series of wars with France and other European countries, while ours has been also caused by war and borrowing money to solve other economic problems. We should look back to see how the English Parliament tried to solve their problem.

Starting in 1762 Parliament passed a series of laws to tax various items, to require the citizens of England and the colonies to pay off this debt. This was the cause of American Revolution that freed us from England.

What made national debt so onerous to King George and the parliament to result in the loss of the colonies?

Richard Price wrote the following about England's growing national debt, "A nation debt makes every citizen a tributary of the crown, it makes the nation depend on foreign countries, and it raised the price of goods and labor to an exorbitant level. In the end, such a debt reduced Britain's population because people died earlier in poverty or they migrated when life was bad. Finally, it had a negative impact on the balance of trade and the production of goods," (Fuchthman P. 190) Price's solution was to have Parliament develop a sinking fund (which placed money in a compound account to pay and sink the debt.)

Who was Richard Price?

Dr Richard Price besides being a personal friend of Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson, was an expert in the math field of probability, using this knowledge he established insurance mortality tables and even plans for a social security system. "Price's books on life insurance and national debt were very popular in America. " Dr Price was so well known in this country that, in October 1778 Congress made Price a citizen and invited him to take control of our national finances, Congress resolved "that the Honourable Benjamin Franklin, Arthur Lee, John Adams Esqrs or and one of them, be directed forthwith to apply to Dr Price, and inform it is the Desire of Congress to consider him a Citizen of the United States, and to receive his assistance in regulating their Finances. That if he shall think inexpedient remove with his family to America and afford such Assistance, a generous Provision shall be made for requiting his service." (Fuchthman p. 191) These three men sent Price this resolution on December 7, 1778 Price declined.

Will Price's dire predictions hold true for our nation in this century?

Only time will tell.

Fred Kaffenberger

ATLANTIC COUSINS , *Benjamin Franklin and His Visionary Friends*

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