



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 Picnic

**Program:** Picnic and Flag Retirement Ceremony

**When:** Saturday, September 18, 2010  
Lunch begins at 12 Noon – Activities at 10  
Flag Retirement starts at 1 PM

**Where:** Antioch Park, Shelter 1: *See Map on back*

**Reservations & Cost:** Members, families and guests of the SAR are invited. E-mail [reserve@dxsar.com](mailto:reserve@dxsar.com) or call Dewey Fry at 913-897-9502 for reservations by 5 PM, Saturday, Sept. 12. The price is **\$8** for adults, **\$4** for children 6-12 years and **free** for children under 6. Mouthwatering barbeque fare for lunch and fun-filled activities for all. Horseshoe Pitching Contest begins at 11.

## COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

**Oct 16** Monthly Chapter Meeting - 9 AM

## SAR Volunteers: Making a Difference in the Lives of America's Heroes



L - R: Phil Barbour, Mike Barbour, Dave Comer, Charles Goslin, Fred Kaffenberger, Dewey Fry, Charles Hyer; Front: Kristin Loer

Seven SAR members, five from Delaware Crossing and two from Monticello Chapter, traveled to Leavenworth, KS on August 17, 2010, to begin training as volunteers for the Veterans Affairs Eastern Kansas Health Care System.

Kristin Loer, VA Volunteer Service Specialist, guided our compatriots through the process. After being fingerprinted and photographed, the volunteers received IDs. TB screening tests are also scheduled. The group will work with long-term disabled vets.

Contact David Comer, Monticello Chapter or Phil Barbour, DX Chapter, for more information or to become a VA Volunteer for your community outreach program.

## Flag Retirement Ceremony at September Picnic Meeting

**Richard Cox, DXSAR, Executive Vice President**



L-R: Kes Kesler, Kyle Kesler and Richard Cox

The annual DX-SAR picnic will be held September 18 at Antioch Park in Merriam, located on Antioch between 67<sup>th</sup> and Shawnee Mission Pkwy. (*Map on reverse side.*) Again this year, the DX Color Guard will conduct a flag retirement ceremony at 1:00 PM at the fire ring just west of the lake. A ceremonial flag will be deconstructed and burned in accordance with proper protocol.

A new narrative program this year highlights the 13 colonies. Did you know that Rhode Island was the first to declare independence, but the last to ratify the Constitution? When Rhode Island declared independence from Britain, they also declared independence from the Province of Pennsylvania.

**All able-bodied Color Guard members are expected to attend** this moving and solemn occasion. Members from other chapters and DAR ladies would be welcome, honored guests.

If you have a flag that you would like to have retired, prepare the flag prior to the ceremony:

1. Remove the grommets
2. Cut the blue field and fold
3. Separate each stripe from the bottom up and roll them individually

Place all items (except the grommets) in a paper or plastic bag and bring to the picnic. If you are coming to the ceremony, but not the picnic, enter the park through the north entrance on Antioch (the first entrance when traveling south on Antioch from Shawnee Mission Pkwy).

For questions or directions the day of the event, contact Richard Cox at 913-972-7622.

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### Heroes Honored



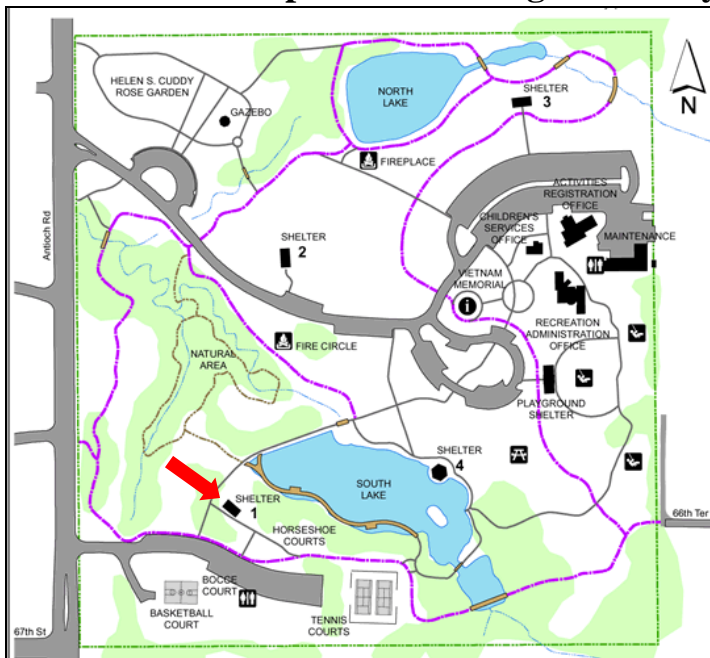
L-R: Dewey Fry (Medals & Awards Chair), Amber Kopaczewski, Kachalle Young (Honorees) & Fred Kaffenberger (DX President)

**Amber Kopaczewski** of Spring Hill and **Kachalle Young** of Olathe received SAR Medals of Heroism at the August 21 DX chapter meeting for saving the life of a young man just before midnight June 28, 2010.

The two teenagers were on US 169 just south of Olathe when they spotted a car on the railroad tracks that parallel the highway about 50 yards east. The car was on the tracks at the 167<sup>th</sup> Street crossing which was under repair and barricaded.

Seeing a young man in the car, the teens tried valiantly to push the car free. While trying to free the car, they saw the oncoming lights of the locomotive. Although they endeavored to persuade the young man to abandon his car, he refused. After Amber attempted to physically remove him, Kachalle stepped in and dragged him from the car. Together, they escorted him to safety only **eight seconds** before the train demolished his car! The Johnson County Sheriff's Department declared Kachalle and Amber saved the young man's life; there was no way he could have survived the collision.

### Antioch Park Map: Picnic & Flag Ceremony



### Law Enforcement Commendation

DXSAR presented the prestigious SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to **Lt. Col. Jack Cauley**, Bureau Commander of the Overland Park Police Department, at the August 21 Chapter Meeting.



L-R: DX President Fred Kaffenberger, Lt. Col. Jack Cauley (Honoree) & Philip Barbour, DX Law Enforcement Award Chair

Lt. Col. Cauley has 26 years of exemplary law enforcement, with "above and beyond" performance. He is currently responsible for the Tactical Operations Bureau, which includes patrol, patrol support and TAC divisions. He has been steadily promoted from patrol officer to Bureau Commander.