



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: *Delaware Indians by Trish Hart*
When: Saturday, July 19, 2008, 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 Richard Cox at reservations@dxsar.com before 3:00 PM, Wednesday, May 14. Cost is \$12.00 with a reservation, \$13.00 at the door, which includes a sumptuous, all you can eat, breakfast buffet.

COLOR GUARD DUTY ROSTER

July 19 John Swarts, captain; Dewey Fry; Verne Davis; Richard Cox, musket.

Aug 16 Charles Goslin, captain; Kyle Kesler, Mike Frisbie, musket; Gene Amos, Connor Goslin, drummer.

COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

July 19

Monthly Chapter Meeting 9 AM

Aug 16

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REMEMBERING HAL O'NEIL KESLER

Hal O'Neil Kesler, 89, of Terre Haute, IN, and originally of Marshall, IL, died Sunday, June 15, 2008, at Terre Haute Regional Hospital. He was known as Neil in his earlier years in Marshall, and as Hal in his later years in Terre Haute. He was a high school English teacher in both Indiana and Illinois. He also was a published author of two novels, several poems and short stories, and a dozen high school plays. His memberships included The Dramatists Guild and Sons of the American Revolution. During World War II he was in the 113th Anti-aircraft Artillery Gun Battalion and



Dewey Fry and Fred Kaffenberger at the Good Ol' Days Parade in Fort Scott, Kansas

served in England, North Africa, France, Belgium and Germany. Following the war, he entered Indiana State Teachers College where he earned both his Bachelor's and Master's degrees. He also taught there for a year as a graduate assistant. In college he met Mary Elizabeth Weidner of Cissna Park, IL, and the two were married in 1951. Survivors include his widow, Elizabeth; two brothers, John A. Kesler of Terre Haute, and Herrick Hurst Kesler of Shawnee Mission, KS; six nieces; three nephews; several great-nieces, great-nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, Hal H. Kesler and Clara Hurst Kesler; and an older brother, Harvey of Chiefland, FL, who died in 1994.

MEMBER MEETING DRAWING

The winner of our June meeting drawing was Compatriot Gene Amos. Gene won the Complimentary One Night Stay in a Standard Room with Breakfast for Two at the Holiday Inn at 8787 Reeder Road.

The July Breakfast Meeting Drawing will include a drawing for a \$25 gift card for the Green Mill Restaurant at the Holiday Inn, and two more drawings that include a \$10 certificate for Applebee's at 11000 Metcalf Avenue in Overland Park.

Please help us solicit donations for the Monthly Member Drawing so we can continue this fun member benefit.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Delaware Crossing Chapter understands and promotes **sponsorship** of new members. A **Sponsor** is a Compatriot who assumes responsibility for another person or group during a period of instruction and apprenticeship. The Sponsor vouches for the suitability of a candidate or admission.

The Sponsor is the backbone of our Chapter and critical for a healthy active chapter. Some of the Sponsors responsibilities are the following:

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As Mankind becomes more liberal, they will be more apt to allow that all those who conduct themselves as worthy members of the community are equally entitled to the protections of civil government. I hope ever to see America among the foremost nations of justice and liberality.
-- George Washington (1732 - 1799)

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- Recruit new SAR applicants (friends, relatives & associates).
- Assist SAR applicants with the application and required documentation.
- Provide the Executive Committee with the name, address, email address and phone number for tracking purposes & newsletter mailings.
- Upon membership approval ensure the new member attends their first meeting for induction with their sponsor.
- Help the new member establish a pattern of attending monthly meetings.
- Introduce and welcome the new member at meetings.
- Call the member you have sponsored and ensure they receive the Newsletter and they have made meeting reservations for the month.
- Identify opportunities for the new member to help the chapter.

The Sponsor assists the candidate in becoming a member but even more critical is the transition into an active and engaged chapter member.

The **Liberty Medal** commemorates the restoration of the Statue of Liberty, reminds us of our Liberty and is presented for recruiting new members to the SAR. The medal is struck in bronze and depicts the bust of the Statue of Liberty on the obverse. The reverse has a space for the name and date of the recipient to be engraved. The medal is suspended from a gold ribbon and may be worn at any SAR event.

The medal, along with a certificate is presented by the National Society at the Annual Congress. The medal is awarded to any SAR member who is the first-line

Sponsor that recruited ten new members. A new member is defined as an individual who was not previously a SAR member, but whose membership application has been approved by the National Society.

We plan to hold a Sponsor Workshop in a few months. The Workshop will be a great opportunity to learn some of the techniques of the best Chapter genealogists and recruiters. You may want to invite a potential member to attend the workshop with you. **TIP:** when discussing our Society with potential members ask if they had any family in the Civil War and if they did then it is likely that there was an ancestor in the Revolutionary War.

I hope you will consider being a Sponsor and earning a Liberty Medal. Let us know if you would like to be on our list to work with candidates that are referred to the Executive Committee. Sponsorship is a critical element for a strong Delaware Crossing Chapter.

Bob Capps, President



COLOR GUARD IN PARADE

Carrying flags and muskets, four compatriots of the chapter's color guard marched in the Old Shawnee Days Parade on Saturday, 07 June. The newest member of the color guard, John Proctor, found good counsel and support from the more experienced Dewey Fry, Fred Kaffenberger and Kyle Kesler in the event. Call Kes Kesler, 913.722.0073, if you have interest in securing a George Washington style uniform and joining in the good times in representing your patriotic ancestor.

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