

# The Liberty Bell

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**On the cover:** The date is July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and Bennington Chapter VP Devin Gray along with Chaplain Frank Hottman held U.S. Flags over I-70 to celebrate our Nation's birthday. Kansas State Senator Scott Hill was invited and stopped by for almost an hour to help wave Old Glory. Great visit. Beautiful day!



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## *President's Message*



By Timothy Peterman  
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### What's your heritage?

- Most Americans have at least one ancestor who served in the American Revolution
- Few people realize they have a connection to the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday of the USA

### We can help YOU find out!

- Our genealogy specialists can help you to find out about your roots.
- Get a consultation about your ancestry or sign up to attend our free workshop.

## **Why Many Americans Have Revolutionary War Ancestors: A Deeper Look**

The assertion that "most Americans have at least one ancestor who served in the American Revolution" often sparks curiosity and, at times, skepticism. As someone deeply invested in genealogical research, I firmly stand by this statement. This explanation draws from personal experience, historical context, and the realities of genealogical investigation.

### **My Personal Journey: Discovering Commonplace Patriotism**

My interest in genealogy began at a young age. At 15, my maternal grandmother introduced me to her Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) paper, revealing a direct link to Isaac Newton Ellis, a Revolutionary War patriot. This connection felt extraordinary then. By 18, I had identified



half a dozen such patriots, and by the time I joined the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) at 23, I knew of 15 to 20.

My family, with rural Missouri and Iowa roots (1/8 Swiss and 7/8 Colonial American), was not exceptional. Yet, I quickly realized that having numerous Revolutionary War ancestors was far from unusual. This observation often contrasted with the perception I encountered – that such lineage was rare or exclusive.

### **Historical Context: The Patriot Population**

President John Adams famously estimated that during the Revolutionary War era, roughly one-third of the population were patriots, one-third loyalists, and one-third neutral. Following the war, many loyalists emigrated to Canada and the Caribbean. This demographic shift left a post-war American population composed of nearly 50% patriots and 50% neutrals.

When tracing ancestry, most individuals find Revolutionary War patriots in the generations of their 4th, 5th, or 6th great-grandparents (representing 64, 128, or 256 direct ancestors, respectively). Even accounting for the challenges of proving female patriot lines and focusing on male ancestors, these historical percentages strongly suggest that a significant number of our ancestors living in America during that period were likely patriots. My own count of SAR-registered patriots now stands at 43 – a number that would undoubtedly astound my grandmother.

### **Genealogical Hurdles: Immigration and Untraceable Lines**

Despite the historical likelihood, two primary factors can complicate the search for patriot ancestors:

1. **Mass Immigration:** The most significant genealogical deterrent is the wave of mass immigration that began in earnest around 1845, notably with the Irish potato famine. While some immigration occurred between 1783 and 1845, it wasn't a dominant demographic force. By 1850, the U.S. population was 23.2 million, with 2.2 million foreign-born



(primarily from Ireland, Germany, or Britain). By 1860, 4.1 million of 31.4 million were foreign-born. My estimate is that most people recorded as American-born in the 1850 census are descended from one to four patriots. If all four of a prospect's grandparents were immigrants (unless from France, Spain, or Latin America, which had different immigration patterns), the odds of finding a patriot ancestor are significantly reduced. However, many Americans have at least one grandparent born in America.

2. **Lost or Unproven Lineages:** The second major challenge involves difficult-to-prove lineages where records may be lost, destroyed, or simply elusive. It's entirely possible to have patriot ancestors whose connections remain unproven due to gaps in documentation. Decades ago, a nationally recognized genealogist estimated that perhaps 40% of all American lineages couldn't be traced from the 1850 census back to the Revolutionary War, often because researchers were looking in the wrong places or for the wrong names. While meticulous, unending research can sometimes breach these barriers, it requires considerable time and dedication.

### A Positive and Persistent Approach to Research

When engaging with the public, particularly prospective SAR members, it's vital to view each person as the terminus of a potentially vast family tree. A negative assumption – that Revolutionary War patriots are so rare that chances are none will be found – can prematurely end a promising search.

Instead, a positive mindset suggests that each person's family tree likely contains dozens of patriot ancestors. Our task is simply to help them *look*. If a great-grandparent was an immigrant, the tree tells us to focus on the other seven-eighths of their ancestry. If all four grandparents were immigrants, and not from specific allied nations, then patriots are unlikely. But in many cases, at least one grandparent will have been born in America. Keep looking. Add a few more generations. For those whose ancestors were in America by 1850, chances are over 90% that they are American-born, and each probably has a few patriots in their background. If one lineage proves untraceable,



move to other lines; some may be easier to work with. Existing verified research, such as that by the DAR, can also provide a valuable starting point.

### **The Unique Core Value of SAR/DAR**

In a brief 15-30 second interaction, it's crucial to articulate the distinctive value of organizations like the SAR and DAR. While we participate in youth contests, color guard, and service recognition awards – activities many other organizations also undertake – our unparalleled contribution to the American people lies in **documenting, verifying, and registering patriot ancestors for our membership and their posterity**. This is our unique core value, and it is the most impactful message we can convey to the public during that brief window of their attention.

*Tim*



## *Editorial*



By Robert Lofthouse  
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General Chair, George Washington Birthday Committee  
Treasurer, Kansas State Society  
NSSAR Budget Committee  
NSSAR GWEF Fundraising Committee

**G**reetings!

The Fall edition of Liberty Bell is now in your hands. But you already knew that. I'll keep it short this time. We've received several survey responses and have listened to your feedback. Changes are being made. We will continue to develop this newsletter and fine tune it to meet your expectations. Send me an email with your feedback and suggestions to help make this the best newsletter in the Society.

In the meantime, to stoke your competitive juices, the Americanism and PG Cup winners have been announced. See page 21 to find out where your chapter ranks and why Americanism is so important! Can you find pictures of compatriots wearing Tricorn hats to promote SAR?

*Rob*

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**Trivia:** John Paul Jones, father of our US Navy, rose to the rank of Captain with the Continentals. What rank was he appointed to in a foreign navy, and which nation hired him?



## *Color Guard*

By Brian Vazquez  
Color Guard Adjutant

**S**ome of the many activities our Kansas Color Guard participated in during the past quarter:

Army/Navy/Marine Corps 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Union Station, KCMO



Monarchs Baseball Game





### Garrison Memorial



Today is August 8, 2025. The Dodge City DAR and the Dodge City CAR Buffalo Society stopped by the SAR granite bench marker located at the Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson KS. It has almost been 1 year since it was dedicated and time to make sure the marker is okay. Remember to put this marker on your tour list when you are out celebrating America 250. Access to the marker 24/7 and open all year is through the south entrance of the Fairgrounds. Thanks to all for your dedication and support!





On October 17<sup>th</sup> the Color Guardsmen John Sherman from Prairie Minutemen, Pat Crawford and Frank Hottman from Bennington, and Bobbie Hulse from Sons of the Plains led the Pledge of allegiance at the Naturalization Ceremony at the Eisenhower Library in Abilene. 32 New citizens were sworn in and welcomed by a standing room only audience. The Abilene DAR supplied cupcakes and cookies after the ceremony. Mary Eisenhower, granddaughter of President Eisenhower, was a welcome speaker.





## *Calendar of Future Events*

**W**hile these dates/events are known at the time of publication, details may change, be added or deleted as time wears on. For more up to date information on upcoming statewide Color Guard events, reach out to Brian Vazquez at ( [zebrasrs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:zebrasrs@sbcglobal.net) ).

**November 1 (Saturday)** - Board of Governors mtg, Lawrence KS - Charles Robison Chapter hosting - details to follow (Bill Marshall, Brian Vazquez)

**November 7 (Friday)** - MCI arrival of Honor Flight, Southern Coffey County HS at 6:35 pm - muster approximately 45 minutes before (Mark Parks)

**November 11 (Tuesday)** - various Veterans Day Parades - details to follow

**November 11 (Tuesday)** - MCI arrival of Honor Flight, Jackson Heights HS at 9:25 pm - muster approximately 45 minutes before (Mark Parks)

**November 18 (Tuesday)** - Naturalization Ceremony, Dole Federal Courthouse, KC,KS - muster at 9:30 am for 10:00 ceremony (Dewey Fry)

**November 22 (Saturday)** - Evening parade in Osage City, KS - details to follow (Doug Brabb)

**December 13 (Saturday)** - Wreaths Across America - details to follow, anticipate multiple sites

**December 16 (Tuesday)** - Naturalization Ceremony, Dole Federal Courthouse, KC,KS - muster at 9:30 am for 10:00 ceremony (Dewey Fry)



## *South Central District*

Kansas Society Report  
South Central District Meeting  
August 22, 2025

By Tim Peterman  
President  
Kansas State Society of SAR

**A**s of today, the Kansas Society has 978 members and fourteen chapters, located in Overland Park (2), Leavenworth, Lawrence, Topeka, Manhattan, Salina, Hays, Fort Scott, Pittsburg, Wichita, Hutchinson, Ellsworth, and Liberal. Twenty applications are at NSSAR awaiting review. The 978 members include thirteen dual members who hold primary membership in other states. Of the remaining 965 primary members, 273 are national and state life members, fourteen are emeritus members, fifty-five are junior members, 113 are Members at Large (national and state dues paid: sixty-eight are life members, five are dual members from other states, two are emeritus members, thirty-eight pay dues annually)

The Kansas Society began 2024 with 973 members, and gained fifty-two new members, sixteen reinstatements, one transfer, and one new dual member from another state and lost twenty-seven members to death, six to demission, bringing Kansas to 1,010 members on Dec. 31, 2024. We dropped seventy-five for non-payment of dues, leaving Kansas with 935 members at the start of 2025. So far in 2025 we have gained forty-five new members, nine reinstatements, one transfer and have lost twelve to death, bringing us to 978 members at present.



Several chapters are on the drawing boards, including locations such as Great Bend, Belleville or Concordia, Emporia or Osage City, Chanute. Long range plans include chapter development in several other locales. Pursuant to membership growth and chapter development, at the beginning of my administration last March, I divided Kansas into 6 districts: NE, SE, NC, SC, NW & SW, each of which can have up to two district advisors appointed by the President. Each of these advisors is to carefully study the communities in the district, documenting local resources (libraries, newspapers, community centers, other local bulletin boards, festivals, other groups: DAR, SUV, SCV, American Legion, VFW, etc.). The advisors don't have to establish contact with the local resources but can certainly do so if they would like. The advisors are to meet, at least electronically, with the KSSSAR Vice President, who is chairman of the Membership Committee. The purpose is to ascertain which communities would be good ones for greater outreach efforts and chapter development.

As a genealogist for over 50 years, I believe in Kansas and elsewhere in the South-Central District, most people have lineages that go to at least one Revolutionary War patriot. Very few people are aware of this. If only they knew something about their ancestry... If they knew that they had Revolutionary War patriots in their ancestry, would they care? Some would; some wouldn't. SAR does a lot of wonderful things for the community, but the one thing that SAR & DAR do well is discover Revolutionary War roots and then make a record of that for posterity. When interacting with the public, I think it would be best to bring this into focus. I have encouraged members to innovate and experiment with this sort of subject:

### Revolutionary War Roots?

- Most Americans have at least one ancestor who served in the American Revolution
- Few people are aware of this

We can help YOU find out!



- Our genealogical specialists can assist you
- Sign up to attend our workshop, or get a free consultation about your ancestry Sons of the American Revolution ([www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org))

Any more words than this and few people will read it.

Put this message, or a variant, on posters for outreach booths, or bulletin boards for various communities. Several alternatives have been developed.

When working with the public, members should also have more detailed information available, involving everything from youth programs to veteran and law enforcement support. The above theme, however, underscores a problem within the Kansas Society. We only have three or four members who are currently working on applications. We should strive to have at least one functioning, capable genealogist, enthusiastic about producing applications for every fifty members. With 1,000 members, that would be twenty genealogists. Developing this talent is one of my goals for internal improvement.

The Kansas Color Guard remains very active, supporting several events from naturalizations to marching in parades, to carrying colors for the 250 events. Kansas recently adopted a proclamation regarding the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We have adopted a black tricorne with a Kansas cockade as a branding symbol for public outreach. We have had bench dedications and tree plantings in several communities, with several more planned. We plan to have an outreach booth at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson in September, in conjunction with the Kansas 250 Commission.

We continue to encourage Kansas members to take the new Youth Protection Training course. The Kansas Society continues to be involved in many youth programs, from Eagle Scout to



Orations to Essay, poster, brochure, and the new video contest. Several chapters continue to present flag certificates.

The Kansas Society continues to submit DAR Finder form, along with applications where a DAR member was instrumental in getting the application done. Last April, I was a guest at the Kansas DAR annual conference in Wichita, where we handed out 11 certificates recognizing 11 Kansas DAR chapters for assisting us with this endeavor.

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**P**hotos, courtesy of Compatriot Bruce Smith, of the ladies and KS delegation at the South Central District Annual Meeting were taken during a bench and Liberty Tree dedication that occurred on the Folds of Honor property. The pictures of Tim by the podium were taken while he gave his state report to the group. Bryan Wampler is parliamentarian.







## *Middle Atlantic States Districts*

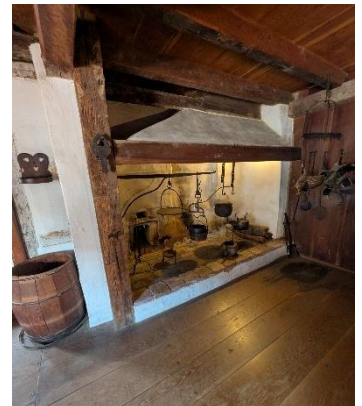
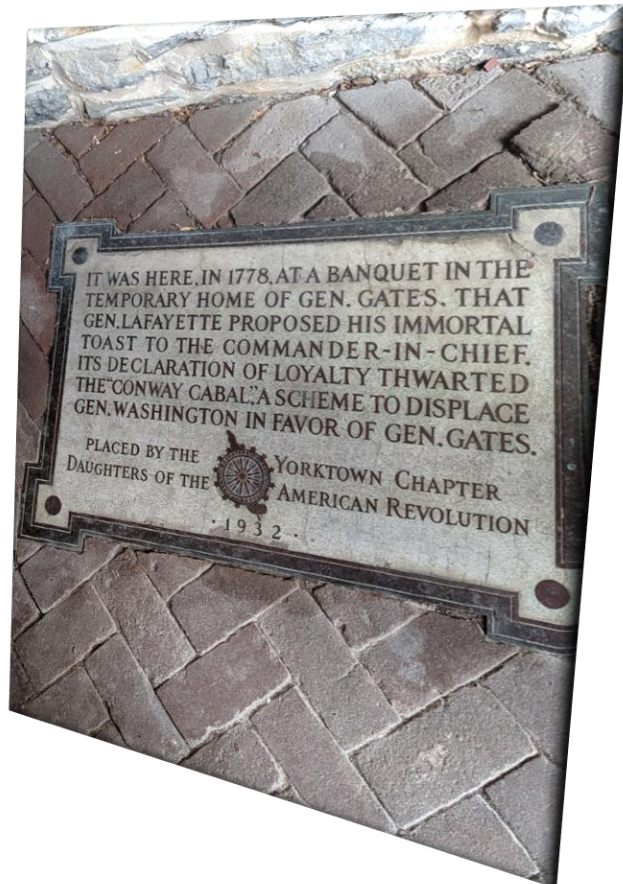
By Bobbie Hulse  
Sons of the Plains Chapter

**G**enealogist General. That's where I feel best able to help SAR move forward.

As there are three compatriots competing for the same national office, you must get out there and meet people, get to know them, and let them get to know you. This offers opportunities to get out of the area and meet compatriots all over the country. Visiting each district meeting, you get a chance to meet lots of people, present your case and ask for their vote.

At the Middle Atlantic States Districts meeting we were treated to a tour of the home of General Gates and a fine tour guide told the whole story of the Continental Congress held in York. York also has a museum one block from the home that is representative of all things York. We had no idea of all the industry and inventions that came out of York, PA. Since I was up in front of the assembly the whole time, I do not have any pictures of the meetings.

The District did not endorse anyone as their by-laws hold that a candidate must have a full majority of the votes to endorse and since there were three men running for Genealogist General, there were votes for all three and no clear majority exceeding 50% so no endorsement.





# *Americanism Report*

## *Make Your Chapter's Work Count!*

By Rick Backlund  
Americanism Committee Chair

**T**he Americanism Report is one of the most important ways SAR measures how well we are fulfilling our mission of honoring our patriot ancestors, promoting patriotism, and preserving American values. Submitting your chapter's report ensures that your activities are recognized nationally while contributing to the overall strength of the SAR.



### Important Deadlines

- Chapter Deadline: February 15 – Submit to your state society
- State Deadline: March 15 – Submit to National

Timely reports ensure your chapter can be recognized with national awards and streamers.



### Awards & Recognition

Your chapter's efforts can qualify for:

- Liberty Bell Award – Outstanding chapter outreach
- President General's Cup – Best overall programs
- Americanism Awards – For both state and chapter excellence
- Streamers & Certificates – Display your chapter's pride and patriotism



### Training & Resources

Get the tools you need to complete your report successfully:

- Training Video: [youtu.be/dRAWLYuqUiE](https://youtu.be/dRAWLYuqUiE)
- Event-Based Guide: [sar.org/event-guide](https://sar.org/event-guide)



### Why It Matters

The Americanism Report is more than paperwork—it is a reflection of how SAR lives out its values today.

- It shows how we educate youth, honor veterans, and serve communities.
- It documents our role in preserving the memory of our Patriot ancestors.



- It inspires members and the public by showing that the spirit of '76 is alive in SAR chapters nationwide.

### ☒ Final Encouragement

Your chapter's work deserves recognition! Submitting the Americanism Report ensures your Patriot ancestors' legacy is carried forward and that your chapter's dedication to patriotism, education, and service strengthens the Society as a whole.

Let's honor their sacrifice by making sure our efforts today are counted tomorrow.

Review the chart below for the Chapter 2024 rankings according to Americanism and PG Cup points.

| Chapter Size       | Membership as of |        | Americanism |      | PG Streamer |      | PG Cup     |      | Americanism | PG Steamer |
|--------------------|------------------|--------|-------------|------|-------------|------|------------|------|-------------|------------|
| 1-40 Members       | 1-Jan            | 31-Dec | Total       | Rank | Total       | Rank | Per Capita | Rank | Categories  | Categories |
| Bennington         | 33               | 44     | 155         | 116  | 2155        | 14   | 16.52      | X    | 3           | 3          |
| Charles Robinson   | 27               | 25     | 3241        | 21   | 765         | 60   | 100.89     | 32   | 8           | 4          |
| Fort Hays          | 20               | 21     | 1077        | 68   | 260         | 116  | 28.78      | X    | 2           | 2          |
| Little Balkans     | 0                | 18     | 1140        | 66   | 405         | 95   | 78         | X    | 5           | 3          |
| Chapter Size       | Membership as of |        | Americanism |      | PG Streamer |      | PG Cup     |      | Americanism | PG Steamer |
| 41-90 Members      | 1-Jan            | 31-Dec | Total       | Rank | Total       | Rank | Per Capita | Rank | Categories  | Categories |
| Konza Prairie      | 70               | 68     | 1405        | 72   | 1145        | 74   | 29.12      | 64   | 7           | 4          |
| Sons of the Plains | 59               | 70     | 4438        | 27   | 6485        | 7    | 94.33      | 20   | 8           | 5          |
| Thomas Jefferson   | 76               | 78     | 885         | 87   | 1055        | 78   | 16.55      | X    | 5           | 3          |
| Washington         | 88               | 89     | 2625        | 49   | 1115        | 75   | 33.16      | X    | 6           | 3          |
| Chapter Size       | Membership as of |        | Americanism |      | PG Streamer |      | PG Cup     |      | Americanism | PG Steamer |
| 91-150 Members     | 1-Jan            | 31-Dec | Total       | Rank | Total       | Rank | Per Capita | Rank | Categories  | Categories |
| Delaware Crossing  | 133              | 138    | 19132       | 3    | 6780        | 4    | 169.82     | 3    | 7           | 5          |
| Henry Leavenworth  | 136              | 139    | 7460        | 15   | 3980        | 24   | 62.61      | 18   | 7           | 5          |
| Monticello         | 105              | 105    | 4970        | 18   | 1395        | 49   | 47.49      | 23   | 6           | 4          |

Kudos to the compatriots of Delaware Crossing and Sons of the Plains, for your hard work and all the efforts paying off to bring your chapters into the top 10. Huzzah! Huzzah! Huzzah!



**SAR National Event**  
**250th Anniversary**  
of the



**Declaration of Independence**

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| Thursday<br>July 2, 2026                                                                                                                                           | Friday<br>July 3, 2026                                                                                                                            | Saturday<br>July 4, 2026                                                                                                                                | Sunday<br>July 5, 2026                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reading of the Declaration<br/>SAR Public Event</li><li>• Independence Hall Tour</li><li>• SAR Evening Reception</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Salute to Independence Parade</li><li>• “Ring It On” SAR Public Event</li><li>• SAR Gala Dinner</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SAR 250 Celebration Public Event</li><li>• SAR 250 Bench Dedication</li><li>• Philadelphia 250 Events</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grave Marking for 5 Signers of the Declaration</li><li>• Museum of the American Revolution Tour</li><li>• Social Dinner at Glory Beer Bar</li></ul> |





# *SAR, DAR and a Great-Grandmother*

By Brian M. Vazquez  
State Color Guard Adjutant  
State Chancellor  
President  
Thomas Jefferson Chapter

**M**ost of us know that the Sons of the American Revolution started in 1889, the centennial of the inauguration of President George Washington. However, there is an interesting back story that we may not know about the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution and a great-grandmother.

In 1876, the centennial of the Declaration of Independence, John Austin Stevens, Jr., formed the Sons of the Revolution in New York City. His patriot ancestor, Ebenezer Stevens II, was a member of the Society of Cincinnati since he was an artillery officer under Henry Knox and General Lafayette during the Revolutionary War. However, John Austin Stevens did not qualify for the Society of Cincinnati since he wasn't the eldest male descendant for his generation. So, he opened the Sons of the Revolution to any male descendants of officers, soldiers, sailors, and marines in actual service during the Revolutionary War. John Stevens also included any descendant of a signor of the Declaration of Independence, a member of the Continental Congresses or an official appointed by a legislative body who remained loyal to the revolutionary efforts. After a few years of little activity, Stevens, on December 4, 1883, in the Long Room of the Fraunces Tavern, New York City, while commemorating George Washinton's farewell speech to his officers (that was



given in the Fraunces Tavern), convinced 40 men to join the Sons of the Revolution. A New York State society quickly followed as a New York corporation. States around New York were encouraged to found State societies tied to the New York society.

In 1889, William O. McDowell, a New Jersey businessman, organized the “New Jersey Society of the Sons of the Revolution”. However, McDowell did not like the requirement that all other state societies of the Sons of the Revolution would be considered inferior in authority to the New York State Society. McDowell, also, wanted a broader membership based on Revolutionary ancestors who supported the American Revolution. So, on April 30, 1889, at the Fraunces Tavern in New York City, McDowell organized the Sons of the American Revolution. McDowell was the first member of the Sons of the American Revolution. (The Fraunces Tavern is now a museum located at 54 Pearl Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, NY, NY.)

In 1890, a group of women asked to join the Sons of the American Revolution and were refused membership. On July 13, 1890, Mary Smith Lockwood, writing in the Washington Post, published a story about Hannah Arnett that asked “Where will the sons and daughters of the American Revolution place Hannah Arnett?”

Hannah Arnett was considered a patriot in New Jersey. Shortly after British General Wiliam Howe drove General George Washington out of New York in 1776, Charles Cornwallis, a British general officer and formerly a colonial administrator, encamped in Elizabethtown, New Jersey. General Howe had made the colonists an offer in November 1776 that if the colonists would profess to be British loyalists, they would receive amnesty. They would also need to agree to not fight against the British for the rest of the conflict. Cornwallis began pushing colonists in Elizabethtown to accept the amnesty offer. Several men met in the parlor of Hannah Arnett’s house in Elizabethtown. Hannah overheard the men talking about accepting Howe’s offer since they were poor and lacked clothing and food. Hannah entered the parlor, confronted the men, and is quoted as saying:



“We may be poor and weak and few. England may have her limitless resources. But we have something that England has not. God is on our side. Every volley from our muskets is an echo of His voice. Shame upon you cowards!”

The men ended up refusing the offer of amnesty.

The rest of the story, to quote a famous radio commentator, was that Hannah Arnett was the great-grandmother of William McDowell. On July 21, 1890, McDowell published an article in the Washington Post offering to help form a society known as the “Daughters of the American Revolution”.

The first meeting of the DAR Society occurred on August 9, 1890. The four founders of the DAR were Mary Smith Lockwood, Eugenia Washington (a grandniece of George Washington), Ellen Walworth, and Mary Desha. The first Daughters’ chapter was organized at the home of Mary Smith Lockwood on October 11, 1890. At this first chapter meeting, there were McDowell (SAR member #1), Dr. George Brown Goode (Secretary General, SAR) and 18 other people. First Lady Caroline Lavina Scott Harrison, wife of President Benjamin Harrison, served as the first President General for the DAR.

Many state societies followed both the SAR’s and DAR’s founding. On March 31, 1892, Kansas became the 30<sup>th</sup> State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution with 16 founding members. The first chapter of the Kansas DAR Society was formed on April 2, 1896, with fifteen charter members.



## *National Awards for Delaware Crossing*

by Larry Tatum  
President  
Delaware Crossing Chapter

**I**t's a great time to be a Delaware Crossing member. During the annual congress, the Delaware Crossing Chapter was awarded 3rd Place in the Nation for both the Liberty Bell Americanism Award and the President General's Cup.

These categories are for activities in which the Chapter participated that exemplify the education and patriotic goals that the SAR strives to accomplish. The awards once again establish DX as one of the top ranked Chapters, not only in the region but the nation.





## *How Our Youth Awards Impact the Recipients*

By Ken Ludwig  
Delaware Crossing

**W**e spend a lot of time and effort promoting, executing and funding the youth awards contests including the Poster contest for elementary students; Brochure contest for middle schools; Knight Essay, Rumbaugh Oration, Eagle Scout, and now video contest. We seldom get any feedback from the past winners of our contests as to how entering and winning our contests has impacted their lives.

As some of you know, James Schultz who won our Delaware Crossing Chapter and Kansas State essay and oration contests and ended up winning the national oration contest back in 2022, is the son of the Pastor of my church. I knew as he was growing up that James had a great interest in history and I encouraged him for several years to enter our contests, which he is very glad that he finally listened.

Benefits were pretty immediate by winning the chapter and state contests as the cash awards helped fund his college plans, but the real benefits started kicking in when he attended congress to give his winning oration. It was there where he met a fellow Kansas compatriot Dr. Ashley Null who is an Anglican Bishop researching Reformation theology. He invited James to go on research trips to Germany and Tunisia, where he served as an intern for the Wittenberg Center for Reformation Studies.



Of course, winning the national oration contest came with a big check that really helped the college fund.

This spring, James applied to become an intern for Senator Jerry Moran in Washington DC. He indicated that he felt that a major contributing factor for landing this internship was his experiences with the SAR contests, which improved his public speaking, professionalism, and civic pride.

My wife and I had scheduled a vacation to Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown, and Yorktown, so we modified our trip, hopped on a train up to DC where we met James at the Senator's office where he proceeded to give us a private tour of the US Capitol, showing us places where the normal tours do not get to go. We spent a few minutes in the House Gallery, watching them debate the Cyber currency bill, saw both of the statues that Kansas has in the Capitol (Dwight Eisenhower and Amelia Earhart), and enjoyed all the great art in that building.

James indicated that he loves his internship. Some of his duties include of course providing Capitol tours, watching every Presidential speech, talk, news conference, and writing a summary for the chief of staff, answering the phones and to the best of his ability to help the constituents that have called in with a problem. He admitted he is much more into politics than he was before. James passes along his sincere thanks and warm feelings to every member of the Delaware Crossing chapter of the SAR, which he says gave him his start into the public foray.



James Schultz and Compatriot Ludwig in front of Statue of Freedom in the US Capitol Visitor's Center. This is what was used to make the mold for the casting that sits atop the Capitol Dome.



## *2026-2027 National Candidates*

**L**ist provided at this time and candidate flyers will be included in the Winter edition.

|                      |                                                                                                                                                                      |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| President General:   | W. Allen Greenly (GA), Secretary General 2025-2026                                                                                                                   |
| Secretary General:   | T. Brooks Lyles (NC), Treasurer General 2025-2026                                                                                                                    |
| Treasurer General:   | K. Scott Collins (GA), Budget Committee Vice Chair 2025<br>Gary O. Green (NC), Genealogist General 2022-2026                                                         |
| Chancellor General:  | Tracy A. Pounders (TX), Trustee 2025-2026                                                                                                                            |
| Genealogist General: | Wayne C. Eells (IN), VPG Central District 2025<br>Bobbie A. Hulse (KS), VPG South Central District 2023-2024<br>Derek J. Brown, PE (CA), Membership Chair 2022-2025  |
| Registrar General:   | Keith A. Weissinger (WA), Registrar General 2025-2026                                                                                                                |
| Historian General:   | Jeffrey D. Thomas (VA), Historian General 2024-2026                                                                                                                  |
| Librarian General:   | James E. Osbourn (MO), Librarian General 2025-2026                                                                                                                   |
| Surgeon General:     | Matthew S. Bowdish MD (CA), Medical Advisory Vice Chair                                                                                                              |
| Chaplain General:    | Christopher W. "Chris" Grimes (NC), Chaplain General '25-'26                                                                                                         |
| Foundation Board:    | PG Bruce Pickett (2022-2023) for President General Position<br>Scott G. Giltner, Ph.D. (KY), Alternate Trustee 2024-2025<br>David Chaffin (TN) for At Large Position |

## *2026-2027 State Society Candidates*

Slate has not yet been approved.



## Compatriot Feature

By Rob Lofthouse  
Liberty Bell Editor

**F**ollowing up on our inaugural Compatriot Feature this summer with John More, I sat down with Genealogist General Candidate, and former KSSAR President, Bobbie Hulse, while at the National Congress this past summer, on July 15<sup>th</sup>. We chose a quiet corner in one of the many seating areas of Mohegan Sun and talked about his experience with SAR.

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### INTERVIEW EXCERPS

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**LB:** How are you enjoying congress so far?

**Bobbie:** Congress is good for the most part. There are always a bunch of people with a similar mission, getting together to inspire each other with what they're doing in their own state and chapter societies. Everyone is very friendly. I've never really had a bad experience at any Congress. This is my twelfth.

**LB:** Although the Congress isn't officially open yet, what's your favorite so far this year?

**Bobbie:** I really enjoy getting together and catching up with people I haven't seen in a while. I'm on several committees so we try to meet and cover items that will be coming up in those committee meetings. I've spoken with chairmen of all of them so far, sharing ideas that work. I'm very impressed with David Schafer (TN) where new applications have gone through the roof, and a lot of reinstatements have been processed.

**LB:** How long have you been a member of SAR?

**Bobbie:** Since 2007.

**LB:** What attracted you to SAR?

**Bobbie:** When I was in junior high, I bought a bunch of books from an antique dealer's estate. I was in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and had no money to speak of. I bought three boxes of books for a quarter apiece,



that contained books from the Civil War period printed in the 1870s, plus a pulpit prayer book from Georgia (printed in 1836). I didn't think too much of it until much later in life when I came across that old prayer book again. I thought about returning the prayer book to the original church in Georgia, which was printed on the inside cover. During my search, the church existed under a different name, so I could not find it. I went to the Chamber of Commerce website and found a link to SAR. Now my great aunt was the family historian and she had driven all over the country researching family history. She told us that she was positive we had an ancestor in the Revolutionary War. So I filled out a form and sent it off. Two days later, Barney Ellis called me. Long story short, Barney did some additional research, tied up all the loose ends and filled out my application. All I gave him was my birth certificate and my parent's birth certificates. He did the rest. I paid my \$125 application fee and it took about a month for approval by NSAR. So, as a regular member, I attended my first Leadership meeting in Louisville soon after. I started sponsoring some people and worked on supplementals. It didn't take long before I was asked to become secretary at the first chapter meeting, I attended. I got bumped up to VP because all the chapter members were getting older and stopped attending meetings. Six or seven compatriots attended at that time.

**LB:** You were instrumental in reinstating Bennington and Fort Hays. How did that go?

**Bobbie:** Both chapters had fallen into dissolution because the leadership stopped leading, stopped attending and people lost interest. Now, Some members drive 150 miles one way to attend meetings.

**LB:** That's impressive! What other roles have you held at the state level?

**Bobbie:** I was elected to state VP, eventually became president, and then Trustee and Alternate Trustee. I've also been the Knight Essay Chair.

**LB:** When did you attend your first Congress?

**Bobbie:** Years ago, my wife attended the NEA Conference in Washington DC, when she was still a member. I found that an NSAR Congress was being held right after in Williamsburg so we piggybacked one off the other. That was the beginning of my involvement at a higher level but I was not involved with Color Guard (CG) yet. I started to get involved with the Color Guard in the western part of the state during 2011. Me, Edgar Grover and a couple others at that time. Edgar and I would go to parades, most of the others had died so it was just the two of us.

**LB:** Bill Marshall is doing good as Color Guard Commander?



**Bobbie:** Bill's unbelievable, I've never seen someone who traveled to CG events as much as he has. Nobody's communicated like he does. Brian Vazquez has stepped up his involvement in the past few years, and he's doing a great job of helping Bill lead the statewide CG, as his Adjutant.

**LB:** Are you encouraged by where we are as a state society of SAR, and where we're going?

**Bobbie:** Yeah. It's never been better. We have good leadership coming up and good leadership in place. Jeff Winters is taking on the role of registrar since the president cannot hold more than one position. We're growing. When I joined, we were trying to get to 600, now, we're close to a thousand members. One thing that helped tremendously was that a previous KSSSAR Treasurer took over membership renewals for all the chapters and Members At Large to help keep from dropping membership due to members not receiving a renewal notice. The state has instituted an online credit/debit card renewal process that has helped enormously.

**LB:** Is there anything else you want to say?

**Bobbie:** One more thing going back to the earlier comment about that bible I found in an estate sale. I finally got that bible to that church. Ashley Null figured out that it was from a Methodist church. He had the binding re-done and we found that original church, now under a new name, and made the presentation. That also opened the door to more SAR opportunities within that church community. So that one bible, found in an old box of books more than fifty years ago, resulted in me becoming a member of SAR. By restoring the book and returning it to the original church, new SAR members have come from that church.

**LB:** Congress opening session is about to begin, so thanks for meeting with the Liberty Bell, Bobbie. All the best to you and your wife on this journey.

Compatriots, if you would like to read about one of our members, send me an email with the recommended name and I'll work on that interview next.

Liberty Bell Editor  
Rob Lofthouse



## *It's Renewal Season*

Dear Compatriot,

This year has been moving right along and the time has arrived for us to begin collecting 2026 dues. Dues notices are now being sent to all Kansas compatriots for 2026. If you have not yet renewed your dues, write your check payable to the KSSSAR and mail it to KSSSAR Treasurer, Rob Lofthouse at the address below.

Rob Lofthouse  
KSSSAR Treasurer  
PO Box 9017  
Kansas City, KS 66112

After years of development, you can now pay your dues, contribute to the various funds, or purchase a life membership online by credit card. To do this, go to the following website:

<https://ksssar.org/renew>

The process is very simple. Contact Jordan Chambers (913-951-7712) or Jeffrey Winters if you have any questions or difficulty with this. This is also an opportunity for all members to make address, telephone and email corrections. If I can be of any service to you in membership matters, just let me know. Perhaps you would like a Membership Roster, need a supplemental application, or know of a prospective member who would like an application. Perhaps you would like to buy a life membership.

The KSSSAR Board of Governors exists to serve the interests of both the organization and the membership. If you have any comments or suggestions on what we could do to improve the organization, feel free to send them to me or any of the other officers.

Let's work together to make 2026 a great year for SAR in the State of Kansas!

Sincerely,

Timothy E. Peterman  
President, KSSSAR



## Chapter News

### **BENNINGTON CHAPTER (Salina Area)**

**David Dean, President** - *Meeting place;*

*Harmony Hideaway, 3488 N Crystal Springs Rd, Salina*

*Kansas meeting time: 4th Tuesday at 7PM September-May.*



*Photo courtesy of Devin Dean*

Pictured from left to right; Bobbie Hulse, Westin Maish, Carol Hewitt, Bennington Chapter President David Dean, and Phillip Kirchoff.

Induction ceremony for 2 of our newest members, Westin Maish and Phillip Kirchoff. Westin Maish's mother, Carol Hewitt, received a Certificate of Appreciation for encouraging Westin to join the S.A.R. This occurred at our September meeting.

Pictured below: From left to right; Vice President Devin Gray, Terry Swearinger, Greg Houston, and Chapter Chaplain Frank Hottman.



During a meeting of the Bennington Chapter, Frank Hottman and Devin Dean traveled southeast of Abilene to present Greg Houston and Terry Swearinger a Certificate for U.S. Flag Retirement. They have the largest flag in Dickinson County that can be seen from I-70 looking south.

**CHARLES ROBINSON CHAPTER (Lawrence)** **Jim Cooper, President** - *Meets 3rd Wednesday of September, November, January, March and May, 6:00 PM, Perkins Restaurant, 1711 23rd St, Lawrence*

November 1 BOG will be held at the Lawrence Country Club, in Lawrence.



### **COL. JOHN SEWARD CHAPTER (Liberal)**

**Carl Holmes, President** - *Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the Month (except December) at 7:00 PM at the Leader and Times Newspaper Office, 16 S. Kansas Avenue, Liberal, Kansas*

No update.

### **DELAWARE CROSSING CHAPTER (Kansas City & Johnson County) Larry**

**Tatum, President** - *Meets 3rd Saturday monthly for 9:00 AM Breakfast, at Milburn Country Club, Overland Park*

The Delaware Crossing Chapter produces an excellent newsletter four times a year. If you're interested in receiving a copy, or, if you're interested in contributing an article, a story, a poem, artwork or a picture, reach out to President Larry Tatum.

I'll recap a few articles here to share with you what goes on at the Delaware Crossing Chapter.

We also have two milestones for DX soon. The Chapter will be celebrating its 750th Chapter Meeting at the Annual Picnic on September 20th at Antioch Park. Thanks to Pat and Dewey Fry, our picnics are always the best and the following Flag Retirement Ceremony shows an important patriotic service that we proudly provide for the community.

The second milestone is that the November Chapter Meeting will celebrate our 65th anniversary. The meeting will take place where our chapter was formed, the Grinter House, on November 15th at 11:00am.

Mark your calendar and be sure to attend these two important events.



*Clay Shropshire presents the twenty-five-year award to George Butler Gordon III.*

George Butler Gordon III was presented his Twenty-Five Year Member Award consisting of a Certificate and Pin. The presentation was made by Executive Vice President Clay Shropshire.

George's 25th anniversary as a member of the Delaware Crossing Chapter, the Kansas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and the National Society of the American Revolution occurred on January 12, 2025. It took us a few months to get our schedule to coincide for George to receive the award.

George took a few minutes to speak of his Patriot Ancestor and his Sponsor who was Roger James, a past Chapter President and long-time member who is now deceased.



### Passing of Richard “Dick” Boyd Hartzler

Richard Hartzler became a member of the Delaware Crossing Chapter, the Kansas Society SAR and the National Society Sons of the American Revolution on July 31, 1975. He paid his dues annually and became an Emeritus Member (50 year member) on July 31, 2025; therefore, did not have to pay any dues after 2024. He was presented an Emeritus Member Certificate by the NSSAR.

A brief obituary of Richard Hartzler accompanies this article. Services will be on Saturday September 6, 2025 at Colonial Presbyterian Church, 9500 Wornall Road, Kansas City, Missouri 64114 with Visitation from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

To view the complete obituary, where to send donations, and memories by others visit Dignity Memorial online by clicking on the following link: Richard Hartzler Obituary - Kansas City, MO

### Color Guard

The Delaware Crossing Color Guard is very active throughout the year and you will see some of their pictures earlier in this newsletter under Color Guard.

### 65<sup>th</sup> Chapter Anniversary

We will celebrate the 65th Anniversary of the founding of our Delaware Crossing Chapter on November 15 at the Grinter Place Historic Site, 1420 S. 78th Street,

Kansas City, KS. It will be a luncheon meeting, followed by a visit to the Grinter House in which our chapter was originally founded on November 1, 1960.

As this is a catered event we must give them adequate notice, so let chapter officers know of your interest. More information will be published from the chapter in the next couple of weeks.

### FORT HAYS CHAPTER (Hays) Stanley

**Groom, President** - *Meeting Dates and Location- Meet on the 3rd Tuesday of Jan, May, July, Sept, Nov. at 7:pm (March is the State SAR Meeting) at the Rooks County Museum, 921 S. Cedar St, Stockton, KS.*

No update

**FORT SCOTT CHAPTER (Ft. Scott) Jim Gilpin, President** - *Meets second Saturday in February, April, June, August, October and December at Lucci's Cafe at 11 am*

No update.

**HENRY LEAVENWORTH CHAPTER (Leavenworth) Bennett Dickson, President** - *Meets 4th Thursday monthly at The Heritage Center, 109 Delaware St., Leavenworth, KS 66048*



*Photo courtesy of Walt Schley.*

Dr. Glen Welch was presented with the SAR Military Service Medal. Dr. Welch received the award in recognition of his more than 20-year service in the U.S. Army.



*Retired teacher and Compatriot Michael Philbrick was recently inducted into the SAR.*

Local teacher, KSSSAR VP and chapter Past President, Jerry Gross, was recognized for uncovering and documenting another Patriot ancestor. Chapter President Bennett Dickson presented Gross with a Patriot supplement certificate in honor of his discovery. The Patriot, Private Rueben Thorp of New Jersey, served as a scout, spy, and minuteman during the Revolutionary War. His service added both risk and honor to his family's story, and now, thanks to years of research, his legacy has been formally connected to Gross's family line. For Gross, the journey was far from easy. He shared with fellow members that it took 25 years to gather enough supporting evidence to prove the connection.



Henry Leavenworth Chapter proudly recognizes Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), and in September presented Marcia Philbrick with a Medal of Appreciation for her outstanding support and promotion of SAR membership. Marcia referred her



husband, Michael Philbrick, to become an SAR member.



Cooper Albright, Matthew and Hunter Blome, Mark Philbrick and Ron Wiseman were all inducted.



Victor Henke was the Henry Leavenworth Chapter's guest speaker in September. Mr. Henke's presentation was on the "Diversity & Complexity in Indian Kansas". After his presentation Mr. Henke was awarded the SAR Good Citizenship Medal for his contributions to his community.

**KONZA PRAIRIE CHAPTER (Manhattan)**  
**Doug Brabb, President** - Meets 3rd Thursday at 7:30 PM, Meeting location TBD

No update

### **LITTLE BALKANS CHAPTER (Pittsburg)**

**Dustin Strong President** - *Little Balkans*

*Chapter is the state's newest chapter, they continue to increase membership.*





It has been a very active quarter for the Little Balkans Chapter. Starting with supporting the USD 247, 7th

grade students cleaning Headstones at the Cherokee Cemetery. SAR provided water sprayers, Dawn soap, and cleaning equipment along with providing snacks and drinks. We then assisted (DAR) Oceanus Hopkins Chapter by going to Haderlien Elementary School's five kindergarten classes reading a story about Flag Day and having a Flag Day Coloring Contest. All students received a flag and a glow in the dark patriotic bracelet with each classroom winner receiving a certificate. SAR assisted of a local contractor in replacing the broken flagpole rope and flag at Hope Cemetery in St. Paul, KS. DAR Oceanus Hopkins Chapter, NSDAR, Little Balkans, SAR, Fort Scott SAR Chapter, and Molly Foster Berry, Fort Scott, NSDAR Chapter all participated in "Field of Honor" at the Fort Scott National Historic Site by placing 8,500 American Flags on its historic parade ground. This



"Field of Honor" is part of the "Symbols of Sacrifice" Commemoration, serving to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to the United States. This display is a way to remember and honor the sacrifices of service members. SAR and DAR also participated in the Retirement of the Field. Little Balkans Chater, SAR and Esther Lowrey Chapter, DAR, Independence planted their America 250 Liberty Tree at Riverside Park, Independence, KS. honoring Patriot Major General Richard Montgomery. On Flag Day Little Balkans Chapter supported Girard American Legion Post 26 in a Flag Retirement Ceremony and members attended a Workshop on cleaning headstones at Union Cemetery, KCMO.



Little Balkans and Oceanus Hopkins, DAR, Pittsburg, KS, were well represented at the Fort Scott Naturalization Ceremony on September 17, 2025. One hundred new citizens from 44 different countries were inducted into the United States as new citizens. SAR provided the color guard as an escort for the judge.



Kansas SAR Secretary John Schwartz recounted Montgomery's exploits during his march to Quebec in 1775. Mr. Schwartz, dressed as a member of the Color Guard, was humorously the victim of mistaken identity by a young passenger on the park's miniature train, shouting, "Hello George Washington!" as it passed by.





The Kansas SAR Color Guard and members of the local Boy Scout troop present the colors during the dedication.



Little Balkans Chapter and Esther Lowrey Chapter, NSDAR, Independence, Kansas dedicated Liberty Tree 250 to honor Revolutionary War General Richard Montgomery. Montgomery County is named for General Montgomery.



The plaque dedicating the Liberty Tree in Independence. The project was a joint effort between members of the Little Balkans SAR and Esther Lowrey DAR to acquire the tree and stone over the past year and the help of the Independence Parks Department in planting and caring for the young tree.

**MONTICELLO CHAPTER (Shawnee)**  
**Jordan Chambers, President** - *Meets 2nd*

*Tuesday monthly, 6:00 PM at the American Legion*

*Hall on 75<sup>th</sup> in Overland Park*

No update.

**PRAIRIE MINUTEMEN CHAPTER**  
**(Ellsworth Area) David Bailey, President**

No update.

**SONS OF THE PLAINS CHAPTER**  
**(Hutchinson) Bit Roberts President** -

*Meetings at Reno County Museum 100 South Walnut  
Hutchinson Ks 7PM Tuesday Sept-May*

SAR Compatriot Dean Stewart passed from this life to the next on Tuesday, August 19. He was 84 years old and brought a steady, faithful presence to his church family.



Sons of the Plains partnered with NSDAR Dodge City and the Buffalo Society Children of the American Revolution on a meaningful Liberty Tree Project that connects modern Kansas with their Revolutionary War heritage. The six-year-old tree was sourced from Borin, Oregon and purchased from Kliever Landscape. It was planted last summer close to the



Santa Fe Trail granite marker number 64 on "Wet/Dry Route." It will serve as a lasting tribute to the patriots who fought for American Independence.



The Color Guard image is from the Celebration of Baton Rouge in Baton Rouge September 27<sup>th</sup>. It was an honor to attend their Board of Managers meeting on Friday night and the Celebration which drew a sizable crowd at the Galvez Memorial Park on Saturday morning. If you are ever in Baton Rouge be sure to take in the old State Capitol building Museum and also the new one which is the tallest in the Nation.

Sons of the Plains will be taking part in another joint 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration with the dedication of a Liberty Tree planted at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Dodge City Saturday 11 October, 2025. Working with the Dodge City DAR and the Buffalo Society CAR we have planted a Heritage Oak and the Stone is set ready for dedication. Sons of the Plains is working with the DAR again in Hutchinson to plant another tree. Details are finalized but we're not ready to reveal as yet. One never knows until it is planted and the stone set that it will be done.

## **THOMAS JEFFERSON CHAPTER (Topeka) Brian Vazquez, President –**

*The Thomas Jefferson Chapter meets at the Topeka Shawnee County Library, 1515 SW 10th Street, Topeka, KS, on the 2nd Saturday of the months of February to June and September to November. On the other months, the Chapter meets in the dining area of the Topeka HyVee, 2951 SW Wanamaker Rd., Topeka, KS, at 9:00 am. The chapter provides coffee, water and pastries at all of the meetings.*

*In September 2025, President Brian Vazquez presented a PowerPoint presentation on the NSSAR Youth Protection Training to the Thomas Jefferson Chapter. Brian can share the PowerPoint and supporting materials to interested chapters electronically.*

## **WASHINGTON CHAPTER (Wichita Area)**

**Steve Hamlin, President;** *Meets 3rd Thursday except January & July at 7:00 pm at Good Shepherd Church Wichita, KS*

Washington Chapter secretary John Schwartz gave the chapter a presentation on the Oregon – California Trail Association. The Oregon – California Trail Association is a not-for-profit organization based in Independence, Missouri. The association is dedicated to preserving sights along America's trails west.



Schwartz relayed how he first became affiliated with the OCTA, when he lived in Blue Rapids, in Marshall county Kansas, John volunteered as the president of the Alcove Springs conservation society. Alcove Springs is a natural spring and waterfall, which was an important stopping point along the Oregon trail where



pioneers would stop to rest and fill water barrels for the long trip ahead.



The OCTA released a quarterly magazine titled "Overland Journal" in which the association publishes articles and written accounts for the journey west taken from personal remembrances and journals from the pioneers as they trekked across the wild lands to their ultimate destination to settle the west.

Anyone interested in the Oregon – California Trail Association can contact their main office and museum at 416 W. Maple, Independence, MO 64050 or contact them by phone at 816-252-2276.

**THE KANSAS SAR LADIES AUXILIARY**  
**Laura Hamlin, President** - *Meets during the Quarterly Board of Governors*

No update.



## New Members

| Last     | First   | Middle          | NSSAR  | Ks   | Ch  | Sponsor         | Approved | Ancestor             |
|----------|---------|-----------------|--------|------|-----|-----------------|----------|----------------------|
| Blome    | Matthew | Lee             | 234798 | 4134 | HL  | Vass, S.. IV    | 08/15/25 | Major Lines          |
| Blome    | Hunter  | Gabriel         | 234799 | 4135 | HL  | Vass, S. IV     | 08/15/25 | Major Lines          |
| Blome    | Gunnar  | Benedict George | 234800 | 4136 | HL  | Vass, S. IV     | 08/15/25 | Major Lines          |
| Howell   | Marcus  | Bradley         | 234801 | 4136 | DX  | Schatzel, J. A. | 08/15/25 | Micajah Callaway     |
| Warren   | Michael | Lee             | 234802 | 4138 | DX  | Schatzel, J. A. | 08/15/25 | John Gill            |
| Cooper   | Thomas  | Alan            | 234892 | 4139 | CR  | Schatzel, J. A. | 08/22/25 | Robert Dunlap        |
| Cooper   | Stewart | Mace            | 234893 | 4140 | CR  | Schatzel, J. A. | 08/22/25 | Robert Dunlap        |
| Cooper   | Kenneth | Stewart, II     | 234894 | 4141 | CRJ | Schatzel, J. A. | 08/22/25 | Robert Dunlap        |
| Cooper   | Zadok   | Louis           | 234895 | 4142 | CRJ | Schatzel, J. A. | 08/22/25 | Robert Dunlap        |
| Cook     | Zane    | Paul            | 234896 | 4143 | SP  | Hulse, B. A.    | 08/22/25 | Benjamin Drake       |
| Mitchell | Jeffrey | Ray             | 234897 | 4144 | CR  | Schatzel, J. A. | 08/22/25 | Sherebiah Fletcher   |
| Ross     | Cameron | Michael         | 234898 | 4145 | DX  | Schatzel, J. A. | 08/22/25 | John Sydebotham      |
| DeMott   | Robert  | Hugh            | 234899 | 4146 | LB  | Schatzel, J. A. | 08/22/25 | Peter DeMott         |
| Albright | Brian   | Cooper          | 234900 | 4147 | HL  | Schatzel, J. A. | 08/22/25 | Christopher Braucher |

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## Supplementals

| Last   | First       | Middle  | NSSAR  | Ks   | Ch | Approved | Ancestor                |
|--------|-------------|---------|--------|------|----|----------|-------------------------|
| Nance  | Christopher | Ryan    | 180656 | 3703 | WA | 07/04/25 | Phineas Howe            |
| Bowman | Marlowe     | Bruce   | 170552 | 2606 | MC | 07/25/25 | Benjamin Weaver         |
| Bowman | Marlowe     | Bruce   | 170552 | 2606 | MC | 07/25/25 | Moses Wray              |
| Bowman | Marlowe     | Bruce   | 170552 | 2606 | MC | 07/25/25 | Naomi Amy (Lovine) Seay |
| Bowman | Marlowe     | Bruce   | 170552 | 2606 | MC | 07/25/25 | Abraham Seay            |
| Forbes | John        | William | 130043 | 1781 | DX | 08/15/25 | Martin Dawson           |
| Forbes | Bradley     | William | 157782 | 2298 | DX | 08/15/25 | Martin Dawson           |
| Posson | William     | Allen   | 194456 | 3091 | FH | 08/22/25 | Thomas Shanks           |
| Forbes | John        | William | 130043 | 1781 | DX | 08/29/25 | William Forbes          |
| Forbes | John        | William | 130043 | 1781 | DX | 08/29/25 | Nathaniel Haggard       |
| Forbes | Bradley     | William | 157782 | 2298 | DX | 08/29/25 | William Forbes          |
| Forbes | Bradley     | William | 157782 | 2298 | DX | 08/29/25 | Nathaniel Haggard       |
| Weaver | Steven      | Craig   | 196589 | 3132 | TJ | 09/19/25 | Jacob Reed, Sr.         |
| Weaver | Steven      | Craig   | 196589 | 3132 | TJ | 09/19/25 | John Metcalfe           |



### *Taps*

| Last      | First   | Middle | NSSAR Ks | Ch      | Member | Died      |
|-----------|---------|--------|----------|---------|--------|-----------|
| Kelly     | William | Lentz  | 141163   | 1996    | 1993   | 07/06/25* |
| Clark     | Porter  | James  | 108708   | 1107    | 1975   | 07/17/25* |
| Hellstrom | Worthy  | Ray    | 146037   | 2075    | 1996   | 08/02/25* |
| Hartzler  | Richard | Boyd   | 108713   | 1112 DX | 1975   | 08/15/25  |
| Stewart   | Robert  | Dean   | 118350   | 1369 SP | 1981   | 08/19/25  |
| Horton    | Donald  | Gene   | 167499   | 2515    | 2006   | 08/22/25* |
| Lane      | James   | Leland | 161701   | 2384 BN | 2003   | 08/31/25  |
| Adamson   | Lonnie  | Vern   | 122032   | 1514    | 1983   | 09/09/25* |
| Gallagher | David   | Wilson | 145057   | 2058    | 1995   | 09/13/25< |
| Clark     | Ralph   | Elwn   | 136373   | 1913    | 1991   | 09/14/25* |

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## *Taps Verse*

**T**hanks, and praise, for our days,  
'Neath the sun, Neath the stars,  
'Neath the sky,  
As we go, this we know,  
God is nigh.

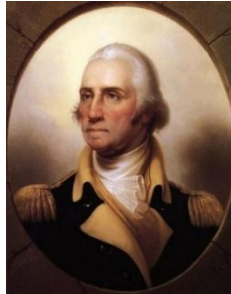


MSGT Keith Beyer  
300<sup>th</sup> Army Band

Bugler, and Professional Trumpet Musician  
Taps for Memories



## *Final Thoughts*



**Beware of the continuing legacy which you carry  
as a  
Son of the American Revolution**

**R**emembering General George Washington's farewell message to his most trusted officers in Fraunces Tavern on the evening of 4 December 1783, Colonel Benjamin Talmadge recorded in his memoirs that the General said, "With a heart full of love and gratitude, I now take leave of you. I most devoutly wish that your latter days may be as prosperous and happy as your former ones have been glorious and honorable. I cannot come to each of you but shall feel obliged if each of you will come and take me by the hand."

During his Farewell Orders to the Army, a little over a month earlier, the General acknowledged their achievements, commended the Army with high praise, expressed his personal gratitude, called for unity and order, expressed his fervent wish for future prosperity and gave them a moving farewell.

Then, after a brief 4-year hiatus as a farmer, he was called back into service once again, this time to preside over the Constitutional Convention and to ultimately become our first President in 1789. May we do well to follow the General's example.

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