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127th ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE ~ WICHITA 2025

DAR state conference Saturday, April 5, 2025 in Wichita, KS.

Back row: Bit Roberts (SP), Tim Baxter (WA), Jim Ganyon (SP), Bobbie Hulse (SP) & Pat Crawford (BN)

Front row: Bill Marshall, KSSSAR Color Guard Commander, Pamela Wright, NSDAR President General, Rebecca Kline, Kansas DAR Regent, Timothy Peterman, KSSSAR President.



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Incoming Kansas SAR President's Message



By Timothy Peterman
President
Kansas State Society, Sons of the American Revolution
Delaware Crossing Chapter

Dear Compatriots, Family Members, and Friends of the Kansas SAR,

Most of you already know me. For 30 long years, spanning 15 presidential administrations (Grover, Slemmons, Schwartz, Brant, Ellis, Haneke, Grassl, Klotzbach, Comer, Capps, Lyles, Nelson, Hulse, Welkner & Wampler), I have served the Kansas Society, Sons of the American Revolution as Membership Secretary and Registrar. Many of you will see my signature on either your certificate or your record copy. Over half of all applications registered by the Kansas Society since our inception in 1892 were processed by me. I've been busy! Going forward, as President of the Kansas Society, your new Registrar and Membership Secretary is Jeff Winters of Olathe, KS. Jeff is a past president of Monticello Chapter. I am in the process of training and mentoring Jeff in his new role as Registrar and Membership Secretary. After about May 1, 2025, all applications (new and supplemental) will be processed by him. Let us all extend our best wishes to Jeff in this endeavor and support him to our fullest!

I became interested in genealogy when I was about 12 years old. I first heard about SAR at age 15, when my maternal grandmother, after my persistent questioning, showed me her DAR paper, and told me that someday, I could join Sons of the American Revolution. I thought, "Wow! How unusual! How rare!" As time rolled by, I honed my genealogy skills. By the time I joined SAR in 1982, I had discovered a growing number of Revolutionary War patriots across all sides of my family. I now have 43 patriots registered by NSSAR, a record for the Kansas Society. They



can be found across 7/8 of my ancestry. My remaining great grandfather, Josef Petermann (1862-1953) was a Swiss immigrant. My estimate is that many other members of the Kansas Society have a similar number of patriot ancestors, and I challenge all to look deeper into their ancestry. You might be surprised at what you will find. If you do find more Revolutionary War patriots, you can add them to your SAR record by applying for supplemental patriots. Rather than being rare, connections to the Revolutionary War are commonplace for those lines of ancestry that didn't recently immigrate. If you get a line back to the Civil War and the soldier, whether Union or Confederate, was born in America, roughly 50% of his ancestors just a few generations earlier were Revolutionary War patriots. Most people are oblivious -they don't know or care about this. If asked, most people assume that none of their ancestors were Revolutionary War patriots. But if they do learn about their connection, many will have a similar reaction to this 15-year-old boy back in 1974. Once identified, the preservation of these connections for posterity is one of the missions of SAR.

Think about it for a minute; the pool of people that each of us knows. I call this one's personal network – people from church, from work, from your Christmas or Holiday card list, friends, relatives, acquaintances. When we think about them, most of us think about how we know each of them. Now, let's think about them a bit differently -each one of them is the current generation's terminus of an elaborate family tree. Each represents their 8 great grandparents, their 64 great-great-great-great grandparents, and so forth. Ask yourself just how many of their ancestors were Revolutionary War patriots. Some might even potentially break my KSSSAR record of 43. Once someone helps a friend or neighbor get started looking into his genealogy, the possibilities are endless.

Think for a minute about the hundreds of communities scattered across Kansas. Many of these have libraries, newspapers, public meeting places and bulletin boards, and outreach events, the community or county fair with parade opportunities. I have asked a team of district advisors to assist in identifying communities and the outreach possibilities. We need to spread the word of SAR to new places and people.



But let's say that within each of our personal networks, and throughout many communities that are just now learning about SAR, we identify hundreds of prospective members. Currently, we have just a small handful of members regularly producing applications and sponsoring new members. My hope is that each of those currently working applications will remain productive in this endeavor. However, I would like to see the Kansas Society develop a broader pool of working genealogists and sponsors; preferably about one genealogist for every 50 members – this would be about 20 working genealogists. Each one would be awarded a Liberty Medal by NSSAR for the first 10 that they sponsor, and so forth. I ask each KSSSAR member to consider the possibility of assisting with applications. At least give it a try. I know that not all of us may have the aptitude to do this, and it may be a bit cumbersome at the start. Once you have done a few, you might be surprised at how easy it becomes. You can always ask for assistance from KSSSAR Genealogist Joe Warne or his predecessor, John Schatzel.

My vision for the Kansas SAR is to spread the word of our existence and our mission statement to as many people as possible. I encourage those with ideas on how to do this to speak up. Be innovative. Share your ideas. They might not work, or they might double our membership!

Tim Peterman

President

Kansas Society of SAR



Editorial

By Robert Lofthouse
Liberty Bell Editor
Treasurer, Henry Leavenworth Chapter
General Chair, George Washington Birthday Committee

Greetings! We are well into 2025.

A lot has already taken place and our fellow compatriots are engaged at the local, state and national levels.

The 132nd Annual Conference occurred on March 15 at the Olathe Hilton Garden Inn. Several Compatriots attended a Friday night performance of RUMORS at The New Theatre & Restaurant. Secretary General Michael Elston was our Keynote Speaker at dinner on the 15th. South Central District Vice President General James Osburn led the incoming chapter officers in their oath of office. Ladies Auxiliary President Becky Osburn led the incoming KSSSAR Ladies Auxiliary President, Laura Hamlin, in her oath of office. New State Society officers were installed. Michael Elson administered the oath of office, then administered the Presidential Oath of Office to incoming KSSSAR President Timothy Peterman. A recap of the awards given out are included in Appendix A at the end of this newsletter.

At our February BOG meeting, we approved the purchase of 100 South Central District lapel pins. Delivery is expected this week, so be on the lookout for availability of these pins for sale. We also have a bag full of the Kansas SAR lapel pins to sell. Stay tuned...

Trivia: How old is the United States Marine Corps if the Continental Marines were originally founded in 1775? Invite me to speak at your chapter to tell you the story.

Robert Lofthouse

Editor

The Editor of the Liberty Bell is Robert Lofthouse of the Henry Leavenworth Chapter. The Publisher is Bryan Wampler of the Monticello Chapter, President of the Kansas SAR. If there is something you want to see in it please reach out to the Editor at rlofthouse@ksssar.org.



Color Guard

Face of the Kansas SAR

Right now, we have a Missouri event on April 27th in Independence, MO. A DAR event on May 3rd, in Independence, KS. The next BOG is on May 3rd in Topeka, then the combined Kansas and Missouri Color Guard will present colors at the K to kickoff Memorial Day game between the KC Royals and Cincinnati Reds at 3pm. Contact Rob Lofthouse for information on seating if you want to attend the game.

On June 7th we will be having an event at the President Eisenhower Library with a group from France. Contact Dewey Fry or Kirk Rush for more information. Dewey is in charge of an event on May 17th in Olathe also. Please contact him on that one. On May 27th there is going to be a DAR event in Burrton, KS. On May 27th in St. Genevieve, MO there will be Kansas guardsmen attending a National event.

Color Guard Commander, Bill Marshall, was recognized at the recent Kansas Society of DAR, for his service to the Daughters of the American Revolution. Photos on next page.



Editor's Note: A big shout-out to CG Commander, Bill Marshall, for managing the statewide Color Guard activities.



All of the Rodeo Queens, the streets lined with patriot rodeo fans, and the parade is only a few blocks long so we can all make the trip. The date is May 17th and we will muster at the school grounds as you come into town from the east. By the way the BBQ is great but the pies are better. Bobbie Hulse with the Queens of the Rodeo. Contact Bobbie for more information.





Publicity Director's Backstory

By Mark Davis
Society Publicity Director
Henry Leavenworth Chapter

I joined the Kansas SAR for all the wrong reasons. I was not interested in joining, I knew little about SAR and was never very interested in genealogy. While my first degree was in history, I've been more operationally and organizationally focused most of my life, so not much of a historian. I joined because my brother wanted to join, and we could get Compatriot John Schatzel to complete my application. We figured that once I was in, my brother could get in.

I thought about quitting after the first couple of meetings as it didn't feel like anyone was interested in talking to me. That, of course, could just be my sparkling personality honed after thirty-five+ years of service in the Army both in uniform and as a civilian contractor. The last fifteen years of that time in Washington DC can make you prickly.

I respect compatriot fellows who love the history, genealogy and veneration of our patriotic ancestors. But my motivations center around building friendships and making a difference in people today. Since I had not seen a lot of that in the meetings, I was ready to leave SAR. But instead of quitting, I decided to volunteer for a picnic committee and give the SAR thing one last shot. On the committee I was better able to get to know fellow members and learned they were pretty decent folks. I liked them and because of that experience, I kept going back to meetings.

What's your story?



The Best Publicity is...

You tell your story to a friend. If you like SAR, tell your friend you really like SAR, and you would really like to share your enjoyment of SAR with them. Why? Because they are your friends and you like spending time with them doing things you enjoy. As our President has said, unless both sets of grandparents were immigrants, they have a higher than 50% likelihood of connecting with a Revolutionary War patriot somewhere in their history.



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Seriously, your personal testimony of your story, then telling a friend you want them in your chapter, is the best way to get them in your chapter. If they say no, your friendship will endure.

If they say no while waffling, wait a few weeks and bring it up again. One thing I learned from Army recruiters is, it's okay to overcome a 'No.' Just ask them why they are saying no, and when they tell you, ask if they will agree to join if you can overcome their objection. It's amazing how many times that works.

So get out there. Tell your story and bring your friends into the organization. Everybody enjoys being with friends. And your SAR compatriots will enjoy their experiences even more with the friends you bring in.

Mark Davis

Publicity Director



Elections

Here is the list of National SAR candidates for 2025-2027, with the caveat that additional candidates may pop up. You will see several candidate flyers in Appendix B at the end of this newsletter.

President General: Michael Elston
Secretary General: Allen Greenly
Treasurer General: T. Brooks Lyles & Edmon McKinley
Chancellor General: Peter Davenport & Greg Ohanesian
Genealogist General: Gary Green & Gary Neal
Registrar General: Keith Weissinger
Historian General: Jeffrey Thomas
Librarian General: James Osbourn
Surgeon General: Joe Hamil
Chaplain General: Christopher Grimes

Compatriots who attended the State Society Annual Conference in March, voted on and elected the following officers for 2025-2027:

President – Tim Peterman (DX)
VP - Jerry Gross (HL)
East VP – Doug Brabb (KP)
West VP – Steve Hamlin (WA)
Recording Secretary – John Schwartz (WA)
Treasurer – Robert Lofthouse (HL)
Membership Secretary – Jeffrey Winters (MC)
Registrar – Jeffrey Winters (MC)
Chaplain -Bruce Cromwell (SP)
Historian – Jordan Chambers (MC)
Genealogy – Joe Warne (WA)
Publicity Director – Mark Davis (HL)
Chancellor – Brian Vazquez (TJ)
Delegate-at-Large – Bruce Smith (DX)
Trustee – Bryan Wampler (MC)
Alternate Trustee – Jeffrey Winters (MC)



Delegates Needed!

The Kansas Society of SAR is entitled to have 21 voting delegates attend the National SAR Congress this summer in Uncasville, CT. Dates are from July 13 to July 17.

Thus far, only 7 Kansas Compatriots have indicated that they intend to be there. We could use about 14 more to help our voting bloc.

If you are interested in attending and need more information, reach out to our President, Timothy Peterman.

He needs to have a final headcount no later than **May 3rd** – so – if you're attending the BOG, that would be a good time to have that conversation.

There are
reasonably priced
B&B's nearby

Hotel

- Mohegan Sun Resort
1 Mohegan Sun Boulevard
Uncasville, CT 06382
- **Room block 88% Full**
- **Over 40 different restaurant
and dining options**
- www.mohegansun.com





George Washington Birthday Wichita

On Saturday evening, February 15, 2025, the Washington Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) held a program to celebrate the birth of our first Army General and first US President, George Washington, at the Holiday Inn Express on Rock Road in Wichita. Mrs. Julie Crawford serenaded with her beautiful music. The last time this event was held was in 2019 – pre covid.

Chaplain Randy Colby provided the invocation and benediction.

This event was well attended by 72 compatriots and guests, including Wichita Mayor Lily Wu, Valerie Bothell, DAR District Director of the Mary Draper Chapter, Bryan Wampler, Kansas State Society President of the SAR, Chief Phillip Bostian of Park City and Mike VanCampen, President of Kansas Honor Flight. Mr. VanCampen was the Keynote Speaker for the evening.

Mrs. Bothell's DAR chapter donated a gorgeous quilt of valor as a fund raiser for Kansas Honor Flight, which was won in a silent auction by John Schwartz. Mrs. Bothell was also recognized for all she did to organize this event.

Mayor Wu was awarded Good Citizenship Certificate for recognition of her notable community service who upholds our American principles.

Compatriot Bryan Wampler, who is a retired Brigadier General with the U.S. Army and the Kansas State Society SAR President, was introduced and gave some brief remarks about the work DAR and SAR have been doing together in the state. He made a point to say that the Kansas Society of SAR has over 1,000 members but that many of those members came to us through the local DAR chapter references.

As the audience proceeded to eat their wonderful meal, John Schwartz, Emcee and Host of the event, gave us some insight into President Washington's background, agricultural and engineering expertise.



After dinner, as guests were eating their chocolate cake and cheesecake, Mr. Schwartz returned to his position at the podium to recognize the following guest:

- SAR Law Enforcement Medal and Certificate to Chief Phillip Bostian

Our Keynote Speaker for the evening was Mr. Mike VanCampen, President of the Kansas Honor Flight, who spoke at length about the Kansas Honor Flight (KHF).

The SAR Color Guard, led by Commander Tim Baxter, posted colors at the beginning of the program and retired the colors at the end, as is the tradition of SAR.

Several photos of the event are below:

- President John Schwartz and Mayor Lily Wu
- Chief Phillip Bostian and Mrs. Bostian
- President-Elect Steve Hamlin and Mrs. Valerie Bothell
- President John Schwartz and Mike VanCampen of Kansas Honor Flight
- Color Guard photo with Mayor Lily Wu and Mike VanCampen

Robert Lofthouse

Liberty Bell Editor





George Washington Birthday Kansas City

The 38th Annual Kansas City Area George Washington Birthday Celebration (GWBC)

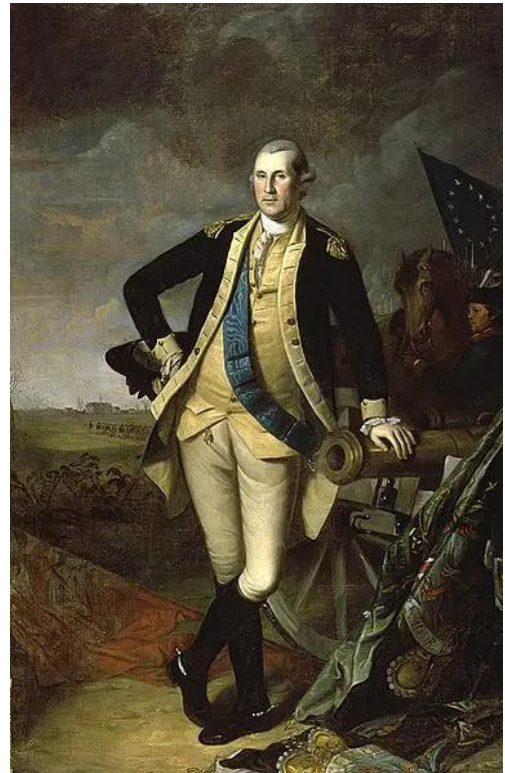
was held on two dates this year, Friday and Saturday, February 20-21.

Friday night's event introduced the Martha Washington Ball, a new event this year. Approximately 80 Compatriots, Daughters and friends attended and to the delight of all, a colonial band played music from the 18th Century, re-enactors portrayed George, Martha and Mary Washington, the Color Guard performed and a Virginia Reel Caller took us through the proper dance steps of the Virginia Reel. A good time was enjoyed by all as evidenced in the survey feedback from those who responded.

On Saturday, the main event took place, with a capacity crowd of 275. Carolyn Sue Grover, the deceased wife of Compatriot Bob Grover, Trustee, and Compatriot from Harry S. Truman, a long-time supporter, was honored with a moment of silence and a program insert describing her years of dedicated service to DAR and the GWBC. Carolyn is deeply missed by all who knew her.

Our keynote speaker was Mary Sanchez, who is a nationally syndicated columnist. Ms. Sanchez spoke about the legacy of Latino Heroes of the American Revolution. She was awarded the SAR Martha Washington Medal & Certificate.

The two State Society Presidents from C.A.R. (the Children of the American Revolution) were awarded the SAR Certificate of Appreciation. They are Eliza Tindell and Katie Schaer.





Ten police officers from the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department were recognized and honored for their unselfish sacrifices and service during a drug bust in 2023. The criminals were arrested after an intensive gun fight where three officers were seriously wounded. All have recovered and were able to go back to work. GWBC presented each officer with the SAR Heroism Medal and Certificate. Sergeant Glen Carter, Officers Chris Blake, Wesley Lundgren, Chad Store, Greg Haynes, Robert Twitchel, Chad Williams and Angel Silvestre, along with Detectives Jamie Miller and Kyle Wolf, were all recognized for their bravery.

Our fundraisers were a great success, as the number of silent auction baskets increased from the previous year, most of the Tidal Wave car wash coupons were sold, the wine pull almost sold-out and the Ron Chernow biography of *George Washington: A Life*, drew a great deal of interest.

Our Master of Ceremonies again this year was Greg Beck. Vern Welkner, National SAR Chaplain, prayed over the attendee fellowship and meals, offering both the invocation and benediction. Robert Lofthouse, General Chairman and Treasurer, gaveled the luncheon to order and closed the proceedings right on time. All three Compatriots are members of the Henry Leavenworth Chapter. More than twenty-five Compatriots and Daughters from eight area chapters volunteered their services to help make this a great success.

Donations were up from 2024, as two state societies, fifteen chapters (both SAR and DAR) along with several individual Compatriots and Daughters offered contributions. Generous donations from several members totaling \$400, and designated for this purpose, were subsequently given to Cottey College, in memory of Carolyn Grover.

For a look at the more than 700 pictures shot by our photographer, Erin Smith, along with several other Compatriots and Daughters, and to learn more about the GWBC and what we have planned for 2026, go visit our website at <https://gwbckansascity.org/>.

Robert Lofthouse

General Chair & Treasurer



Youth Outreach



By Bruce Smith
Youth Outreach Chair

The National History Teacher Annual Conference was held on March 20-22 at the Hyatt at the Arch in St. Louis. SARS's Education Director Rae Ann Sauer and I attended to represent SAR. There were several excursions to historic sites in the St. Louis area on the 20th. Excursions included the US Grant home, Cahokia Mounds, Lewis and Clark Historic site, and others.

These excursions were followed by an opening reception held in the exhibitor area. This event started a productive few days of interacting with numerous teachers from across the US. Florida, Kansas, and Missouri were particularly well represented among the attendees. The focus of the messaging was to encourage teachers to apply for the American History Teacher Award



within their state and to provide information about the available Youth Contests for their grade levels. SAR flyers for each contest were provided. SAR's educational outreach and education support opportunities and the contacts for each were also discussed. Patriot Chest visits were a particularly interesting option for many teachers.

Overall, this was a successful event. It provided an opportunity to chat about SAR programs at length in a way that is not often available in the school environment. Additionally, interesting contacts were made with other providers that may prove helpful to our members.

Bruce Smith

Youth Education Coordinator



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.

The Bennington Chapter is now meeting at the Harmony Hideaway. This is a venue that our chapters own Milt Allen and his partner in the retreat Nancy Steele have developed to host gatherings of musicians, family reunions, wedding receptions, hunting parties, and it is in a beautiful setting north of Salina. The Bennington Chapter is growing rather rapidly at this point and we are looking to find the proper leadership to split our chapter and develop a group up north around the Concordia area. We have a number of members up there and it is a very long commute to come to meetings. It does make sense to form a new chapter there once we can establish leadership to get it going and keep it going in the future. Pictured is Acting President Devin Gray presenting a leadership



certificate to Leon Gray for his participation in the training.

On 16 March 2025, I had the pleasure of presenting Mrs. Debra Lee Smith Dean a SAR Medal of Appreciation for referring her husband, David Dean to the Sons of the American Revolution Bennington Chapter. Debra is a member of the DAR Nathan Edson Chapter out of Clifton, Kansas. This presentation took place at their Chapter Spring Tea in Clyde, Kansas. Pictured below are Mr. David Dean (Left) and Mrs. Debra Dean (Right).



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

No update.



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) Vincent Clark, President

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

From the February edition of the Delaware Crossing Patriot Newsletter:

SAR Eagle Scout Certificate Presentations

On Saturday, January 11th, DX Eagle Scout Chairman Kirk Rush attended Boy Scout Troop 123's Eagle Scout Court of Honor where he presented SAR Eagle Scout Certificates to new Eagle Scouts Derek Foster and Harrison Holt. Derek and Harrison were both members of a crew of 8 Scouts and 3 adults, including Compt. Rush, which traveled to Philmont Scout Ranch, NM during the summer of 2021 for 12 days of backpacking, mountain climbing and backwoods camping. Compt. Rush is also an Assistant Scoutmaster and Eagle Scout Advisor in Troop 123 which meets at Community Covenant Church in Lenexa, KS.

The attached picture is of Kirk Rush standing next to Eagle Scout Harrison Holt after completion of the ceremony.



John Forbes Presentation / Charles Curtis

Those of us who were preteen or teenagers in 1955 remember a song intitled Jim Dandy to the Rescue. Well for our program on January 18, 2025 it was John Forbes to the RESCUE. A couple days earlier we did not have a program for the chapter meeting. Fortunately, John Forbes had just barely finished reading about Charles Curtis. Charles Curtis was born January 25, 1860 in North Topeka, Kansas Territory. His mother was born Ellen Papin, a member of the of Kaw, Osage, Potawatomi and French ancestry. Charles Curtis was a descendent of chief White Plume of the Kaw Nation and chief Pawhuska of the Osage. He served in the US House of Representatives



from March 4, 1893 to January 28, 1907 and in the US Senate in all but two years from January 29, 1907 to March 4, 1929. He was Speaker of the US House of Representatives during the 69th and 70th Congresses (1925-1928) and served as the 31st Vice President of



the United States from 1929 to 1933 under President Herbert Hoover. While a Representative from Kansas in the House, he sponsored and helped pass the Curtis Act of 1898, which extended the Dawes Act to the Five Civilized Tribes of the Indian Territory. He never successfully ran for President. He went home after

serving as Vice President and died February 3, 1936.

January Patriot Biography

The Patriot Biography was presented at our January Meeting by Vincent Clark on his Patriot Ancestor Stukely Hudson.

Vincent first gave a brief history of Rhode Island's Stukely Hudson, who was born in about 1734 in Rhode Island to Benoni Hudson and Polly Westcott and died West Greenwich, Kent County, Rhode Island on 17 May 1806. He married Amy Roberts in 5 August 1762 in Cranston, Providence Co., Rhode Island. He

died in West Greenwich, Kent County, Rhode Island on 17 May 1806.

Stukely Hudson fought in the Kent County Militia Regiments under the commands of Col. John Waterman, Col. Stephen Potter and Lt. Col. Thomas Tillinghast.

Revolutionary War Moment in History

Dennis Nelson wrote and Alan Martin presented the Revolutionary War Moment in History at our January Chapter meeting. It is the following:

The Noble Train of Artillery, also known as the Knox Expedition, was an expedition led by Continental Army Colonel Henry Knox to transport heavy weaponry that had been captured at Fort Ticonderoga to the Continental Army Camps outside Boston during the winter of 1775-76.

Knox went to Ticonderoga in November 1775 and moved 60 tons of cannon and other armaments over the course of three winter months by boat, horse, oxen drawn sledges, and manpower along poor quality roads, across two semi-frozen rivers, and through the forests and swamps of the lightly inhabited Berkshires to the Boston area, covering approximately 300 miles. Historian Victor Brooks has called Knox's exploit "one of the most stupendous feats of logistics" of the entire American Revolutionary War.

On December 17, 1775, Knox wrote Washington that he had built "42 exceedingly



strong sleds, and have provided 80 yoke of oxen to drag them as far as Springfield”, and that he hoped in “16 or 17 days to be able to present your Excellency a noble train of artillery.”

The Expedition lasted from November 17, 1775 to January 25, 1776 or 70 days. The outcome was fortification of Dorchester Heights and the British evacuation of Boston. The Expedition was completed 249 years ago this month.

In addition, Alan Martin presented a short statement on the Battle of Cowpens which was on January 17, 1781, just 244 years and one day prior to our chapter meeting. Alan briefly described the Cowpens National Battlefield and urged all to visit the site as he had. One can tell from Alan’s posture he is very knowledgeable of the battle and comfortable speaking about it.

The battle occurred about 15 miles north of the town of Cowpens, South Carolina. Approximately 2000 militia and regular continental troops were led by Brigadier General Daniel Morgan against approximately 1000 well trained British troops led by Lieutenant Colonel Banastre Tarleton.

The end result was the worst defeat of the British since General Burgoyne surrender to General Horatio Gates at Saratoga in 1777.



Bruce Smith at the Spring Leadership meeting.



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.



Fort Hays exhibited their Patriot Chest in the Prairie Museum of Art and History in Colby, Kansas, throughout the month of April. It has previously been exhibited at the public library in Phillipsburg, Kansas, and prior to that in the Jay Johnson public library in Quinter, Kansas.

The Patriot Chest will travel to Brewster, Kansas May 14th for a presentation to the Lions Club by Fort Hays chapter members Stan Groom and Lynn Fulwider.



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*



Compatriot Vern Welkner, pictured above at the Spring Leadership meeting, who is also our Chapter Chaplain, Past Chapter President, Past State President, and outgoing National Chaplain, has been invited by the Massachusetts Society to become the Chaplain in the 250th Celebration of the Battle of Lexington and Concord. Events are taking place between today, 18 April and Monday, the 21st of April. Pictures and a story will be included in our next Liberty Bell.



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Huzzah!

Three Members of the Henry Leavenworth Chapter attending the Boston 250th Anniversary of Paul Revere's Ride and the Battles of Lexington and Concord! L to R: Brooks Lyles, Vern Welkner, Phillip Bernard.



Bruce Smith (DX), Linda and Vern Welkner stopping with a smile while on the Paul Revere Trail.





Compatriot Tom Chychota received the Distinguished Service Medal, for his unselfish and distinguished service which has contributed to the Chapter's numerous successes. Compatriot Chychota is the Commander of the Chapter's Color Guard



Compatriot Doug Darling received the highest SAR award, the Distinguished Service Medal. Darling's unselfish and distinguished service has contributed to the Chapter's numerous successes.



Compatriot Jack Walker received a Quilt of Valor on March 26, 2025. The presentation took place at the Shawnee Mission Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution meeting. Jack served in the U.S. Army in the Vietnam War where he was wounded in action. Compatriot Walker retired from the Army after a long and distinguished career and then worked on Fort Leavenworth before last retirement. Of note, Shawnee Mission DAR Chapter Regent Leslie Harris designed the Quilt of Valor Jack was presented.



Tamara Sevcik received the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) "Bronze Good Citizenship Medal", at the Henry Leavenworth Chapter meeting. Ms. Sevcik is the Rotary Club of Kansas District 5710 Governor. She has dedicated her life in helping others through volunteerism.



Compatriot Dennis Wise was inducted into the Sons of the American Revolution, Henry Leavenworth Chapter. Wise's patriot ancestor was James Sparks of Virginia. Dennis has jumped right in and volunteered to be the Recording Secretary for the KC area George Washington Birthday Celebration.



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.

In support of The Liberty Tree Project, the Little Balkans Chapter, KSSAR along with the Esther Lowery Chapter, NSDAR chose a tree to be planted at Riverside Park in Independence, Ks in honor of General Richard Montgomery to commemorate the America 250 SAR Liberty Tree Program. Dedication will be scheduled in the fall of 2025.





On February 2025 the Little Balkans Chapter, KSSAR along with the Oceanus Hopkins Chapter, NSDAR donated snacks/treats to the First Responders in Pittsburg, Frontenac and Crawford County Sherriff's Department in Girard, KS in appreciation of their dedication and commitment to our community.



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

Tuesday monthly, 6:00 PM at the American Legion Hall on 75th 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

Sons of the Plains presented Colors for the opening ceremony of the NJCAA National Basketball Tournament in Hutchinson. Color Guardsmen were Jim Ganyon, Bobbie Hulse and Bit Roberts Sons of the Plains, Pat Crawford from Bennington, and Tim Baxter from the Washington Chapter. This is the second year we have done this presentation and the coordinator for the Tournament Bob McFarland is now a new member of the Sons of the Plains to be installed next meeting.



From left to right: Bit Roberts, Pat Crawford, Tim Baxter, Jim Ganyon and Bobbie Hulse.



This year the poster contest had 39 entries all from Roosevelt Elementary in McPherson.



Unfortunately, Olivia the first place winner, was not in school and is not in the picture but her teacher, Ashley is holding her poster, second place went to Mali and third to Kiah. The Sons of the Plains has been working with the fifth-grade teachers at Roosevelt for many years and this year the Principle was presented with a framed copy of



the “Bill of Rights”, our Vice Superintendent was also there for the presentation. When asked if the poster contest was a good way to learn more about the Revolutionary period, the kids all were very positive that it is really a good way to learn and share amongst themselves about their topic.

Sons of the Plains will be meeting in April for their joint meeting with the Uvadel Chapter DAR . We have this meeting each year and take turns hosting, this year it is the ladies turn and it is always a great time to gather, plan and share.

Sons of the Plains along with a member of the Washington Chapter and Bennington Chapter

presented the Colors for the opening Ceremony of the NJCAA National Tournament in Hutchinson. This was our second year to do this and the coordinator for the event Bob McFarland is now a member of the chapter. We will be installing Bob at the joint meeting.

Compatriot Bobbie Hulse at the Spring Leadership Trustees meeting.



THOMAS JEFFERSON CHAPTER (Topeka) Brian Vazquez, President –

Chapter meets on the 2nd Saturday of a month at 9:00 am at the Topeka Shawnee County Library, 1515 SW 10th St., Topeka, KS.



Pictured below is President Brian Vazquez welcoming Steven Unruh to the chapter in February 2025.



In March 2025, the Chapter attended the Topeka DAR chapter's hosting of a presentation by "British loyalists" of their experiences in the colonies.



In April 2025, the Chapter will be presenting JROTC medals and certificates at Topeka West and Highland Park HS.

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

See the George Washington Birthday Celebration story on page 12.

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
Hamilton	Timothy	Del	232282 4092	CR	Schatzel, J A	01/17/25	John Townsend
Stull	Marshall	Wane	232283 4093	BN	Hulse, B A	01/17/25	William Powers
Stull	Monte	Lynn	232284 4094	BN	Hulse, B A	01/17/25	William Powers
Stull	Dayton	Lynn	232285 4095	BN	Hulse, B A	01/17/25	William Powers
McFarland	Roy	Eugene, Jr.	232579 4096	SP	Hulse, B A	02/07/25	Thomas Easley
McFarland	Robert	Eugene	232580 4097	SP	Hulse, B A	02/07/25	Thomas Easley
Sours	Rodney	Kirk	232581 4098	HL	Schatzel, J A	02/07/25	Frederick Sowers
Smith	Jerry	Wayne	232644 4099	HL	Riddle, R D	02/14/25	Robert Warren+
Peebles	Thomas	Gerard	232154 4100	BN	trf from CO	02/14/25	Alexander Peebles
Benson	Peter	Ernest	232788 4101	DX	Schatzel, J A	03/07/25	William Moore
Benson	John	Albert, II	232789 4102	DX	Schatzel, J A	03/07/25	William Moore
Armak	Tyler	William	221147 4103	KP	r/t from NY	03/21/25	Alexander Guthrie
Leach	Chester	Allen	233058 4104	BN	Hulse, B A	03/28/25	George Leach, Sr.
Myers	Brian	Anthony	233059 4105	HL	Schatzel, J A	03/28/25	Thomas Luckett
Dunn	Sherburne	Wentworth	233060 4106	HL	Schatzel, J A	03/28/25	Joshua Thomas
Voorhies	William	Lester, II	233061 4107	HL	Schatzel, J A	03/28/25	George Yount

+memorial

Supplementals

Last	First	Middle	NSSAR Ks	Ch	Approved	Ancestor
Fanning	Lloyd	James "LJ"	176545 2742	MC	03/07/25	William Armistead
Backlund	Richard	Edward	146097 3207	HL	03/21/25	Stephen Heard

Taps

Last	First	Middle	NSSAR Ks	Ch	Member	Died
Smith	Jerry	Wayne	232644 4099	HL	2025	09/25/05+
Elwell	William	Andrew	109879 1128		1975	10/25/21*



Last	First	Middle	NSSAR Ks	Ch	Member	Died
Sumner	Vincent	Mack	193156	3039 KP	2014	09/09/24
Huser	William	Gary	107880	1079	1974	11/01/24
Potter	Dale	Lawrence	136057	1903	1990	11/30/24*
McCarl	Henry	Newton	109423	2405 MAL	1976	01/03/25
McDuff	James	Melvin	170538	2592	2007	01/27/25*
Hoyt	Edward	Eugene	191845	3025 TJ	2014	03/11/25

*inactive

+memorial

Taps Verse

Thanks, 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
 300th Army Band

Bugler, and Professional Trumpet Player; Taps for Memories



Final Thoughts



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

Remembering 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 meaning.



Appendix A

Awards From 132nd State Society Conference

With President Wampler and Secretary General Michael Elston assisting, the following 115 streamers were presented to the chapters:

- Bennington, 7 streamers including the Avery Washburn Membership Retention Award
- Charles Robinson, 9 streamers, 3 more than last year
- Delaware Crossing, 13 streamers, tying for 2nd place
- Fort Hays, 6 streamers, including the Avery Washburn Membership Retention Award
- Fort Scott, 5 streamers in addition to helping to start up Little Balkans during the year
- Henry Leavenworth, 12 streamers
- John Seward, 4 streamers, including the Avery Washburn Membership Retention Award in addition to the Augustus di Zerega V Award for most successful small chapter in recruitment of new members
- Konza Prairie, 8 streamers
- Little Balkans, 7 streamers
- Monticello, 14 streamers, winning first place
- Prairie Minutemen, 3 streamers
- Sons of the Plains, 10 streamers, including the Augustus di Zerega V Award for large chapter recruiting the most members
- Thomas Jefferson, 4 streamers, including the Avery Washburn Membership Retention Award in the large chapter category
- Washington, tying for 2nd place with 13 streamers, including the Avery Washburn Membership Retention Award in the large chapter category

John Schwartz (WA) was also given the Ellis Spirit Award.

Additionally, Michael Elston, SG, was given the Ellis Spirit Award.

Edgar E. Grover Colonial Soldier of the Year was presented to Bobbie Hulse (SP).

Alan Martin (MC) and Kirk Rush (DX) were awarded the Von Steuben Medals (once they arrived in the mail).



Youth Award Winners:

Rumbaugh Oration – Sydney Esch

Eagle Schout – Haley Flores

South Central District Vice President General James Osburn joined President Wampler and Secretary General Elston to present Compatriot Medals & Certificates:

Silver 250th Anniversary - Robert Lofthouse

Youth Education - Doug Darling, Vern Welkner

Silver Good Citizenship - Vern Welkner

Silver Henry Knox - Kirk Rush, Robert Lofthouse, John Shatzel, Randy Colby, Gary Baxter, Jeffrey Winters, Jerry Gross

Silver Roger Sherman - Jordan Chambers, Steve Hamlin, Bruce Smith

State Meritorious Service – John Schwartz, Brian Vazquez, Bill Marshall

State Distinguished Service – Jerry Gross, Tim Peterman

Lydia Darragh – Linda Welkner, Debbie Hulse

Martha Washington – Jennifer Wampler

Past President Pin – Bryan Wampler

Special Presentation to Bryan Wampler – an SAR plaque custom-made by Steven Woelk





Appendix B

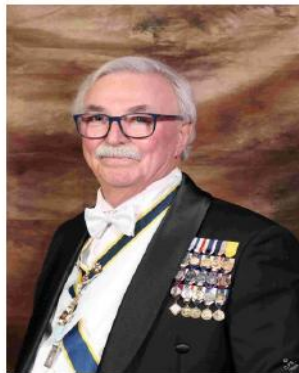
National Office Candidates

William Allen Greenly

Candidate for election as

Secretary General

2025 – 2026



National Society Service

Treasurer General 2024-2025
Registrar General 2022-2024
VPG South Atlantic District 2019 – 2021
Alternate National Trustee – GA Society 2018 – 2019
National Trustee – GA Society 2017 – 2018
Branding and Engagement Committee 2018 – 2023
Chairman – 2018 – 2023
Flag Committee 2015 - 2019
Vice Chairman 2016 – 2019
Handbook Committee 2017 – 2022
Chairman 2021 - 2022
Vice Chairman 2018 – 2021
Council of Vice Presidents General 2019 – 2021
Vice Chairman 2019 – 2021
Council of States Presidents 2015 – 2018
Information Technology Committee 2016 – present
Membership Committee 2014 - present
Sub-Committee Chairman 2019 – present
Eagle Scout Committee 2015 – present
Medals and Awards Committee 2016 – 2023
Color Guard Committee 2015 – present
Congress Planning Committee 2017 – 2023
Patriot Records Committee 2017 – present
Patriot Index Records 2017 – present
Americanism Committee 2018 – Present
SAR Implementation Committee 2019 – Present
George Washington Fellow, Lifetime Friends of the Library,
SAR 1776 Society

National Congresses Attended – 10
Leadership/Trustees Meetings Attended – 21
Primary Member GA Society;
Dual member of NC, FL, TX, CA, VA and DE Societies

SAR Awards

Minute Man class of 2023, Color Guardsman of the year
2023, Liberty Medal (3 clusters 49 members), Lafayette
Volunteer Service Medal, Patriot Grave Marking medal (4
clusters), Bronze, Silver, Von Steuben and Gold Color
Guard, Bronze and Silver Samuel Adams Congress
Appreciation Medals Silver Council of State Presidents
Medal, Patriot Medal, Silver and Gold Meritorious Service
Medal, Gold, Silver and Bronze Roger Sherman medal.

State Society and Chapter Service

2nd Vice President Delaware Society 2022 - present
Co-chairman 2023 Savannah Congress 2018-2022
President – Georgia Society 2016
Robert Forsyth Chapter Chancellor 2018 – 2021
Robert Forsyth Chapter President 2013 – 2015, 2017
Piedmont Chapter President – 2012

Education and Training

University of Delaware – B.S. Accounting

Professional Experience

Corporate accountant 12 years
Controller – 2 public companies
Regional, National and VP Sales – computer software
VP Operations and President – computer software
CEO – two Internet companies
VP User Content – HowStuffWorks.com
Contract Project Manager Home Depot – IT Deployment

Membership in other Heredity Organizations

General Society of the War of 1812
Sons of the Revolution
Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge

Please send endorsements to:

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T. Brooks Lyles, Jr.

Candidate for

Treasurer General

2025-2026

National Society Service

Registrar General 2024 to Present

Historian General 2022 to 2024

Vice President General, International District: 2017

National Color Guard Commander: 2022-2023

National Trustee, Kansas: 2017-19

Alternate Trustee, Kansas: 2019-21

George Washington Endowment Fund Board: '19-23

Museum Board: 2019-2022; 2024 to Present

Nominating Committee: 2015

11 Congresses and 24 Leadership Meetings

Current Committees: Museum Board; America 250 SAR; Americanism; National Color Guard; Strategic Planning; Ex Officio/Liaison: Membership, Veterans, Young Members, Veteran's Recognition, Operation Ancestor Search, Patriotic Outreach.

Former Committees: Education (C 2016-2023); History (C 2020-21; VC 2016-18, 2020); Congress Planning (2022-23); Council of State Presidents (2014-17); Veteran's Recognition (2014-17); JROTC (2016-21); Partners in Patriotism (2016-18); Patriotic Outreach (2016-21); and Social Media (2018-VC 21).

Society Memberships: Kansas, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, International, Georgia, Texas, and German Societies.

State and Chapter Service

President, Kansas Society: 2015-17

Vice President, Kansas Society: 2013-15

President, International Society: 2017

Secretary & Registrar, International Society: 2018-21

President, Henry Leavenworth Chapter: 2009-13

Vice President, HLC: 2008 (Founding)-2009

SAR Supporter

NSSAR Life Member: 2014; George Washington Fellow: 2015; JROTC Endowment Medal: 2016; King's College London SAR 18th Century Archivist: 2016; DAR Founder's Circle: 2017; Bronze Lamplighter Award CAAH 2013; Museum Artifact Donor Program 2019-2024; and an annual Friend of the Library since 2021. Pledged \$100,000 to the SAR Education Center and Museum at Lancaster Congress.

SAR Awards

Minuteman Class of 2022, War Service Medal with Global War on Terror Bar, Kosovo Bar and Special Operations Oak Leaf; Meritorious Service Medal (20lc); Gold Roger



Sherman Medal (10lc), Gold Henry Knox Medal; Gold Color Guard Medal; Liberty Medal; Silver Color Guard Medal; Lafayette Volunteer Service Medal; Silver Council of State Presidents Medal; Patriot Medal; Silver Medal of Distinguished Service; Silver Meritorious Service Medal; Silver Roger Sherman Medal (10lc); Bronze Color Guard Medal; Bronze Medal of Distinguished Service; Bronze Roger Sherman Medal; and Bronze Good Citizenship Medal.

Personal and Community

Lieutenant Colonel, Armor, U.S. Army, Retired.

Graduate of James Madison University, BA History '80 and Central Michigan University, MA Administration '91.

Married for 31 years to Diane Ungvasky; Diane is the First Vice President of the NSSAR Ladies Auxiliary.

Life Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Silver Order of St George, US Armor Association.

Chairman of the America's Founding Era Education Forum. Member of the American Friends of Lafayette; Overmountain Victory Trail Association; American Battlefield Trust; Shenandoah Valley Battlefield Preservation Society; Princeton Battlefield Preservation Society; South Carolina Battleground Preservation Trust; the York County 250 & SC 250 Commissions; and the Artist Preservation Group.

Honorary Order of Kentucky Colonels.

Pi Kappa Phi National Fraternity.

Living History Interpreter, Reenactor, and Speaker on Revolutionary War and Colonial American History topics.

Please send endorsements by February 1, 2025 to Past PG John L. Dodd at johnldodd@twc.com



Edmon H. McKinley, Esq.

Candidate for Treasurer General – NSSAR

Endorsed by the ALSSAR, GASSAR, NCSSAR, TXSSAR, Great Lakes District, South Central District & NSSAR
Nominating Committee

Co-Endorsed by the Central District and FLSSAR

Education/Training:

B.A. in History and Political Science
Birmingham Southern College -1971
Juris Doctor - University of Alabama School of Law -
1974

Practice History:

Private Practice, Attorney at Law –Thomasville, AL
1975- Present
Served as President of the Young Lawyers Section of the
Alabama Bar Association - 1984
Represented Alabama and Georgia on the Executive
Committee of the Young Lawyers Section of the
American Bar Association - 1985-1986
Admitted to the United States District Court for the
Southern District of Alabama
Served an 8 year term on the Alabama-West Florida
United Methodist Conference Board of Pensions and
Health Investments Committee
Elected to University of Alabama Museums Board of
Regents - 2019 to Present
Member in good standing of the Alabama Bar
Association

Personal:

Wife: Margie (deceased) Past Chapter Regent DAR
Daughters: Mechel and Mary Jacob, members DAR;
Son: Patrick, member SAR
Member of Thomasville United Methodist Church for
46 years

SAR Awards/Medals:

Gold Meritorious Service Medal - 2022 (2 OL)
Gold Meritorious Service Medal Oak Leaf Cluster - 2023
Southern District Meritorious Service Medal- 2020
ALSSAR State Meritorious Service - 2022
TXSSAR Silver Service Medal - 2023
State Patriot Medal - 2021
State Roger Sherman Medal - 2023
State Distinguished Service Medal - 2016-2017
State Distinguished Service Medal - 2019
State Distinguished Service Medal - 2022-2023
Chapter Meritorious Service Medal - 2016
Chapter Bronze Roger Sherman - 2020
Chapter Service to Veterans - 2017
Liberty Medal - 2023

ALSSAR Service:

State President - 2019-2020
Vice President - 2018-2019
Chancellor - 2017-2018
Secretary - 2016-2017
Executive Committee - 2022-2023, 2023-2024
Knight Essay Chairman - 2019-Present
Voting Delegate to numerous Congresses
Chairman of Nominating Committee - 2021 - Present
Chairman of Financial Forecast - 2018-2019
Youth Programs and Protection Training Coordinator -
2018-2019
Life Member - 2022



NSSAR Service:

NSSAR General Officer - Chancellor General -
2023-2024, 2024-2025
Trustee - 2022-2023
Alternate Trustee - 2019-2020 , 2020-2021
Member of Executive Committee - 2022-2023,
2023-2024, 2024-2025
Legal Advisory Committee 2019-2020, 2020-2021
Legal Advisory Committee - Chairman - 2022-2023
Legal Advisory Committee - General Advice Group
Chairman - 2021-2022
Bylaws, Rules and Regulations Chairman -
2021-2022
Bylaws, Rules and Regulations Committee -
2022-2023
Museum Board - Non-Voting Member - 2019-2020
Museum Board - Voting Member - 2020-Present
Museum Board - Model Ships Sub-Committee
Chairman - 2019- Present
Council of State Presidents - 2 years
Veterans Committee - 2016 - Present
Historic Sites and Celebrations - 2019- Present
George Washington Endowment Fund Board -
2020 George Washington Endowment Fund Board
Chairman - 2021- 2024
250th American Revolutionary War Committee
Dual Member of the TXSSAR and TNSSAR

GW Fellow - 2017
Museum Artifact Donor
Friends of the Library - Life Member - 2022
Liberty Tree - Silver Level- 2022
SAR Life Member - 2019



JUDGE PETER M. DAVENPORT

Candidate for Chancellor General

Education

B.A. University of Kentucky, 1965
J.D. University of Kentucky, 1966
LLM, George Washington University, 1973

Admitted to Practice

Kentucky Bar
United States Supreme Court
United States Court of Claims
United States Tax Court
United States Army Court of Military Review
United States Court of Military Appeals
U. S. District Court, Eastern District of Kentucky
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

Professional Experience

Private Practice 1973-1982
Assistant U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of Kentucky,
1983-1994
U.S. Administrative Law Judge 1994-2015
(HHS, SSA, and USDA) Chief Judge, USDA 2010-
2015

SAR Service

Vice President General, Mid-Atlantic District, 2022-
2023
Chancellor General, 2019-2021
Ex-Officio Member, NSSAR Foundation 2019-2021
Member, Executive Committee 2019-2021
99th Virginia Society President
Past President, George Mason Chapter (3 terms)
Virginia Color Guard Commander (2 years)
Chairman and Member, Bylaws, Rules, and
Resolutions Committee
Member, Color Guard Committee
Member, Ethics Committee, 2022-2024
Member Handbook Committee, 2019-2024
Member, Historic Sites Committee
Member, Minuteman Committee
Member, Veterans Recognition Committee

Donations

George Washington Endowment Fund
Arthur M. King Eagle Scout Fund
ROTC/JROTC Fund
Dr. Joseph Warren Fund with Patron Bar
Thomas Jefferson Fund
Americanism Youth Award Fund
Friends of the Library Fund
Donations (Continued)
Youth Video Contest Fund
Lampighter Fund
Liberty Tree and 1776 Campaigns
Conference on the American Revolution



Military Service

United States Army: Commissioned as Distinguished
Military Graduate 1965; Regular Army 1967-1973
(Vietnam 1968-1969); Reserve 1973-1995; Recalled
2007-2008 for service in Iraq.

Medals and Awards

Minuteman (Class of 2021)
War Service Medal with Vietnam and Iraq bars
Meritorious Service Medal, National (2), State and
Chapter
Gold Roger Sherman Medal
Gold Henry Knox Medal
Von Steuben Medal
Liberty Medal
Silver and Bronze Color Guard Medals
Lafayette Medal
Patriot Grave Marking Medal
Samuel Adams Congress Medal (Bronze)
Council of State Presidents Medal (Silver)
Patriot Medal
Silver Good Citizenship Medal
Distinguished Service Medal (Bronze)
Law Enforcement Medal
CAR-SAR Medal of Appreciation Medal

Personal

Married to ~~Unhui~~ Y. Davenport



Gary R Neal

CANDIDATE FOR GENEALOGIST GENERAL 2025-2026

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National

- Member since 1999
- Life Member (2023-Present)
- Attended 7 National Congresses
- Attended 2 Leadership Meetings
- First line signer of 203 members
- George Washington Fellow
- 3-Supplemental Patriot Stars

District

- Atlantic Middle States Medal (silver)
- Certificate of Appreciation (2014), Atlantic Middle States Conference

Maryland Society

- State Secretary (2011-2014), (2023-2025)
- State Treasurer (2014-2022)
- State Registrar (2021-2024)
- State Genealogist (2023-2025)
- Assistant State Secretary (2010-2011)
- Col. Nicholas Ruxton Moore Chapter, President (2014-2015), Registrar (-2024)
- Col. John Eagar Howard Chapter, Registrar (-2024)
- Charles Carroll of Carrollton Chapter, Registrar (-2024)

Kansas Society

- State Recording Secretary (2007-2010)
- Life Member (2023-Present)

Texas Society

- Treasurer – Paul Carrington Chapter
- Eagle Scout Chairman – Paul Carrington Chapter

Awards

- Silver Liberty Medal with 1 Silver & 3-Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters
- Lafayette Volunteer Medal, National Society (2019-Present) – over 5400 hours
- Patriot Medal 2013, Maryland Society
- State Distinguished Service Medal 2017, Maryland Society
- SAR Meritorious Service Medal (silver) 2014, Maryland Society
- Roger Sherman Medal (silver) with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, Maryland Society
- Henry Knox Achievement Medal (silver) 2024, Maryland Society
- Chapter Distinguished Service Medal 2020 Col Nicholas Ruxton Moore Chapter, Maryland Society
- SAR Meritorious Service Medal (bronze)
 - 2010 Washington Chapter, Kansas Society
 - 2004 Paul Carrington Chapter, Texas Society
- Roger Sherman Medal (bronze) with 1 Silver and 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters
- Bronze Good Citizenship Medal, 2009, Kansas Society
- Bronze
- SAR Charter Centennial Medal
- SAR 125th Anniversary Medal
- Arthur M King Eagle Scout Contest Medal w/Bronze Palm
- Bronze 250th Anniversary of the America Revolution Medal



- Dr Joseph Warren Medal for Orations Medal
- Thomas Jefferson Medal for Support of the Essay Contest Medal
- Americanism Youth Award Medal
- Maryland 400 Fund – Honorary Commander of the Regiment
- Texas Chapter Service Medal

Personal

- Treasurer General – General Society of the War of 1812 (2017-Present)
- Assistant Treasurer General – General Society of the War of 1812 (2014-2017)
- Treasurer – Maryland Society War of 1812 (2010-2014)
- Senior Treasurer General – National Society Children of 1812 (2023-Present)
- Senior Treasurer – Maryland Society Children of 1812 (2019-Present)
- Treasurer General – Plymouth Hereditary Society (2017-Present)
- Treasurer – Maryland Branch Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims (2021-2024)
- BS in Electrical Engineering and Master of Business Administration - Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY
- MS in Petroleum Engineering – University of Houston, Houston, TX
- Eagle Scout (1968)

Goals

- Work to eliminate pending applications
- Reduce cycle time for Applications and Supplementals



Gary Owen Green Candidate for **Genealogist General**

National Society Service

Genealogist General 2022-2025

Trustee/Alternate Trustee-North Carolina Society 2016-2018, 2021

Chair – Patriot Records Committee 2017-2022

Secretary - Council of State Presidents – 2015-2018

Nominating Committee 2017

Vice Chair – Genealogical Research Committee 2020-Present

Vice Chair – Information Technology Committee – Vance Award 2020-21

Vice Chair-Patriot Outreach Committee – 2016-2022

Veterans Recognition Committee – 2018-Present

Americanism Committee 2014–2018

Operation Ancestor Search Committee - 2015-2017

Color Guard Committee – 2014-Present

Secretary - *South Atlantic District – 2017-2018*

George Washington Fellow – 2015; Life Member SAR – 2010

Leadership Meetings attended (16) 2014-2024; **Congresses** attended: (8) Winston-Salem, Louisville, Boston, Knoxville, Houston, Costa Mesa, Renton, Savannah, Lancaster

State Society Service

President – 2016-2017

State Sr Vice President 2015-2016

State Secretary – 2014-2015 & 2017-2018

State Color Guard Commander – 2015-2017

Southeast District #2 Vice President 2013-2014

State Information Technology POC – 2016-2017

Americanism Committee Chair – 2010-2014

Finance & Budget Committee Chair – 2015-2016

Nominating Committee Chair – 2017-2018

Patriot Records Committee Chair-2017-Present

Friends of the Library Chair -2017-Present

SAR Awards

Minuteman Class of 2022

Military Service

Patriot

Distinguished Service – Nat, State & Chapter

Meritorious Service – Nat, District, State & Chapter

Roger Sherman – State (OLC) & Chapter

Silver Good Citizenship

Bronze Good Citizenship

Council of State Presidents – Gold & Silver

Liberty with 1OLC

Lafayette with >400 OLC

Bronze & Silver Color Guard

Gold Color Guard – Nat CG of the year for 2019

Von Steuben Color Guard

Patriot Grave Marking (2OLC)

Chapter Service

President – 2010-2014

Vice President – 2020- 2023

Treasurer – 2023-present

Color Guard Commander – 2009-2014

Webmaster – 2009-2018

Registrar – 2014-2023

Genealogist – 2014-2018

Flag Committee Chair – 2015-2023

Contributions

George Washington Fellow 2015

JROTC, Rumbaugh, Eagle Scout & Knight Essay

Façade Restoration, Friends of the Library

Education and Training

Hobart College-BA, Math + Commission in USAF

Undergraduate Pilot Training 4000+ hours –T-37 & B-52

Troy State University – MS, Personnel Counseling

Old Dominion University – MS, Education

Professional Experience

USAF Officer - 23 years Rank of Lt Colonel

Sr Aerospace Science Instructor – AFJROTC – Laney HS,

Wilmington, NC-19 years

Personal

Widowed

Daughters – Lindsey and Shelby; son Corey*

Grandsons – Nicholas*, Vaughn* Wheeler*, Bronson*,

Benjamite, Abraham, & Aiden;

Granddaughter-Adalyn (*=SAR members)



Joe R. Hamill, M.D.

Candidate for the office of

Surgeon General

2025-2026

National Service

SAR Member 2011

National Trustee 2019-2024

Attended five NSSAR Congresses

Committee Memberships: Council of State Presidents, America 250, Eagle Scout, Flag, Medical Advisory, Veterans

SAR Support

George Washington Fellow

Oklahoma SAR Challenge raised funds for the Education Center & Museum Foundation Board

South Central District

Attended six District meetings from 2018-2024
Parliamentarian 2024-2025

OKSSAR State and Chapter Service

State President 2019-2021

First Vice President 2017-2019

Second Vice President 2015-2017

Chairman: Oklahoma State Congress Committee 2017 & 2022

Ardmore Chapter President 2017-2019,
Registrar 2011-2017

SAR Recognition

Patriot, OKSSAR Distinguished Service, Meritorious Service (Bronze), Roger Sherman (Gold), Council of State Presidents

Education and Background

B.S. (1970) Oklahoma State University

M.D. (1973) University of Oklahoma

Tulsa Medical Foundation-Internal Medicine

Residency 1973-1976

Certified-American Board of Internal Medicine 1976

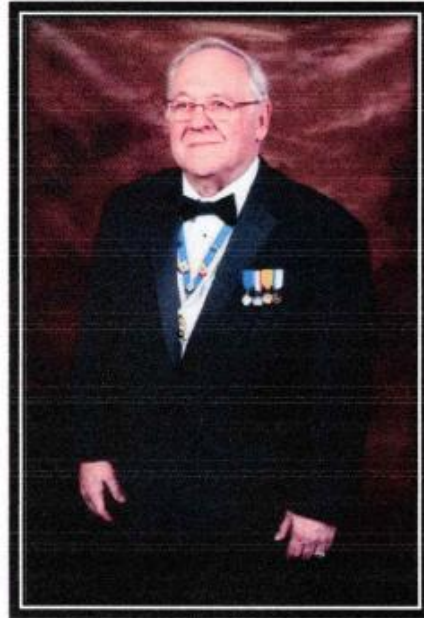
Professional Experience

Private Practice in Internal Medicine

Medical Arts Clinic, Ardmore, OK
1976-2004

Chief of Staff, Mercy Memorial Hospital

Medical Director Cross Timbers Hospice
1983 - present



Community Activities

Member St. Philip's Episcopal Church

Board of Directors Oklahoma Blood Institute

Volunteer Cross Timbers Hospice

Benefactor, Greater Southwest Historical Museum

Arbuckle Area Council Friends of Scouting

Personal

Wife: Diane: Past Vice President General Class of 2015, Honorary State Regent of Oklahoma, South Central District Vice Chair DAR/SAR/SR Relations Committee, Past National Chair Units Overseas & Volunteer Genealogy, NLASAR Chaplain, George Washington Fellow, SAR Medals: Martha Washington, Lydia Darragh, Medal of Appreciation

Son Andrew Joseph Hamill, D.O. (SAR), daughter Sarah Kathleen Mandell, D.O. (DAR), and 8 grandchildren.

Enjoys reading, history, travel



Christopher W. "Chris" Grimes
Candidate for
Chaplain General
2025-2026



Personal and Professional

Pastor, Saints Delight Church of Christ, Roper, NC, 2022 – Present
President, Martin County Insurance Associates,
Williamston, NC, 2005 – Present
BS, Agricultural Business Management, NCSU, 1991

National Service

Chaplains Committee, 2023 – Present
Reenactor Liaison Committee, 2022 – Present
Medical Advisory Committee, 2022 – Present
Council of State Presidents, 2022 – 2024
132nd National Congress Volunteer (Registration)
133rd National Congress Volunteer (Credentials)
134th National Congress Volunteer (Memorial Service, Registration,
General Volunteer)
Leadership Meetings – Spring & Fall 2023, Spring & Fall 2024, Spring
2025

State and Chapter Service

Chaplain, NCSSAR, 2023 – Present
Assistant to the State President, NCSSAR, 2024 – Present
Senior Vice President, NCSSAR, 2022 – 2024
Region One Vice President, NCSSAR, 2016 – 2019; 2021 – 2022
Reenactor Liaison, NCSSAR, 2012 – Present
Executive Committee, NCSSAR, 2022 – 2024
Awards Committee Chair, NCSSAR, 2022 – Present
NC Congress Planning Committee-2022 – Present
Annual Meeting Chair, NCSSAR, 2022 – 2024
Albemarle Chapter SAR President, 2013 – 2019; 2023 – Present
Albemarle Chapter SAR Vice President, 2011 – 2013
Albemarle Chapter SAR Chaplain, 2019 – Present

SAR Awards

Silver Council of State Presidents Medal
Gold 250th Anniversary Recognition Medal
Patriot Medal
Silver Distinguished Service Medal
Silver Meritorious Service Medal
Silver Roger Sherman Medal
Youth Education Medal with Lifetime Achievement Bar
Silver 250th Anniversary Recognition Medal
Bronze Distinguished Service Medal
Bronze Meritorious Service Medal
Bronze Henry Knox Medal
Bronze Good Citizenship Medal
Bronze 250th Anniversary Recognition Medal

SAR Supporter

George Washington Fellow
1776 Society – Delegate Level
Liberty Tree Campaign – Bronze Level
Youth Video Contest – Bronze Lapel Pin
SAR Education Center and Museum Artifact Donor
Friends of the Library
Historic Preservation Medal and Lapel Pin

Community Activities

Washington County Bicentennial Commission, Chair, 1997 – 2000
Washington County Hospital, Board of Directors, Chair, 2000 – 2007
Washington County Chamber of Commerce, President, 1998 – 2000;
Vice President, 1997 – 1998; Board Member, 1996 – 2001
Washington County Historical Society, Board of Directors, 1998-2008
Friends of the Museum of the Albemarle, Board of Directors,
2004 – 2010; Vice President, 2006 – 2010
Lawrence Academy, Board of Trustees, 2009 – 2012
Cupola House Association, Board of Directors, 2017 – 2019;
Docent, 2017 – Present
NC 250th Planning Committee, 2019 – Present
NC Historic Sites, Volunteer Interpreter, 2001 – Present
The Mariner's Museum, Newport News, Historical Interpreter,
2009 – Present
Carolina Living History Guild, Secretary/Treasurer, 2004 – Present
Navy and Marine Living History Association, President,
2023 – Present; Vice President, 2006 – 2023
The Detached Hospital Medical History Group, Historical Interpreter,
2009 – Present; Secretary/Treasurer, 2018 – Present