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On the cover:
Knight Essay winner James Dykes attended Annual Conference in Hutchison, Bruce Smith and Bryan Wampler pose with the contest winner and his family.

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President's Message

By KSSSAR President Bryan Wampler



Can you believe it's already May? Weekly, I hear someone mention their appreciation for the support provided by one of our chapters, or the personal impact a member or chapter has had on their life. It is apparent that the members of the Kansas Society are taking advantage of opportunities throughout the state to support the new Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Mission Statement!

SAR Mission Statement: "The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our Country."

Thank you to the Sons of the Plains Chapter for hosting our 2024 Annual Conference in Hutchinson on March 15-16, 2024, and thank you to all those who attended. It was great to see so many of our fellow Compatriots and members from Western Kansas, some who still traveled almost four hours to Hutchinson. One highlight was the approval of the new Little Balkans Chapter located in Pittsburg.

Visiting chapter meetings is truly a pleasure, and it is always interesting to see what makes each chapter special. It is apparent how much our family members contribute to the overall success of each chapter and the State Society. Spouses, friends, potential members, and even the restaurant staff enliven our meetings and add to the engagement.

As a member of the Kansas SAR, we make friends throughout the state. It is always an emotional experience when we lose friends. In March we lost a long-time member of the Kansas SAR Ladies Auxiliary Carolyn Grover. Robert and Carolyn are members of the Missouri and Kansas SAR and Carolyn was always involved in both societies. I had the pleasure of getting to know Carolyn as a member of the Kansas City Area George Washington Birthday Celebration Planning Committee. Carolyn was truly a "go getter" always willing to "roll up her sleeves" and do what it took to support any activity. She was also an extremely loyal person, and those who knew her know what a great person she was.

The Kansas SAR continues to focus on Recruitment, Retention, and Recovery. We are working diligently to establish new chapters in Emporia, Council Grove, Osage City, Great Bend, and other locations by working with the Kansas Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). As everyone knows, it is difficult to recruit and complete the membership requirements, which makes it extremely important that we make a meaningful connection with new members from the time they are inducted, even earlier if possible. Please reach out and get to know and involve new members. It is also extremely important to reach out to those who have not renewed their membership. It is an easy process to reinstate former members and sometimes all it takes to get someone to return is to ask them.

It was my pleasure to attend the Kansas DAR 2024 Annual Conference in Wichita and present greetings from the Kansas SAR. It was rewarding to be able to thank the Kansas DAR for their continued support. The Kansas SAR presented nine Kansas DAR chapters with certificates of recognition for referring new members in the Kansas SAR. These certificates, in addition to the Medals of Appreciation certificates, are prepared each year from Compatriot Dewey Fry of the Delaware Crossing Chapter. The highlight of the Kansas DAR Annual Conference came during the award ceremony where Kansas DAR Regent Rebecca Kline presented the first Kansas Hannah White Arnett Silver Medal of Distinction to Compatriot Dewey Fry for his long and faithful service to the Kansas DAR.

We recently received word from the National Society that James Dykes, who was the Kansas SAR Knight Essay winner placed second at the national level and will receive a \$3000.00 prize. We also learned that the Kansas SAR Eagle Scout winner Nathan Phillips placed fifteenth at national and will receive \$300.00. This is truly great news. Congratulations to James and Nathan! Additional congratulations go to Stu Conrade who chairs the Kansas SAR Knight Essay Committee and Kirk Rush who chairs the Kansas SAR Eagle Scout Committee.

In closing, thank you for all that you do to support the mission of the SAR! Please feel free to contact me at bwampler@ksssar.org if you have any questions or are interested in becoming more involved at the State Level.



2024 KSSSAR State Conference

The 132nd Annual Conference of the Kansas Society of the Sons of the Revolution was held at the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center, Hutchinson, Kansas March 15 – 16, 2024. The conference was well attended and the facility was bright, open and comfortable.

Friday night special guest Natalee Ganyon of Hutchinson, member of Chaplin of Uvedale Chapter DAR, provided a program as Martha Washington. The First First Lady discussed her life with her famous husband including his time in the field leading the first continental army at Valley Forge, their private lives at Mt. Vernon and their public life as the nation's first President and First Lady. At the end of the program Mrs. Washington handed out samples of her favorite desert, ginger bread, made with her own family recipe.



Natalee Ganyon of Hutchinson reenacts the life of Martha Washington at the Kansas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution annual conference at the Cosmosphere on March 15, 2024 CREDIT GINA LONG/THE HUTCHINSON TRIBUNE

Saturday morning the conference moved to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church for the annual Memorial Mass. Kansas Society Colorguard Commander Bill Marshall lead the procession the two blocks to the church where Chaplin Randy Colby and NSSAR Chaplin General Vern Welkner lead the Memorial ceremony



Kansas Society Chaplin Randy Colby reads the name of deceased compatriots while Chaplin General Vern Welkner rings a bell denoting each name read. Kansas Society Colorguard Commander Bill Marshall tips his hat to the memorial wreath to honor the compatriot.

Colorguard members Alan Martin and Kirk Rush performed the flag folding ceremony at the memorial mass, assisted by Bill Marshall



Upon returning to the Cosmosphere the compatriots gathered for a group picture.



The conference continued with the annual business meeting where member approved the updates to the Kansas Society bylaws and constitution. At the conclusion of the business meeting Awards Chairman Robert Lofthouse presented the chapter streamers for participation in all of the society's activities for the previous year. The meeting was adjourned for the morning session to prepare for the youth award luncheon.

A special presentation was made at the beginning of the luncheon. On February 14, 2024, along with nearly a million other fans Trey and Casey Filter attended the Kansas City Chiefs victory celebration at Union Station in Kansas City. It was a beautiful day and everyone was enjoying themselves, until something went wrong.

An altercation started among some in attendance. Shots were fired among the crowd killing one and injuring many others.

As one of the potential suspects was seen running from the location of the gunshots Trey heard someone yell "Get him". Without regard for his personal safety Trey sprang into action tackling the suspect. As the two went to the ground the suspects dropped his gun, where Casey picked it up to keep the man from retrieving it.

The police came to arrest the suspect and Trey and Casey went about life as normal, not seeking attention or recognition. Washington Chapter and the Kansas Society felt that this act of heroism needed to be recognized.

Trey and Casey Filter were awarded the SAR Heroism Medal and certificate.



Kansas Society President Bryan Wampler presents Trey and Casey Filter with SAR Heroism Medals

The luncheon continued with Kansas Society George S and Stella M. Knight Historical Essay winner James Dykes presented his winning essay.



Closing out the youth luncheon Kansas C.A.R. president Austin Roberson presented his presidents project, raising money for Kansas Honor Flights. Roberson said each flight costs approximately \$900 for each veteran. His goal was to collect enough money to send two veterans to Washington DC to see the memorials. As of the conference he had collected enough money to send three veterans. With the rest of his term as president he hopes to collect enough money to send a total of five veterans on Honor Flights.



The annual conference concluded with an awards banquet on Saturday evening. Chaplin General Vernon Welkner addressed the assembled conference with greeting from President General Dodd. Welkner went on to provide an inspirational speech about his experiences in the SAR and encouraged compatriots to continue to become more involved at every level of the SAR.



During the awards ceremony the Edgar E. Grover Colonial Soldier of the Year award was presented to Alan Martin.



L-R South Central VPG Bobbie Hulse, KS Society colorguard commander Bill Marshall, Alan Martin, Deborah Martin, KS Society President Bryan Wampler

The Ellis Spirit award was presented to Chaplin General Vern Welkner.



L-R VPG Hulse, CG Welkner, President Wampler

Community Youth Outreach

The Midwest Parent Educators (MPE) Annual Conference was held at the KCI Expo Center on April 4-5, 2024. This is one of the larger home school groups in the Midwest and a potentially impactful group with which to establish contacts for Youth Contests and Educational Outreach efforts. They have a following of about 5,000 families across several states in the Midwest. A booth was set up to provide information on SAR and KSSSAR educational and youth contest opportunities.



Kansas Society Youth Coordinator Bruch Smith attended the conference

There were 700 families registered for the meeting (they do not capture individual attendee headcount figures), though in many cases, entire families were in attendance. The families came from Kansas, Missouri, Colorado, Iowa, Nebraska, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Texas.

A one-hour talk on the SAR and its mission, Youth Contests, and available educational resources from SAR (including a website and app demo) was given. Many attendees had never heard of the SAR while being familiar with the DAR. This reinforces why establishing a presence with community-facing groups is so important.

Introductions to SAR were made via a flyer placed in the meeting welcome bag, one premeeting post on the

MPE Facebook page, three items in the MPE silent fundraising auction, free booth raffles for elementary and middle school books on the Revolution and Colonial periods, and a free Constitution, Bill of Rights, Declaration of Independence pocket-sized booklet as a booth and meeting entrance giveaway. Stickers with the KSSSAR logo and website were placed on all items.

Attendees were also provided with the SAR Flag book, SAR Youth brochure, and SAR Education Outreach brochure. The DX chapter travel trunk was used to display period items.

A signup sheet was located at the booth to allow for follow-up with interested parents after the conference and before the next contest cycle. Several potential students were identified in Kansas and adjacent western Missouri. Dissemination of this information to appropriate KSSSAR chapters will be made once confirmation of ongoing interest is established through follow-up contacts made over the coming months.

Parents stopping at the table spent considerable time learning about the SAR and the various contests and educational opportunities available. It was also great to have the students be present to ask questions and indicate things that were of specific interest to them. As we know, a parent can be interested, but the student must also be motivated. The younger students enjoyed the Travel Trunk items, and a number made several repeat visits to see them and ask questions. There were several inquiries related to the possibility of having the trunk brought to local homeschooler group meetings.

There were some useful learnings relative to booth placement for traffic flow, the fact that many homeschooled students did not have cell phones before high school and that students do not neatly fall

into traditional grade levels since they move at their own pace.

Hopefully, these efforts will result in additional opportunities for youth engagement.

Thanks to Debra Smith, who attended the booth on Saturday and assisted with the booth breakdown after the meeting.

The Washington Chapter set up a booth at the Wichita Homeschool Association annual conference at Intrust Bank Arena in Wichita. President John Schwartz, Chaplin Randy Colby and Jody Colby manned the booth both days of the conference. Colby brought the chapter's patriot chest and gave presentations to interested parties on the different items in the chest.



Washington Chapter Chaplin Randy Colby at the Wichita Homeschool Association annual conference.

Over 600 SAR youth brochures were distributed. Three ladies were referred to the DAR.

The Trail Life scouting program expressed desire to plan meetings and programs about genealogy and colonial history with Washington Chapter.

Though no count was taken conversations were had with 200-300 individuals.

Compatriot Colby was interviewed for a short promotional video for convention attendees.

Several youth expressed interest in the poster contest. Interest in the Essay and orations contests was lukewarm except for members of the Trail Life scouting group because the essays and orations could be used to get merit badges.

Several men expressed a desire to have help for doing a membership application.



Knight Essay 2023-2024 Contest Results

Compatriots, it is a great pleasure to report that our KSSSAR and Delaware Crossing Chapter Knight Essay Contest winner, **James Dykes**, was recently notified by National Chairman Ernie Coggins that his essay entitled “Benedict Arnold- The Rest of the Story” was awarded **second place** in the national competition. This comes with a three-thousand-dollar scholarship.



Combined with the KSSSAR and Delaware Crossing awards, James will have received \$4250 in this contest year to put toward his future educational goals.

James is on the verge of completing his Junior year at DeSoto High School. In addition to high academic achievement, James is a letterman on the football team and a school representative to the school superintendent's Student Committee. He also studies Judo and Jiu-jitsu.

This result follows James' 5th-place finish nationally in the 2022-2023 Knight Essay Contest for his Battle of Pells Point essay. James was motivated to improve on this finish and chose a challenging topic to do so.

His father and mother, James and Elda, are strong proponents of SAR educational outreach objectives. Their other son, Gavin, was recently chosen as the KSSSAR and Delaware Crossing chapter middle school brochure contest winner.

KSSSAR and Delaware Crossing have much to be proud of with recent Knight Essay contest results, having had top-five finishes nationally in three straight years (James Dykes 2023-2024, 2022-2023, and James Schultz 2021-2022).



For any questions regarding Knight Essay contest participation, please refer to the NSSAR and KSSSAR websites, or contact Stuart Conrad, KSSSAR Knight Essay chairman, or Bruce Smith, KSSSAR Youth Coordinator.

Dewey Fry Receives Award at DAR State Conference

Article by Dewey Fry

I have written many articles for our Patriot newsletter, nearly all in the 3rd person format. This time I am writing in first person format due to the honor and pleasure of receiving the award. A few weeks ago, Pat was called by Rebecca Kline, KSDAR Regent. She asked if I would go to the KSDAR Annual Conference in Wichita to be presented a prestigious new NSDAR Medal. She explained that she first thought of me and in conferring with Honorary Vice President General

Mary Frisch about who candidates would be, Mary did not hesitate to also name me (Dewey Fry); therefore, I accepted not knowing anything about the award.

The travel to Wichita was challenging. The winds were very high and gusting. We went through rain so hard I could not drive more than 40 mph. A huge bolt of lightning struck about 60-70 feet from us on the south side of I-35. It was very loud, had large (approximately 10 feet in diameter) pink ball of fire as it struck the ground. It was very loud and destroyed the automatic dimming sensor in my car, but we arrived safely in Wichita.



Rebecca Kline presents the Hanna White Arnett Certificate to Dewey Fry.

At the Regents Banquet I was presented the Hannah White Arnett Silver Medal of Distinction for Extraordinary Cooperation and Outstanding Service to the NSDAR. It not only a significant honor to receive the award but also an extreme pleasure as I looked into the smiling face and eyes of the KSDAR State Regent Rebecca Kline who was looking at me as my friend "Becky" Kline with a beautiful smile on her face and in her eyes as she presented the certificate and pinned the medal on my uniform coat.



Rebecca Klein, Kansas Regent, pins the Hannah White Arnett Silver Medal of Distinction on Dewey Fry's lapel.

I glanced at Mary Frisch and she too had a beautiful glowing smile. Just those smiles were worth the trip through more than a hundred miles of rain, gusty winds and lighting going to Wichita.



Dewey Fry address the KSDAR Annual Conference.

This is the first Hannah White Arnett Medal to be presented in the State of Kansas.

The applause was very nice and there were many personal congratulations after the meeting including one of a few minutes with the Kentucky Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

Please join the Kansas Society in congratulating Dewey on his well deserved award. Huzzah!

Chapter Spotlight

The Kansas Society is made up of fourteen local chapters across the state of Kansas. These chapters are comprised of around one thousand members statewide. In this edition of the Liberty Bell we spotlight one of the larger and more active chapters the Henry Leavenworth Chapter is located in Leavenworth, Kansas. The chapter meets the fourth Thursday of each month at The Heritage Center, 109 Delaware St., Leavenworth, KS 66048.

Chapter officers are President Bennett Dickson, Vice President Darren Hasse, Secretary Greg Beck, Treasurer Robert Lofthouse, and Public Information Walt Schley.

Recent chapter activities include Greg Beck, Doug Darling, and Vern Welkner were awarded the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) "Henry Knox Achievement Medal" for their outstanding contributions to the Chapter.



Linda Welkner was awarded the prestigious SAR "Lydia Darragh Medal". Welkner was awarded the Medal for the significant service she provided Chapter.



Compatriot Cameron Davis was inducted into the Sons of the American Revolution at the Henry Leavenworth Chapter's April meeting. Compatriot Davis's Patriot Ancestor was Asa Colton.



Upcoming chapter events include a picnic and a Kansas City Monarchs baseball game at which the chapter invites everyone to join them.



Henry Leavenworth SAR Picnic
Saturday, June 29, 2024
Open to all Kansas SAR members
4pm - until the cows come home...



Location: Wollman Park
1300 Shawnee Street, Leavenworth
SAR: Provides Burgers, Dogs, Buns
Condiments, plates and napkins
Bring: Sides, Desserts, Sodas,
Beer/Wine to eat and/or share.
Enjoy:
Food
Fellowship
A Cornhole Tournament
Aquatic Park (fees apply)
Compatriots amazing stories
(veracity not guaranteed)
Open to all Compatriots & Guests

Please **RSVP number of attendees*** to HLSAR1776@gmail.com NLT June 26, 2024

*we need to know how many are coming so we don't run out of Hamburgers and Hotdogs.



Save the Date!!!

Join Us for a KC Monarchs Game July 26, 2024 - 6:30 pm

Please RSVP number of attendees to HLSAR1776@gmail.com NLT July 21st



The Henry Leavenworth Chapter invites all Kansas Compatriots and their guests to join us for an evening of fun and friendship with the American Association 2023 Champions, The KC Monarchs.

Location: Legends Field, 1800 Village West Pkwy, Kansas City, KS 66111
Cost: Less than \$25.00 per ticket, food purchases on site

More to follow soon!

Colorguard Activities

Great Bend Parade

Sons of the Plains chapter led in the Great Bend parade on June 1, 2024. Compatriots participating were VPG Bobby Hulse, ohn Hooker, Bit Roberts, Pat Crawford and David Parks.



Honor Flights

Kansas and Missouri Society color guardsmen were present to welcome veterans returning to Kansas City International airport with Honor Flights.



Clay Shropshire, Alan Martin, and Brian Vasquez greet a returning Veteran.



Dewey Fry and Jeff Winters with a returning Veteran.

KC Area George Washington Birthday Celebration

The chapters in the Kansas City area hosted a birthday celebration in honor of George Washington's birthday. The event was well attended with a completely full

room. The combined Kansas and Missouri colorguard presented the colors for the banquet.



Medal Of Honor Ceremony

On March 24 the Kansas and Missouri Societies participated in a Medal of Honor Ceremony held at the Truman Presidential Library and Museum in Liberty Missouri.



L-R front/back: Stephen Sullins MO, Bill Marshall KS Commander. Row 2 – Dennis Nelson KS, Craig Dillavou KS, Robert Grover MO/KS, Allen Martin KS, Dewey Fry KS, John Forbes KS. Row 3 – Kirk Rush KS, Peter Reynolds MO, Jeffrey Winters KS, Clay Shropshire KS, Mark Parks MO. Row 4 – Ivan Stull MO, Michael Hahn MO, and Bobbie Hulse SCD VP General. (Not pictured: J. Michael Robertson MO, John Stewart MO, and Roy Hutchinson MO.

NJCAA Basketball Championship

Members of the Kansas Society colorguard lead by Colorguard Commander Bill Marshall presented the colors for the opening ceremony at the NJCAA basketball championships held in Hutchinson, Kansas.



St. Genevieve National Color Guard Event and Grave Marking

Three members of the Kansas Society colorguard joined the Missouri colorguard for a grave marking in St. Genevieve, Missouri on May 26, 2024. Representing Kansas were, Colorguard Commander Bill Marshall, Southcentral District VPG Bobbie Hulse and Edgar Grover Colonial soldier of the year Alan Martin.



Bill Marshall stands at Present during the grave marking ceremony



Bobbie Hulse with compatriots from the Missouri Society



Far left Alan Martin carries the Kansas Flag

CHAPTER NEWS

SONS OF THE PLAINS CHAPTER (Hutchinson) Bit Roberts President *Pizaacos Restaurant in Hutchinson, 112 So. Main St. 9AM 2nd Sat. Sept-May*

Sons of the Plains chapter colorguard members participated in a Viet Nam veterans benefit dinner.



PRAIRIE MINUTEMEN CHAPTER (Ellsworth Area) Ron Svaty President

BENNINGTON CHAPTER (Salina Area) Joe Black , President *Meets 9:30 AM on the 3rd Saturday of the month Sep to May at location to be announced. .*

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*

The Charles Robinson chapter (Kansas SAR) presented the Bronze Goid Citizenship medal to Chief Judge James R McCabria (Seventh Judicial District) on 21 March 2024. Chapter president Jim Cooper (Captain, USN, retired) on the right. Judge McCabria spoke on the Judiciary section of the US Constitution. (Point: reach out to area judiciary for a program.)



Col. JOHN SEWARD CHAPTER (Liberal)

,Dr. Ray E. Allen 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*

DELAWARE CROSSING CHAPTER (Kansas City & Johnson County)

Larry Tatum, President *Meets 3rd Saturday monthly for 9:00 AM Breakfast, Hilton Garden Inn 119th St. Overland Park, KS*

Mary Dempsey of the Midwest Genealogy Center in Independence, Missouri presented a good program on Beginning Genealogy. For those who have done no genealogy it covered how to start and what to look for and where to look for it. For those of us who have done significant genealogy research, it provided and interesting review of what we have learned over the years and a couple new references. It opened our eyes to the fact we should utilize the Midwest Genealogy Center more than we do.



Ken Ludwig presents the Certificate of Appreciation to Mary Dempsey.

President Kenneth Ludwig presented Mary Dempsey with a Certificate of Appreciation for her program presentation.

Kevin Dyches and Rick Alley could not attend the March meeting due to other commitments. President Kenneth Ludwig Presented Kevin Dyches with a Certificate of Distinguished Service for serving as the Secretary for the past year; which is a challenging job every Executive Committee Meeting.



President Kenneth Ludwig presented Rick Alley with the Chapter Henry Knox Achievement Medal for serving as Webmaster for several years and maintaining our website well and keeping our subscriptions of online services current and functional.



Dewey Fry presented to Steven French, DX Color Guard Commander, 15 of the 17 streamers awarded by the Kansas Society SAR to the Delaware Crossing Chapter for participation in the SAR programs. The streamers will be mounted to our Chapter Streamer Pole. Delaware Crossing earned the most streamers of the 13 Kansas chapters



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

FORT HAYS CHAPTER (Hays)

Doak Doolittle, 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.*

HENRY LEAVENWORTH CHAPTER (Leavenworth)

Bennett Dickson, President Meets 4th Thursday monthly at The Heritage Center, 109 Delaware St., Leavenworth, KS 66048

Henry Leavenworth chapter is featured in the Chapter Spotlight earlier in this issue.

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

NAUGHTON REMEMBERED AS OUTSTANDING SAR LEADER



Gunnar Naughton remembers that he accompanied his father, Mark, one day last year as he drove around Manhattan to deliver Sons of the American Revolution membership packages.

“He liked to personally deliver membership certificates,” Gunnar said of his father, who passed away on Aug. 21, 2023, after a sudden illness, at the age of 61.

The personal gesture was typical of Mark Naughton, who served as president of the Konza Prairie chapter for nearly a decade.

A Marine veteran and longtime Army National Guard member, Mark was passionate about SAR, and was the driving force in the chapter. Mark was a Bronze Star Valor recipient for actions as a Marine Scout Sniper during the 1983 invasion of Grenada.

“He loved telling stories of heroism and he loved freedom and everything that the American Revolution stood for,” Gunnar said.

After Mark’s passing, Gunnar said he found an unfinished buckskin jacket in his father’s shop - apparently Mark had been trying to replicate one from the Revolutionary War-era.

“He had recently bought a flintlock pistol,” Gunnar said.

Mark joined SAR in 2001, sponsored by his father, Gary Naughton, a longtime secretary of Konza Prairie chapter. Mark served as vice president, then became president in 2014, when chapter president Gary Groh passed away.

There weren’t many active members when Mark took over as president, according to current chapter Secretary Doug Brabb.

When Brabb joined in 2015, he said that his first phone call was to Mark and there was a chapter meeting that night. “I listened to the meeting (on speaker phone) with Mark, his dad and maybe two others.”

“Mark and his dad and others slowly built it up,” Brabb said. Konza Prairie now is a very active chapter with strong attendance at meetings.

The Naughton family’s patriot was John Locke, who was born on the 4th of July, 1755. He enlisted in a Maryland

militia company 1775 for three years of service. Locke must have risen to the rank of captain because there is a record of a Capt. John Locke resigning his commission in 1794.

Mark Naughton owned a uniform consistent with what Locke would have worn in the Revolutionary War – a navy blue wool coat, silver-colored buttons, white pants, a red tie around the neck and a tri-cornered hat.

He loved participating in color guards, in parades and other SAR-related ceremonies. Gunnar said one of his earliest SAR memories was marching with his dad in a parade when Gunnar was a teenager.

“Any chance he had to do a color guard he would do it,” said Bill Marshall, the Konza Prairie chapter Treasurer and KSSSAR Color Guard Commander.

Mark took the ceremonial part of SAR seriously. As the chapter grew there were some new members who hadn’t marched before. Mark asked members to practice marching at a meeting to ensure that they would be in unison at the Veteran’s Parade in Manhattan. He reminded members that many military veterans would be attending the parade and would be watching how the SAR members conducted themselves.

Mark was always supportive of ROTC programs in the Manhattan area and the Boy Scouts. An Eagle Scout himself, Mark attended numerous Baden-Powell banquets as a representative of SAR.

Mark and Konza Prairie member George Wyatt, conducted a course on Revolutionary War history at the Kansas State University merit badge conference last year.

“He was just a good leader. He wasn’t a bragger. He was very humble,” Marshall said.

As a final tribute to Mark Naughton, the Konza Prairie chapter had a banner made with his photo and displayed it during the Veteran’s Parade in Manhattan on November 10, 2023.

“My opinion of Mark was the two words on that banner: Friendship and Leadership,” Marshall said.

MONTICELLO CHAPTER (Shawnee)

Jake Cox, President Meets 3rd Thursday monthly, 6:00 PM at Pegah’s Restaurant 12122 W 87th St, Lenexa, KS 66215

THOMAS JEFFERSON CHAPTER (Topeka)

Brian Vazquez, President Topeka Public Library, 1515 SW 10th Ave. – 9:00 a.m. (3rd Saturday of month during September to November and February to June) HyVee, 29th & Wanamaker, Topeka, KS 3rd Saturday of July, Aug, Dec, and Jan, @ 9:00 am.

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

Washington chapter inducted a new member Matt Campbell. At the May chapter meeting Campbell presented a program on his patriot ancestors along with show some family artifacts.



Little Balkans Chapter (Pittsburg) Dustin Strong President

Little Balkans Chapter is the states newest chapter, they continue to increase membership.

The Kansas SAR Ladies Auxiliary Jennifer Wampler, President *Meets at the Quarterly Board of Governors*

New Members

<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Middle</i>	<i>NSSAR</i>	<i>Ks</i>	<i>Ch</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Ancestor</i>
Cobb	John	B.	229088	4039	MC	Schatzel, JA	02/02/24	John Connelly+
McMillan	Hudson	James	229089	4040	FHJ	Schatzel, JA	02/02/24	Adam Calhoun Scott
Wojtalewicz	Jack	Connor	229090	4041	HL	Schatzel, JA	02/02/24	David Stockton
Wheat	Jeffrey	Alan	229091	4042	MC	Schatzel, JA	02/02/24	Stephen Dustin
Campbell	Matthew	Stephen	229143	4043	WA	Warne, JL	02/09/24	Moses Campbell
Hammell	Clayton	Wright	229220	4044	HL	Schatzel, JA	02/16/24	William Ferguson+
Hammell	Mark	Joseph	229221	4045	HL	Schatzel, JA	02/16/24	William Ferguson
Hammell	Sean	Matthew Wright	229222	4046	HL	Schatzel, JA	02/16/24	William Ferguson
Heffner	Jacob	Nathan	229223	4047	HL	Schatzel, JA	02/16/24	William Ferguson
Heffner	Zachary	Matthew	229224	4048	HL	Schatzel, JA	02/16/24	William Ferguson
Heffner	Benjamin	Michael	229225	4049	HL	Schatzel, JA	02/16/24	William Ferguson
Smith	Terry	Lee	229514	4050	HL	Schatzel, JA	03/22/24	Robert Warren
Fleischer	Todd	Douglas	229598	4051	HL	Schatzel, JA	03/29/24	James Dawson
Lynch	David	James	229599	4052	DX	Fry, HD	03/29/24	John Maull

+memorial

Supplementals

Last	First	Middle	NSSAR	Ks	Ch	Approved	Ancestor
Nance	Christopher	Ryan	180656	3703	WA	01/26/24	John Young
Forbes	John	William	130043	1781	DX	03/22/24	David Haggard
Forbes	Bradley	William	157782	2298	DX	03/22/24	David Haggard

Salute to Our Departed Comrades

Last	First	Middle	NSSAR	Ks	Ch	Member	Died
Musil	Elmer	Lee	154813	2222	PM	2000	01/25/24
Bass	Sanford	Baum	207754	3415		2018	02/14/24*
Gardner	Richard	Allen	185685	2929	KP	2012	04/07/24
Thompson	Lewen	Clay	122276	1523		1983	04/12/24*

Final Thought



“As nations cannot be rewarded or punished in the next world, they must be in this.” – George Mason

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