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# NESSAR FALL Meeting September 22, 2013 at 1:00 pm

**President's Corner:** Summer is over and I hope everyone enjoyed themselves. Now we must look toward the next six months. The Annual Nebraska State SAR Fall Meeting will be September 22nd, at 1 PM, again in the Lodge at Mahoney State Park. This will be a great time to see old friends and be a part of your Nebraska Society. We will be presenting awards to some very deserving individuals,



one from the Emergency Medical Services and one from Law Enforcement. Please remember how important it is that all members attend these functions, especially the Fall and Spring Meetings. It's such an easy way to remember and honor the sacrifices that our ancestors made. Let's all show that patriotism is what we are about. Come join us.

Fred Walden.



**SAR APPLICATIONS**

Please mail all new member and supplemental application to our NE SAR State Secretary: **Compatriot Dr. David K. Kentsmith, M.D. 16902 S. HWY 50 Springfield, NE 68059-4827** If you need to contact Compatriot Kentsmith, he may be reached by phone at 402-253-2577 or by email at: **K-NESAR@Q.COM**

*Infamous*



*"Brown Bess"*



State President Fred Walden and his wife Jan at SAR's 123rd Annual Congress.



Lincoln Chapter Vice President Shawn Stoner at SAR's 123rd Annual Congress.



Past North Central Vice President General William Lees at 123rd Annual Congress.

# Trip to Kansas City to the SAR's 123rd Annual Congress

Kansas City, here we come. Our State President Fred Walden and his wife Jan left Omaha early Friday, July 5th. "After a relatively short trip, we arrived in Kansas City early afternoon. We checked into our excellent accommodations at the downtown Marriott. I registered for the Congress. I was pleased to learn that Shawn Stoner, from the Lincoln Chapter also registered for the Congress. That meant that Nebraska had two delegates. I was also pleased to learn that the Kansas City hosts had set up a table for me to sell our Nebraska Medals. I was

Able to sell 22 medals in approximately 20 minutes. It also afforded me an opportunity to have conversations with many of the Compatriots. My wife and I had made reservations for some activities before the opening of the Congress. Friday night, July 5th, we went on a tour of the Treasures of the Steamboat Arabia Museum. The Arabia sank in 1856 in the Missouri River near Kansas City, after striking a submerged tree. All 130 passengers survived, but over 200 tons of frontier cargo was lost. Much of that cargo was destined for Nebraska and the Dakotas. Excavated in 1988-89, the largest pre-

Civil War artifact collection has been preserved and is on display at the Museum. Our tour ended with a buffet of "heavy hors d'oeuvres". Saturday, July 6th, we took a bus tour of Kansas City. Kansas City is known as "The City of Fountains." We saw many of the beautiful fountains. We left the bus for a tour of the Alexander Majors House and Park. The house was built by then millionaire, Majors in 1856. Majors and his partners owned a western freighting firm. They also founded and operated the famous Pony Express. The Pony Express stopped when the  
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Compatriot Shawn Stoner visiting with Dr. Samuel Powell who with his wife are contributors of matching funds for the new SAR National Library.



Above photo shows members of the North American Founders of 1492 to 1692 taken during the SAR's meeting in Kansas City. Nebraska State President Fred Walden is second from left in the back row.



State President Fred Walden and his wife Jan with one of Kansas City's finest Police Officers. Photo was taken at the World War 1 Museum in Kansas City. The Police Officer was one of the escorts.



The above photo was taken during the Memorial Services held for the SAR members who passed away during the past year.



Past National President General Butler and his wife during the closing banquet ceremonies initiating our new National President General Joseph W. Dooley.



State President Fred Walden and his wife Jan at the Boy Scouts Awards Banquet during the National SAR Meeting in Kansas City.

Cont'd from page 2, Column 3 telegraph spanned the nation in 1861. Majors and his partners lost their fortune. However, the Pony Express while operating, made major contributions to the Civil War. The Kansas City culminated with lunch at the Plaza.

Saturday evening we attended the Missouri Society Welcome Reception at the National World War I Museum. The Missouri Society hosted an extensive buffet of Kansas City bar-be-cue. After dinner, we toured the museum. The WWI Museum was constructed in 1926. It closed in 1994 due to its deteriorated physical structure. It reopened in 2006 dedicated to honoring those who served in the Great War.

Sunday, July 7, we attended the SAR Memorial Service at Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral. The Color Guard led the procession to the Cathedral. The service honored the 580 Compatriots who recently served the society. Their names were listed by States in the Memorial Bulletin.

Sunday evening we attended the Founders of North America reception, hosted by Judge Edward Butler, Grand Viscount General. Opening session of the Congress was Monday, July 8. Nearly everything that was presented was approved. Joseph W. Dooley was elected President General. Dooley's speech concluded the 123rd Congress. He challenged all of the chapters to donate toward the new construction of the library with a matching funds. That is, if a Chapter gave a donation of \$400 he would contribute \$100 to make it a gift of \$500. If a State SAR would donate \$750, he would match that with \$250 for a gift of \$1000. That would entitle them to a recognition and a streamer. He distributed booklets entitled, "The Declaration of Independence" and "The Constitution of the United States. He encouraged Chapters to order and distribute these booklets and use

them as an educational tool. During the Congress we took part in: Council of State President's Breakfast, George Washington Fellows Luncheon, SAR 1000 Breakfast, and the Youth Awards Luncheon.

Free time was spent visiting the Merchandising Center, maybe to purchase an item or two, and time in the Ladies' Hospitality Room, which also had items to buy, as well as coffee and rolls. I enjoyed talking to Mr. Lees and meeting his son. I had a nice conversation with Mr. McRoberts, the North Central Vice President General. We discussed trying to get a North Central Get Together, perhaps for a weekend. I would like to promote this as well as establishing a Chapter in Western Nebraska. Nebraska received the following awards: Jennings H. Flathers award for a publication of a chapter with fewer than 500 members. Publication was the Husker Patriot, Robert Knott, Editor. NESAR Society the Partners in Patriotism Certificate. NESSAR Society Admiral William R. Ferlong Memorial Award Star for flag presentation during the previous year. Partners in Patriotism Certificate for the Omaha Chapter and Partners in Patriotism Certificate for the Lincoln Chapter. Next year's Congress will meet in Greenville, South Carolina which promises to be as successful as this Congress in Kansas City." Compatriot Fred Walden, Nebraska State President

"We then went up to the old battleground on Bunker's Hill, where they were erecting a monument to those who fell in that day-break battle of our rising glory. I felt as if I wanted to call them up, and ask them to tell me how to help to protect the liberty they bought for us with their blood; but as I could not do so, I resolved on that holy ground, as I had done elsewhere, to go for my country, always and everywhere." Congressman David Crockett

## 2013-14 Meetings and Events

**Sep 6, Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am Eastmont Towers**

**Sep 10, Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:00 pm Venice Inn**

**Sep 22, Nebraska State SAR Meeting, 1:00 pm Mahoney State Park**

**Oct 4, Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am Eastmont Towers**

**Oct 8, Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:00 pm Venice Inn**

**Nov 1, Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am Eastmont Towers**

**Nov 12, Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:00 pm Venice Inn**

**Dec 6, Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am Eastmont Towers**

**Dec 10, Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:00 pm Venice Inn**

**Jan 3, Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am Eastmont Towers**

**Jan 14, Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:00 pm Venice Inn**

**Feb 7, Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am Eastmont Towers**

**Feb 11, Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:00 pm Venice Inn**

**Mar 7, Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am Eastmont Towers**

**Mar 11, 6:00 pm Venice Inn**



State President Fred Walden has advised that there is a limited number of our Nebraska State Medals that are available. They will be available at the Omaha Chapter Meeting in September and also at our State Meeting on September 22 for a donation of \$20.00. They may also be ordered through the mail from Fred Walden, 4840

Franklin St., Omaha, NE 68104 or by telephone at: 402-558-5369. The colors and printing are gorgeous and this is a medal you will be proud to wear.

## Members' Corner

We are looking for articles for our Newsletter about our members Patriots. Would you be willing to put together an article about your Patriot? It could be one or two pages long or even a paragraph. If you go up to four or five pages we could have a continuation into the next Quarter's Newsletter. These articles would then be available for all of our members to enjoy. If we can assist you in any way with putting something together just let us know. An article would be such a great way to pass down to our future generations what our Patriot did for our country. We're only an email away.

We now have twelve Newsletters published and distributed to our members. I would like to ask you to again take a good look at these Newsletters and let me know what you would like to see in future editions. We did receive several votes of confidence on the outline and direction the newsletter is moving, however, we do need more input from fellow compatriots in our chapter news and general submissions. Are there areas of interest that you would like included? How well are we meeting your needs? If you have any stories and/or pictures you take at any of our events that you can share, please contact the Newsletter Editor Bob Knott at [chiefknott@aol.com](mailto:chiefknott@aol.com) or the Publisher Bill Webb at [webb.w@q.com](mailto:webb.w@q.com). This is your Newsletter and we want it to be as informative and interesting as we can make it. That's where you can help.



### MEET MY PATRIOTS "My American Revolution Ancestors" By JOHN PARSONS



#### ANDREAS ZIEGLER—

Andreas Ziegler was the ancestor that I used for my initial lineage for membership in the SAR. I have several other ancestors from whom other individuals had traced descent, but no one had ever claimed descent from this individual. I was motivated to do so however, by the fact that when I first visited his grave at a small church cemetery in Bowers, Pennsylvania when I was about eight years of age, I vividly remembered the presence of an SAR marker and flag.

Andreas Ziegler was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania in 1744. His father, also named Andreas, had emigrated from Germany to Pennsylvania in 1737 and had become a farmer in Berks County. Andreas's Revolutionary War record is rather sparse, due to the fact that he died in 1800 and his wife died in 1829. Revolutionary War pension records, whereby a veteran or his widow could claim a government pension, didn't begin until 1832, so there was little detailed documentation of the battles and campaigns in which he would have participated. However, by doing a good bit of sub-

sequent research, I have been able to add some details to his Revolutionary War service.

Andreas was enrolled as a Private in Capt Folck's Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Berks County Militia on 7 August 1777. This battalion was commanded by Lt Col Hunter and formed a part of General Potter's Pennsylvania brigade of Pennsylvania militia.

Potter's Brigade joined Washington's army in September as it moved across New Jersey and west through Philadelphia toward Brandywine Creek. Potter's forces were stationed at Pyle's Ford, one of several potential crossing locations on the creek, for Howe's army which had moved by sea from New York to Maryland and then marched overland into Pennsylvania.

Howe launched a diversionary attack at Chadd's Ford, a few miles north of Pyle's Ford, but then launched his major attack on Washington's right flank, further to the right and rear of Chadd's Ford. The patriot forces, including Potter's brigade, pulled back and retreated in fairly good order.

Howe moved on and captured Philadelphia.

Washington then launched a counter attack against the British

at Germantown in October.

Washington developed a complex attack plan that included three attacking columns. Potter's Brigade, along with some other Pennsylvania troops, attacked the British left flank in an inconclusive assault. The American offensive failed, and Washington pulled his troops back to the area of Whitmarsh, a few miles north of Germantown. Potter's Brigade was posted on a hill on the American right, and helped defend against a British attack there in November. After this abortive attack, Howe returned to Philadelphia and Washington went into camp at Valley Forge. The Pennsylvania militia, including Potter's Brigade, were mustered out after three months service and returned to their farms and homes. Although he only had a three-month tour of duty, Andreas probably served at Brandywine, Germantown, and Whitmarsh. In retrospect, I'm very glad that I used him as my first SAR ancestor.

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"They that can give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety." Ben Franklin, 1759.

Interesting Information about Nebraska by Chaplain James Hoke, President: Lincoln Chapter.

One often wonders at things that happen in our State of Nebraska. For example, whose idea was it to put the State bird and flower on our license plates anyway - you can hardly see them from 5 feet away! Or why was the Meadow Lark chosen to be our State bird?

Even at the national level our founding fathers struggled with "The Best Bird for the Job."

"The bald eagle became America's national symbol when it was placed on the Great Seal in 1782. One member of Congress who did not support the winning selection was Benjamin Franklin. The eagle, he claimed, was too common a bird to be a national symbol. later, he elaborated on his views in a letter to his daughter:

"For my part, I wish the bald eagle had not been chosen as the representative of our country; he is a bird of bad moral character he does not get his living honestly; you may have seen him perched on some dead tree, where, too lazy to fish for himself, he watches the labor of the fishing hawk (waiting to steal the bird's food."

Franklin thought a more uniquely American bird should have been selected by the Continental Congress. His choice, the turkey."

SOURCE: Geo. W. Stimpson, *Nuggets of Knowledge* (New York: A.L. Burt, 1934), P.141.

**STANDING TALL IN A "DOWN EAST" MANNER**

**By Compatriot Bob Chandler**

During the last few decades, it's been difficult, if not impossible, to find adequate Revolutionary War coverage in our so-called "History" books. It was moreover the same for any type coverage of Revolutionary War events "Down East. The term Down East pertains to

the term in New England when ships sailed from Boston to ports in Maine (which were to the east of Boston), the wind was at their backs, so they were sailing downwind, hence the term 'Down East.'

([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Down\\_East](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Down_East))

Nevertheless, history will not be denied because there were countless "Down Easters" who toed the line and stood tall when it counted. Here are just a few:

On June 12, 1775, at Machias, Massachusetts, but Maine since 1820, and just seven weeks after the battles of Lexington and Concord, the local citizens celebrated by raising a maypole which offended the British who demanded it be taken down. Finding severe resistance to their order, the British attempted to leave. However, lumberman Jeremiah O'Brien and about 40 local men captured the British sloop "Unity" and pursued the British schooner HMS Margaretta into Penobscot Bay. Following a fierce fight with fatalities on both sides, the "Unity's" crew captured the latter. It was the first naval victory for the new Americans. The "Unity's" name was changed to "Machias Liberty" and O'Brien, with his crew, sailed it up and down the northeast coast capturing other British ships and cargoes for the patriot cause and sharing the prize monies. The US Navy later named five ships after O'Brien. ([Narrative of the Town of Machias, the Old and the New, the Early and Late](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_O%27Brien)) ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS\\_O%27Brien](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_O%27Brien))

A few hours before that above sea chase, Hannah (Watts) Weston, only 16 years old and five months pregnant, trekked with her sister-in-law, Rebecca Weston, 15 miles through the woods at night to the next town and brought back powder and ball for the anticipated fight. Her husband was one of O'Brien's crewmembers. The DAR Chapter in Machias is named in her memory for that outstanding feat and that Chapter meets at Burnham Tavern where the plot to capture

HMS Margaretta was heatedly debated before executed. This historic event is celebrated annually in Machias during its "Margaretta Days Festival".

(<http://bangordailynews.com/2010/06/living/machias-fest-book-celebrate-revolution/>)

Scottish-born Colonel John Allan and his men daily took extraordinary risks dealing with the various Indian tribes of the areas after General George Washington appointed him Superintendent of the Indians in Eastern Massachusetts. Indian loyalties could change overnight depending upon which side made the best offer. Allan's policy was that if the tribe would not join him to fight, he would do whatever it took from keeping them from joining the enemy. Adding spice to his life at this time was the constant fear of his being reported to the British by ever-present Tories. Allan's efforts were successful in keeping the Eastern Indian tribes from taking up arms against the American settlers. His successes were despite his house being burned, personal belongings looted and his wife and children taken prisoner and mistreated. He lies on Allan's Island (off the coast of St. George, Knox County, Maine) with a monument justly earned.

(<http://files.usgwarchives.net/me/washington/machias/amerrev/allan/sj2p233.txt>)

None of the foregoing events match in magnitude Revolutionary War events such as Bunker Hill, Saratoga, Monmouth or King's Mountain. Nevertheless, such events and people as presented above are most significant in our Revolutionary War history. The presence of those "Down Easters" standing tall kept a British fleet and a sizeable infantry force garrisoned at Halifax, Nova Scotia, or otherwise both the fleet and infantry could have been fighting Washington elsewhere between New York and South Carolina.

## MORE PICTURES AND STORIES

### Eagle Scout Scholarship Stipend

During our 2013 Spring State Meeting, there was a proposal made, duly voted on and passed to raise the Eagle Scout Scholarship Stipend from the current \$200.00 to \$500.00 in lieu of presenting the Eagle Scout with an Eagle Trophy.

The discussion concerned the number of Eagle Scouts submitting their applications for this award has dramatically fallen off in the past few years. It was pointed out that there are a number of organizations that have a much higher stipend available than our current \$200.00 and that's where their efforts are being directed. It was felt that if our Stipend was raised to \$500.00 our Nebraska Society will once again have an inflow of qualified applicants for this award. During the dues renewal notice that you will receive this coming Fall, you will be given the opportunity to donate to the Eagle Scout Fund. The funds received during this renewal period marked for the Eagle Scout fund will be specifically annotated for use only toward this \$500.00 Stipend. If you wish to donate to the Eagle Scout Fund please specify on your renewal notice where you wish your donation to be used.

If there are not sufficient donations received for a given year, any balance required to bring the Stipend up to \$500.00 will be withdrawn from the Eagle Scout Trust Fund, held by Liberty Credit Union.

Should any Nebraska member have an address, telephone or email update please notify the State Secretary David K. Kentsmith, MD, at [k-NESAR@q.com](mailto:k-NESAR@q.com).



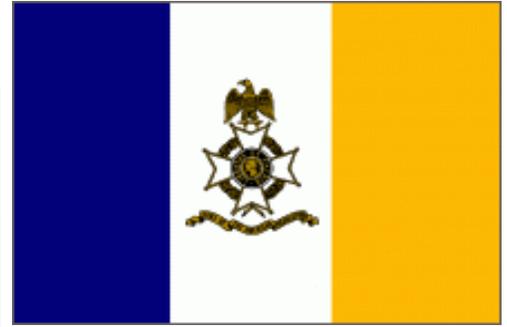
Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War celebrated their 123rd Conference in Lincoln, Nebraska. Shown above is State Senator Compatriot LeRoy Loudon, State SAR President Fred Walden and Compatriot Merle Rudebusch. Senator Loudon and Merle Rudebusch were two of the escorts of the ladies. State President Walden represented the Nebraska SAR and gave our grateful appreciation for the outstanding work and achievements the Daughters are performing and holding up the principles of our forefathers.



### Wyuka Cemetery

Photo at left was taken at the Wyuka Cemetery in Lincoln, NE during Memorial Day ceremonies in May.

Shown are Compatriots John Reinert, Tom Masters and Shawn Stoner from the Lincoln Chapter with the banner of the Sons of the American Revolution.



### NEBRASKA SOCIETY OFFICERS 2012-2013

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### OUR FLAG

If perhaps you need a reminder of the days you should fly the American Flag, please observe the following: George Washington's Birthday, 2/22 each year; Armed Forces Day (3rd Sunday in May); Memorial Day (last Monday in May); Flag Day, 6/14; Independence Day, 7/14; Labor Day (1st Monday in September); Patriot's Day, 9/11; Constitution Day, 9/17; Veterans Day, 11/11; Columbus Day (2nd Monday in October). Remember you may fly the flag any day you wish.