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NESSAR FALL Meeting September 21, 2014 at 1:00 pm

President's Corner: Among the things I took for granted growing up was the "hipness" of my parents (both living). I always knew they aspired to achieve some measure of success by leading professional lives, but never did these goals diverge from our family interests and we have been greatly blessed as a result. The 1960s and 70s may have been kind to some folks, but many were the sacrifices made to navigate those choppy seas. I'm certainly not going to recount the events of that era because many of us lived them, but it does seem strange to acknowledge an emerging



crisis of confidence around the globe in the 2000s – the failure of governments to act in the interest of their citizens is one way of putting it. That history repeats itself comes as no great shock, but I pray that we rediscover that cohesive and resilient quality of being in community with one another in time to come together again, or the 21st Century will cease to be an American one. 'Nuf said! I'm not often heard to complain loudly or often, largely because I'm too busy meeting challenges head on. Make a plan, gain some measure of support, and stay the **Cont'd on page 6, col. 1**



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"



Above photo shows Jan Walden having Jeff Barnes latest book autographed at Gorats Steakhouse.



Shown is Compatriot David H. Mickey's 40 year membership pin. More on page two.



David Conley shown after initiation with mother and brother Thomas Conley.

Nebraska Society Fall Meeting

President John Reinert opened the meeting at 2:00 pm with a call to Order. There was a Quorum. This was followed with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the SAR. Rev. Dr. James Hoke gave the invocation. Past Nebraska SAR Presidents were introduced as well as the members and guests. We had an outstanding program presented by Niel Johnson on President Harry Truman and Nancy Cramer with her talk on the new KC—WWI National Museum. The presentation of awards were conducted by Chairman Shawn Stoner and President

Reinert. The awards from National are as follows: Richard H. Thompson Award; The Arthur M. King Eagle Scout; The Admiral William R. Furlong Memorial Award and the Certificate of achievement for flag presentation of Flag Certificates in 2013. Nebraska Society awards went for 30 plus Years of Membership—John Reinert; Thomas Masters and David Mickey. Officers reports were given by President John Reinert; VP and Secretary David Kentsmith; Treasurer William Webb; Registrar Thomas Masters; National Trustee Fredrick Walden and New Vice President General Thomas Parsons.

Committee Reports by Robert Chandler, Flag; William Webb Publicity and Shawn Stoner, Medals & Certificates. New Business discussed was a report concerning Membership Application costs and assembling proofs by a genealogist. See Page 5 for full report. After closing remarks by President Reinert and members reciting “Until We Meet Again” the meeting was adjourned.

“I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country” - Nathan Hale’s last words before being hanged by the British.

NEBRASKA SOCIETY AWARDS PRESENTED DURING FALL MEETING AT MAHONEY STATE PARK BY NEBRASKA STATE PRESIDENT JOHN REINERT



William Webb is shown accepting from State President John Reinert the Richard H. Thompson Award which is for the State Society at year’s end has the smallest number of members dropped from the rolls for non-payment of dues.



Robert Chandler accepts from President John Reinert the Admiral William R. Furlong Memorial Award for NSSAR Flag Certificate Presentations during the previous year.



David H. Mickey, Nebraska Society State President 1990-1992 was honored at the Masonic Home in Plattsmouth, NE for having been a member of the Society for 40 years. Pictured with David and his Daughter are Nebraska Compatriots Carroll Reinert, William Webb, Robert Knott, Tim and Diane Mickey, John Reinert, LaVerne Stetson, Dr. David Kentsmith and John Parsons.

David’s Grandfather was John H. Mickey, who in 1902 was nominated by the Nebraska Republican Convention as its candidate for Nebraska governor. After serving a second term, Mickey retired to Osceola.



Reverend Dr. James Hoke is shown accepting the Arthur M. King Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest Support Award Certificate.



Robert Chandler shown accepting the Certificate of Achievement for 100 percent chapter Participation in the Presentation of Flag Certificates in 2013.

Compatriots: The 2015 dues notices have been mailed. If you have not sent in your payment yet please act quickly as the year end is coming up very fast. If your dues are not paid on time your membership in the SAR will have to be dropped. That actually creates a lot of extra work for our Secretary and Treasurer in managing things such as the budget. For assistance, please contact our State Secretary at: K-NESAR@Q.COM.



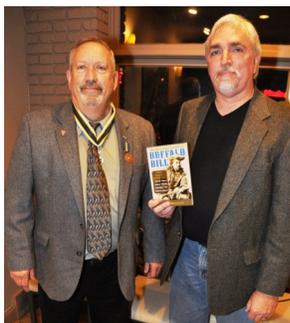
DAR/SAR Library Inventory

One of Nebraska's newest members, Frederick "Otis" Ward, Member at Large, as well as our member LeRoy J. Loudon from the Lincoln Chapter, an earlier volunteer helped with the two week - Lue R. Spencer, DAR Genealogy Library Inventory in Grand Island, NE. No inventory had been completed for eight years and the books were not in an genealogy research order. LeRoy and Otis helped two different days because NESAR does have a small number of membership books in the library. Book Categories include: European (ship lists), Census, NSDAR and National Heraldry Societies, Family Genealogy, Family History (bible, church, Quaker), First Thirteen Colonies (over 500 books), New England Genealogy, Northeastern States-Southern-Southeastern States, Central Midwest States, Nebraska, Central Midwest States, Nebraska Genealogy Section (Cemeteries, County History and NEDAR Genealogy Records), Western States and a Self Help section. There are 54 books that need to be placed in archival boxes before returned to the shelves. Therefore the library is raising funds to purchase these boxes from Gaylord which handles these boxes in various sizes. The Nebraska DAR will purchase them through the Knight Museum Sandhills Center in Alliance, NE, where their other smaller NEDAR Library collection is being installed in a new room. In the picture with NEDAR members, and Grand Island Genealogy is Otis, and to his left, is his wife Sheri. The Nebraska State Librarian, Sharon-

Ann Louden, has asked our Society if we would be interested in donating funds for this project.



The above photo depicts the Nebraska Society's Fall Meeting Program presenters—Harry Truman impersonator Niel Johnson and Writer/Teacher WW 1 historian Nancy Cramer shown with our State President John Reinert. Everyone in attendance thoroughly enjoyed their programs.



Omaha Chapter's program for November was presented by Author Jeff Barnes.

His talk was on Buffalo Bill

Cody and the many times he spent in Omaha which included his friends and fellow showmen Texas Jack and Wild Bill Hickok. Introducing Jeff was Omaha Chapter President Thomas Conley. Jeff's program was very popular and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone in attendance at the meeting.

2015-16 Meetings and Events

Jan 2, Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am Eastmont Towers

Jan 13, Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:00 pm Gorats

Feb 6, Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am Eastmont Towers

Feb 10, Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:00 pm Gorats

Mar 6, Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am Eastmont Towers

Mar 10, Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:00 pm Gorats

Apr 3, Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am Eastmont Towers

Apr 14, Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:00 pm Gorats

Apr 19, State Meeting Mshoney State Park

May 1, Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am Eastmont Towers

May 12, Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:00 pm Gorats

Jun 5, Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am Eastmont Towers

Jun 9, Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:00 pm Gorats



Surprise!!! David Conley, far right in the above photo showed up at the Omaha Chapter Meeting in November for initiation into the Sons of the American Revolution. It was a complete surprise to his brother Thomas, standing next to him, who is the President of the Omaha Chapter. Their mother Trudy was also at the initiation. Thomas, happily did the honors of initiating David into the Society. Others in the photo are Richard Ewing, Omaha Chapter Vice President/Secretary and John Reinert, the Society State President.

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 seventeen Newsletters published and distributed to our members. I would like to ask you to again take a good look at these Newsletters and let us 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 or the Publisher Bill Webb at webb.w@q.com.



MEET MY PATRIOTS "My American Revolution Ancestors" By Chad Steven Sherrets



Pvt Thaddeus Newell—

As a new member of the SAR, I'd like to share the story of my 5th Great Grandfather, Private Thaddeus Newell.

Thaddeus Newell was born in the town of Dudley, Massachusetts in 1746. His father died when he was only 3, and his mother died when he was 16. Fortunately he had 4 older brothers and sisters to look after him.

He struck out to the western edge of the colonies, settling in the Mohawk Valley of New York while in his 20s.

Though many in the colonies had a kinship with the British since that's where their families originated, this wasn't the case in the Mohawk Valley of New York. European settlers in this area were primarily New Netherland Dutch, German, Scottish, and only the occasional English and Irish soldier. The British were a foreign sovereign to most of these people.

It was an uncomfortable situation for these inhabitants. They suffered under British rule, and their attitude turned from unease to hostility as a result of years of constant taxation and the preferential treatment in the availability of *land*. As a result, most families here were strongly in support of breaking away from British rule.

On June 24th, 1776, Thaddeus Newell participated in a meeting at William Warner's tavern in King's District. According to the minutes of that meeting, "the question being put, whether the said District chooses to have the United American Colonies independent of Great Britain, voted unanimously in the affirmative."

Thus, the people of King's District set on a course to change history.

The 17th Regiment of Albany County Militia was formed as a result. Thaddeus Newell served in this regiment as a private, participating in the decisive 2nd Battle of Saratoga (the Battle of Bemis Heights) on October 7th, 1777. He served under Major General Benjamin Lincoln as part of Brigadier General John Glover's Brigade.

Saratoga was a key strategic point in the War of the Revolution. For the British, it represented the linking up of English armies from Montreal and Ontario with the armies who had held New York City. The design was to seal off New England from the southern colonies - essentially to divide and conquer the revolutionary forces.

Fortunately, the American victory at the 2nd Battle of Saratoga changed the momentum of the war. Upon hearing of the surrender of British General Burgoyne,

the French decided to join the war in support of the American forces as our most important ally. This was such a key event that General George Washington proclaimed that a day of Thanksgiving (long before it became a national holiday) would be held in December of 1777 as a celebration of our victory over the British at Saratoga.



So on this Thanksgiving in 2014, I too am thankful for the service my great, great, great, great grandfather Thaddeus Newell paid to help forge our country.



Fall Meeting New Business

William Webb, State Treasurer, was tasked by State President John Reinert to head up a Committee concerning Membership applications, costs by genealogists hired by the applicant to assemble proofs and the application made ready for submittal. Members of the Committee, besides William Webb were Robert Knott, Frederick Walden, LaVerne Stetson and John Parsons. Their charge:

How should additional costs be borne when processing applications?
 Procedures to be followed by applicants applying for membership in the Sons of the American Revolution.

Applicants responsibility:
 Provide information to prove link to Patriot.

Registrars responsibility:
 Provide pamphlet explaining process.
 Provide guidance to applicant.

Provide list of researchers available to do the research if applicant is unable to do so.

It was recommended that expenses incurred over the processing fee will be reimbursed by submitting an itemized list to the state treasurer.

It was also recommended that provided the application needed to be returned to the applicant for additional information, a \$10.00 processing fee will be deducted from the NESSAR dues of \$17.00. The processing fee will not be refunded if the applicant is not approved for membership.



Nebraska State Society, Children of the American

Revolution Honoring Our Heroes.

A weekend filled with honoring our Nations Heroes, as residents, families, and members of the community gathered at Westridge Quality Care and Rehab and golden Living Center on November 8th and 9th, 2014 to honor the veterans residing there. Programs were presented by the Nebraska State Society, Children

of the American Revolution and members of Fort Crook Society C.A.R. Those in attendance rose, if able, as the colors were brought in by the Bedford Cub Scout Pack #136.

Beth Shavlik, State Secretary, read the meaning behind each fold as Elizabeth



McMichael, State President, and Braelyn Hensel folded the flag. Elizabeth read the poem,

“The Noble and the Brave: A Veteran’s Day Tribute” by Joann Fulks. The residents were recognized and given a Certificate of Appreciation for their dedication and contribution to the Armed Forces, also an American Flag, thank you card, and flag pin. Veterans in the audience were also given thank you cards and a Flag pin.

Beth Shavlik, brought tears to many eyes as she played Taps in recognition of our fallen heroes.



The Executive Directors were asked to come forward as the State President presented a silhouette of a kneeling soldier as a thank you to the past, present, and future

veterans residing at the facilities. She mentioned that “as residents, guests, and those passing by look at the silhouette may their eyes rise up to the beautiful flag, and that they remember the brave men and women who fought and are fighting for our freedom.”

Following the ceremony guests looked at the veteran’s memorabilia and had cookies, cake, and punch. It was an honor to have Nebraska State DAR Regent, Kathy Ocasio, Major Isaac Saddler –La Bell Vue Chapter members and Regent, Marcia Shavlik, and members of Waubonsie DAR, Clarinda and Nodaway Chapter DAR Regent, Jessie Smith, and member Beverly Mayes, Maryville present. The Nebraska State President also attended a Vietnam 50th Anniversary Commemorative Event on November 8th

at Maryville, MO American Legion sponsored by the Nodaway Chapter DAR where she handed out thank you cards and flag pins to the veterans.

Furnished by Nancy Adams, Senior Vice President of Nebraska State C.A.R.

Nebraska Admirals

In 1931, then Nebraska Lieutenant Governor Theodore W. Metcalf found himself to be Acting Governor for several weeks. To please some of his friends, he appointed “20 to 25 prominent Nebraskans” as Admirals, hence, the “Great Nebraska Navy”. The primary purpose of the Association is to organize them into a force for the promotion and enhancement of the “Good Life of the State of Nebraska.” Ten of our own members have been appointed.



Shown above in the back row are: William Webb; Ronald Stites; Robert Knott; Raymond Harris; John Parsons and Fred Walden. Seated are David Kentsmith, left and Gary Gray right all from the Omaha Chapter. Center is visiting Nebraska State SAR President John Reinert (holding the Admiral Award). The picture shown below are of James Hoke and Merle Rudebusch from the Lincoln Chap-



ter. The award certificate describes the honor as follows: “And I [the governor of Nebraska] do strictly charge all officers, seamen, tadpoles and goldfish under-
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MORE PICTURES AND STORIES

**Omaha Chapter
December Program**



The photo of Fred Walden seated. Also shown are John Parsons—

VP and Omaha Chapter Member Merle McAlevy. Fred gave a wonderful program on Birdsboro Forge in PA.

Presidents Corner. Cont'd from page 1 course is my motto. As a State Society we face a number of minor challenges, but are well constituted to face them. We meet regularly and break bread together; we enjoy each other's company; we plan to be successful; and, with a great deal of effort on the part of our administrative leadership our numbers are increasing – quality people I might add. The challenge for me as your president is to ensure that the leadership ranks are full, that our standing and select committees have the resources necessary to act, and that meeting our stated goals is an enjoyable experience. It is in this spirit that I wish each of our members, “Merry Christmas” and “Happy Holidays” in the coming year.

Compatriots: Please reserve the date of February 21, 2015 from 6:00 PM—9:00 PM for the 3rd annual American Heritage Dinner in Lincoln. This allows us to network with other like minded organizations and have an educational and entertaining evening. Needing a Registration form? Contact LaVerne Stetson at lavstetson@aol.com or contact him at 402-483-2369.

Fort Crook/Offutt Air Force Base



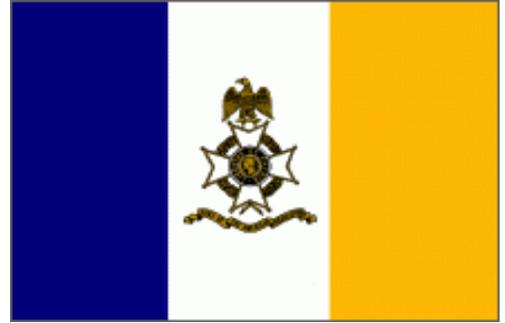
Shown above is Omaha Chapter President Tom Conley, Sarpy County Executive Director Ben Justman who was the October speaker, and Chapter Treasurer John Parsons. Justman gave a very informative program on the history of Fort Crook/Offutt Air Force Base.



Shown in this photo is Thomas Masters receiving his 40 year membership pin as a member of the Nebraska Society. Thomas has served in many capacities for the Society including as President from 1994 to 1996. Thomas has also served for many years as the Nebraska State Registrar and is still serving in that capacity.



Shown in the above photo is State President John Reinert receiving his 30 year membership pin as a member of the Nebraska Society from State Secretary and Vice President Dr. David Kentsmith. John also served as President from 2002 to 2004



**NEBRASKA SOCIETY OFFICERS
2014-2015**

- President: John Reinert, Lincoln
- 1st Vice President: Dr. David Kentsmith, M.D., Omaha
- 2nd Vice President: Dr. James Hoke, Lincoln
- Secretary: Dr. David Kentsmith, M.D., Omaha
- Treasurer: William Webb, Omaha
- Registrar: Thomas Masters, Lincoln
- Deputy Registrar: Robert Knott, Omaha
- Trustee: Fred Walden, Omaha
- Alt. Trustee: Dr. David Kentsmith, MD., Omaha
- North Central Vice President General: John Parsons, Omaha

**BOARD OF COUNSELORS
2014-2015**

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- Chap. President: Shawn Stoner, Lincoln
- Chap. Secretary: LaVerne Stetson, Lincoln
- Past State President: Merle Rudebusch, Lincoln
- Past State President: John Parsons, Omaha
- Past State President: Fred Walden, Omaha

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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.