



## **Meeting Minutes Sons of the American Revolution – Omaha Chapter**

9 Oct 2018

The Omaha Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution met at Gorat's Steakhouse on 9 Oct 2018. Members and guests attending: Thomas Upton (Jane, Karen), Ben Harvey, Paul Burrigh (Paula), Bob Knott (Rosemary), Merle McAlevy, Hank Austin (Charlotte), David Kentsmith (Kitty), State Secretary – John Reinert, Fred Walden (Jan), Gary Gray (Karen), Bill Webb (Georgia), Hugh Nehls (Katherine), Ron Stites, John Parsons, Tom Jones (Sharon), Steve Bigelow (Ginny) – prospective member

President Thomas Upton opened the meeting at 1805 hours.

All stood and repeated the Pledge of Allegiance. Members remained standing and repeated the Pledge to the SAR. The members introduced themselves (with guests) in a roundtable.

The minutes of the 11 Sep 2018 meeting were moved and accepted.

Officers Reports:

- Treasurer, John Parsons – \$3951.47 in treasury. \$177.89 paid for Patriot Muster materials.
- Registrar, Bob Knott - 2 apps in preparation. 2 awaiting approval. 11 apps approved this year (7 new, 4 supplemental), 3 apps still pended

Old Business:

- Eisenhower Ribbon received at the Eisenhower Grave Marking this summer for participating in the wreath laying, was presented to the chapter.
- Secretary Paul Burrigh recapped the discussions and activities at the Fall State Meeting

New Business:

- President Tom Upton presented David Kentsmith with a certificate for his service to the SAR as the district VP-General, as well as a certificate and pin for his service as Past State President.
- Secretary Paul Burrigh gave the members information on the Amazon Smile Program.
- Program was given by Lorraine Jeffus, Past President of Questers International, including information on the history of the organization and some of the projects that their local chapters have been involved in helping to restore.
- Top 2 actionable items – Chapter will form two committees. A Program Committee, chaired ongoing by the Vice President, to seek out and procure quality programs, and a Membership, Recruitment, and Retention Committee, to form a new mentoring program for new members, create and publish new member material (handbook, directory, etc.), and plan events for retention and fellowship. Membership Committee will be chaired by Secretary Paul Burrigh.
- Discussion of State President, Shawn Stoner's call for a grave marking committee, to help seek out Compatriot Graves to have ceremonies for, as well as plan logistics, costs, etc.
- Tom Upton received the Vietnam War Veterans Corps Certificate

The next meeting is scheduled to occur on 13 Nov 2018. There being no other business, all members rose and repeated "Until we meet again..." The meeting was adjourned at 1820 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul H Burrigh

Secretary Omaha Chapter

Officers 2018-2019: President – Thomas Upton, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President- Ben Harvey, Secretary- Paul H. Burrigh, Treasurer – John Parsons, Immediate Past Chapter President – Merle McAlevy