

Husker Patriot

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SHAWN KURT STONER
NEBRASKA SOCIETY
President's Message

Spring is upon us and reflecting on the past few months I look forward to the next months. I am excited about the visibility of the Nebraska SAR is getting. In March, I brought greetings from the Nebraska SAR to the Nebraska DAR at their annual meeting in Kearney. The program was excellent and it was nice to see old friends and make new ones. We must be constantly on the look out for ways to make our organization visible and known to the community.



Besides personal contacts and talking with others about our group the most visible manifestation of what we do is through the Color Guard. The color guard has a busy and ambitious spring and summer planned. In May, participants will be present at three Memorial

Day celebrations in Lincoln and Omaha. Also, the same weekend on Friday May 24th, they will participate in the Purple Heart Honor Flight in Omaha. Also, there will be a short parade and then a welcoming celebration at Durham Western Heritage Museum. They will also participate in the Independence Day Parade in Ralston. Hopefully, it will be cooler than last year. August finds the Color Guard busy again, participating in two Compatriot Grave Markings. The dates are as follows: August 10th in Omaha at Prospect Hill Cemetery for 1st NES-SAR President Champion Chase, where our member Hal Daub will be the key note speaker. Two weeks later, August 24th, in Nebraska City they will participate in the Grave Marking for 5th President Dr. Aurelius Bowen. We would love to see all members who live in these areas join us. Listed below are more details.

Infamous



"Brown Bess"

Nebraska SAR Color Guard Events - Summer 2019

Compatriots, the Nebraska SAR Color Guard is gearing up for an active Summer campaign of events. Please plan to attend one or more of the following events to support the NESSAR. You will find fellow SAR members, wearing Revolutionary War uniforms, proudly and patriotically appearing at the following events:

Friday, May 24th Gold Star Honor Flight Parade Durham Heritage Museum, (801 S. 10th St., Omaha), 8:30 PM. A 3 block parade will lead to Durham Heritage Museum, consisting of Gold Star families, veterans, Millard Post 374, Police and Fire Honor Guards, OPD Mounted Patrol, Governor Ricketts, Mayor Stothert, Congressman Don Bacon, and more. The Nebraska SAR Color Guard (and other Color Guards) will line the entrance to Durham Heritage Museum as the guests and VIPs.

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NEBRASKA SOCIETY NEWS DURING 2TH QUARTER 2019

National Veterans Recognition



It is well known that many of our Compatriots are veterans, whether they have or have not serving in a theater of war. The National Society is making great strides in trying to recognize those members for their sacrifice and

service. The process of being recognized for your service can be found on the National Society website, www.sar.org, and under the members tab, then SAR Committees, then Veterans Recognition Committee. There is no cost to send in your paperwork to the committee. Once you do, and your service is verified, you will receive a Certificate of Patriotism. After you receive your certificate, your name is placed on the list of members who are veterans and you are able to purchase the Military Service Medal or War Service Medal. The medal is Priority #4 on the list of SAR medals. We currently have three Omaha members who are listed in the National Veteran Database: President Tom Upton, Past President William Webb, and Compatriot Jim Sly. Other SAR members may have applied for this recognition but are not currently listed in this data base. For those of you that served this great country, look into this great National Society program and be recognized. Thank you to all our veteran Compatriots.

Members enjoying lunch before April meeting at Mahoney Park



DAR 2019 SPRING MEETING



Nebraska SAR State President Shawn Stoner presents greetings at the DAR's Spring meeting held in Kearney, Nebraska, March 28-30, 2019.

Military Service Recognition



Compatriot William Webb, Omaha Chapter is shown receiving the Military Service Certificate from State President Shawn Stoner. This is recognition of military service which does not otherwise qualify for the War Service Medal.

NEW MEMBER INITIATION



A new member was initiated into the Society during the NESSAR State Spring Meeting. Welcome

Compatriot Dale Softley to the rolls of our membership. Compatriot Softley's Patriot was John F. Ream who served in Pennsylvania. Pictured with Compatriot Softley is his wife and John Braisted, NESSAR Treasurer. John assisted Compatriot Softley with his application and signed as his sponsor.

Fire Safety Award Presented to Dennis Hohbein Posthumously



The Fire Safety Commendation Medal is presented to an individual for accomplishments and/or outstanding contributions in an area of fire safety and service. The award is not

limited to firefighters, and may be awarded posthumously. Doug Hohbein accepts on behalf of his cousin, Dennis (Denny) Carl Hohbein, 78 of Rogersville, Mo. formerly of Beatrice. Denny started his fire service career in 1965 as a member of the Beatrice Fire Department, where he advanced over the years to City Fire Inspector. In 1975 he began his career with the Nebraska State Fire Marshal's office as a Deputy, three years later he was promoted to Deputy State Fire Marshal of District A, a position he held for 17 years. For several years the District A office was located on the grounds of Beatrice State Developmental Center, where he also served on the volunteer fire department. In 1995 he became the safety coordinator at Beatrice State Developmental Center. In 2000 Denny returned to the Nebraska State Fire Marshal's office as the Assistant State Fire Marshal. In 2003 he was appointed as the Nebraska State Fire Marshal, where he served until his retirement in December 2006. Dennis passed away on January 17, 2019. **Compatriots Knott & Walden with their spouses during lunch at April State meeting.**



Nebraska SSAR
Eagle Scout Essay Contest
Winner Ambrose Teneus



Each year the Nebraska SSAR sponsors an Essay Contest open to all Eagle Scouts under the age of 19. The winner is chosen by the Eagle Scout Committee chaired by Merle Rude-

bush. Each State winner participates in the National Essay Contest with prizes of \$10,000,(1st place) \$6,000 (2nd place) and \$4,000 (3rd place). The winning essay in Nebraska SSAR follows:

Abraham Whipple

Audacity in the Atlantic

Despite the hardship and tragedies of the American Revolutionary War, there were extraordinary displays of leadership and heroism amid the battle for freedom. Abraham Whipple is one excellent example of a man rising to the challenge to fight for his country's liberty under all circumstances. Born in 1733, Whipple pursued his passion for sailing at a very young age and later became a merchant and extremely capable seaman. Whipple's exceptional nautical skills and bold courage proved valuable to him as a true patriot for the American cause. During the initial stage of the Revolutionary War, Abraham Whipple and his crew of the small vessel Gamecock struck the first blow against the English in the naval front. The British ship Gaspee was run aground near New England when Whipple's men arrived, slaying the British captain and setting the Gaspee on fire. Sir James Wallace, another British captain, wrote to Whipple in consternation saying: "You, Abraham Whipple, on the 10th of June, 1772, burned His Majesty's vessel, the Gaspee,

and I will hang you at the yard-arm." Whipple calmly replied with proverbial humor: "Always catch a man before you hang him." On account of this spectacular victory, Congress later bestowed upon Whipple the position of Naval Commander and supplied him with the frigate Providence and a smaller ship called Columbus. Following his promotion, Commander Whipple became an Atlantic terror to the British. He was credited with countless captures of British ships and ran important communications

Between Congress and France. In the summer of 1779, while sailing the Providence and two other ships named Ranger and Queen of France, Whipple came upon a large British fleet Stationed off the coast of Newfoundland. To avert his peril, Whipple commanded his crews to hoist the English flag on their masts. This tactic proved so successful in deceiving the British that Whipple decided not to sail away but instead attack the enemy's fleet under the stealthy proximity he gained. Without firing any cannon shots, which would have alerted the entire British fleet, the Americans quietly seized ten British ships through various means of deception. Due to the magnitude of the British fleet, no alarm was raised when Whipple's men quietly slipped away under the cover of darkness with their prizes. The treasure captured from these ships amounted to an extremely significant sum. Congress recognized the value in Whipple's achievement and commended him for his excellent service. On his final assignment, Abraham Whipple was captured with his crew while supporting the disastrous land-based defense of Charleston against the siege of British General Cornwallis. Released at the end of the war, Whipple found himself in financial turmoil and turned to Congress requesting another position in the Navy. Whipple was offered an appointment on the ship George Washington and most deservedly became the first to fly the American colors in England. The courage and daring of Commander Whipple displayed in the Atlantic

were essential for America's efforts to win her precious freedom.



Photo taken of Ambrose Teneus and his family during the Nebraska Society, Sons of the American Revolution Awards Ceremony at Mahoney State Park, April 28th, 2019.

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Monday, May 27th (Memorial Day Observation) - Omaha National Cemetery (14250 Schram Rd, Omaha), 11 AM Open to the public. Taps and military honors will be given. The ROTC will bear the modern American flag, while the SAR Color Guard will bear the Betsy Ross American flag at the beginning. Program will last approximately 1 hour. Plan to arrive early.

Thursday, July 4 Ralston Independence Day Parade - Main Street, Ralston, 1 PM. The Nebraska SAR Color Guard will march through downtown Ralston for one of the largest parades in the state of Nebraska. This event lasts approximately 1 hour. We are hoping to work with the Nebraska CAR (Children of the American Revolution) and DAR.

Saturday, August 10 Champion Chase Grave Marking Prospect Hill Cemetery-Omaha, 11 AM. We will honor the Nebraska SAR's very first State President, Champion S. Chase, by performing a grave marking at his grave at Prospect Hill Cemetery in Omaha.

Saturday, August 24 Aurelius Bowen Grave Marking, Wyuka Cemetery-Nebraska City, 11 AM We will honor the Nebraska SAR's very first member, Aurelius Bowen, with a grave marking in Wyuka Cemetery in Nebraska City. More details will be forthcoming or contact Commander Sherrets (omahacolorguard@gmail.com)

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 your Patriot did for our country. We're only an email away.

We now have thirty five 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 Co-Editors Bob Knott at chiefknott@aol.com; Bill Webb at webb.w@q.com or Paul Burright at pburright72@gmail.com. This is your Newsletter and we want it to be as informative and interesting as we can make it. This is where you can help.



MEET MY PATRIOTS

Presented by James Sly

“MY AMERICAN REVOLUTION ANCESTORS”



Looking back at the history of the revolutionary War, it seems logical that Davis Ball should become involved in the fight for independence. By the time Davis Ball was born in 1759, his ancestors had created quite a name for themselves in the Newark NJ area. His father, Nathaniel Ball, was a blacksmith and farmer in Connecticut Farms, NJ. His grandfather, Thomas Ball, was a prominent member of the Newark society. Thomas was also a Blacksmith and served as the Newark Constable during at least one term of office. His great-grandfather, Edward Ball, is somewhat of a modern mystery. Edward appears in the records in 1664, when he married Abigail Blatchley, the daughter of Thomas and Susanna (Ball--no apparent relation to Edward) Blatchley. Edward signed an agreement, on 30 Oct 1666, to join a group of New Haven, CT people who were going to establish a new town in New Jersey called New Ark. Only church members could sign the document, so Edward was at least a freeman. Edward received six acres between modern Broad St and Washington St in Newark. He later added 78 acres to his holdings. Edward served as the Town Attorney, Surveyor, High Sheriff, and other

political and legal positions. Davis was born to Nathaniel and Esther (Osborne) on 27 Mar 1759 in Connecticut Farms, NJ. He was the youngest of 11 children. He married Mary Hatfield in 1740 in Essex, NJ. He continued as a farmer until joining Capt. Townley's Company, from Elizabeth Township, Essex County, of the 1st Regiment of the NJ Militia. He signed the Company Muster Roll on 29 Jun 1775 as a private. He served in the Princeton and Germantown Battles. He was captured by the British and taken to one of the Sugar House prisons in New York City. He deserted (escaped) from the prison and returned home to recuperate from the experience. In 1780, he enlisted, as a private, in the Continental Army. He fought and was wounded at the Battle of Yorktown, VA. He was mustered out of the Army following the end of the war in 1783. He received a great welcome upon returning home. Davis resided on his family farm until sometime between 1785 and 1788. He appeared on the Springfield, Essex County, NJ tax rolls until 1785. In 1788, he appeared in the Washington County, PA tax rolls. His wanderings were not over. In 1800, he appeared on the Morgan Township, Greene County, PA tax rolls. Then sometime between

1800 and 1806, he moved to Butler County, OH. He lived in Butler County until his death in 1819. Davis established a ferry service on the Miami River, between Brownstown and Trenton Township, Butler County, OH. On 27 Mar 1819, Davis's sixtieth birthday, the site of the ferry was the scene of a great tragedy. The river was a swollen and rushing torrent. His son, Aaron, had been called upon to pilot a boat down the river to Cincinnati, leaving him in sole charge of the ferry. A party from Seven Mile, consisting of five men: Captain Aul, Thomas Wilson, William and Daniel Craig. Thomas Thompson, a boy, the son of Aul, and an unnamed young girl arrived at the ferry. They came in a wagon drawn by a team of horses and were accompanied by a dog. When Davis flatly refused to ferry the group across the flooded river, the men pleaded with him and even offered to assist in the crossing. He finally relented. Perhaps he was influenced by the fact that Daniel Craig was his son-in-law. However, he made the stipulation that the girl was to wait on the shore. The whole population of Brownstown turned out to witness the risky venture. The ferry consisted of a flat bottomed boat propelled

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by a system of ropes and pulleys reaching from shore to shore. It operated by the force of the river pushing sideways upon the boat. The inexperienced men attempted to take up the slack in the rope and pulled too hard. First one rope snapped, then the other, resulting in the boat's capsizing. The force of the current carried the passengers toward the opposite shore which prevented them from grasping wood thrown to them by the onlookers. The horses were pulled under by the heavy wagon. The dog, in its frantic efforts to save itself, pawed the shoulders of the men, who were also trying to swim, causing them to exhaust their feeble strength. One of the Craigs tried to help his brother, but both were lost. The young Aul boy was saved by scrambling atop the capsized boat. Thomas Thompson was able to swim to shore. The other four men and Davis were drowned. The tragic accident took Davis on a special birthday, but also deprived the family of Daniel, their son-in-law. Davis Ball and his wife, Mary, are both buried in the Pioneer Cemetery in Trenton, OH. Davis Ball set an example of patriotism and military service that was passed down to his son, Stephen Ball (served in the War of 1812), and grandsons, Davis W. Ball and Orlando Ball. Davis W. Ball served in the Mexican-American War and Orlando in the Civil War.

COLOR GUARD REPORT



Chad Sherrets, Commander of the Nebraska Society Color Guard presented the following points and discussion areas at the NES-SAR Spring Meeting.

Meeting.

Color Guard goals for 2019

- ◆ Participate in Veterans Day event (s).
- ◆ Have at least two NON-GUARD members join us using the loaner uniforms.
- ◆ Establish Trunk Program. (Items carried by Patriots, i.e. canteen, knap sack, etc).
- ◆ Add one new member.
- ◆ Do two School/Educational Programs.
- ◆ Five members will participate in the Compatriot Grave Markings in August.
- ◆ Participate with DAR and CAR. Continue the activities we are currently involved in.

Planned Dates for 2019

- ◆ Memorial Day
- ◆ Purple Heart Honor Flight --
- ◆ Omaha May 24th.
- ◆ Ralston 4th of July Parade.
- ◆ Grave Markings Aug 10 and 24.
- ◆ Fall State Meeting Sep 17
- ◆ DAR meeting Sep 22
- ◆ Veterans Day

Budget Requests for Color Guard and Approved

- ◆ \$500 Patriot Chest (of which \$375 will be reimbursed back from National) - net expense will be \$125 from NESSAR
- ◆ \$50 Ralston Independence Day Parade registration fee.
- ◆ \$40 Veterans Day Parade registration fee (although we need to lock down which event we want to do for Veterans Day).

DAR Chapter Welcomes SAR Member



Picture above L—R Amy Ballagh, , Ron Bemton, Marilee Malisky. The Loup Trail DAR chapter in Burwell,

Nebraska had an event to welcome new area SAR and CAR members We are so happy that Compatriot Ron Benton who is a new SAR member was welcomed by the Loup Trail DAR Chapter. DAR Chapter President Candy Cain advised that they know of several men that may be interested in joining the SAR. The Society is following up on this.

ROTC/JROTC PRESENTATIONS

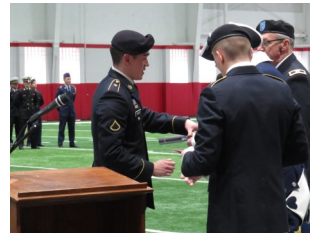


Photo of UNL Cadet Ulysses Rooney with Compatriots Hoke and Braisted.



U N L M I D N Jonathan Sanchez with Compatriots Hoke and Braisted.



UNL Cadet Kathleen Todd with Compatriots Hoke and Braisted



Burke High School Cadet Liam Lawson shown with Compatriot Paul Burright presenting the JROTC Medal and Certificate.



UNO Cadet Ethan Maas being presented the R O T C Medal and Certificate from Compatriot Thomas Upton.

Americanism Report

Our Chapters and State Society's performance are evaluated at the National level through the Americanism Report.

The Americanism Report is two reports combined, that Chapters submit to the NESSAR and to NSSAR. Chapters report their various activities and participation in events during the year which is used by the NESSAR to compile the State Report, and National uses these reports to evaluate Chapter and State Society performance throughout the year and select Chapters and State Societies for awards and recognition, based on their results. The **Americanism Award Report** lists activities **external** of the Chapter and State Society in support of SAR goals and objectives.

Category 1 – Publicity in both print and electronic (web-based newspapers/letters/blogs, etc.) media of chapter or member activities

Category 2 – Publicity through broadcast media (TV and radio)

Category 3 – Speakers Bureau (talks on patriotic, historical, or educational topics to organizations/groups, schools, or SAR, DAR, or CAR events/meetings)

Category 4 – Multimedia distribution (dissemination/donation of NSSAR produced, free CD's to schools and educational organizations)

Category 5 - See C o l u m n 2

Category 6 – Youth Programs (recognition of and awards to oration, essay, poster, and brochure contest participants, JROTC students, Eagle Scouts, and history teachers)

Category 7 – Public Service Programs (recognition of fire safety, law enforcement, and EMS personnel; Chapter members on a school board; Rev War displays in libraries, museums, or schools; sponsoring a public service event with an SAR theme; participation in public parades; and presenting a framed copy of a historic document to a school, library, museum, or other public building)

Category 8 – Granting of scholarships and monetary awards to youth contest winners

Category 9 – Veterans support

(points come from the Chapter's Stark Report on veteran's support and activities)

Category 10 – Special Observances/Ceremonies (sponsoring or attending historic events such as Washington's Bday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Yorktown Day, Veteran's Day, Wreaths Across America, and many other historic events held locally and across the state and nation)

Category 11 – Patriot and Compatriot Grave Markings and Patriot Biographies

Category 12A – SAR Awards to **Non-SAR members** (recognizing support to the community or the SAR other than youth and public service awards from other categories)

The **President General's Activities Award Report** – lists activities and awards **internal** to the SAR.

Category 5 – Support of the DAR and CAR (activities done with and in support of the DAR and CAR, including attending meetings)

Category 12B – SAR Awards to **SAR Members** (recognition of achievements, support and service to the Chapter and the SAR)

Category 13 – National Society Service (members who are on National SAR Committees and who attend meetings of the Committee)

Category 14 – Membership (new members, reinstatements, and supplemental memberships for the report year)

Category 15 – Attendance at State, District, and National Meetings (credit for members who attend any of these meetings)

Category 16 – Contributions to the SAR (monetary contributions to any of the SAR funds and endowments, such as the SAR Foundation, Library Fund, Washington Endowment, etc.)

We realize that we have only touched on the Americanism Report in the last couple of newsletters and President Stoner mentioned it in a little further detail in his President's Message in the 1st Quarter newsletter. Our hope is, now that we have spelled out each category, you will now know how you can contribute further to your Chapters and the State Society towards the recognition that is deserved for all of the great

work so many of you do for the community and Society at large! Please think about how you can participate and help us gain more points for 2019. Even if it is just attending the State Meeting, if we all contribute just a little bit towards our meetings, activities, and events, the dividends will pay off in the long term. If you participate in any form, at any activity that we may not know about, please be sure to let Compatriot Paul Burright know about it at pburright72@gmail.com, so that it can be added to the State Report. To give you all some perspective, we scored 2150 points on the Americanism Award Report and 1555 points on the President General's Activities Award Report for 2018. We rate our scores against other State Societies with comparable membership numbers. As this is the first year we have submitted, we do not yet know how that stacks up to other State Societies in our group, but it gives us a baseline and goal to beat in 2019.

Speakers Bureau

In light of utilizing the Americanism Report to keep track of our activities and events, President Shawn Stoner has decided to start the Nebraska SAR Speakers Bureau. He gave the official word of its creation at the American Heritage Dinner in February.

The Speakers Bureau is simply a list of Compatriots that would be willing to give talks to schools, organizations/groups, or at SAR, DAR, or CAR meetings on any range of topics, that you feel knowledgeable about, pertaining to the patriotic, historical, and educational objectives of the Society. It would not take a large amount of your time and you can pick and choose when you would be available to give talks. If you feel like this would be something you would like to be a part of, please contact President Shawn Stoner at shawnstoner84@gmail.com. Even if you would only be available to speak only once in a great while, please consider joining the Nebraska SAR Speakers Bureau.

OMAHA CHAPTER NEWS

The featured speaker in April was Dr. Franklin Damann, who works for the DPAA Forensics Lab at Offutt Air Force Base. DPAA stands for Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, and their mission is to locate and identify the remains of missing and unknown servicemen from conflicts from WWII to the present.

The DPAA's mission statement reads to "Provide the fullest possible accounting for our missing personnel to their families and the nation." To date, the U.S. has 83,000 military personnel unaccounted for, and 73,000 of those are still from WWII.

They utilize both archeological recovery, as well as disinterment of unknowns to distinguish remains to be identified.

The forensics lab uses a very detailed process and methods to be able to completely identify remains. The ID process begins with historical evidence (known plane crashes in an area, known area of a sunken ship, etc., and who may have been in the area with specific equipment). They then will use material evidence to help them identify the loss incident and/or specific individuals for their work grid. They can use serial numbers off of guns, dog tag fragments, equipment material, etc.

They next will use anthropological analysis (sex, age, ancestry, stature, trauma, individual traits, etc.). They are also able to sometimes compare post mortem and ante-mortem chest x-rays. This has helped them identify 112 service members. DNA can also be used to exclude individuals from a short list, as DNA analysis has only been around for a relatively short while. The final method for identification can be by Odontologists. Odontologists compare the dentition to the ante-mortem dental records, to help determine the identity of the individual.

Some of the bigger projects that the lab is working on include identifying remains from the Korean War, which account for 7300 still unknown. The USS Oklahoma is also a very large project for them to accomplish. In one project they began disinterring 400 unknowns that were buried in only 62 caskets in 46 gravesites. The first disinterment, in 2003, identified 94

ROTC/JROTC AWARDS

The following Cadets received recognition for their high degree of merit with respect to leadership qualities, military bearing and general excellence. They were presented the Sons of the American Revolution Medal & Certificate.

- Cadets receiving recognition:**
 Nathan Daberkow - North
 David Boyer - Central
 Hsa Paw - Northwest
 London Garzon - Omaha South
 -Benson
 Liam Lawson - Burke
 -Bryan
 -Millard South
 Kelsey Blinston - Plattsmouth
 Logan Feliciano - Bellevue East
 Cody Ginter - Bellevue West
 Nathan Bowden - Papio South
 Anava Grey - Lincoln Northeast
 Ethan Maas - UNO
 Braden Kobayashi - Creighton
 Ulysses Rooney - Univ of NE Lincoln
 Kathleen Todd - Univ of NE Lincoln
 Jonathan Sanchez - Univ of NE Lincoln

SPECIAL THANKS go to all those Compatriots who presented during the ROTC and JROTC Awards ceremony at the various schools:

- William Webb
 Richard Galusha
 Paul Burright
 Mel Burright
 Ben Harvey
 Tom Upton
 Robert Knott
 John Parsons
 Dr. Merle McAlevy
 Ryan Fuller
 Chaplain James Hoke
 John Braisted
 Shawn Stoner

different DNA segments for them to sort through, and that was only one casket. As of 2015, all caskets had been disinterred, and they are working to identify all who were buried there. In 2018, they were able to identify 203 individuals, through their lab, and so far this year, they have identified 73 unknown service members. Thank you to Dr. Damann and the DPAA forensics lab, for all of the great work they are doing.

LINCOLN CHAPTER NEWS

The 1st Quarter 2019 Newsletter included an article about LaVerne Stetson's SAR involvement in Memorial Day at Crawford NE (This is a continuation of that article). These photos reflect what Compatriot LaVerne Stetson's involvement was during Memorial Day at Crawford, Nebraska.



Picture taken at podium is John Dodd American Legion Commander with LaVerne placing reath behind cross next to podium.

Picture taken at podium is John Dodd American Legion Commander with LaVerne placing reath behind cross next to podium.



Flag line looking West.



Flag line looking east. LaVerne and his wife Shirley in foreground.



LaVerne inserting the last flag at the cemetery in Crawford, Nebraska.

Organizations that usually present



wreaths are the DAR, SAR and VFW Auxiliary and Royal Neighbors.

SOCIETY INFORMATION



SAR APPLICATIONS

Please mail all new member and supplemental applications to our Nebraska SAR State Secretary: **Compatriot John Reinert, P.O. Box 83251, Lincoln, NE 68501-3251.** If you need to contact Compatriot Reinert, he may be reached by phone at 402-432-9168 or by email at: JR6@AOL.Com.

PLEDGE TO THE SAR

We the descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution, who, by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our constitutional republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.

SAR RECEPTIONAL

Until we meet again, let us remember our obligation to our forefathers, who gave us our constitution, the bill of rights, an independent Supreme Court, and a nation of free men.

2019 Meetings and Events

Omaha Chapter does not hold meetings in June, July and August

Thursday, Jul 4 Independence Day

Friday, Jul 5 Lincoln Chapter Meeting 9:00 am, Eastmont Towers, Lincoln, NE

Friday, Aug 2 Lincoln Chapter Meeting 9:00 am, Eastmont Towers, Lincoln, NE

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

Tuesday, Sep 10 Omaha Chapter Meeting 6:30 pm, Gorats, Omaha, NE

Sep 15 NE State Meeting 1:00 pm Mahoney State Park

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

Tuesday, Oct 8 Omaha Chapter Meeting 6:30 pm, Gorats, Omaha, NE

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

Tuesday, Nov 12 Omaha Chapter Meeting 6:30 pm, Gorats, Omaha, NE

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

Tuesday, Dec 10 Omaha Chapter Meeting 6:30 pm, Gorats, Omaha, NE

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

Tuesday, Jan 14 Omaha Chapter Meeting 6:30 pm, Gorats, Omaha, NE



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