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Omaha Chapter
Nebraska Society, Sons of the American Revolution



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CHAPTER REGISTRAR

As of this coming Chapter election cycle, we will now add the Chapter Registrar to the elected offices of the Chapter. We are currently looking for someone to fill this role, so that we have 1 Compatriot per elected office and it either does not remain open, or someone doesn't have to pull double duty, covering two offices. That is what we are currently facing.

The Chapter Registrar position, would work with the State Registrar and State Secretary, to ensure that applications, both new member and supplemental, are complete and ready to be sent to National for adjudication.

As Chapter Registrar, you would be the point of contact

for potential new members, as you get notification of their inquiry into membership online, or are notified from other members, who are recruiting, of potential new members, and help them through the application process. This should help our numbers grow, as those applications would strictly be for the Chapter, and would not get bogged down with all the other applications for the State.

Your duties would include ensuring that all information is correct on the application, collect all proofs from the applicant, for each generation, ensuring they are all tangible, lineage based proof back to the Patriot, and prepare the packet of proofs and signed

application, to be sent to the State officers for inspection prior to them sending apps to National.

This is an important position to fill, and we really need one of you to step up and fill this role for the Chapter. If you have interest in this new endeavor, please contact one of the nominating committee, Bob Knott, Bill Webb, or David Kentsmith. Secretary, Paul Burright, will also be able to mentor you in this new role, as he has effectively been the de-facto Registrar, helping with Chapter applications for the State officers, this past year. Resources are available to help you succeed as a Registrar. Please consider taking on the duties of this new role! Huzzah!

NEW MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENT

Omaha Compatriots,

I would like to introduce you to our newest member of our Omaha SAR family, Eric Willard.

Eric lives in Blair, NE, and is descended from Elias Willard (MA), who was the quartermaster of Col John Brown's Regi-

ment of Massachusetts Regulars. His application was approved on 27 Sep 2019.

Eric is our 7th new member of the Chapter this year. We plan to hold his installment ceremony at our Chapter meeting in November. Welcome, Compatriot Willard!



S U P P L E M E N T A L P A T R I O T S

The Omaha SAR has had its 3rd Supplemental application approved for 2019!

President Thomas Upton is descended from Johann Conrad Lechlieter. This is President Upton's 2nd approved Patriot.

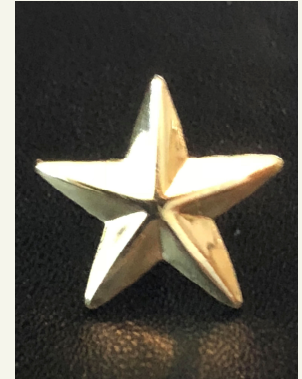
Congratulations President Upton! It is fantastic when our Compatriots continue to

research their families and find new Patriots.

We currently have 3 more supplemental applications in process for the Chapter, all from Compatriot Bob Knott. He has 1 application waiting for approval at National, and has 2 more completed, waiting to be sent to National. The last two may not get

approved before the end of year, with as late into the year we are, but we should have 4 approved supplementals by the end of year, for the Chapter.

Continue your research, and get your supplementals into the Registrar and continue to write your Patriot biographies, which are needed!



T H I S M O N T H I N T H E R E V O L U T I O N

30 Oct 1775—The Continental Congress establishes the Naval Committee.

The Continental Congress appoints seven members to serve on an administrative naval committee tasked with the acquisition, outfitting and manning of a naval fleet to be used in defense against the British. Almost two weeks earlier, on October 13, 1775, Congress had authorized the construction and arming of vessels for the country's first navy.

Members of the first naval committee included some of the most influential members of the Continental Congress and several "founding fathers," including John Adams, Joseph Hewes, John Langdon, Richard Henry Lee, Silas Deane and Stephen Hopkins, the committee's chairman.



On December 22, Esek Hopkins, Stephen's brother, was appointed the first commander in chief of the Continental Navy. Congress also named four captains to the new service: Dudley Saltonstall, Abraham Whipple, Nicholas Biddle and John Burrows Hopkins. (The Nebras-

ka SAR's 1st Place Eagle Scout Essay winner, wrote his essay on one of these early Captains, Abraham Whipple.) Their respective vessels, the 24-gun frigates Alfred and Columbus, and the 14-gun brigs Andrew Doria and Cabot, as well as three schooners, the Hornet, the

Wasp and the Fly, became the first ships of the Navy's fleet. Five first lieutenants, including future American hero John Paul Jones, five second lieutenants and three third lieutenants also received their commissions.

With help from the committee, America's first navy went from a fleet of two vessels on the day Congress established the naval committee to a fleet of more than 40 armed ships and vessels at the height of the War for Independence. The Continental Navy successfully preyed upon British merchant shipping and won several victories over British warships. This first naval force was disbanded after the war. What is now known as the United States Navy was formally established with the creation of the federal Department of the Navy in April 1798.

UPCOMING CHAPTER AND COLOR GUARD EVENTS



As we move toward the last couple of months, and the end of 2019, we wanted to touch on some of the upcoming meetings and events the Chapter will be involved in to round out the year.

Our next Chapter meeting will be on 12 Nov 2019, at Gorat's Steakhouse. We hope to install 4 new members, as well as give out some recognition to a well deserved Compatriot. Our program will be by Nancy and Roger Utman on "Operation Mulberry, 75th Anniversary of D-Day".

Veteran's Day is celebrated on 11 Nov 2019, and as such, the city of Lincoln is hosting its Veteran's Day Parade on Saturday, 09 Nov 2019. The Nebraska

SAR Color Guard will participate in our first Veteran's Day Parade, this year, at this event in Lincoln. We had multiple events to choose from, concerning participating in a Veteran's Day event, but ultimately chose the parade in Lincoln, to broaden our visibility beyond the Omaha metro area. Come down and show your support!!

Our final meeting of 2019 will be held on 10 Dec 2019, at Gorat's Steakhouse. We hope to have many of you there, as we will have an end of the year celebration. We will celebrate our accomplishments as a Chapter for 2019, by Secretary Paul Burrigh, as well as give out some well earned recognition to some of our fellow Com-

patriots, for their service, and hard work this past year. We will also be holding our elections for officers for the 2020-21 terms. Please plan on attending!!

Finally in December, we will end our year with Wreaths Across America, on Saturday, 14 Dec 2019. This is a nationwide event to honor our veterans, at cemeteries all across the nation, by placing wreaths on every veteran's gravesite. We support, and volunteer, at Omaha National Cemetery, and plan to do so again this year. If you have not sponsored a wreath yet, from our sponsorship page, please do so. Please help the Chapter, and support this event!!

AMERICANISM REPORT

As we move into the autumn months, and look to close out 2019, we are preparing the Americanism Report, to be ready to submit to National, at the end of the year.

To be able to maximize all available points, we need your help.

If you have participated in anything, even outside of an SAR event, for a holiday or

other community event, please let us know. We may be able to use it to gain more points, especially if it is a historical, educational, or patriotic event.

Also, if you have happened to donate anything, or volunteered your time, to help veterans, or various veterans groups, please let us know that also. That will also count towards our

Americanism point total, after we tabulate the points from the USS Stark Memorial Award Report, which tracks our support, financially as well as our volunteered time, toward veterans and their needs.

Please be sure we have all of the events, that you as Compatriots, have contributed to during this year, listed on the Americanism Report!



OCT MEETING PROGRAM & NOTES

Our meeting for October was held on 08 Oct 2019 at Gorat's Steakhouse.

Compatriots in attendance celebrated Compatriot Fred Walden's birthday with congratulations and a picture!



Other business items were tabled for the November meeting, with Compatriots being honored, not in attendance.

Our program for the evening was "150 Architectural Buildings in Nebraska", by Jeff Barnes. Jeff is a freelance writer, who wrote the book his program is based on, during Nebraska's 150th Anniversary, in 2017.

The book chronicles some of Nebraska's more unique architecture, including Bellevue's log house, built in the 1830's, making it Nebraska's oldest surviving building.

He also described our oldest brick building—the Bank of Florence building, built in 1857.

Gothenburg has the Midway Station from the 1850's, which served as a Pony Express Station, and a fur trading post.

Nebraska also has many unique County Courthouses. Many counties put a lot of money into their courthouses to attract settlers, but none cost as much as the Lincoln County Courthouse in North Platte, built in the 1920's, at a final cost of \$10,000,000. It remains the most expensive, and longest construction time project, of any of the Nebraska Courthouses. The Otoe County Courthouse was built in 1864 and is the oldest public building in the State.

Many unique houses of worship were also built in Nebraska. The oldest is the 1st Presbyterian Church in Bellevue, which was built in 1858. There is also

the Regimental Chapel, in Lincoln. Its construction was influenced by Eleanor Roosevelt, who felt the nation needed Chapels for our troops heading off to WWII. It is one of the few remaining Regimental Chapels in the country.

Noted Nebraskans who have homes in Nebraska: J. Sterling Morton's Arbor Lodge in Nebraska City, Father Flanagan's home in Boys Town, William Jennings Bryan's Fairview home in Lincoln, Willa Cather's home in Red Cloud, and Buffalo Bill's home in North Platte. Thomas Rogers Kimball was Omaha's most famous architect, responsible for the Omaha Public Library, Burlington Station, and St. Cecilia's Cathedral. The original columns used in the original Burlington Station, are now outside Memorial Stadium at the University of Nebraska.

The Omaha Building, aka the New York Life Building was also discussed for its unique design. Of course, the Nebraska SAR began in the New York Life building in Omaha.

It was a very informative program, and we appreciate Jeff Barnes for presenting us with these great Nebraska buildings.



Oct Birthdays

Jeremy Christensen—Oct 3
 Fred A. Walden—Oct 8
 Dallas Burrignt—Oct 14
 Dan Rowe—Oct 16
 Stephen Bothwell—Oct 19
 Bill Webb—Oct 21
 Fred J. Walden—Oct 25
 Ron Stites—Oct 27

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Oct Anniversaries

Stephen Bothwell—13 Oct 2017



Happy Birthday to those Compatriots listed for October!

To those Compatriots with membership anniversaries in October, thank you for your membership and service to the SAR!



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Check out our website at:

www.nessar.org/omaha-chapter/

We are updating the Omaha Chapter link on the State website and adding more pages and content. Check back often to see what updates we have installed.

Also, check out, like, and follow our new **Omaha SAR** Facebook page.

Don't forget to sign up with **Amazon Smile** and support your Omaha Chapter! Here is the link:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/47-6027779>



The Omaha Color Guard is recruiting! If you are interested in participating and joining our ranks, please contact Compatriot Chad Sherrets, Nebraska Color Guard Commander, at OmahaColorGuard@gmail.com or Paul Burrignt, Omaha Color Guard Captain, at pburrignt72@gmail.com.

Show your support for the Society and your Chapter and State Color Guards!

U P C O M I N G M E E T I N G S A N D E V E N T S

- 01 Nov 2019—DAR marker dedication—Omaha National Cemetery—3pm
- 09 Nov 2019—Veteran’s Day Parade, Lincoln, NE—Color Guard
- 11 Nov 2019—Veteran’s Day
- 12 Nov 2019—Next Chapter Meeting—6:30pm
Gorat’s Steakhouse—Program: **Nancy & Roger Utman—“Operation Mulberry, 75th Anniversary of D-Day”**

Planning ahead

- 10 Dec 2019—Chapter meeting—6:30pm—Chapter Elections
- 14 Dec 2019—Wreaths Across America—Omaha National Cemetery



“SUPERFLUOUS COMPLIMENTS AND ALL AFFECTATION OF CEREMONIES ARE TO BE AVOIDED, YET WHERE DUE THEY ARE NOT TO BE NEGLECTED.”

- GEORGE WASHINGTON, RULES FOR CIVILITY #25

Chapter Meeting Minutes – 08 Oct 2019

08 Oct 2019

The Omaha Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution met at Gorat's Steakhouse on 08 Oct 2019. Members and guests attending: Paul Burrigh (Paula), Fred Walden (Jan), Mel Burrigh, David Kentsmith (Kitty), Bob Knott, Merle McAlevy, John Parsons (Pauline), Bill Webb (Georgia), Hank Austin (Charlotte), Jeff Barnes - Speaker.

Secretary Paul Burrigh opened the meeting at 1855 hours.

All stood and repeated the Pledge of Allegiance. Members remained standing and repeated the Pledge to the SAR. The members introduced guests in attendance.

The minutes of the 10 Sep 2019 meeting were accepted by member vote.

Officers Reports:

- Treasurer, John Parsons – \$4576.01 in treasury. No outstanding bills.
- Registrar, Bob Knott – 6 apps in preparation, 3 new apps & 2 Supplementals awaiting approval for Chapter, 7 apps pended

Old Business:

- Secretary Burrigh discussed the happenings of the Fall State Meeting in Sept. Discussed upcoming Color Guard events for the rest of the fall.

New Business:

- Award Presentation tabled until November meeting, as Compatriot was not in attendance.
- Program – Jeff Barnes – 150 Architectural Buildings in Nebraska
- Patriot Muster, Tom Upton Supplemental Patriot – tabled until November as Compatriot not in attendance.

The next meeting is scheduled to occur on 12 Nov 2019. There being no other business, all members rose and repeated "Until we meet again..." The meeting was adjourned at 2020 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul H Burrigh

Secretary Omaha Chapter