



The Quill & Parchment

Omaha Chapter
Nebraska Society, Sons of the American Revolution



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OMAHA LEADERSHIP 2020-21

- Benjamin Harvey—President
- Paul Burright—Vice President
- James Sly—Secretary
- John Parsons—Treasurer
- Paul Burright—Registrar
- Tom Upton—Past President

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT



Omaha Compatriots,

The Nebraska Society, Sons of the American Revolution, began in Omaha, 26 Apr 1890, which brings our organization to its 130th Anniversary, in 2020.

It is a privilege to remember and celebrate the sacrifices and contributions of our forebearers, who by their persistence and perseverance, led our country to become a free and independent nation. I'm sure the continued interest in that great historical event, as well as the popularity of searching ones heritage, will perpetuate membership growth.

I look forward to my term as President of the Omaha Chapter, and serving with a fine

corps of dedicated officers, in maintaining the continuity of our great Society.

Benjamin Harvey

President, Omaha Chapter



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PAST PRESIDENT AWARDED

Past Chapter President, Merle McAlevy, was presented with his Past Chapter President's Pin and Certificate, at our January meeting, for his service as Chapter President during the 2016-17 Officer term. At the end of his term, he was presented with his Past Presi-

dent's certificate, but not his pin, and the Chapter chose to rectify this omission, during this new officer installation.

Thank you, President McAlevy for your service to the Omaha Chapter and the Nebraska SAR!



THIS MONTH IN THE REVOLUTION



January 17, 1781—The Battle of Cowpens

“The Bloody Butcher” is what the colonists called British Colonel Banastre Tarleton. He let his dragoons bayonet and hack hundreds of surrendering Americans at Buford’s Massacre at the Battle of Waxhaw, 29 May 1780.

In January of 1781, Tarleton led 1200 of Britain’s best troops, in a day long, non stop pursuit of American forces. American General, Daniel Morgan, led Tarleton into a trap, at the end of that pursuit, at the Battle of Cowpens. The Americans took a stand at two low hills,

temptation of wiping out the American forces, without doing any reconnaissance.

Approaching Cowpens, without letting his fatigued troops rest, after the day long pursuit, Tarleton ordered a head long attack on the American Militia. Morgan had his line fire twice into the oncoming cavalry charge, then retreat back around a hill. Tarleton’s dragoons were now at a full gallop, riding right into the American lines.

Tarleton suddenly noticed that behind the militia lines, were 400 battle hardened Continental soldiers, with rifles leveled. The Americans stood, immovable, firing at point blank range. Over

with the Broad River behind them, leaving them no real means of retreat. Tarleton, seeing this as a tactical mistake, gave into the

100 British Dragoons were hit and fell from their saddles in the first volley.

Then, the militia that had retreated behind the hill, suddenly appeared from the other side, and hit Tarleton’s flank. Tarleton barely escaped. Over 100 British were killed and 830 captured. Captured British officer, Maj. McArthur, of the 71st Highlanders commented that “he was an officer before Tarleton was born; that the best troops in the service were put under ‘that boy’ to be sacrificed.”

The Battle of Cowpens is widely considered a tactical masterpiece, and was the beginning of the end for the British Army. General Cornwallis pursued the Americans, and General Morgan retreated north. Many battles happened along the way, as Morgan and General Nathaniel Greene attempted to link back up with Washington, which culminated with the Americans trapping Cornwallis’ Army against the sea, and their ultimate surrender at the Battle of Yorktown.



Omaha Compatriots,

It is a sad duty to report that we have lost a Compatriot from our ranks.

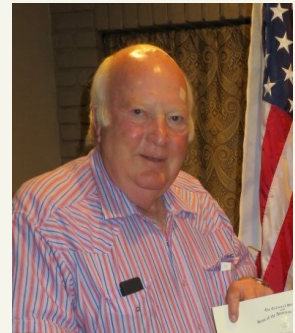
Compatriot Charles Glen Reynolds, passed away on

15 Jan 2020, after a 3 month battle with aggressive cancer.

Compatriot Reynolds was a descendant of Patriot William Reynolds (MD). He became a member of our Chapter on 15 Feb 2018.

Charles entered the Navy in 1957, and served as an electrician’s mate. After serving in the Navy, he

worked as an elevator mechanic and a business agent for the union. He leaves behind 3 children and 7 grandchildren. He was also a member of several organizations, including the Sons of the American Revolution, Fort Atkinson Muzzleloaders, Single Action Shooters Association and the Field Club Neighborhood Watch.



FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Omaha Compatriots,

I am honored that you have chosen me to be your Vice President. I hope that I can do the office justice, and help keep the Omaha Chapter moving forward.

I am asking for help, however. Many of you all have many more contacts, among you, than I do myself, whether it be from other organizations you may belong to, or through your careers and professions, that you have dedicated your lives to.

As many of you know, one of the duties of the Vice President, is to procure speakers and presenters for our Chapter meetings. While I have begun this search, and have been able

to secure a couple of speakers already, I have been striking out, much more than getting hits. Many of these groups that have a speaker's bureau, want monetary compensation for their time, which is somewhat understandable, but not feasible for our organization.

I am asking that if you have any contacts, or ideas, for speakers that might be willing to speak to our group, please send that contact information, or idea, my way, by email at pburright72@gmail.com. Any help at all with this endeavor, will be much appreciated.

I would also ask that if you yourself would be willing to give a presenta-

tion to our Chapter, please let me know that as well. Chapter members that give presentations, can be added to the Americanism Report as well. I am planning on giving one at the March meeting, that I hope everyone will enjoy, and I have speakers lined up for February and April. We still need someone for May, and then going into the fall months.

Thank you to everyone in advance, Happy New Year, and may we have a fantastic 2020. I appreciate any and all help you may be able to provide!

FROM THE REGISTRAR

Compatriots,

As your newly elected Chapter Registrar, I wanted to be sure you understood how the process will change, as far as how we submit our applications.

As of this month, January 2020, all applications, new and supplemental, will go through the Chapter Registrar. This will include the applications themselves, as well as all proof documents. The Registrar will ensure we have everything that is needed for the ap-

plication, print off the application, on the watermarked, archival paper, and get with you to get signatures that are required. He will then send in the entire packet to the State Secretary, to get all the required state officer signatures, and forward on to the National office.

Having all applications submitted through the Chapter Registrar, will not only speed up the application process at the State level, but it will also ensure that

the Chapter Registrar has all of the data for the Chapter database and Chapter application tracking.

If you are helping a potential new member complete an application, please continue to do so, and then have them get in touch with the Registrar. Once the application is complete and printed, you will then sign as the primary sponsor for said prospective member. Any questions, please contact me at pburright72@gmail.com



JAN MEETING PROGRAM & NOTES

Due to a number of factors, our attendance at the January meeting was lower than we have had recently, though we did have the honor of State Secretary John Reinert, and State President Shawn Stoner in attendance.

The meeting began with the usual Officer Reports, and then President Shawn Stoner, presided over the Chapter Officer installation. Your new Omaha Officers for the 2020-21 term are:

President—Ben Harvey

Vice President—Paul Burrigh

Secretary—Jim Sly

Treasurer—John Parsons

Registrar—Paul Burrigh

President Stoner recited the oaths of office and had a ceremonial handing of the gavel to new Chapter President Ben Harvey. President Harvey and VP Paul Burrigh, then presented Past President (2016-17) Merle McAlevy, with his Past President certificate and pin, for his service to the Chapter.



the Nebraska SAR, as well as other lineage society members, such as the Huegunots, Mayflower Society, DAR, CAR, War of 1812, SUVCW, etc. There is always good food, conversation, and a great program is given.

VP Paul Burrigh, also presented ideas for the Chapter, or State Society, to do something for the upcoming 250th Anniversary of the birth of the U.S. We have 6 years to complete a project, and it would be good to have the Omaha SAR to be part of this great anniversary. If you have ideas, please talk to one of the officers!



We talked about the upcoming 8th Annual American Heritage Dinner in Lincoln, hosted by the Lincoln Chapter. An RSVP form can be found on the back page of this newsletter. We would love to have a great turnout for this dinner. Come out and meet other members of



Jan Birthdays

- Steve Bigelow—01 Jan
- Ryan Fuller—10 Jan

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Jan Anniversaries

- John Parsons—26 Jan 1998
- Richard Galusha—02 Jan 2008
- James Taylor—02 Jan 2008
- Ryan Fuller—02 Jan 2017



Happy Birthday to those Compatriots listed for January!

To those Compatriots with membership anniversaries in January, 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

- 11 Feb 2020—Chapter Meeting—6:30pm
Program: Wayne Stuberg—Restoring the Storz Mansion
- 22 Feb 2020—8th Annual American Heritage Dinner
- 27-29 Feb 2020—Spring Leadership Meetings—Louisville, KY

Planning ahead

- 10 Mar 2020—Chapter meeting—6:30pm
- 26 Apr 2020—Spring State Meeting—Mahoney State Park



“AMERICA...HAS EVER HAD, AND I TRUST SHE EVER WILL HAVE, MY HONEST EXERTIONS TO PROMOTE HER INTEREST. I CANNOT HOPE THAT MY SERVICES HAVE BEEN THE BEST; BUT MY HEART TELLS ME THEY HAVE BEEN THE BEST THAT I CAN RENDER.”—GEORGE WASHINGTON TO PATRICK HENRY—27 MAR 1778

American Heritage Dinner RSVP Form

NEBRASKA SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



LINCOLN CHAPTER

Registration Form AMERICAN HERITAGE DINNER

Celebrate your Patriotism at an evening with Peter Sarpy
Havelock Social Hall, February 22, 2020, 6:00 pm

Name. _____

Affiliation _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Buffet Dinner _____ at \$22.00 each Total _____ Vegetarian option available

Please have your registration in before Friday, February 14.

Make checks payable to: Lincoln Chapter NESSAR

Send to: LaVerne Stetson

740 E Avon Ln

Lincoln NE 68505

Humanities Nebraska (HN) provides major funding for this program. HN receives support from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Nebraska State legislature, the Nebraska Cultural Endowment, and private donations. The presentation will begin at 7 pm and is open to the public at no charge.