



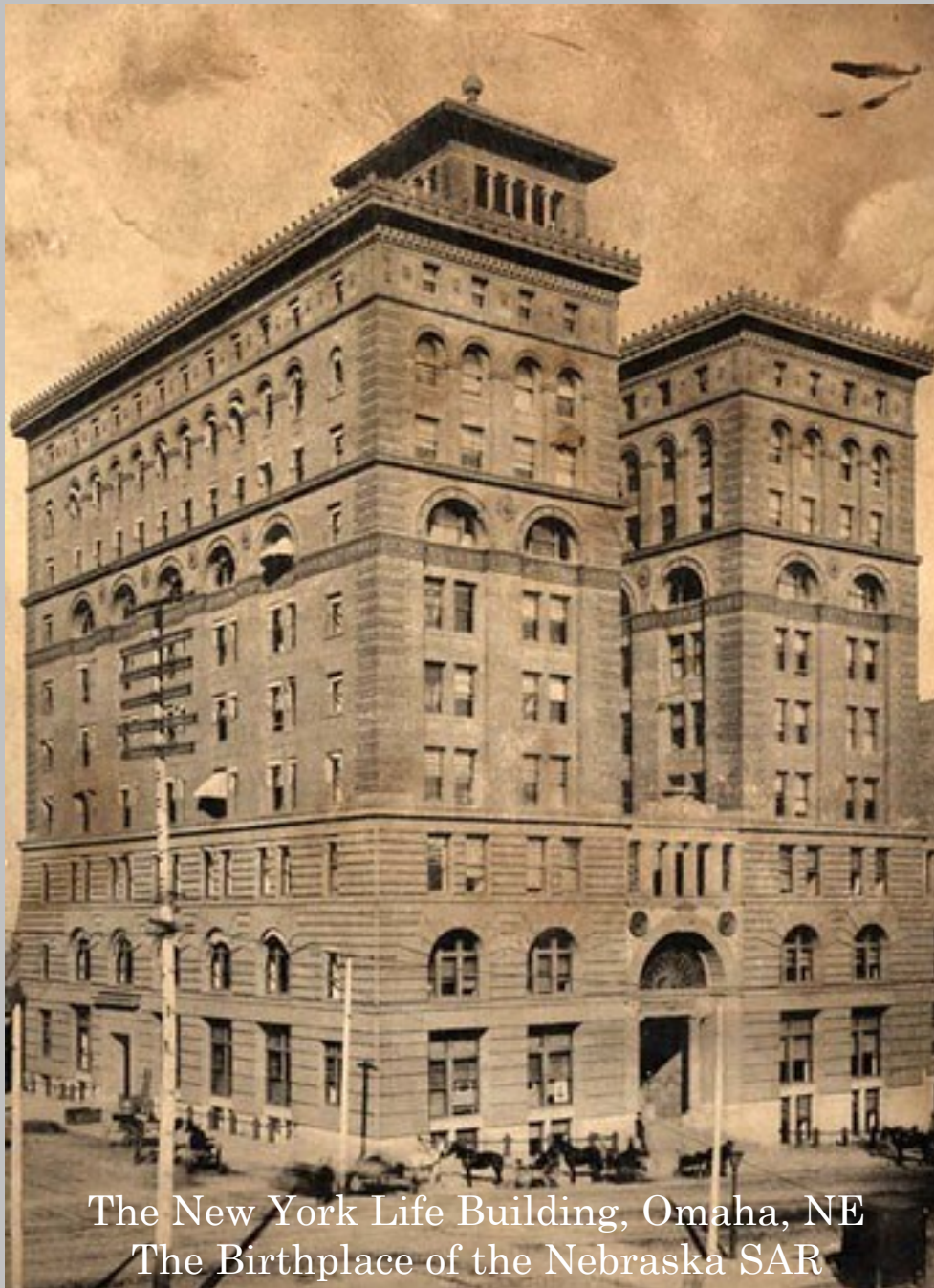
# *The Husker Patriot*



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## **130 Years of the Nebraska Society**



The New York Life Building, Omaha, NE  
The Birthplace of the Nebraska SAR

# From the Desk of the President

Fellow Compatriots,

Let me first take the opportunity to thank each and every one of you for allowing me the great pleasure of serving you as the Nebraska SAR President these past two years. It has been a privilege and a joy working with such dedicated and talented men. Looking back on the last two years, it seems to have gone so fast, yet we accomplished so much.



community concert at the Durham Museum, along with our usual Memorial Day activities in both Omaha and Lincoln on Monday, May 25. On June 20, we will be presenting the colors during the National Anthem, for the first time, at a home game for the Omaha Storm Chasers, at Werner Park in Omaha. We will also be once again participating in the Ralston Independence Day Parade in Ralston, NE on July 4. Our next grave marking, as stated above, will probably be held in the fall, most likely in September.

Last year, we started a series of Grave Markings for past Presidents of the Nebraska SAR, that will continue into the future, with our next one in Lincoln, now scheduled for the fall, at Wyuka Cemetery on O St.

We have also had a great two years in growing our Color Guard and publicly representing this fine organization. We have a rapidly filling calendar for 2020; a Memorial Day Parade in Omaha on May 22 at 6:30pm followed by a patriotic com-

April 26, 2020, the Nebraska SAR will celebrate our 130th Anniversary with our Spring Meeting at Mahoney State Park, with our usual 2pm meeting. The Nebraska SAR, as you will find in other areas of this newsletter, has published a Yearbook 2020, to honor our 130 years. It contains information on current members and activities, a section on the founding and history of the Nebraska SAR, and a section with biographies of some of our early past Presidents. We have copies available for purchase, as well as the option to order them online, for those who are unable to attend an event to purchase one.

Although this is my last message as your President, know that I am not going anywhere. I will continue to be active at the State and Chapter levels and will be taking on the State Registrar's duties from Tom Masters, later this year. Let me take this opportunity to thank him for his many years of service. 25 years as State Registrar is quite the accomplishment. Thank you Tom for your many years of dedicated service, and thank you for the continued support as we transfer knowledge and duties.

*Shawn Stoner*  
President—Nebraska SAR



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## 8th Annual American Heritage Dinner

On Saturday, February 22, 2020, on the 288th birthday of George Washington, the Lincoln Chapter hosted the 8th Annual American Heritage Dinner at Havelock Social Hall in Lincoln, Nebraska. The Master of Ceremonies this year was Lincoln's SAR Chapter President, John Braisted.

The American Heritage Dinner is held annually on the weekend closest to George Washington's birthday. It was started in 2012, not only as a way to honor the Father of our Country, but also interact and hold fellowship with other lineage societies and Patriotic Organizations in Nebraska.

Humanities Nebraska (HN) provides major funding for this program. HN receives support from National Endowment for the Humanities, Nebraska State Legislature, Nebraska Cultural Endowment and private donations. This event was open to the public without charge

There were 77 persons in attendance representing 25 patriotic organizations. This year a newly formed organization was in attendance honoring our "American Farmers".

The celebration was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Ambrose Terenus, Eagle Scout and Winner of the Nebraska SAR Scholarship of \$500 and National SAR Scholarship award of \$10,000, read his Award winning essay.

The featured speaker was Darrel Draper portraying Peter Sarpy, Bellevue, Nebraska Trader and Developer. Every one in attendance enjoyed the food and fellowship.

### Remembrance for the MIA (Missing in Action)



### Featured Speaker —Darrel Draper



### Initiation of New Members



L—R Jon Ketterling, Steven Ward, Otis Ward, Shawn Stoner

### SAR Members in Attendance



L-R James Sly, Shawn Stoner, Paul Burrignt, Melvin Burrignt, Stan Wostrel, Laverne Stetson, Robert Knott Jr., John Braisted, Hugh Nehls, John Parsons, John R. Reinert



### Huguenot Society



L-R Louise Travers, Paul Moore, Thomas Masters, Judy Moore, Robert Knott Jr., John Reinert, Kathy Ocassio, Ann Reinert, Sande Spicer, John Parsons.

### National Society Descendants of American Farmers



L-R Anne Reim, Ted Ericson, Phyllis Ericson, Bev Schule, Kathy Ocasio, Amy Lambert, Robert Knott Jr.

### Certificate of Appreciation



Todd Corliss, manager of the Havelock Social Hall in Lincoln, Nebraska was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for providing excellent service and meals to our attendees for the past eight years.

## 130 Years of the Nebraska SAR

The National Society, Sons of the American Revolution was formed on April 30, 1889, the 100th Anniversary of the inauguration of President George Washington. Nearly one year later, Nebraska formed a Society, to join the National Society, on April 26, 1890.

The Nebraska SAR was organized at the suggestion of US Senator Algernon Paddock from Nebraska. He contacted George L. Miller, of Omaha, a gentleman of public spirit and influence who, though personally not eligible for membership, took great pleasure in being instrumental in setting the pieces in motion for the Nebraska Society to form. He posted a column in the Omaha Bee, on April 9, 1890, calling for the formation of the Society, stating that “the objects of the Society, now existing in many States, are wholly non-partisan and purely patriotic. They are clearly stated in its constitution. These objects are “to perpetuate the memory and the spirit of the men who achieved American independence; to promote the fitting celebration of all patriotic anniversaries; to collect and preserve Revolutionary documents and relics, the records of the individual services of our ancestors in the Revolution, and the evidence of descent, therefrom”.

The meeting was called for April 24, 1890, at the office of George L. Miller, in the New York Life Building, in Omaha, Nebraska. To promote the formation of the Society, Miller appointed Col. Champion Chase, ex-Mayor of Omaha, and Charles H. Gere, editor of the Lincoln State Journal, as an organizing committee. The newspapers all around the State gave publicity to the proposition of forming a Society.

At the meeting on April 24, Thomas A. Creigh was selected temporary chairman, and N. J. Burnham, temporary Secretary. Those present at

the formation meeting included: Champion S. Chase, Thomas A. Creigh, John A. McMurphy, J. Z. Wilcox, P. L. Perrine, Talbot D. Dodkin, Sylvester R. Rush, William B. Birge, David Van Etten, Edmund Bartlett, Clark H. Gaspen, Albion M. Dyer, Luther M. Kuhns, Edmund N. Bartlett, W. W. Copeland, Nathan J. Burnham, George L. Miller, and Dr. Aurelius Bowen.

A new committee of permanent organization was formed of these men: Champion S. Chase, Omaha; Charles H. Gere, Lincoln; F. F. Berken, Seward; A. Bowen M. D., Nebraska City; P. L. Perrine, Albion M. Dyer, S. R. Rush, W. B. Birge, and E. N. Bartlett, all of Omaha.



**Paxton Hotel—Omaha**

On April 26, the committee met to consult, and later that evening, the new Society met, with good attendance, at the Paxton Hotel, to draft the constitution and by-laws of the new Society. Officers elected at this time included:

#### President

- Champion S. Chase, Omaha

#### Vice Presidents

- Aurelius Bowen, Nebraska City
- Thomas A. Creigh, Omaha
- Charles H. Gere, Lincoln

#### Secretary

- Nathan J. Burnham, Omaha

#### Treasurer

- W. W. Copeland, Omaha

#### Registrar

- Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, Omaha

#### Delegates

- Champion S. Chase
- Charles H. Gere
- Dr. Clarke H. Gapen

#### Alternates

- Sylvester R. Rush
- A. M. Dyer

It became known that some members participating in the Society, were not eligible, so at a meeting on Dec 4, 1890, a resolution was passed giving members until January 20 1891, to assemble required proof documents, proving their descent from a Patriot. As a result, 18 names were dropped, giving us our 13 Charter members of the Society:

Champion S. Chase, Omaha

Thomas A. Creigh, Omaha

Luther M. Kuhns, Omaha

Aurelius Bowen, Nebraska City

Peter L. Perrine, Omaha

Wm. H. Alexander, Omaha

Gilbert L. Cole, Beatrice

Champion C. Chase, Omaha

Thomas G. Doyle, Omaha

Jerome Wiltse, Falls City

Jeremiah C. Wilcox, Omaha

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Wm. A. Webster, Omaha

Paul W. Kuhns, Omaha

The Nebraska SAR continued to grow and prosper, and after the turn of the 20th Century, the Society moved to find a permanent home for the records and artifacts of the Society. In 1916, the membership voted to move the permanent location of the Nebraska SAR to Lincoln, and the archives of the Society would be housed in the State Archives at the State Historical Society.

Some of our members, over the years, have held prominent offices in the National Society. In 1892, Dr. Aurelius Bowen, from Nebraska City, was listed as the Surgeon General of the National Society, and Sterling Fann Mutz, who was State President in 1937 and 1938, became the National President General in 1942-43. More recently, some of our members have been elected as District Vice Presidents General, such as John Parsons and David Kentsmith, both from the Omaha Chapter, and other members have held National Trustee positions, to give the Nebraska SAR a voice at the annual National Congress.



As the years went on, the Society had its ups and downs, in terms of membership. In modern times, the Society lost some of its early momentum in the western portions of the state. At one time, there were upwards of possibly five chapters in the Nebraska SAR: Lincoln, Fremont, Crete, Omaha, and Ethan Allen (in Omaha) Chapters in the Society, in the early part of the 20th Century. We are still researching to find the exact date the Omaha Chapter was chartered, but we do know that the other four chapters were chartered

prior to 1920. As you all should know, we currently only have two active chapters, Omaha and Lincoln, with members-at-large in cities and towns west of Lincoln. More recently, our membership has been slowly growing, with more and more inquiries about membership, coming in through online resources. With another milestone on the horizon, the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, we hope to capture those potential members, as excitement builds for that extraordinary event. How great would it be to be able to get back to five active chapters in our Society, as we had 100 years ago! That will mean having more outreach and recruiting in the western portions of the state.



The Society has continued to grow, especially in the last 5-10 years, in terms of outreach and community involvement. A Color Guard, which is the face of the Nebraska SAR, was formed in 2016, and has seen nice growth in the ensuing years. Starting out with three members, the Color Guard has now grown to nine active members, with our goal of adding new members each year. Some of the community events that we have begun to participate in, include: Memorial Day ceremonies, Independence Day parades, Veteran's Day ceremonies, partnering with the DAR at some of their meetings and events, Veteran Honor Flight homecomings, open to the public grave markings, and classroom presentations, teaching students about the Revolution, and its members have been part of National Color Guard events as well. Everywhere we present in uniform, we get a lot of questions about the SAR, which will

hopefully translate to more membership inquiries.

While the Nebraska SAR has contributed financially to many different organizations and causes, we are also becoming more active in other outreach opportunities in the community, including Wreaths Across America. This past year, the Omaha Chapter became a wreath sponsor fundraising partner, to help secure more wreaths for the event at Omaha National Cemetery. Also within the last 10 years, the Lincoln Chapter began hosting its annual American Heritage Dinner, where we hope to get outreach to the general public, but also within other lineage societies.

As we continue to move forward, into our next 130 years, and continue to contribute and volunteer in the community and with other veterans organizations, we need our members to help us in these endeavors. We strive to promote Historical, Patriotic, and Educational objectives. Please consider becoming more active in our Society. Join an event, serve on a state or chapter committee, serve as an officer at the state or chapter level, join the Color Guard, give a program presentation at a chapter meeting, or classroom, etc. There are many opportunities, not only to serve the Society, but also serve the community, and help our Society continue to grow for the next 130 years!



Nebraska SAR Compatriots,

If you do not have your Nebraska SAR member medal yet, as seen to the left on this page, you can still get one. They are available to purchase. The cost is \$25 per medal, large or miniature size.

If you are interested in purchasing a medal, please email or talk to your Chapter officers. If you are a Member-At-Large and would like to purchase a medal for yourself, please contact and talk to one of the State officers. Contact information is on the Nebraska SAR website.

[Www.nessar.org](http://www.nessar.org)

## Chapter Chatter

### Omaha Chapter

At its January Chapter meeting, the Omaha members installed their new officers for the 2020-21 term. NESSAR President, Shawn Stoner, presided over the ceremony. The new Omaha Chapter officers are as follows:

President—Ben Harvey

Vice President—Paul Burrignt

Secretary—Jim Sly

Treasurer—John Parsons

Registrar—Paul Burrignt



New Omaha Chapter Officers: Secretary, Jim Sly; VP/Registrar, Paul Burrignt; President, Ben Harvey; Treasurer, John Parsons.



Omaha President, Ben Harvey, and VP Paul Burrignt, also presented Past Omaha President (16-17), Merle McAlevy, his Past President Pin and Certificate.

On Tuesday, March 10, at the Omaha Chapter meeting, Omaha Vice President, Paul Burrignt, presented a program to the members on the History of American Coin and Currency.



Compatriot Burrignt has been an amateur collector for many years, going back to his Junior High School days. While doing jobs for an area farmer, when he was just 12 or 13 years old, the farmer would pay Paul for these jobs with \$5 Silver Certificates, from the 1930's. Having never seen these before, Paul kept them, and soon his collection began to grow. It started small, with Silver Dollars and Half Dollars, wheat pennies, and other older coins he could find. Over the years, he has been able to collect some fine examples of early American coins and currency. He brought a sample of his collection to the meeting, to show some of the different designs and years of minting of some of these coins. Some of these included:

- A Spanish Dollar "Piece of Eight" minted in 1783. This was one of the earliest pieces of legal tender in the United States, prior to America minting its own coins.
- A \$20 Continental Currency bill minted in 1778, Philadelphia, PA
- Early American Draped Bust Cent and Half Cent coins, minted 1803.
- A 2 Cent coin minted during the

Civil War, the first coin to have "In God We Trust" stamped on it.

- A 3 Cent coin minted during the Civil War.
- Black Eagle \$1 Silver Certificate from 1899. Only Dollar to have 2 Presidents on the front.
- Indian Chief \$5 Silver Certificate from 1899. Front engraving is of Sioux Chief Running Antelope
- Morgan Silver Dollar—the Silver Dollar of the Wild West, minted in 1887.
- Other more modern, colorized Silver Dollars.

The program highlighted what permissions the Constitution gave to Congress, in respect to their power "to coin money" and "regulate the value thereof". The Constitution makes no mention of "paper currency".

The program highlighted our coins and currency, both backed by gold and silver, in the early years, slowly reduced in silver and gold content, to eventually removing the U.S. from the gold standard completely. Our currency is now backed by nothing but the word of the government.

The members in attendance found the program of interest and most said they learned something in the facts presented.



### Lincoln Chapter

At the January meeting of the Lincoln Chapter, the Lincoln members also installed their new officers in an installations ceremony, for the 2020-21 term. The new Lincoln officers are as follows:

President—John Braisted

Vice President—Dale Wostrel

Secretary—Shawn Stoner

Treasurer—Shawn Stoner

Registrar—Open

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### 2020 Nebraska SAR Yearbook

To celebrate our 130th Anniversary as the Nebraska SAR, we have put together a yearbook, available for purchase by Society members, for \$18. We have bookmarked some of our initial order to be donated to local and state genealogical and historical societies, as well as the SAR library, the President General, etc. It has been nearly 100 years since these yearbooks were routinely done

by State Societies, and many can be found online or through collector sellers. We hope this tribute to our Society and its history, will fuel a renaissance of these books being published.

This Nebraska SAR 2020 yearbook, lists current members (as of the publishing date), the history of the Nebraska Society, some of our historical Society documents, where we are as a Society currently, and some introspective biographies on some of our more prominent founding members and past Presidents, as well as some past members with National prominence. The yearbook was first seen by members, and made available for sale, at the American Heritage Dinner on 22 February, in Lincoln. These will also be available at our Spring Meeting, tentatively scheduled for April 26 at Mahoney State Park.

Information on how to obtain a book, or order one online, if you were unable to make either of those meetings, is below. There will be a minor shipping fee and tax added to the \$18 price, if you are purchasing online. Make sure you order yours, as these will sell fast!

We hope you enjoy this yearbook! It took quite awhile to put it all together, and we look forward to doing more, as our Society hits more milestones.

### Nebraska SAR Yearbook 2020

#### Ordering information

Purchase your individual copy of the Nebraska SAR Yearbook 2020

You can purchase a Nebraska SAR Yearbook 2020 and any of the many events we have planned in the coming year, especially our Spring State Meeting, at Mahoney State Park, on Sunday, April 26. (date subject to change)

You can also purchase a copy online, that will be shipped directly to you from the printer. The cost is \$18, plus tax and shipping, per book. To do this, you can go to the Nebraska SAR website, [www.nessar.org](http://www.nessar.org), and click on the "Order from Lulu" button, on the homepage, and it will take you directly to the order page from Lulu, who was our publisher. Alternatively, you can go [www.Lulu.com/store](http://www.Lulu.com/store) and search for Nebraska SAR.

If you attend an event and purchase a Yearbook, the cost is \$18 per book, with no tax or shipping cost added. All proceeds from the sale of these Yearbooks, go directly to our State Society.



The Nebraska SAR lost one of its own on January 15, 2020.

Charles Glen Reynolds, #207091, was born April 8, 1939, in Pawnee, MO. He entered the Navy in 1957 and served as an electrician's mate. While on leave with the Navy, he met his future wife, in Harlan, IA, and they married in 1963.

Family was extremely important to Chuck, and he leaves behind 3 children and 7 grandchildren.

He engaged in many different hobbies and belonged to several organizations, including, the Sons of the American Revolution, Fort Atkinson Muzzleloaders, Single-Action Shooters Association, and the Field Club Neighborhood Watch.

After a 3 month battle with aggressive cancer, Chuck died peacefully on January 15, 2020.

Godspeed, Compatriot Reynolds!

**From the editors:**

*The Husker Patriot* has been a mainstay in our Society for the past 10 years, and has been award winning, thanks to its founders, Bob Knott and Bill Webb.

After 10 years, we are looking to change some of the structure to the newsletter, and with some of those changes, we are looking to make it an all digital edition. Discussion will be had on this at the Spring Meeting, with more details to come in the 2nd Quarter edition. Those of you who do not make the State meetings, we wanted to make you aware of the possibility of this change, as early as possible. If you can not make the meeting, and have concerns, or have any questions regarding this potential change, please email the editors:

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We know change is not always easy, which is why we want to have the discussion with membership before we proceed. Thank you for your consideration.



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New Lincoln Chapter Officers: VP, Dale Wostrel; President, John Braisted; Secretary/Treasurer, Shawn Stoner.

**Flag Presentation**



Walter, and his late wife Twila Pohlman, displayed their lighted flag for many years. Walter served in the U.S. Army, National Guard and

Veteran's Administration. They lived in Lincoln, Nebraska raising 6 children. and many grand and great grandchildren.



**Salute to our New Members!**

**Omaha Chapter**

Steven Otis Ward, #212791

Patriot—Joseph Ward (NJ)

Scott David Peterson, #214317

Patriot—James Emmons (VA)

Christopher Brian Peterson, #214318

Patriot—James Emmons (VA)

**Member-At-Large**

Jon Conrad Ketterling, #214220

Patriot—Rudolph Conrad (NC)

Congratulations to our newest members! We hope you become active participants in our Society Chapters, events, and activities.

**Society Registrar Report**

Beginning active members—  
January 1, 2019—94

New members added—10

- Omaha, 7 + 1 Junior Member
- Lincoln, 2

Reinstatements—2 for Omaha

Lost members—3

- Omaha, 1; Member-At-Large, 2

Dropped members—12

- Omaha, 7

- Lincoln, 2

- Member-At-Large, 3

2019 total membership gain/loss: -3

Total Nebraska SAR members—  
January 1, 2020: 91



“Retention is the single most important thing for growth” - Alex Schultz

“If you have poor retention, nothing else matters” - Brian Balfour

We added 10 new members in 2019, but ended with 3 less members than we started with. You can be a retention tool for our Society! Talk with others about the SAR, mentor new members to make them feel welcome and get them active, and talk with members you may not have seen recently. Let's grow in 2020!



## Nebraska SAR recognizes Eagle Scout

On March 1, 2020, Omaha Compatriot, and past State President, David Kentsmith, traveled to Boulder, Colorado, to participate in delivering some well earned recognition to his grandson, for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

On behalf of the Nebraska SAR, Compatriot Kentsmith presented his grandson, Ian Alexander Smith, the SAR Certificate of Recognition for outstanding achievement and exceptional leadership and citizenship, for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. He also presented Ian with a Certificate of Recognition from the Department of Nebraska, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865, as he is also a member of Thayer Camp in the Department of Nebraska.

Ian is a member of Troop 78 in Boulder, Colorado, and is the 167th Eagle Scout to have achieved that rank within the Troop, since its founding in 1967. His Eagle Project was Improving, Repairing, and Restoring the Sombrero Marsh Environmental Experience Center in Boulder. He organized a group of 40 Boy Scouts to accomplish the work for the City of Boulder Open Space Group.

On behalf of the Nebraska SAR, congratulations Ian, on your great accomplishment!



Compatriot David Kentsmith, Ian's parents, Steve and Taryl Smith, and Eagle Scout, Ian Smith

## National SAR Spring Leadership Meeting

By: Chris Moberg  
Vice President -General  
North Central District

Louisville, Kentucky -  
The Spring Leadership Meeting of the SAR was held from Thursday, February 27 to Saturday, February 29, 2020 at the historic Brown Hotel. The first event that I attended was the Council of VPG's meeting on Friday morning. President General Manning was present and encouraged VPGs to work with the states in their district to promote new membership and increase member retention. In the afternoon, I attended a color guard meeting and rehearsed with the men's chorus. That evening, I had the honor of participating with the color guard in posting the colors for the banquet. After the dinner, there was a presentation by professor David Armitage on the topic of George III and the Law of Nations. Professor Armitage was the SAR visiting professor at King's College London for 2019.

On Saturday morning, I attended the donor recognition breakfast and the trustee meeting. Some of the items of business conducted at the trustee meeting included:

1. Approved application fee increases. For example, the regular membership application fee will increase from \$80 to \$100. Note that the cost per application for a genealogist is \$106. The cost of dues was not increased.
2. Shipping containers were damaged upon return from the National Congress in Costa Mesa last summer. The insurance claim of \$3000 against the shipping agent was denied. A motion was approved not to file a law suit, since the cost of the law suit would outweigh any benefit gained.
3. Approved seven near term building maintenance and appearance projects, with the total cost not to exceed \$30,000.
4. Approved a motion to build up the long term capital reserve fund for future repairs, replacements, and other building projects.

5. Approved the investment allocations that were proposed for various funds.

6. Approved a museum board recommendation for the deaccession of a donated Brown Bess musket that was found to have been restocked with a mixture of parts in the early 19th century.

7. After watching an impressive new video showing a walk through of the new SAR Education Center and Museum (available at [www.sarfoundation.org](http://www.sarfoundation.org)), the trustees approved the final design steps of phase 2 for the Education Center and Museum project. It is anticipated that the final phase (construction and build-out) will begin next year.

On Saturday afternoon, I attended a trustee training seminar and rehearsed with the men's chorus. There was a banquet in the evening. After the meal, I joined the men's chorus in singing a number of favorite songs from past meetings. It was our last performance under the direction of Richard D. Brockway, and the songs were well received. Afterwards, there was a presentation by West Point Academy professor LTC Seanegan P. Sculley on military leadership in the Continental Army. Finally, I participated with the color guard in retiring the colors.

If anyone would like more information on the Leadership Meetings, please feel free to contact me.



“The preservation of the sacred fire of liberty, and the destiny of the republican model of government, are justly considered deeply, perhaps as finally, staked on the experiment entrusted to the hands of the American people.”

George Washington, First Inaugural  
Address, April 30, 1789

## SOCIETY INFORMATION



### Contact Information Update

If you, as a Nebraska SAR Member, have recently had a change of address, telephone number, or email contact information, please inform State Secretary, John Reinert at jr6@aol.com.

Help us keep our records up to date!



### SAR Applications

If you are members of either the Omaha or Lincoln Chapters, please submit all new member and supplemental applications through your Chapter Registrars.

Omaha—Paul Burrright—pburrright72@gmail.com

Lincoln—Open—

All Member-At-Large applications will continue to be mailed to, and processed by, our Nebraska SAR State Secretary:

Compatriot John Reinert

P.O. Box 83251

Lincoln, NE 68501-3251.

### **2nd Quarter 2020 Meetings and Events**

**Friday, Apr 3—Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00am, Eastmont Towers, Lincoln, NE**

**Tuesday, Apr 14—Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:30pm, Gorat's, Omaha, NE**

**Sunday, Apr 26—Nebraska SAR Spring State Meeting, Mahoney State Park, 2pm  
- Celebration of 130th Anniversary**

**Friday, May 1—Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00am, Eastmont Towers, Lincoln, NE**

**Tuesday, May 12—Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:30pm, Gorat's, Omaha, NE**

**Friday, May 22—Patriotic Parade & Concert, 6:30pm Downtown Omaha/Durham Museum**

**Monday, May 25—Memorial Day, Various Locations**

**Friday, Jun 5—Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00am, Eastmont Towers, Lincoln, NE**

**Saturday, Jun 20—Color Guard presenting the colors at Omaha Storm Chasers Game, 7:05pm**

**\*\*Due to current Coronavirus concerns, all meeting and event date and times are tentative.\*\***

**\*\*Please visit our website, [www.nessar.org](http://www.nessar.org), for updated information regarding changes.\*\***

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**From the editors—***The Husker Patriot* will be published on the first week of following quarter. For example, the 2nd quarter ends on June 30. The 2nd quarter newsletter will be published the first week of July.

Follow this deadline schedule to get information, articles, and photos in to the editors (contact information on page 2):

1st Quarter—Mar 15, 2nd Quarter—Jun 15, 3rd Quarter—Sept 15, and 4th Quarter—Dec 15. Thank you for your help getting quality content in to your Society newsletter!

### Social Media and Online Presence



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