



# The Quill & Parchment

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## 2 NEW MEMBERS INSTALLED

Your Omaha Chapter had the honor of installing two new members at the February 11 Chapter Meeting.

Welcome to brothers, Scott Peterson and Chris Peterson! They are descended from Patriot James Emmons (VA).

President Ben Harvey conducted the installment, and Vice President Paul Burright, pinned on their rosettes, and presented them with their member certificates, as he was their first line sponsor on their applications.

After their installment, they spoke to the group about their Patriot Ancestor. James Emmons served two tours during

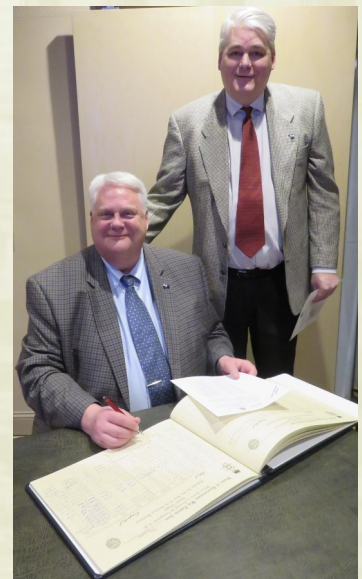
the war, his own service, then served for his brother. He was at the surrender at Yorktown, to end the war.

Afterward, Scott and Chris, both mustered in their Patriot into the Chapter Muster Roll.

We are excited to have both of these Compatriots join our ranks, and look forward to reading the biography of their Patriot in a future edition of "The Husker Patriot".

Welcome Scott and Chris!!

Huzzah!



## THIS MONTH IN THE REVOLUTION

08 Feb 1778—Daniel Boone is captured by a British/Shawnee War Party.

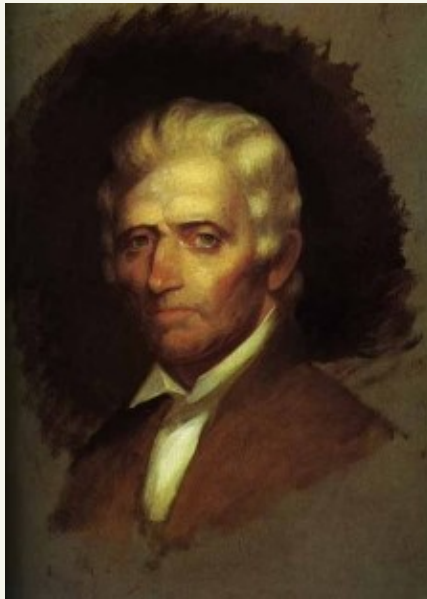
Daniel Boone had forged a trail across the Cumberland Gap several years earlier. He ended up settling Fort Boonesborough, one of only 3 settlements in what is now the State of Kentucky.

In the winter of 1777-78, Boonesborough ran out of vital salt supplies. With no supplies coming until spring, the only way to get salt was to boil water from a salt spring. The settlers decided they needed to do this, even though it meant leaving the Fort with less defenses.

They set out with 30 men to Blue Licks, about 60 miles away, and collected salt for a few weeks. On 08 Feb 1778, Daniel Boone was captured by a group of Indians, while out hunting. He soon discovered that about 100 Shawnee warriors were on their way to attack Boonesborough, with 2 Aides to the British Governor of Detroit. This attack was British backed.

Boone knew the Fort would not be able to withstand the attack, so he told the party, that if his men were allowed to surrender peacefully, and accompany them back to Detroit, in the spring, he would

lead a party back to Boonesborough and persuade the settlers to pledge allegiance to King George. Chief Blackfish, the Shawnee leader, agreed, not knowing the Boone was lying and just trying to save the lives of his men and



the settlers in the Fort.

Boone persuaded the men to give themselves up, convincing them it was the only way to save themselves and their families. The Indians did not harm them, though they did force them to “run the gauntlet”, a form of punishment in which the prisoners were made to run through two lines of Indians who would strike them as hard as they could. The men stayed with the Indians for months, pretending to be friendly, but always looking for means of escape. Boone was even adopted into the tribe of King Blackfish, as an adopted son.

Word got back to the Fort that the men had been captured, and after many months of hearing nothing, they were given up for dead. Many of the settlers, including Boone’s wife and her children, moved back to North Carolina as a result. Meanwhile, one of the prisoners did escape and made it back to the Fort, though he convinced those remaining, that Boone was collaborating with the British.

In June, the Shawnee decided to attack Boonesborough in response for a failed attempt to capture Donnely’s Fort. Boone escaped to warn the settlers, and crossed 160 miles of wilderness in 4 days. He was held in suspicion at first, as the settlers believed he was working for the British, though he finally convinced them the war party was coming.

The Great Siege of Boonesborough began on 08 Sep 1778, and lasted 12 days. The Indians made numerous attempts to get through the defenses, but ultimately failed and gave up the attack.

Daniel Boone was charged with aiding the British during his ruse, but after a court martial examined the evidence, he was commended for his handling of the crisis, and was promoted to Major in the Virginia Militia, and was soon reunited with his family in North Carolina.

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



Compatriot Bob Knott has found another Patriot in his family tree. Jakob Dorner (MD) became Compatriot Knott's 16th Patriot approved at National, on 20 Dec 2019.

Compatriot Knott was presented

with his Supplemental Patriot Certificate by President Ben Harvey and Vice President Paul Burrighat at the February Chapter Meeting.

Afterward, Bob mustered in his new Patriot Ancestor into the Chapter Muster Roll.

Thank you, Compatriot Knott, for continuing to find Patriot Ancestors in your line, and preserving their history in the SAR, and Congratulations on this achievement!

Compatriot Knott currently has 4 more Supplemental Patriots awaiting approval at National.



## 2 0 1 9 Y E A R E N D R E G I S T R A R R E P O R T

For the year ending 31 Dec 2019, the Omaha Chapter:

- Started 01 Jan 2019 with 50 members
- + Added 8 new members in 2019
- + Had 2 reinstatements in 2019
- Total of 60 members
- - Had 1 member pass away
- - Had 7 members dropped; 1 resignation and 6 for non payment of dues
- = Total of 52 current members as of 01 Jan 2020

We will get those 6 members reinstated, if they get their dues in for 2020.

We also had 4 supplemental applications approved in 2019.

My goal, as your new Chapter Registrar, is to get the Chapter to 75 members, by the end of the 2020-2021 term of office. It is a lofty goal, but one that is attainable, especially if we all work on recruiting and getting friends and family interested.

Respectfully submitted,

*Paul Burrighat*—Omaha Chapter Registrar



## FEB MEETING PROGRAM & NOTES

We had a good turnout for our February meeting, at Gorat's Steakhouse. Thank you to everyone who attended.

We had the honor of inducting 2 new members into the Chapter and presenting a Supplemental Patriot Certificate, to a current member. All three men mustered in their Patriots on the Muster Roll.

President Harvey also passed on the news of the passing of Compatriot Charles Reynolds in January.

Compatriot John Parsons informed the membership of the upcoming ROTC award ceremonies and that we will be in need of volunteers to represent the Chapter and Society, in presenting our Bronze and Silver ROTC medals to the deserving cadets. We will be asking for those volunteers at our meeting in March, so please be ready to step up and serve!

Our program for the night was given by Dr. Wayne Stuberger. He and his wife Rhonda, bought the Storz Mansion, in the Blackstone District, in Omaha, and have been working to

restore it back to its original glory.

We had a bit of a SNAFU for the presentation, as the projector would not work for us, so we did not have any pictures of the project to see, but did hear some interesting stories about the home.



Members of the Storz family lived in the home, up through the early 2000's. It was given to Creighton University, and sat idle for approximately 7 years.

Dr. and Mrs. Stuberger, bought the house from Creighton, and began the restoration process. Through neglect, and the house sitting idle, there were numerous issues that had to be dealt with immediately, especially where there were roof leaks, and broken plaster on the walls. The woodwork has been stripped and restained, original painted murals, that

somehow didn't get water damaged, were touched up and brightened, and wood floors were re-finished.

An amazing story Dr. Stuberger told, concerned the roof. During one of the bad hail storms that hit Omaha, shortly after they bought the house, the roof was damaged. It was determined by the insurance company that the roof would need to be replaced. As the home is on the Register of Historic Places, like material had to be used to replace it. The original tiles on the roof were made by a company in Italy. The estimate for repair and replacement was about \$115,000. They found the company that produces that style of roof tile, and once they got into the project, the price started to increase. Many more things had to be fixed, including custom gutters, and protectors over stained glass skylights. All in all, the completed roof project cost over \$500,000, which was more than they initially purchased the house for!

We have been invited to have a cocktail meeting, possibly over the holidays, at the house, and take a tour. We will see if we can make the arrangements.



### Feb Birthdays

Hugh Nehls—21 Feb  
Tim Walden—22 Feb

## MEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### Feb Anniversaries

Harry Deeths— 19 Feb 1976  
Ward H. Reesman III—01 Feb 1982  
Mark Diercks—10 Feb 2010  
Kevin Walden—25 Feb 2013  
Tim Walden—27 Feb 2013  
Ward M. Reesman—15 Feb 2018



Happy Birthday to those Compatriots listed for February!

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



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[www.nessar.org/omaha-chapter/](http://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](mailto:OmahaColorGuard@gmail.com) or Paul Burrignt, Omaha Color Guard Captain, at [pburright72@gmail.com](mailto:pburright72@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**

- 22 Feb 2020—8th Annual American Heritage Dinner, Lincoln, NE
- 27-29 Feb 2020—Spring Leadership Meetings—Louisville, KY
- 10 Mar 2020—Chapter Meeting—6:30pm, Gorat’s Steakhouse  
**Program: VP Paul Burrignt—American Coin & Currency**

**Planning ahead**

- 14 Apr 2020—Chapter meeting—6:30pm, Gorat’s Steakhouse
- 26 Apr 2020—Spring State Meeting—Mahoney State Park
- April/May 2020—ROTC Award Ceremonies—**Volunteers needed!**



**“A BIBLE AND A NEWSPAPER IN EVERY HOUSE, A GOOD SCHOOL IN EVERY DISTRICT—ALL STUDIED AND APPRECIATED AS THEY MERIT—ARE THE PRINCIPAL SUPPORT OF VIRTUE, MORALITY, AND CIVIL LIBERTY”**

**-BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, MARCH 1778**

# Meeting Minutes—11 Feb 2020

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11 Feb 2020

The Omaha Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution met at Gorat's Steakhouse on 11 Feb 2020. Members and guests attending: Jim Sly, Mel Burrigh, John Parsons, William Webb (Georgia), Hugh Nehls (Kathy), Ben Harvey, Christopher Peterson, Scott Peterson, Paul Burrigh (Paula), John Reinert, Bob Knott, Fred Walden (Jan), Tom Upton (Jane), John Whittler, Steve Bigelow, and David Kentsmith (Kitty). Guests included Dr. Wayne Stuberg (Rhonda).

President Ben Harvey opened the meeting at 1900 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 14 Jan 2020 meeting were accepted by member vote.

## Officers Reports:

- Treasurer, John Parsons – No change to the treasury amounts.
- Registrar, Paul Burrigh – 6 apps in preparation, 1 Supplemental approved for Chapter, 4 apps pended.

Old Business: N/A.

## New Business:

- Paul Burrigh and Ben Harvey Installed New Members Scott Peterson and Chris Peterson and mustered in their patriot ancestor, James Emmons (VA).
- Paul Burrigh and Ben Harvey mustered in Bob Knott's newest approved supplemental patriot ancestor, Jacob Dormer.
- Ben Harvey notified the chapter that Omaha Chapter member Charles Reynolds passed away on 15 Jan 2020.
- John Parsons notified the membership that ROTC Medal presentations are fast approaching. Volunteers are needed for presentations at 12 high schools and 2 universities. More information and sign-ups will begin at the March meeting.
- Dr Wayne Stuberg provided a brief history and update on renovations to the Storz Mansion.

The next meeting is scheduled to occur on 10 Mar 2020. There being no other business, all members rose and repeated "Until we meet again..." The meeting was adjourned at 2107 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Sly, Jr.

Secretary Omaha Chapter