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Compatriots,

What a time we are living in! Social distancing, COVID-19, Coronavirus. When last we met and saw one another, who would have known the world would be in the grips of a pandemic like this. I often wonder if our ancestors, and early SAR members, felt back then many of the feelings we have today, when they were fighting their own pandemic of the Spanish Flu, a little over 100 years ago. It sure hasn't been easy on us, but when you think about all of the technological luxuries we possess, like online shopping (even for groceries), delivery services, computers, etc., many of us don't really have to leave our houses to do anything, although we do still yearn for that face to face, human interaction. Our ancestors didn't have it so easy.

As the country begins to open back up, the SAR is also getting the headquarters and SAR library back open in Louisville. The genealogists have still been working to approve applications, and we have had 2 new members approved during the shutdown.

SAR UPDATE

We currently have 2 more new member applications, and 2 more supplemental applications, sent in to the new State Registrar, Shawn Stoner, to hopefully be sent on to National very soon. I currently have 5 prospective members, working on applications, so hopefully we can get some more turned in and continue to grow our Chapter.

For those that were unable to get on the Zoom call that was our Spring State Meeting, we did have an election of new State Officers, and should have the minutes of that meeting, published in the next edition of *The Husker Patriot*.

All of our events that were scheduled for this summer have been summarily cancelled. Other than our clean up days at Prospect Hill, there is nothing on the calendar until we are scheduled to meet again in September to pick up our regularly scheduled Chapter meetings.

I would ask that you please use this time to try to recruit some new members. There are quite a few prospective members in the pipeline, that I

am working with, but we are always looking for new members. Talk to your friends, family, co-workers, etc., and get them some information about us. As the saying goes, "The more the merrier!" The more men we can get interested in our Society, and their own family history, the better for us.

As always, Bill and I, as editors of your newsletters, will continue to solicit you all for information, pictures, and stories for any events you may attend, especially if they are patriotic and/or historical in nature. If you are planning any trips this year, and visit anywhere that would be of interest, let us know and give us a picture or two. We are always looking for material, from our members, to put into the newsletters. It is an easy way to inform our membership of what is happening with the Compatriots of the Society.

Thank you all and stay safe!

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Omaha Chapter, Nebraska SAR

PROSPECT HILL CLEAN UP DAY

Prospect Hill Cemetery is Omaha's oldest pioneer cemetery. It is located on 32nd and Parker St, and it holds the final resting places of some of Omaha's earliest influential citizens, Civil War soldiers, and SAR members.

It is now a historical landmark, and they do not have any new internments within the cemetery. It has no budget, and relies solely on donations and volunteers to keep the cemetery looking clean and maintained.

Last year in August, the Nebraska SAR proceeded with a grave marking event, for our 1st Nebraska Society President, Champion Chase. We installed an SAR marker at his grave location. The Omaha Chapter has now adopted the plot section that includes our marker, to do our community duty and keep our area maintained and clean. When we arrived, you could not even see our SAR

marker, between the two headstones.

On Saturday, June 13, Omaha Compatriots Paul Burrig and Chad Sherrets, took care of our area of responsibility, and really helped to make our area look much better. Weeds and grass were grown up all around the tombstones and markers, and everything really looked shabby (photos below). As part of the SAR Color Guard, they usually work with muskets and flags during events, but they put those down and armed themselves with gas and battery powered trimmers, and went to work. When they were done, the area looked so much better.

We are planning on work days, once every month, during the mowing season, probably through September. **Our next clean up day is scheduled for Saturday, July 11, at 9am.** We can use all the help we can get, so please consider coming out to help on our next clean up day and do this small service for the community as well as to honor those whose final resting places need care and maintenance.



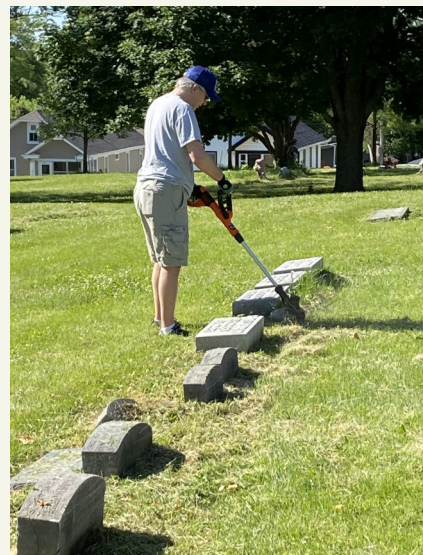
A wider look at part of our site area before we started work.



Champion Chase's grave before work began. You can not even see our SAR marker in between the stones.



Overgrown grass and weeds around tombstones.



Compatriot Chad Sherrets working at trimming the grass around the headstones.

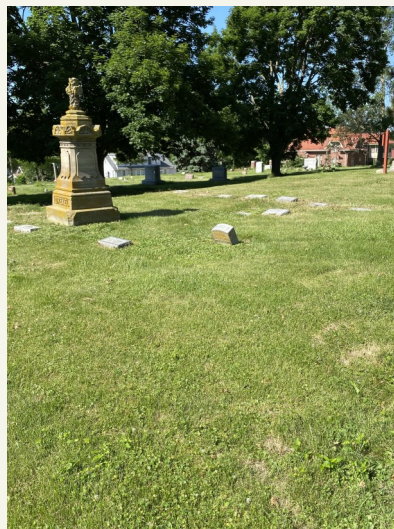
PROSPECT HILL CLEAN UP DAY (CONT.)



Compatriots Paul Burrig and Chad Sherrets hard at work!



The SAR marker now visible, in between the headstones of Champion Chase and his wife.



Wider pictures of parts of our area after our work was completed. What a difference a couple of volunteers can make!!

Thank you again to Compatriot, and Color Guard Commander, Chad Sherrets, for giving some of your time on a Saturday morning for this very important project that the Omaha Chapter has taken on.

We would love to see more of you at our next project day on July 11! Come out and help!



MEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



June Birthdays

Andrew Blossom—June 29

June Anniversaries

Cary Clark—19 Jun 2007

Steve Bigelow—21 Jun 2019

Dallas Burrig—21 Jun 2019

Happy Birthday to those Compatriots listed for June!

Those of you with membership anniversaries in June, 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 Burrig, Omaha Color Guard Captain, at 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

- July 11, 2020—Prospect Hill Clean up Day—9am
Bring your gas powered or battery powered weed trimmers, or bring hand shears or cutters to cut down volunteer trees that sprout up.

Planning ahead

- Aug 8, 2020—Prospect Hill Clean up Day—9am
- Sep 8, 2020—Chapter Meeting—6:30pm, Gorat's Steakhouse



“THE VIEWS OF MEN CAN ONLY BE KNOWN, OR GUESSED AT, BY THEIR WORDS OR ACTIONS”

- GEORGE WASHINGTON, IN A LETTER TO PATRICK HENRY, JAN 15, 1799

Meeting Minutes—June, 2020

No meeting in June, July, or August.

We pray all of you are safe and healthy.

May we all see each other soon.