



The Quill & Parchment

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

What a different world we have experienced since our last meeting on March 10th. Seeing people wearing masks, social distancing, and distressing daily news regarding COVID -19, has become the “new normal”. There have been many questions, many opinions, but few answers.



I look forward to greeting you on Tuesday, September 8th, for our next scheduled meet-

ing at Gorat’s Steakhouse. I have talked with the management of Gorat’s, and we are

allowed to meet, as long as we follow the 8 to a table requirement. The Fall State Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 20th, at 2pm, at Mahoney State Park. I hope many of you plan to attend and support our State President, and former Chapter President, Merle McAlevy.

Ben Harvey

President—Omaha Chapter

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Wreaths Across America



Please remember to visit our fundraising site for Wreaths Across America and donate \$15 toward the purchase of a wreath for this year’s event. Our goal is 200 wreaths this year, so we need to start spreading the word early! Remember, each wreath gives \$5 back to the Chapter. You can access the link on the Omaha Chapter page of the Nebraska SAR website: www.nessar.org/omaha-chapter.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

On Aug 7, 2020, the Omaha Chapter had two more new member applications approved. Please welcome our new Omaha SAR Compatriots:

Chuck Real—member #216406. Patriot—Jacob Faust (PA). Chuck submitted his application right at the start of all of the shutdowns

and quarantine for COVID, so it took a little while to get it through the state officers, as well as National, as they were shut down awhile.

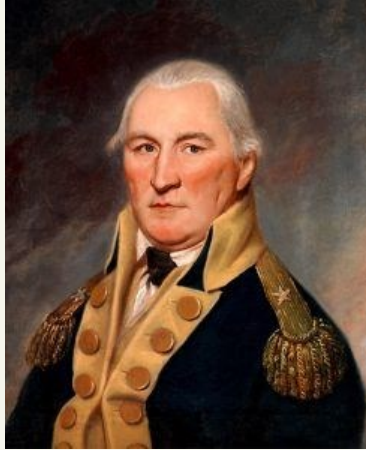
Drew Whitler—member #216405. Patriot—Moses Sweeney (VA). Drew is very excited to become a member and is already looking at a

couple more Patriots to get approved in his lineage.

Welcome, Chuck and Drew, to the Omaha SAR. We are excited to have you as members, and hope that you will become active participants in our many events, as things begin to open back up and events are scheduled again!

THIS MONTH IN THE REVOLUTION

From—"The Founding of the United States"



Captain Daniel Morgan

Aug 8, 1775—Captain Daniel Morgan and his Virginia Riflemen arrived in Cambridge, Massachusetts, to serve under General George Washington.

Earlier, Morgan had earned the nickname "The Old Wagoneer" from a young George Washington during the

Seven Years' War in 1755, when he removed the wounded from the site of the disastrous Battle of the Wilderness in his wagon.

Morgan continued to lead the Virginia militia between the Seven Years' War and the outbreak of rebellion in New England at the Battle of Lexington and Concord in 1775. When New England Patriots laid siege to British-occupied Boston in 1775, the Continental Congress requested that other colonies send men to aid in the effort. Virginia's House of Burgesses selected Morgan to recruit and lead one of the colony's two rifle companies.

Morgan needed only 10 days to assemble 96 men and only 21 days to march them to Massachusetts, where he would serve under his old compatriot, the newly appointed commander in chief of the Continental Army, General George Washington. Fighting under Washington, Morgan's men's extraordinary skill as snipers earned them the nickname "Morgan's Sharpshooters." Later, Morgan led the three companies from Boston to the

failed invasion of Canada, resulting in Morgan's spending a year as a prisoner of war but also earning him a promotion to colonel.

Upon his release, Colonel Morgan was placed in charge of creating the 11th Virginia Regiment, which he would command. His test for potential riflemen was reputed to be simple: they had to hit a broadside print of a British officer of King George from 100 yards away at their first attempt.

Morgan earned Washington's further respect with a stunning victory at Cowpens, South Carolina, in 1781. In 1794, when President Washington was faced with the need to suppress the Whiskey Rebellion in western Pennsylvania, which threatened to shatter the still fragile Union, he called on Daniel Morgan yet again. In this, his last military command, Morgan managed to assemble such an overwhelming force that he put down the rebellion without firing a single shot."

CHAPTER REGISTRAR REPORT

A lot of good things are happening with the Omaha Chapter, in terms of applications and membership.

With the announcement, on page 1 of our two new members, we now have 6 new members approved so far in 2020.

As of this week, the Omaha Chapter has 18 active inquiries into membership, and of those, we have 6 applica-

tions in various states of completion.

We also have more members completing supplemental applications, with 3 waiting for approval at National, and 4 more in various states of completion, or ready to sign and turn in.

We do have 3 new applications pending, but we are working to get those corrected, and we have 3 supple-

mental applications pending.

We have had 4 reinstatements this year, from dropped members, and we had 1 transfer out of the Chapter and Society; Steve Bigelow, and his wife, have moved to Arizona and have transferred to the Arizona SAR. We wish him well in his new home and hope he contributes and is active in the Arizona Society.



P R O S P E C T H I L L C L E A N U P D A Y

The Omaha Chapter has “adopted’ a section at Prospect Hill Cemetery, through their “Adopt a Plot” program. We are responsible for trimming and maintaining the area in section 6 of the cemetery. The cemetery relies on the good will of volunteers, to maintain and keep the plots clean for visitors. On Saturday, August 1, Vice President, Paul Burright, took up the task for the month. With the intense heat we had through most of July, it was not as bad as when we cleaned it prior, but there was still work to be done. Once completed, a quick drive around the cemetery, clearly shows that our section is one of the best looking and best maintained of all the plots. Many sections of the cemetery do not even look like they have been touched all year. We will continue to do our part, and keep our area, which includes our SAR marker at the grave of our first Society President, Champi-

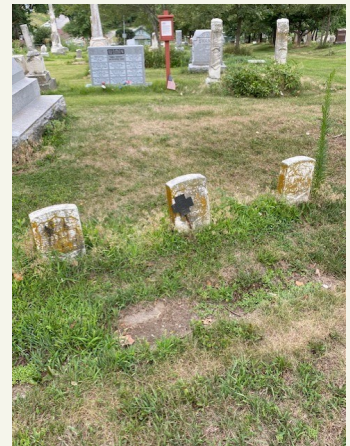
on Chase, clean and maintained. We do need more help on these days, however, and will be looking for help on our final clean up day of the year, Saturday, September 12. We hope you can provide a little time and labor to help us out on this important community project.

On that note, with no Revolutionary War veterans graves in our area for us to help maintain, I would like to propose another service project for our Chapter. A quick drive around the cemetery shows many Civil War and other veteran headstones, that are in desperate need of cleaning. Many of us also belong to the SUVCW or at least have Civil War ancestors in our lineage. I would like to propose that we hold a cleaning party, at the cemetery, to get these headstones looking better, and honor these veterans, in a small way that we are able. I will discuss this more with the membership as we resume meetings.
—Paul Burright, VP/Registrar

Right: Just a few veterans headstones in need of cleaning and area needing trimmed



Above: a portion of our section after completion of work



M E M B E R B I R T H D A Y S A N D A N N I V E R S A R I E S



July Birthdays

Drew Whitler—July 30

August Birthdays

Charles Marshall—Aug 8

Paul Burright—Aug 16

Harry Deeths—Aug 16

Eric Willard—Aug 21

Dick Galusha—Aug 24

Aaron Nehls—Aug 24

July Anniversaries

Chad Sherrets—11 Jul 2014

Dan Rowe—21 Jul 2016

Aaron Nehls—12 Jul 2019

Andrew Nehls—12 Jul 2019

Jaden Nehls—12 Jul 2019

August Anniversaries

Hal Daub—06 Aug 1984

Jim Sly—12 Aug 2013

Ron Stites—12 Aug 2013

Gary Gray—27 Aug 2013

Ben Harvey—17 Aug 2015

Tom Jones—21 Aug 2015

Mel Burright—22 Aug 2017

Michael Reynolds—22 Aug 2017

Steven Ward—30 Aug 2019

With no newsletter last month, we wanted to recognize those Compatriots with birthdays and member anniversaries, for both July and August, in this edition of the newsletter.

Happy Birthday to those Compatriots listed for July and August!

Those of you with membership anniversaries in July and August, thank you for your membership and service to the SAR!



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You shop. Amazon gives.

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 pburrig72@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

- Sep 8, 2020—Chapter meetings set to resume—6:30pm—Gorat’s Steakhouse
- Sep 12, 2020—Prospect Hill Clean up day (last for 2020) - 9am
Bring your gas/battery powered weed trimmers, or hand trimmers for larger weeds and volunteer tree branches
- Sep 20, 2020—Tentative date for State Fall Meeting
Mahoney State Park—Ashland, NE—2pm

Planning ahead

- Oct 13, 2020—Chapter Meeting—6:30pm, Gorat’s Steakhouse
- Nov 8, 2020—Veteran’s Day Parade—2pm, Lincoln, NE



“WHEN THE AMERICAN SPIRIT WAS IN ITS YOUTH, THE LANGUAGE OF AMERICA WAS DIFFERENT: LIBERTY, SIR, WAS THE PRIMARY OBJECT.” - PATRICK HENRY

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.