

Minutes from 26 Sept 2021 Annual State SAR Membership Meeting held at Mahoney State Park. In person and broadcast via ZOOM.

Meeting called to order by President Merle McAlevy @ 1405 hrs.

Opening SAR Pledge was recited by members.

Rollcall of Officers was conducted.

Past SAR State Presidents were introduced.

Member introductions were conducted.

Call of a quorum – quorum met. 18 members were present + guests.

Presentation of Awards & Medals by president McAlevy to:

Compatriot Paul Burright – liberty Medal & State Distinguished Service Medal

NE State Society – Retention Award & Knight's Essay Award

Acknowledgement to Compatriot Ben Harvey for making the President's gavel.

Compatriot Chad Sherrets promoted Compatriot Jim Sly as a Lieutenant in the NE Society Color Guard.

President McAlevy called a 10-minute recess

Meeting resumed with:

Secretary's Report Past Minutes – No minutes were available

Treasurers Report – Checking Acct - \$13,152.64 – CDs \$12,273.28. Other accounts not available. The report was accepted.

Color Guard Report – Compatriot Chad Sherrets briefed on upcoming CG activities:

4 July parade in Ralston

DAR memorial and grave markings in Iowa

30 Sept Tri-State SAR ZOOM meeting – focusing on using the Patriot Research System

12 Oct Omaha DAR 125th anniversary

7 Nov Lincoln Veterans Day parade

Dec Wreathes across America support

Emergency Response – Compatriot Ron Stites

Made a recommendation to upgrade and change State By-Laws and Constitution. To be dealt With during New Business.

Flag Committee – Vacant, no report.

Registrar – Compatriot Paul Burright

8 applications in various stages of completion

18 Applications at National waiting for approval

7 applications pending

91 members: 54 Omaha – 16 Lincoln – 20 at large

Historian – Compatriot John Reinert

USA's 250th Anniversary celebration SAR was well represented.

Eagle Scout – Compatriot Ryan Fuller

He is increasing his plea to BSA Councils to get the word out about the Eagle Scout scholarships.

Patriot Chest Updates – Compatriot Chad Sherrets & Compatriot John Braisted.

Continue working to encourage presentations in schools, Scouting events and Legacy Presentations.

Grave Marking – no report

Motion made, & passed, to include "America 250" in the annual dues reminder letter as another area for contribution.

NEW BUSINESS

State Procedures Manual – Compatriot Bill Webb handed out printed copies of the revision. Copies were emailed to all members before the meeting.

MOTION made & passed to start the revision of the draft and have Compatriot Webb report back at the Spring annual meeting on the progress.

President McAlevy asked for a motion to activate the By-Laws Committee. **Motion was passed.** Compatriot John Parsons will chair the Committee.

Nominations Committee – Compatriot Bill Webb

President – Thomas Upton

1st VP – John Braisted

2nd VP - Paul Burright (Ben Harvey having withdrew his name)

Secretary – Stan Worstrel

Treasurer – John Braisted

Trustees – Fred Walden & LaVerne Stetson

Historian – John Reinert

Committee Chairs:

Eagle Scout – Ryan Fuller

First Responders – Ron Stites

Color Guard – State CMDR – Chad Sherrets

Omaha Chapter – Paul Burright

Lincoln Chapter – Shawn Stoner

MOTION to accept was 2nd and passed, nominees accepted.

President McAlevy asked for motion to adjourn, **MOTION passed**, meeting was adjourned @ 1523 hrs. with “Till We Meet Again.”

Respectfully Submitted,
Compatriot James Hoke
NE State Secretary