



## OMAHA CHAPTER - Minutes of the 10 May 2022 Meeting

The Omaha Chapter of the SAR met at Gorat's Steakhouse. Members (14) and guests (7) attending: Mel Burright (Sandy), Paul Burright, Mark Byars (Nicki), John Fulmer (Michelle), David Kentsmith (Kitty), Nick Mizaur, Andrew Nehls, Hugh Nehls (Kathy), John Parsons, Jim Sly, Andrew Sullivan, Todd Vetter, Fred Walden (Jan), and Drew Whitler (Cheryl).

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### OPENING:

- Call to order by President Paul Burright.
- Attendees stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Members remained standing and recited the Pledge to the SAR.
- Members introduced attending guests.
- Meeting minutes from 12 Apr 2022 were presented by President Burright. Moved by David Kentsmith and seconded by Todd Vetter to approve. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

### OFFICERS' REPORTS:

- Treasurer Andrew Nehls reported monthly receipts of \$640.00, no expenditures, and an account balance of \$3,699.17. Treasurer Nehls provided an update on his efforts to digitize chapter financial records. He also encouraged chapter members to enroll in the Amazon Smile program, which donates 0.5% of purchases to the Omaha Chapter (<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/47-6027779>).
- President/State Registrar Paul Burright reported that two new members were recently approved, bringing the new member total for 2022 to nine. Six supplemental applications were recently approved.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- President Burright recapped the State Spring Meeting. New state officers were installed. The DAR referral program was approved. Several Omaha Chapter members received medals, including: state Distinguished Service (Ron Stites); state Meritorious Service (Bill Webb); state Silver Roger Sherman (John Parsons); state Silver Good Citizenship (Tom Upton); national Lafayette (Paul Burright).
- President Burright noted that eight Nebraska Society members attended the most recent District Meeting held 28 Apr 2022, which was a Meet & Greet session among the attendees. The next District Meeting will be held on 12 May 2022 featuring Scott Giltner, Chairman of the NSSAR Veterans Committee.
- Several ROTC presentations were recently completed. There are a few remaining in May.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- President Burright installed Compatriot Mark Byars as Chapter Secretary.
- Five Supplemental Ancestor Certificates were presented to Nick Mizaur (4) and Drew Whitler (1).
- President Burright encouraged all members to attend the grave marking for PG Sterling Fan Mutz to held on 12 Jun 2022 at Wyuka Cemetery in Lincoln. The Lincoln Chapter will host the event.
- The Nebraska DAR expects to place four American 250 markers in Nebraska, beginning with the placement of one marker in 2022, at a location and date yet to be determined.
- Vice President Jim Sly presented drafts of the new Omaha Chapter Constitution and Bylaws to the membership, with thanks to Ron Stites for his assistance. Moved by David Kentsmith and seconded by Drew Whitler to accept the drafts, refer them to membership for review, and present them for final approval at the September meeting. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

### PROGRAM:

- Compatriot Fred Walden gave an informative and entertaining presentation about his Patriot Ancestor, Samuel Bridge (PA), and his descendants.

### CLOSING:

- There being no other business, all members rose and recited "Until We Meet Again . . ." A motion to adjourn was made and seconded and agreed to by the membership. The meeting adjourned at 2030 hours.
- Next Meeting: **13 Sep 2022 at Gorat's.**

Submitted by Mark A. Byars, Chapter Secretary