



## OMAHA CHAPTER - Minutes of the 11 October 2022 Meeting

The Omaha Chapter of the SAR met at Gorat's Steakhouse. Members (15) and guests (9) attending: Mel Burright (Sandra), Paul Burright (Paula), Mark Byars, David Kentsmith (Kitty), Merle McAlevy, John Parsons (Pauline), Ted Powell, Jim Sly (Janet), Ron Stites, Andrew Sullivan, Tom Upton (Jane), Todd Vetter (Lucy), Fred Walden (Jan), Bill Webb, and Drew Whitler (Cheryl).

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### OPENING:

- Call to order by President Paul Burright at 1830 hours.
- 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 13 Sep 2022 were presented by President Burright. Moved by Tom Upton and seconded by David Kentsmith to approve. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

### OFFICERS' REPORTS:

- Secretary Mark Byars delivered the Treasurer's Report (Andrew Nehls being absent). Reported a deposit for Wreaths Across America and an expenditure to Paul Burright for expenses related to the August Chapter Picnic. Account balance is \$3,724.98. Moved by David Kentsmith and seconded by Andrew Sullivan to approve report and expenditures. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Compatriots were encouraged to sign up for Amazon Smile (<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/47-6027779>), to donate to Wreaths Across America (<https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/159544/Overview/?relatedid=14880>), and to pay their Chapter, State, and National dues before year-end.
- President/State Registrar Paul Burright reported that ten new members and seven supplemental applications have been approved year-to-date. Three new member applications and nine supplemental applications are awaiting approval. One new application has been pended by National.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- State President Tom Upton recapped the State Fall Meeting held at Mahoney State Park on 25 Sep 2022. Seventeen members attended. Bill Webb was installed as State Treasurer, allowing John Braisted to focus on the duties of the First Vice President. Mark Byars was appointed America 250 Committee Chairman. Revisions to the NESSAR Constitution & Bylaws and Procedures Manual were approved, and a 30-year membership pin was presented. The Spring State Meeting will be held on 16 Apr 2023.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- President Burright called for all compatriots to attend the placing of a DAR 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Marker at Omaha Memorial Park on 06 Nov 2022 at 2:00 pm. The DAR intends to place another marker in Lincoln before the end of 2022, and two additional markers in the state before summer 2023.
- The Color Guard will march in Lincoln's Veteran's Day Parade on 13 Nov 2022.
- President Burright announced a new SAR National Program to place an SAR 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memorial Bench in each state by 2026. NESSAR's America 250 Committee will review the program and make a proposal for NESSAR's participation at a future state meeting.
- Wreaths Across America will be held at the Omaha National Cemetery on 17 Dec 2022 at 11am. All compatriots are encouraged to donate a wreath and attend the placement event. November 28<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for sponsorships. The Omaha Chapter has typically sponsored 85-90 wreaths.

### PROGRAM:

- Compatriot John Parsons delivered an entertaining presentation about his several Patriot Ancestors from Pennsylvania and his visits to Brandywine and Germantown. As a special treat, he shared a canteen that was carried by one of his Patriot Ancestors!

### 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 2015 hours.
- Next Meeting: **08 Nov 2022 at Gorat's.**



**SAR 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
**Memorial Bench Program**  
**Partner with the DAR, C.A.R.**



**One Bench in Every State By 2026**  
**Courthouse, Square, Park, Historic Site, Cemetery**



**250th Message (All Sites)**



**Custom Message (Site Specific)**

**Meets SAR 5-Year Historical Program Goal**

***Just Four Easy Steps***

- Step 1: Choose a Site and Contact the History Committee***
- Step 2: Select a Monument Company for the Granite Bench***
- Step 3: Secure the Required Local Site Approvals***
- Step 4: Partner and Raise the Required Funds***

***For More Information:***

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Celebrating 250 years of  
American freedom 1776 - 2026

The Sons of the American Revolution

Front and  
back edges

S  
A  
R

Grey Granite - Black Litho  
all polished 4-0 bench

**STEEDLEY MONUMENT WORKS**

APPROVED

AS SHOWN AS CHANGED

DATE

NAME

EMAILED

2-2-22

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and back