



OMAHA CHAPTER - Minutes of the 08 November 2022 Meeting

The Omaha Chapter of the SAR met at Gorat's Steakhouse. Members (14) and guests (6) attending: Mel Burright, Paul Burright, Mark Byars, Jim Gansemer (Jackie), David Kent Smith (Kitty), Merle McAlevy, Craig Noah, John Parsons (Pauline), Ted Powell, Jim Sly, Ron Stites (Tami), Andrew Sullivan, Tom Upton (Jane), and Drew Whitler (Cheryl).

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 11 Oct 2022 were presented by President Burright. Moved by Tom Upton and seconded by Ron Stites to approve. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

- Secretary Mark Byars delivered the Treasurer's Report (Andrew Nehls being absent). No deposits or expenses for the month. Account balance is \$3,671.53. Moved by Mark Byars and seconded by David Kent Smith to approve a reimbursement of \$62.00 to Ron Stites for certificates and awards. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Compatriots were encouraged to pay their Chapter, State, and National dues before year-end.
- President/State Registrar Paul Burright reported that three new members were recently approved. Three new member applications and nine supplemental applications are awaiting approval.

OLD BUSINESS:

- President Burright recapped the DAR America 250 Marker Dedication on 06 Nov 2022, noting the large Color Guard contingent, with special thanks to VPG Chris Moberg (MN) and Mike Rowley (IA) for attending. Several Omaha Chapter members also attended the dedication ceremony.
- The DAR America 250 Marker Dedication scheduled for 04 Dec 2022 has been postponed to Spring 2023.
- The Color Guard will march in Lincoln's Veteran's Day Parade on 13 Nov 2022.
- 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 28th is the deadline for sponsorships. The Omaha Chapter has typically sponsored 85-90 wreaths. (<https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/159544/Overview/?relatedid=14880>)

NEW BUSINESS:

- President Burright announced the appointment of Hugh Nehls as Chaplain for the Omaha Chapter.
- President Burright invited all compatriots to make nominations for chapter awards by notifying any Chapter officer of their nomination. Awards will be presented at the December meeting.

PROGRAM:

- Vice President Jim Sly delivered an informative presentation about Chapter-level medals. Key points in his address focused on how to earn medals, how to properly wear medals, and where to access more information about all SAR medals.

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 1955 hours.
- Next Meeting: **13 Dec 2022 at Gorat's.**

Submitted by Mark A. Byars, Chapter Secretary