



OMAHA CHAPTER - Minutes of the 10 January 2023 Meeting

The Omaha Chapter of the SAR met at Gorat's Steakhouse. Members (15) and guests (6) attending: Mel Burright (Sandy), Paul Burright, Mark Byars, Tim Fowler, Ben Harvey, David Kentsmith (Kitty), Jacob Lang (Bobbi), Tony Lang (Anthony), Andrew Nehls, Hugh Nehls (Kathy), John Parsons (Pauline), Ted Powell, Chuck Real, Andrew Sullivan, and Todd Vetter.

OPENING:

- Call to order by President Paul Burright at 1840 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 Dec 2022 were presented by President Burright. Moved by David Kentsmith, seconded by John Parsons to approve. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

- Treasurer Andrew Nehls delivered the Treasurer's Report. No deposits or expenses were recorded for the month. Account balance is \$3,705.32. Moved by John Parsons and seconded by David Kentsmith to approve the report. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- President/State Registrar Paul Burright reported that 7 new applications and 5 supplementals are awaiting approval, and 5 more new applications and at least 2 supplementals are actively being prepared.
- Secretary Mark Byars presented the annual Audit Report on behalf of Jim Sly, Audit Committee Chairman, who was unable to attend the meeting. The Audit Report confirmed for the membership that the Chapter's finances were found to be in good order. Moved by Hugh Nehls and seconded by John Parsons to approve the Audit Report. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Compatriot Hugh Nels also recommended that future Audit Committees include non-officer members as a best practice.

NEW MEMBER INITIATION:

- President Burright initiated new members Anthony Lang, Jr. and Jacob Lang, whose Patriot Ancestor is Samuel Strain (NC/SC)
- Supplemental certificates were presented to Todd Vetter for Patriot Timothy Hopkins, Jr. (CT), and to Chuck Real for Patriot Philip Faust, Sr. (PA).

OLD BUSINESS:

- President Burright reminded members of the dates and locations for three DAR America 250 Marker Dedications happening in 2023:
 - Kearney Archway, Saturday, 11 Mar 2023 (Saturday)
 - Antelope Park in Lincoln, Sunday, 30 Apr 2023 (Sunday)
 - Alliance Veterans Cemetery, 14 May 2023 (Sunday)
- The Color Guard will march in the Omaha St. Patrick's Day Parade on 11 Mar 2023 (Saturday).
- The 10th Annual American Heritage Luncheon will be held on 18 Feb 2023 (Sat), 11:30 am, at the Havelock Social Hall in Lincoln. Guest speaker is Charlotte Endorf, topic is the Orphan Train.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Moved by David Kentsmith and seconded by Ben Harvey to change the February meeting date from 14 Feb 2023 to 07 Feb 2023 to move the meeting off of Valentine's Day. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- The North Central District Zoom meeting will be held on 12 Jan 2023. Members are encouraged to attend.

- President Paul Burrigh presented Chapter goals and the proposed budget for 2023. Moved by David Kentsmith and seconded by Ben Harvey to approve the 2023 Budget as presented. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

- Chapter Goals:

- Wreaths Across America – expand fundraising reach
- Patriot Biographies – encourage members to complete for their Patriots
- Liberty Tree Dedication – in Papillion
- Color Guard – support America 250 activities and other opportunities as available
- Patriot Chest – give at least 2 presentations in 2023
- Continue to support and expand the Flag Certificate, Eagle Scout and ROTC recognition programs
- Engage with Prospect Hill Cemetery and the Salvation Army for community service opportunities

- 2023 Budget

<i>Deposits & Credits</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Assumptions</i>
Chapter Dues	\$600	estimate of 60 members
Wreaths Across America	550	estimate of 110 wreaths
Amazon Smile	<u>20</u>	estimate of \$5 per quarter
Total Revenue	\$1,170	
<i>Expenses</i>		
Medals & Awards	\$400	10 service pins @ \$20, 3 A250 medals @ \$40, \$80 for other chapter awards
Flag Certificates	50	12 @ \$4 each
ROTC Medals	300	13 bronze @ \$18 each, 2 silver @ \$24 each
Eagle Scout Certificates	100	estimated 25 @ \$4 each
SAR Magazine Notice	36	6 lines @ \$6 per line
Summer Picnic	<u>50</u>	burgers/brats
Total Expenses	<u>\$936</u>	
Estimated Net Income	<u>\$234</u>	

Estimated Account Balance at EOY: \$3,939

CLOSING:

- There being no other business, all members rose and recited “Until We Meet Again . . .” A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and unanimously passed. The meeting adjourned at 2010 hours.
- Next Meeting: **07 Feb 2023 at Gorat’s.**

Submitted by Mark A. Byars, Chapter Secretary