



OMAHA CHAPTER - Minutes of the 13 December 2022 Meeting

The Omaha Chapter of the SAR met at Gorat's Steakhouse. Members (12) and guests (8) attending: Paul Burrignt (Paula), Jim Gansemer (Jackie), David Kentsmith (Kitty), Merle McAlevy, Andrew Nehls, John Parsons (Pauline), Josh Plueger (Angel), Allyn Sheldon (and guest), Jim Sly, Andrew Sullivan, Tom Upton (Jane), and Drew Whitley (Cheryl).

OPENING:

- Call to order by President Paul Burrignt 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 08 Nov 2022 were presented by President Burrignt. Moved by Tom Upton to approve. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

- Treasurer Andrew Nehls delivered the Treasurer's Report. Deposits of \$5.79 from Amazon Smile and \$90 for Chapter dues were recorded, and an expense of \$62.00 for Chapter awards was recorded. Account balance is \$3,705.32. Moved by David Kentsmith and seconded by Drew Whitley to approve the report. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Compatriots were encouraged to pay their Chapter, State, and National dues before year-end.
- President/State Registrar Paul Burrignt reported that 15 new NESSAR members were approved in 2022 (9 for Omaha, 4 for Lincoln, and 2 At-Large). NESSAR members also had 13 supplemental applications approved in 2022, all in the Omaha Chapter. Four new member applications and five supplemental applications are awaiting approval.

NEW MEMBER INITIATION:

- President Burrignt initiated new member Joshua Plueger, whose Patriot Ancestor is John Martin (NC).

OLD BUSINESS:

- President Burrignt announced 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).
- 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Vice President Jim Sly recapped the November District Meeting, which provided a basic introduction of youth programs available in SAR.
- President Burrignt recapped the December District Meeting, in which Roger Williams of NJSSAR gave a presentation on the Ten Crucial Days (Battle of Trenton through Battle of Princeton).
- 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.

PROGRAM:

- President Burrignt delivered a presentation reviewing Chapter activities for the year. David Kentsmith was presented his 15-year Membership Award. Andrew Sullivan was presented with a Color Guard pin. James Sly and Paul Burrignt were each presented a Bronze America 250 Medal.

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 1955 hours.
- Next Meeting: **10 Jan 2023 at Gorat's.**

Submitted by Mark A. Byars, Chapter Secretary