



OMAHA CHAPTER - Minutes of the 11 April 2023 Meeting

The Omaha Chapter of the SAR met at Gorat's Steakhouse. Members (16) and guests (10) attending: Mel Burright (Sandy), Paul Burright (Paula), Mark Byars (Nicki), Dan Davis (Linda), visiting KSSSAR member Mark Davis (Marti), Merle McAlevy, Andrew Nehls, Craig Noah, John Parsons (Pauline), Ted Powell, Chuck Real (Marita), Allyn Sheldon, Ron Stites (Tami), Andrew Sullivan, Todd Vetter, Fred Walden (Jan), and Drew Whitler.

OPENING:

- Call to order by President Paul Burright at 1850 hours.
- Attendees stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Members remained standing and recited the Pledge to the SAR.
- Members introduced attending guests, and the invocation was delivered by Andrew Nehls.
- Meeting minutes from 14 Mar 2023 were presented by President Burright. Moved by Ron Stites, seconded by Andrew Sullivan to approve. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

- Treasurer Andrew Nehls delivered the Treasurer's Report. A \$100 deposit from the DAR as a donation for attending the Kearney marker placement and a \$10 deposit from Wreaths Across America was reported. Account balance increased to \$4,445.32. ROTC medals will be paid for from the Ladd Trust, which means the Chapter will run \$300 under budget for this line item in 2023. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Drew Whitler, seconded by Craig Noah, and carried by unanimous voice vote.
- State Registrar Burright delivered the Registrar's Report. Seven (7) new member applications and four (4) supplementals are awaiting approval from National. Two (2) new applications are ready to submit to National, and twelve (12) prospective members are working on applications.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- ROTC Chairman Chuck Real discussed presentation assignments for fifteen (15) ROTC medal ceremonies being at Omaha area high schools, UNO, and Creighton University between 13 Apr and 08 May 2023. Chairman Real requested additional volunteers for presentations to be held at Omaha Central and Plattsmouth.
- Flag Chairman Drew Whitler reported that he made a flag certificate presentation on 06 Apr 2023 to the Papillion Area Historical Society for their restoration and preservation of a 45-star flag on display in the historic Portal Schoolhouse. The event was covered by The Sarpy County Times.
- Several Color Guard activities were discussed.
 - Mark Byars reported on eleven (11) Patriot Chest presentations being delivered to nineteen (19) classrooms of more than 350 fifth grade students in Bennington Public Schools during the month of April.
 - The Color Guard will participate in the Memorial Day Weekend Parade at Omaha's Old Market on 27 May 2023 (Sat) at 10 am.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The 2nd Annual Chapter Picnic will be held on a Saturday in August at Chalco Hills.
- NESSAR's State Spring Meeting will be held on 16 Apr 2023 (Sun) at 2 pm at Mahoney State Park. Awards, At-Large member inductions, and several business items will be on the agenda.
- The DAR America 250 Marker Placement at Antelope Park in Lincoln is scheduled for 30 Apr 2023 (Sun) at 2 pm. The Color Guard will attend, with support from MNSSAR and IASSAR Color Guard as well. All NESSAR members are encouraged to attend this commemorative celebration.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The North Central District Zoom meeting for April will be held on 13 Apr 2023 (Thu) at 7 pm. NCSSAR Vice President Chris Grimes will present on "The Death of George Washington: A Medical Perspective."
- The DAR will place its fourth and final America 250 Marker at the Nebraska Veterans Cemetery in Alliance on 14 May 2023 (Sun). The Color Guard is seeking to muster its members to attend the ceremony.

PRESENTATION:

- Eagle Scout Chairman Craig Noah delivered a program that outlined several opportunities for SAR members to engage with the Scouting program. Members interested in becoming merit badge counselors may contact Chairman Noah for more information.

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 2035 hours.
- Next Meeting: **09 May 2023 at Gorat's.**

Submitted by Mark A. Byars, Chapter Secretary