



OMAHA CHAPTER - Minutes of the 09 May 2023 Meeting

The Omaha Chapter of the SAR met at Gorat's Steakhouse. Members (18) and guests (11) attending: Mel Burrigh (Sandy), Paul Burrigh (Paula), Mark Byars (Nicki), Chad Callenius, Dan Davis (Linda), David Kentsmith (Kitty), Merle McAlevy, Hugh Nehls (Kathy), Craig Noah, John Parsons (Pauline), Ted Powell, Chuck Real (Marita), Allyn Sheldon, Ron Stites, Andrew Sullivan and guest John Sieler, Tom Upton (Jane), Bill Webb, and Drew Whitler (Cheryl).

OPENING:

- Call to order by President Paul Burrigh 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, and the invocation was delivered by Chaplain Hugh Nehls.
- Meeting minutes from 11 Apr 2023 were presented by President Burrigh. Moved by David Kentsmith, seconded by John Parsons to approve. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

- Hugh Nehls delivered the Treasurer's Report (Treasurer Andrew Nehls being absent). A \$10 deposit for new member dues and a \$8.31 deposit from Amazon Smile were reported, as well as an \$85 budgeted reimbursement to Mark Byars for two America 250 medals awarded to chapter members at the Spring State Meeting. Account balance was \$4,388.63. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Tom Upton, seconded by David Kentsmith, and carried by unanimous voice vote.
- State Registrar Burrigh delivered the Registrar's Report. Six (6) new member applications and five (5) supplementals are awaiting approval from National. Four (4) new applications are ready to submit to National, and seventeen (17) prospective members are working on applications.

INITIATIONS:

- Chadwick Callenius was initiated as a new member by President Burrigh. Compatriot Callenius' patriot ancestor is Robert Colborn, who served in the New Jersey militia.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- ROTC Chairman Chuck Real thanked volunteer compatriots Dan Davis, Mark Byars, Paul Burrigh, Andrew Nehls, Chuck Real, Ron Stites and Craig Noah for presenting fifteen (15) ROTC medals at ceremonies held at Omaha area high schools, UNO, and Creighton University between 13 Apr and 11 May 2023. President Burrigh thanked Chairman Real for organizing this year's ROTC medal program.
- Eagle Scout Chairman Craig Noah reported that two (2) compatriots have submitted applications to be merit badge counselors. Other interested compatriots should contact Chairman Noah.
- Several Color Guard activities were discussed.
 - The Color Guard will participate in the Memorial Day Weekend Parade at Omaha's Old Market on 27 May 2023 (Sat) at 10 am.
 - The Color Guard will participate in the Independence Day Parade in Ralston on 04 Jul 2023 (Tue).

OLD BUSINESS:

- The 2nd Annual Chapter Picnic will be held on 19 Aug 2023 (Sat) at noon at Chalco Hills.
- NESSAR President Tom Upton recapped the Spring State Meeting held on 16 Apr 2023 at Mahoney State Park. Several awards were presented and business items such as the annual audit, Color Guard requisitions, and America 250 events were discussed.
- Several compatriots attended the DAR America 250 Marker Placement at Antelope Park in Lincoln on 30 Apr 2023 (Sun). The Color Guard presented the colors, joined by members from MNSSAR and IASSAR.
- The DAR will place its fourth America 250 Marker on 14 May 2023 (Sun) at 10:00 am at the Nebraska Veterans Cemetery in Alliance. Omaha Chapter Compatriots Allyn Sheldon and Mark Byars will represent NESSAR and fall in with the American Legion color guard at this event.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The North Central District Zoom meeting for May was held on 04 May 2023, where attending members heard a presentation on the life of Daniel Morgan given by Brett Osborn, the Living History Chairman of VASSAR. The June meeting will be held on 08 Jun 2023 (Thu) at 7 pm.
- The DAR will place a fifth America 250 Marker at the Gosper County Courthouse in Elwood, NE on 10 Jun 2023 (Sat) at 1 pm. The Color Guard is seeking to muster its members to attend the ceremony.

PRESENTATION:

- In lieu of the evening's scheduled presentation (which was postponed due to the absence of presenter Jim Sly), Mark Byars shared thank you notes from Bennington Public Schools 5th graders who recently heard Patriot Chest presentations.

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 2020 hours.
- Next Meeting: **12 September 2023 at Gorat's.**

Submitted by Mark A. Byars, Chapter Secretary