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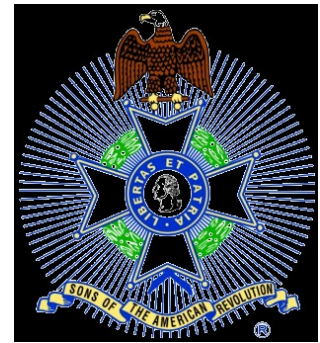
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**Nebraska SAR Society Spring Meeting
to be Held April 23, 2017**
President's Message

Teaching the history of our country's founding and the context in which they happened, risks creating citizens who repeat the mistakes of the past and jeopardizes losing what our ancestors gave us. We as descendants of heroes have a personal connection to the past and are affected more since historical ignorance and revisionism conflicts with what we know from our own efforts to re-discover the past. We can remind our friends and neighbors that "Freedom Isn't Free" but if they don't know our history and the costs paid by our ancestors it seems it is free.

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SAR APPLICATIONS

Please mail all new member and supplemental applications to our NE SAR State Secretary: **Compatriot John Reinert, P.O. Box 83251, Lincoln, NE 68501-3251.**

If you need to contact Compatriot Reinert, he may be reached by phone at 402-432-9168 or by email at: **JR6@AOL.Com**

Infamous



"Brown Bess"

The 5th Annual American Heritage Dinner was held **Feb 25, 2017** at the Havelock Social Hall, 4538 N. 62nd Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. This event was hosted by the Lincoln Chapter NESSAR sponsored by Nebraska Humanities Council. This event is held each February as close to President Washington's birthday as possible. The social hour started at 5:30pm with dinner at 6:30 followed by the featured speaker at 7. The presenter this year was Beverly Beavers portraying the life of "Lady Vestey", Eveleene Brodstone of Superior, NE. Everyone in attendance enjoyed this piece of Nebraska History.



Ceremonies for the Heritage Day celebration.

Shawn Stoner, President of the Lincoln Chapter NESSAR & Color Guard Commander for the Lincoln Chapter was the Master of the Heritage Day celebration.

Nebraska Society Spring Meeting - April 23, 2017

David Kentsmith, President of the Nebraska Society Sons of the American Revolution has advised that the Members of the Board of Counselors has reviewed the Budget for this year and it has been approved. In accordance with the Nebraska Society By-Laws the Budget will be presented to the Membership for their approval at the Annual Spring Meeting which will be held at Mahoney State Park, April 23rd, 2017 at 2:00 PM. Our Spring Meeting is our most important Society meeting of the year and all members are

encouraged to attend. The Spring meeting is not only the time when we as a group have the opportunity to review our Society's business developments and accomplishments of the past year but also preview what lies ahead. There is so much that we can accomplish in the state of Nebraska to further the ideals of our Patriot forefathers, such as presenting Flag Certificates, presenting ROTC/JROTC medals, working with Scouts and presenting Certificates to Volunteer Firemen, Police Officers and EMT personnel, just to name a few. The Spring Meeting would be a great

time for our members to put a plug in, to submit your ideas on what you want your Society to work on. We have a great program lined up. We will be presenting several awards to some outstanding and deserving individuals. Come and be a part of this important Meeting. It has been a long winter and now it's time to get out of the house and be with your fellow Compatriots, some you probably haven't seen for quite awhile. Bring your wife or guest with you. If you know a Compatriot that needs a ride please bring them with you. We would like to see you.

Nebraska Society & Chapter News During 1st Quarter 2017

American Indian Committee

Pictured L-R: SharonAnn Louden DAR representative & State Registrar; LeRoy Louden, SAR



representative; unknown staff member; Susan Pourier, Administrator; Harry Merrihew; unknown staff member; LeeAnn Merihew, DAR representative and the DAR chair of the American Indians Committee.

This committee delivered donated items to the Oglala Nursing Home in Whiteclay, Nebraska. The following listed items represent some of the items delivered but it is not all inclusive: Slippers, toiletries, soap, tooth paste & toothbrushes, combs, nail clipper and note cards. These items are really needed as many residents arrive with little or nothing.

Eagle Scout Court of Honor



NESSAR President David Kentsmith presents the SAR Eagle Scout Certificate of Recognition to Leevi Reber at the Court of Honors held Sunday, 18 December 2016 at 2210 Harlan Drive, Bellevue, Nebraska. Leevi is a member of Troop 299. Leevi is the son of Franklin and Jamie Reber. He is to be congratulated for all his hard work obtaining Eagle Scout & receiving this recognition.

New member NESSAR Initiated

Please welcome Compatriot Ryan Fuller to the NESSAR. He was initiated at the Omaha Chapter meeting Feb 7, 2017 meeting. His Patriot Ancestor



is William Whitlatch. Compatriot Fuller presented an informational biographical sketch for his ancestor. Private Whitlatch served in Capt. Simpson's Unit, Washington County, MD, 1779. He also served in Capt. Pigman's Unit as an Indian spy in Pennsylvania, 1782-1783.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



This project, which has been going on since 1992, has now reached the Omaha National Cemetery. The project, started by Morrill Worcester, the owner of Worcester Wreath Company in Maine, by donating 5,000 wreaths. By 2005 the project gained nationwide attention and the project has since grown to cover hundreds of local cemeteries across the country. Our Lincoln Chapter has donated wreaths and volunteered in laying wreaths by our veterans' gravestones for several years

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HISTORICAL REVIEW OF VETERAN BENEFITS



Presented by: Dr. Merle McAlevy MD President Omaha Chapter NESSAR. at the Omaha Chapter meeting, January 10, 2017. The Constitution of the United States does not support having a large standing army. The designers felt that using Europe as an example, military services eventually get bored with peacetime and eventually start fomenting unrest. The constitution allows for conscription of civilians, i.e. a draft, should a national emergency arise to increase the size of the armed forces. The regular and draftee army is paid a stipend, and upon discharge, a bounty as a reward for leaving civilian life and putting ones life in danger.

At the end of the Revolution, the Congress and Treasury was broke, cash flow was nonexistent. But the country did have something of value to give as a bounty: free land. The land was on the frontier (Ohio) and could be claimed by presenting oneself at the land office in Ohio. To determine plot size, a grid surveying system was developed to parse the federal lands and was the beginning of the present day Range and Township legal land description system.

At the end of the War of 1812, the bounty land was in Indiana and Illinois, the edge of the frontier. For the Mexican American War of 1846, the bounty lands were Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin. At the end of the Civil War, the bounty land could be attached to the newly passed Homestead Act and the veterans settled in Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota and the west coast. By the end of the Spanish American War, 1898, the frontier was closed, but land was still available as a bounty, in Alaska. It was not a popular option until gold was discovered. World War I saw a large con-

scription but essentially no land was available to be given as a bounty. Instead, health care, treating service connected disabilities and an expanded pension plan was initiated.

World War II saw an even larger draft. At wars end, a free-standing system of Veterans Hospitals were built to care for the service connected disabilities. This hospital network is still in operation today. An additional bounty was given instead of land and healthcare: tuition for a college education, known as the GI Bill. It gave a veteran a chance for an education that was beyond the means for most. The depression years before the war had prevented saving for an education. This large influx of college educated individuals changed the face of American society.

The Korean War extended the same bounties as WWII, health care and education. The Vietnam War saw the extension of health care benefits to veterans who did not have service connected disabilities, but on a space available basis.

The Gulf War(s) veterans and current active duty now are priority health care for all diagnoses and problems, and have the medical benefits of a 100 % service connected disability for 5 years post discharge. In addition, social services have been greatly expanded. The government feels that serving in the armed forces should not penalize a civilian for serving. On induction, a physical exam is done. At the time of discharge, another exam is done. Any diagnosis or finding not present on induction is deemed to have occurred while on active duty and is, therefore, service connected. Should the finding diminish ones ability to compete and earn a living, the finding is rated and a monthly check, tax free, is distributed, for life, to make up for the diminished earning capacity. For example, a scar

2017-18 Meetings and Events

Apr 7, Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Eastmont Towers

Apr 11, Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:00 pm, Gorats

Apr 23 NE State Meeting 1:00 pm Mahoney State Park

May 5, Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Eastmont Towers

May 9, Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:00 pm, Gorats

Omaha Chapter does not hold meetings in June, July and August

Jun 2, Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Eastmont Towers

Jul 7, Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Eastmont Towers

Aug 4, Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Eastmont Towers

Sep 1, Lincoln Chapter Meeting 9:00 am, Eastmont Towers

Sep 24, SAR Fall Meeting, 1:00 pm, Mahoney State Park

Sep12, Omaha Chapter Meeting 6:00 pm Gorats

Oct 6, Lincoln Chapter Meeting 9:00 am, Eastmont Towers

Oct 10, Omaha Chapter Meeting 6:00 pm Gorats

Nov 3, Lincoln Chapter Meeting 9:00 am, Eastmont Towers

Nov 14, Omaha Chapter Meeting 6:00 pm Gorats

Dec 1, Lincoln Chapter Meeting 9:00 am, Eastmont Towers

Dec 12, Omaha Chapter Meeting 6:00 pm, Gorats

without loss of function would be rated 0% and a loss of a limb(s) or severe mental condition, could be rated 100%. This is in addition to all health and educational benefits.

Source: Orientation information presented to Internal Medicine residents, staff, officers and students at the local VA Hospital

Members' Corner

We are looking for articles for our Newsletter about our members Patriots. Would you be willing to put together an article about your Patriot? It could be one or two pages long or even a paragraph. If you go up to four or five pages we could have a continuation into the next Quarter's Newsletter. These articles would then be available for all of our members to enjoy. If we can assist you in any way with putting something together just let us know. An article would be such a great way to pass down to our future generations what our Patriot did for our country. We're only an email away.

We now have twenty six Newsletters published and distributed to our members. I would like to ask you to again take a good look at these Newsletters and let us know what you would like to see in future editions. We did receive several votes of confidence on the outline and direction the newsletter is moving, however, we do need more input from fellow compatriots in our chapter news and general submissions. Are there areas of interest that you would like included? How well are we meeting your needs? If you have any stories and/or pictures you take at any of our events that you can share, please contact the Newsletter Editor Robert (Bob) Knott at chiefknott@aol.com or the Publisher William (Bill) Webb at webb.w@q.com. This is your Newsletter and we want it to be as informative and interesting as we can make it. That's where you can help.



MEET MY PATRIOTS "MY AMERICAN REVOLUTION ANCESTORS" Presented and written by Daniel Archer Rowe



Private Jesse Rowe, 4th Regiment Virginia Regulars

My fourth Great Grandfather **Jesse Rowe** was born on January 21, 1755 in Hanover County, Virginia. He was the first child of six born to John and Jane (Walker) Rowe. As he grew up, he became a farmer and farmed north of Staunton, Virginia in Louisa County.

During the five known deployments to support the revolutionary cause for freedom, explained in the following paragraphs, Jesse served a total of 9 months and 17 days as a private in the Virginia Militia during the Revolutionary War.¹

In 1776, at the age of 21, he joined a volunteer company at Hampton on the James River, commanded by Captain Charles Dabney. His first call-up was from September 5 to December 16, 1776, under the command of Colonel Samuel Meredith of the Fourth Regiment of the Regulars under the command of Colonel Lawson in the Portsmouth, Virginia area.¹

His second was in the fall of 1777, he served for one month under the command of General Nelson in the Williamsburg, Virginia area.¹ On his third call-up in 1778, he served for forty days at Albemarle Barracks in Albemarle County, Virginia guarding prisoners under the command of Colonel Taylor.¹

His fourth deployment occurred in 1780 after his marriage to Mary Jane

Faris on September 13, 1779 in Louisa County, Virginia. The marriage record shows that her mother gave permission for her to marry as she was one month shy of her 16th birthday. This call-up was from June 17 to September 5, 1780. Initially, under the command of Captain John Byers, he marched from Portsmouth, Virginia to Hillsborough, North Carolina. He then belonged to the E-Regiment of the Virginia Militia Brigade commanded by General Edward Stephens. They then joined with the militia from North Carolina and combined with the Regulars at Hillsborough under the command of General Horacio Gates and proceeded south across North Carolina headed for Camden, South Carolina to engage the British commanded by General Charles Cornwallis. It was at this point that General Gates was advised to proceed south by way of Salisbury and Charlotte, North Carolina. Although it would have been a third longer distance, it would be a more populated route and they would get more food support from the populace and would be able to recruit more volunteers along the way. General Gates ignored this advice by proceeding directly south to Mask Ferry, arriving on August 3. This was the ferry crossing point on the Great Pee Dee River and also the border with South Carolina. This was an ill-fated decision as the land along this route was sparsely populated and many signs of habitation

had been abandoned so the troops found little support during this march. Hot summer temperatures and having to search for food limited their progress to 10 to 15 miles per day. From eating green corn and fruit, along with bad water, many of the men were not fit for an upcoming battle.^{1&2} I have always remarked that fate intervened at this point for Jesse and 199 other men because on August 9 they were ordered to remain at Mask Ferry, guard the baggage wagons and build a fort at this crossing under the command of Major Conway. On August 16, the Patriot troops engaged the British in the Battle of Camden, South Carolina and were quickly and soundly defeated by the forces led by General Cornwallis. After General Gates observed the Virginia and the North Carolina Militiamen in hasty retreat into the woods in all directions, he then swiftly retreated to safety in Charlotte, North Carolina. After receiving word of the defeat, Major Conway and men at Mask Ferry returned to Hillsborough. Major Conway subsequently dismissed the men to return to their homes on September 5, 1780 as they did not need their services any longer. The men were tried by a Court Martial and later acquitted.^{1&2} I suspect these Court Martial proceedings were the result of the Virginia Militiamen dropping their weapons and retreat
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The Importance of a Newsletter

Most of you may already know that the Nebraska Society was awarded the Jennings H. Flathers Award for 2015. This award is presented to the state society with fewer than 500 members judged having the best periodical or newsletter. It is named for Jennings Harvel Flathers (1911-1989), a member of the Virginia Society. A cash award (\$250.00) is also presented for first place and honorable mention from the proceeds of the endowment fund established by his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Caldwell Flathers, in memory and recognition of his work and devotion to the improvement of state and chapter newsletters as chairman of the Newsletters and Periodicals Committee.

Newsletters are so important to our members in keeping them informed on the workings of our Society and what is coming in the future. Also, and just as important, is letting visitors and prospective members to our website an inside view on what to expect when they join our organization. By placing the Newsletter on our Website <https://nebrsar.wordpress.com/husker-patriot/> > we should be able to capture contact details about prospective members by asking visitors to subscribe. Issuing Newsletters by email to all of our members and prospective members is a low-cost method of communication. Newsletter content that provides valuable information to our members and prospective members helps to ensure our Society continues to be a viable member of the National Society. To do this we must include articles that cover issues important to our members and prospective members. Another area is for members to write an article about their Patriot, when and where they were born, where they served, who they married and information about their children, also where they died. Just an article on what is known about Newsletters allow us him. This is our history and always quite interesting to read. Newsletters allow us to reach people across the street or beyond.

Email allows members and others everywhere to get their news, events and learn about our Society's personality with the click of a button all because of our newsletter. Our newsletter will not only show off who we are and our culture, but we are also providing value to our members. Please submit articles and/or biographies of your Patriots to Robert Knott <chiefknott@aol.com> or William Webb <webb.w@q.com>.

In conclusion, remember this newsletter is yours. Everyone that submitted articles or information about your Patriotic activities in your communities was instrumental in our society (NESSAR) receiving the Jennings H. Flathers award along with a \$250.00 check. Without your contributions for publication in the "Husker Patriot", this achievement wasn't possible. **Thank you all.** William (Bill) Webb, Publisher Robert (Bob) Knott, Editor

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ing from the battlefield at Camden. Therefore, when it was determined that the men dismissed by Major Conway had remained on duty at Mask Ferry as ordered and were not in the battle at Camden, they were acquitted of all charges.

Jesse's fifth and last call-up lasted 40 days and began on May 24, 1781 when he marched from Portsmouth to Richmond, Virginia to join the troops under General Lafayette. Upon their arrival in Richmond, they discovered Lafayette and his troops had already departed. The militia caught up with them at a place called Brooks Bridge. This campaign was necessitated because in late May 1781, British General Cornwallis was under orders to subdue the patriots in Virginia. General Lafayette's mission was to observe Cornwallis' movements while continuing to equip his troops and protect military supplies. Cornwallis moved westward as far as Charlottesville, Virginia and then turned and proceeded to head toward the coast and Williamsburg, Virginia. However, after marching night and day for 28 days, many of which were in the rain, Jesse became sick and was sent to the hospital. Upon examination, he was found unfit for duty

and was discharged by General Nelson.^{1&3}

Jesse and Mary Jane continued to live on their farm north of Staunton, Virginia and had a family of 9 children, 4 sons and 5 daughters. As a result of the US Government program to offer soldiers free land to move west, Jesse and his family, except for one daughter, in the fall of 1808 moved to Ross County, Ohio. The one daughter, who was married, moved with her family to Tennessee. After about 4 years in Ross County most moved further west to Fayette County, Ohio in the spring of 1812. They established and plotted the town of Staunton, Ohio, named after Staunton, Virginia. Jesse bought land, built a home and farmed 2 miles southeast of present day Staunton, Ohio. All of the family who went to Ohio lived and died there except for the youngest son who lived and died in Alabama.

Jesse died at his home on September 15, 1845 at the age of 90 years, 7 months and 25 days. He is buried in the Rowe Cemetery located on a rise in a field southeast of the homestead. The cemetery exists today but is surrounded by a barbed wire fence with no gate(s) and is overgrown



with trees and brush. His headstone is marked with the DAR marker but access to the site is limited as a person must



walk across a farm field to get to the cemetery site. Although I have never been there in person, from pictures one can see that it is not very well taken care of and because of no public access I

believe the only ones primarily aware of it are the farmer that farms the land, some local county/state authorities and his many descendants.

Sources: ¹Jesse Rowe's "Application for a Pension", dated October 1, 1832.

²"The American Revolution in the Southern Colonies", by David Lee Russell.

³"Lafayette and the Virginia Campaign 1781", by Colonial National Historical Park, Virginia

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Native born or immigrant citizens randomly interviewed on the street often are unaware of the work, sacrifices and heroic acts made to give this great country to us.

Heritage societies, like the SAR, use careful historical research and documentation to establish membership. When we research our ancestral lines, and prove patriotic acts, our study of history results in our perpetuating our Revolutionary War patriot's memories and personalizes these historical events revalidating them for each of us.

That new knowledge allows us to better honor the achievements of our forefathers who in fighting tyranny and by their sacrifices established the United State of America. Our ancestors struggles, trials and errors including heroic acts provide us standards for good conduct as citizens and lessons to understanding what it takes to establish a republic and become and remain free people. When we meet in our chapters and at State and National SAR meetings, we reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty rededicating ourselves to our constitutional government. Through our State Society and Chapters, we continue to acknowledge examples of patriotism and good citizenship with awards and public recognition. We use our outreach programs and member's financial support to teach our Nation's history. Thank you for your dedication and continuing efforts to teach our history and defend and support our constitutional form of government.



Current State President NESSAR Col (Ret) David Kent Smith, MD and Past State President NESSAR Chief Master Sergeant (Ret) Robert Knott.

Initiation of Harry Merrihew

Compatriot Merrihew was initiated during the American Heritage Dinner by State President NESSAR Col. (Ret) David Kent Smith, MD. His patriot ancestor was Reuben Perkins a member of the First Battalion, Washington County, PA Militia serving under Capt. Benjamin Stits. Capt. Stits is the Patriot Ancestor of Omaha Compatriot Ronald Stites.



War of 1812 members who are also members of the Daughters and Sons of the American Revolution. Pictured



are left to right back row John Braisted, Lincoln Chapter, Merle Rudebusch, Lincoln Chapter, Robert Knott, Omaha Chapter, Judy Moore, DAR, Kathy Ocasio, DAR. Seated left to right are William Webb, Omaha Chapter, Mary Hanke, DAR, and Louise Travers.



Missing in Action (MIA) dining table honoring those that went missing while serving their country. Mark Eldridge is seen standing by the table. Mark was a Sergeant in the Marine Corp having served two tours in Afghanistan.

Presenter Bev Beavers Portraying Lady Vestey



"The little stenographer is a correct description of Lady Vestey who married the boss" was raised in Superior, NE. She became a member of British Nobility and became the highest paid woman executive in the world during her life time. Her given name was Evelene Brodstone and she never forgot her roots and after her death her remains were interred at Evergreen Cemetery in Superior, NE. To read more about Lady Vestey see -

<http://superiorne.com/evelynbrodstone-ladyvestey.htm>



Huguenot members who are also members of other Patriotic organizations: John Reinert, C M S g t (Ret'd) Robert Knott, Judy Moore, Thomas Masters, Sharon Fitts, and Paul Moore.



Shown to the left are Dr. William Fitts, Ph.D., an Army veteran who served in Vietnam from Dec 67 through Dec 68; Shawn Stoner, President of the Lincoln Chapter, NESSAR and Sharon Fitts, wife of Bill. Sharon is the President of the Huguenot Society and also a member of the DAR.



Bev Beavers (center) who portrays Lady Vestey is seen visiting with Judy Masters Moore (Left) and NESSAR Past State President Merle Rudebusch before the dinner.



Merle Rudebusch (L) is presenting an Eagle Scout Patch to Jake Swanson, with Lincoln Chapter President Shawn Stoner observing. Jake led the attendees with the Pledge of Allegiance before the festivities began.



Pictured above are Mary Rotschaefer, her son and SAR member Roger Rotschaefer and Roger's wife Linda. Also shown are military memorabilia and various military uniforms which were quite impressive. Mary's grandson, Corey L. Rotschaefer, Captain in the USAF has applied to join the Nebraska Society of the SAR and his application was received by National Feb 27th.



Shown L to R- Mary Hanke; Pam Egger; LeeRoy Louden; SharonAnn Louden; LeeAnn Merrihew; Harry Merrihew and Connie Plettner. All enjoying the festivities before dinner.



Eagle Scout Jake Swanson with his parents before the celebration starts. Pictured L-R Kris Swanson, Jake Swanson, Merle Rudebusch standing and Ron Swanson, discussing the upcoming award presentation.



Pictured L-R Merle Rudebush and William (Billy) Dean standing in front of Billy Dean's outstanding display of Civil War artifacts. Both of these gentleman are members of the Sons of Union Veterans. Merle is also a member of the Lincoln Chapter NESSAR and past President of the Nebraska Society.

"I agree with U.S. Grant, the Third. We should all have a reminder of 'our heritage' of our ancestors who created this most powerful nation in the world, and of course, our responsibilities as American citizens." - Lowell Thomas, Author and News Commentator.



Pictured to the left are Thomas Masters, Past President of the NESSAR, Nebraska Retired Senator Louden, SharonAnn Louden and Nebraska DAR State Regent Connie Plettner enjoying the festivities.



The plaque in front of the podium as shown in the picture on page one was shared by John Braisted. The plaque is a carved Eagle, found on the Great Seal of the United States. The full story will be included in the 2nd Quarter Newsletter.



Lincoln SAR Chapter President Shawn Stoner is shown at the 5th Annual American Heritage Celebration wearing the uniform that is worn as a member of the NESSAR Color Guard. Shawn is also the Commander of the Lincoln Chapter's Color Guard.

MORE PICTURES AND STORIES

The Nebraska Society Salutes Longtime Members

The Nebraska Society would like to salute and recognize the following members who have reached long-time membership anniversaries during the year 2015. What a wonderful benefit we have of our ongoing membership and having a chance to visit with other members, renewing acquaintances, year after year during our annual meetings such as this one coming up April 23 and the one we have in the Fall.

40 years

Harry Deeths-Omaha

35 years

**Cristopher Debban-
Lincoln**

30 years

**John Quest-at large
Andrew Blossom-Omaha**

20 years

**Dr. Denton Weiss-at large
Jimmy Wise -Lincoln**

15 years

**Gary Cline-at large
Joseph Mettenbrink-
Omaha**

10 years

Lester Olsen-at large

5 years

**Thomas Brader-Omaha
Jeremy Christensen-
Omaha
Chaplain James Hoke-
Lincoln
Dr Jason Hoke-Lincoln
Dr, Merle McAlevy-Omaha
Clinton Miller-Omaha
Shawn Stoner-Lincoln**

In memory

Compatriot Jack R. Walter passed away 2 Dec 2016 in Lincoln, NE. He was born in Saunders County, NE son of Finley and Wilma Walter. He attended and graduated from Wahoo



High School. Jack was a Veteran of the US Army and Air Force , Locomotive engineer for Burlington Northern Railroad. Member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, Legion of Mary, American Legion, Sons of the American Revolution, Lancaster County Genealogy Society and Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers L98

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and takes pride in being a part of this project. It is held on the third Saturday in December. Shawn Stoner, President Lincoln Chapter NESSAR represented our society at the laying of the wreaths this year at the Wyuca Cemetery, Lincoln, NE. on December 18, 2016 . It took some hardy people as the weather was cold, blustery and snowing. Compatriot Stoner and approximately 150 other volunteers placed wreaths on approximately 1600 graves.

Ms. Cindy Van Bibber,



Director of the Omaha National Veterans Cemetery was the featured speaker at the Omaha Chapter meeting 13 Dec She presented a program on the veterans cemetery that



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recently opened in Eastern Nebraska, located in Sarpy County on Highway 50, South of Highway 370. Ms. Bibber outlined the eligibility criteria for veterans and their spouses to be burial in National Cemeteries. The Omaha Chapter donated 10 wreaths to be placed on the graves, 18 Dec 2016. Pictured are L - Ms Bibber, R- Compatriot Merle McAlevy, President Omaha Chapter NESSAR, in front of the artists cemetery depiction.

Changes to addresses, phone numbers or email should be reported to John Reinert at email jr6@aol.com