



# *The Husker Patriot*



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## *The Gaspée Affair - June 9, 1772*

# From the Desk of the President

## Presidents Message

Compatriots, Ladies, and Friends,

I wish to thank you for your trust and support in electing me to serve as President of the Nebraska Society for the next two years. I am looking forward to working with your other elected officers and committee chairmen to further the goals of the Nebraska SAR.

The officers of the Society met in May to review our current needs and goals. Since that meeting, the committee to develop and revise our State Constitution and By-laws has been created. It is being led by Past State President, Bill Webb, and has set a goal to



have a proposed set of documents developed in time for our fall meeting.

We also noted that there is a need to fill a few positions at the State level, as well as numerous positions at Chapter levels. Those positions can be found on page 6 of this newsletter.

Our 1st Vice President, John Braisted, is doing double duty, serving also as State Treasurer. We need someone to help John with the Treasurer position. Our 2nd Vice President, Paul Burrignt, is also doing double duty, serving as State Registrar. We need people at the chapter level to help handle application preparation and ensure our flow of applications to National for new members and supplementals, does not get slowed down. Additionally, planning for America 250 has begun and there is a need to have an individual pick up the preliminary development of this program and bring it to fruition. A committee is already assembled, and events have begun to be planned, but we need a Chairman to oversee this committee and keep our events on track. There is also an opening to fill as the First Responders Chairman. This role is vital to find and schedule those heroic individuals around our great State, that we can acknowledge and recognize as a State Society. If you are willing and able to fill any of these positions or roles, please call me or send me an email.

We are making good progress in improving the publics awareness of the Nebraska SAR and extending our message and influence. It is up to each member to contribute our time and talents wherever possible.

Thank you for your continued support and contributions to the Society.

*Thomas L. Upton*  
President, Nebraska SAR



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## State Society News

### Spring State Meeting

The Nebraska Society held its Spring State Meeting on Sunday, April 24 at Mahoney State Park in Ashland, NE.

There was a lot of recognition to be had at the beginning of the meeting. Compatriot Ron Stites received the State Distinguished Service Medal, Tom Upton received the Silver Good Citizenship Medal, John Parsons received the Silver Roger Sherman Medal, and Bill Webb received the State Meritorious Service Medal. Paul Burrignt and Ryan Fuller also received the Lafayette medals from National for their work as volunteers on the Patriot Research System.

Omaha Compatriot Jeff Deeths was presented with his 45 year member pin and certificate. Compatriot Deeths first joined the SAR on Feb 19, 1976 as a descendant of Patriot Jacobus Blauvelt (NY). Compatriot Deeths then had the honor of pinning the member rosettes onto the lapels of his grandsons, Anton and Grant Kerrigan, as they were formally inducted into the society as new members by President McAlevy.



New members Grant and Anton Kerrigan, with their grandparents, Compatriot Jeff Deeths and mother Lisa Kerrigan and CG members

Formal business then began with Officer and Chairman reports. The finances of the society are in order as we had a full treasury audit done and reported on. New member apps and supplementals continue to come in and get approved with only a couple out on pended status so far this year. Last year's Americanism Report was covered thoroughly with the members. Registrar discussed a new program to partner with the DAR and have a referral program for new members. Every year, based on new member referrals, we would recognize those DAR chapters and individual members for their referrals. Registrar Burrignt has forwarded the program to the new Nebraska DAR State Regent and will be implemented this year.

New State Officers for 2022-23 were sworn in to close out the meeting.

President—Tom Upton  
 1st VP—John Braisted  
 2nd VP—Paul Burrignt  
 Secretary—Dale Wostrel  
 Treasurer—John Braisted  
 Registrar—Paul Burrignt



New Officers L-R: Tom Upton, John Braisted, Paul Burrignt, Stan Wostrel



### Welcome New Members

#### Members At Large

- Carroll D. Marcellus—#222153  
 - Stuart, NE  
 Patriot William Logan (NJ)
- Robert Dennis Wolf—#222366  
 - Scottsbluff, NE  
 Patriot Erasmus Perry (MD)

#### Omaha

- Damian P. Corrigan—#222367  
 - Omaha, NE  
 Patriot Samuel Peden, Sr. (PA)
- Craig William Noah—#222638  
 - Papillion, NE  
 Patriot Joseph Eggleston (CT)



### Supplementals Approved

#### Omaha

- Nick Mizaur—#160582  
 Patriot Christian Ankeny (PA)  
 Patriot Benjamin Boone (PA)  
 Patriot Zachariah Williams (PA)  
 Patriot George Shaffer (MD)
- Drew Whitler—#216405  
 Patriot George Davidson (VA)
- Chuck Real—#216406  
 Patriot Philip Faust (PA)

Congratulations to all the new members and to the current members who added Patriots to their verified lineage. Your work on these applications will help future generations find their Patriots and will keep your lineage and your Patriots remembered!

## REVOLUTIONARY HISTORY—250 YEARS



### The Gaspée Affair

Article taken from  
[ouramericanrevolution.org](http://ouramericanrevolution.org)

On June 9, 1772, a period of relative calm between Great Britain and her British American colonies abruptly ended when, in what became known as the "*Gaspée* Affair," a group of Rhode Islanders forced the Royal Navy schooner *Gaspée* aground, captured the crew, and proceeded to burn the ship. But what ran aground—and what the people of Providence burned to the shoreline—that night in 1772 was much more than a boat, for the *Gaspée* carried with it a powerful metaphor for British policy toward the colonies, and burning with it was all hope of reconciliation between them. The British government's reaction to the destruction of the *Gaspée* touched off fears in Virginia where the House of Burgesses created the intercolonial committees of correspondence in March 1773.

Lieutenant William Dudingston was master and commander of the *Gaspée* with responsibility for enforcing the administrative provisions of Charles Townshend's Revenue Act of 1767 by patrolling for smugglers off Rhode Island's Narragansett Bay attempting to avoid



paying duties on imported goods. Admiral John Montagu, Dudingston's superior in Boston, saw him as an assiduous, conscientious officer, but the people of Rhode Island found him overzealous and overbearing (which was perhaps no small testament to the young officer's effectiveness).

On June 9, 1772, the captain of a Rhode Island vessel, the *Hannah*, decided to have some fun with the *Gaspée* and her crew. When the *Gaspée* spotted the *Hannah*, bound from Newport to Providence, and gave chase, Lindsey headed for the shallower reaches of Narragansett Bay. To the great surprise of everyone on board the *Gaspée* (and probably no one on the *Hannah*), His Bri-

tannic Majesty's schooner ran aground while the *Hannah* sailed unmolested into Providence harbor.

That night "leading citizens" from Providence rowed longboats out to the *Gaspée*, boarded her, wounded Dudingston, then, in the words of a contemporary broadside, "set the men upon the land, And burnt her up, we understand." Massachusetts Governor Thomas Hutchinson and other British officials were not amused by this "flagrant insult" to the crown. Hutchinson thought that this latest act of disrespect by the colonists should "certainly arouse the British lion which has been asleep these four or five years."

The British lion was indeed aroused.



On August 10, 1772, the British attorney general and the solicitor general ruled the attack on the *Gaspée* an act of high treason and held that the culprits could be brought to England for indictment and trial. After a £500 reward for the discovery of the offenders failed to produce a single suspect, King George appointed a royal commission of colonial crown officials on September 2, 1772, specifically empowered to send anyone involved in the crime to England for trial.

Now it was the turn of the colonies to howl. The right of a suspect to be tried by men of his own community was held by many colonists as a fundamental, seemingly inviolable British liberty. Even the suggestion of

sending accused colonials to England for trial had earned the opprobrium of the Virginia House of Burgesses and other colonial assemblies as far back as 1769. The *Providence Gazette* declared that the Commission's power to turn evidence and suspects over the Admiral Montague for shipment to England was "shocking to humanity, repugnant to every dictate of reasons, liberty, and justice, and in which Americans and Freemen ought never to acquiesce" and made the Commission no less than "a Court of Inquisition, more horrid than that of Spain." The *Pennsylvania Journal and Weekly Advertiser* wrote that the *Gaspée* commission made the

position of Americans "infinitely worse than that of a subject of France, Spain, Portugal or any other the most despotic power on earth." The commissioners were decried as "a pack of Egyptian tyrants" their mere existence was "the most insulting violation of the rights of Americans that could be devised."

The British ministry should have seen in the rhetorical support given Rhode Island a sign of growing colonial unity.

—Officials in Rhode Island have announced that funding has been obtained to look for the wreckage of the HMS *Gaspee*, which to date has never been found.



## Chapter Chatter

### Omaha Chapter

Three members of the Omaha Chapter had 6 supplemental Patriots approved in April.

- Nick Mizaur—Christian Ankeny, Benjamin Boone, George Shaffer, and Zachariah Williams.
- Drew Whitler—George Davidson
- Chuck Real—Philip Faust

Congratulations to these Compatriots for adding their lineage to the Patriots.



L-R: President Paul Burright (holding 2 of Nick Mizaur’s certificates), Drew Whitler, Nick Mizaur

A Chapter Constitution and By-Laws committee has been working on finalizing a chapter constitution and a set of chapter by-laws. These documents should be finalized and submitted to the chapter members, and a vote will be held at the chapter September meeting for adoption.

On Memorial Day weekend, Flag Chairman, Drew Whitler, presented the Gretna Auto Outlet with the SAR Flag Certificate. The Gretna Auto Outlet faithfully flies a huge 40’x60’ American flag outside of their car lot every day, which can be seen alongside Hwy 31 on the south side of Gretna.



L-R; GAO Owner Brian Gibbs, Compatriot Drew Whitler, GAO GM Alex Rainey



The flag seen from Hwy 31 outside of Gretna Auto Outlet

### Service Quotes

“There is a debt of service due from every man to his country, proportioned to the bounties which nature and fortune have measured to him.”

-Thomas Jefferson

“Everyone can be great, because everyone can serve.”

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”

- Margaret Mead

### Volunteers Needed!!

Would you like to get more involved with the Nebraska SAR or your local chapter, but are not quite sure what you can do to help?

We have many open positions that need to be filled by willing, energetic members such as yourselves. Our chapters and State Society as a whole cannot grow without the active support from you, its members.

#### Lincoln Chapter Openings

- ⇒ Chapter Registrar
- ⇒ Medals and Awards Chairman
- ⇒ Flag Chairman
- ⇒ Americanism Chairman
- ⇒ Chaplain
- ⇒ ROTC Awards Chairman
- ⇒ Color Guard

#### Omaha Chapter Openings

- ⇒ Chapter Registrar
- ⇒ Flag Chairman
- ⇒ Medals and Awards Chairman
- ⇒ Chaplain
- ⇒ Color Guard

#### Nebraska SAR Openings

- ⇒ First Responder Award Chairman
- ⇒ America 250 Chairman

If you are not working in an active role within your Chapter or State Society, and feel the calling to become more involved, please consider taking on one of these elected or appointed offices or chairmanships. Our Society does not grow without its members being involved!



## Eagle Scout Award/Scholarship Essay

At our Spring State Meeting, the Nebraska SAR awarded Eagle Scout Ryan Yost the Eagle Scout Award and \$500 scholarship.

Here is his essay.

### The Swamp Fox

In May of 1780 Charleston, South Carolina had been captured by the British. Battles in South Carolina were not looking too promising for the American side. The injured American army had no other choice but to retreat. However, one man by the name of Francis Marion, turned the tides with crucial battles for the Americans in South Carolina.

Francis Marion was born in 1732 in Berkeley County, South Carolina. In 1747, at the age of fifteen he went to sea for a year and soon came back to work on his family's farm. Then in 1761, his military campaign began as a lieutenant in the French and Indian War. This is when he noticed a simple, yet brilliant strategy by the natives. The Cherokee would use ambush-like attacks against their military to slowly dwindle down military numbers. He saw how successful ambushes were for the Cherokee and started using it in his own tactics.

A few decades later in the revolutionary war, Francis put his new strategy to the test. When the British took over Charleston, South Carolina, Francis Marion took command of a militia and accomplished his first victorious battle in August of 1780. With only fifty men, he used the ambush-type tactics he observed from the Cherokee to raid a British camp and save over a hundred-fifty American prisoners. Although Marion and his men were

usually outnumbered, they still won most of their battles. The British never knew when or where his forces would be hiding. Consequently, the British divided their troops into smaller battalions. Which allowed Marion and his patriotic recruits to turn the tides in the war.

In November of 1780, Francis Marion earned his infamous nickname, Swamp Fox. British Lieutenant Colonel Banastre Tarleton had been informed by an escaped prisoner of the location of Marion's militia (Crawford). Tarleton and his troops were sent out to track down the patriots. However, after seven hours of chasing Marion's men through twenty-six miles of swampy terrain, Tarleton did not prevail. In despair, Tarleton cursed "As for this damned old fox, the Devil himself could not catch him." Naturally, word got around and the locals were cheering on the Swamp Fox.

During this time, Swamp Fox would continue his operations; stopping communication to get from one camp to another as well as destroying British supplies. These missions were consistently stealth operations. Although he missed the thrill of the battle, Swamp Fox still led crucial missions to assist the Revolution. Swamp Fox and his patriots were able to destroy British troops from the inside out.

There are many legends surrounding Swamp Fox, however, one of the more popular ones lies in a painting in the U.S. capitol. This painting depicts Marion and a British officer having a conversation. In 1781, it was said that the officer came over one evening to discuss a prisoner

exchange. After negotiations, Marion invited the officer back over for breakfast the next morning. Impressed by Marion's explanation for why the Americans fought, the British officer decided to switch sides.

Without Swamp Fox's efforts in South Carolina, the war could have easily gone the other way. Francis Marion went from being a young family farmer to being one of the greatest military leaders the country had ever seen.



President Merle McAlevy, Eagle Scout Chairman, Ryan Fuller, Eagle Scout Award recipient, Ryan Yost with his parents

Ryan also sent the Society a thank you letter, through Eagle Scout Chairman, Ryan Fuller. It states how thankful he was to be named the recipient of the award and scholarship and that he was immensely proud to be able to show his younger siblings and others that hard work pays off.

Ryan plans to pursue architectural engineering as a career, and will use his scholarship to help him attend the University of Nebraska—Omaha in the fall.





# DISPATCHES FROM THE COLOR GUARD



Saturday, May 7, 2022—Des Moines, Iowa



Color Guard marching in to post the colors

Omaha Captain, Paul Burreight, traveled to Des Moines, Iowa to participate in the North Central District Color Guard, to honor veteran nurses from all wars. The Iowa SAR was specifically marking the grave of Civil War nurse, Rosanna Rush Merrill. Her nursing duties during the war took place in Washington D.C. and she was a descendant of Declaration of Independence signer, Dr. Benjamin Rush. She moved to Iowa with her husband after the war and lived there for many years. She died in 1923 and her grave had been unmarked for nearly 100 years before this ceremony.

We were joined by the Iowa National Guard, the Iowa nurses honor guard, members of the DAR, heads of local historical societies and organizations, and descendants of Rosanna Rush Merrill, who received the folded flag in her honor.

Here is a link that you can click that will take you to a short video of the ceremony and see how these veteran nurses were honored.

[\(2\) Rosanna Rush Merrill Unmarked Grave - YouTube](#)



Color Guard with the Iowa Nurse's Honor Guard, DAR bagpiper, and Rosanna Rush Merrill's descendants



Rosanna Rush Merrill's new headstone

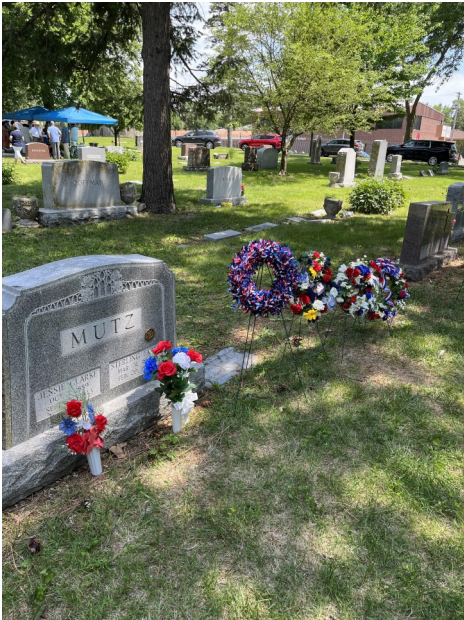




## MUTZ AND BUSHNELL GRAVE MARKINGS



Saturday, June 11, 2022—Lincoln, NE



The Lincoln Chapter hosted a double Compatriot Grave Marking ceremony for Past President-General, Sterling Faan Mutz, and Past Nebraska SAR President, Herbert M. Bushnell, at Wyuka Cemetery in Lincoln, NE.

Members from the Omaha and Lincoln Chapters attended and participated in the event, and Nebraska SAR President, Tom Upton, presided over the ceremony. The Color Guard consisted of Shawn Stoner, Paul Burrignt, Jim Sly, John Braisted, Ron Stites, Terry Springer, and VP-G Chris Moberg. The Color Guard presented the colors and State Chaplain, Jim Sly gave the invocation. State Historian John Reinert was in attendance from Lincoln Chapter, as well as Mel Burrignt, Mark Byars, Andrew Nehls, and Hugh Nehls, from the Omaha Chapter, and members from three different Nebraska DAR Chapters, including State Regent Elect, Marcia Shavlik.

The following is some of the remarks and history of Sterling Faan Mutz and his service in the SAR, as presented by VPG Chris Moberg.

Sterling Mutz became a member in the SAR on April 12, 1924, when he was 36 years old. He was the descendant of Patriot John Kays, who was a Lieutenant in Captain Guterman's Company, 2nd Regiment, Sussex County Militia of New Jersey. He also served on George Washington's staff.

Records on Sterling Mutz's SAR leadership roles begin with his election as 2nd Vice President of the Nebraska SAR on April 18, 1936. The following year, he was elected 1st Vice President. It was that year, 1937, that he also began his activity at the National level. In May 1937, he attended the 48th National SAR Congress in Buffalo, NY. At this Congress, he was elected Vice President-General of the district, which was then called the North Mississippi District. He also joined the Constructive Citizenship Committee.

At the annual Nebraska SAR meeting in February 1938, he was elected as the President of the Nebraska SAR. Now he was both the District VPG and the State President. In May 1938, he attended the 49th National SAR Congress in Dallas, TX, and was elected to a 2nd term as District VPG. He also began serving on the Board of Trustees, the "Committee on Committee Reports", and the Constructive Citizenship Committee.

Sterling Mutz retired as President of the Nebraska Society in February 1939, after his 1 year term. In May 1939, he attended the 50th National SAR Congress and was elected as District VPG for a 3rd term. He was additionally given the honor of being elected to serve on the Executive Committee. According to State Historian, John Reinert, when Sterling Mutz was elected to the Executive Committee, he was elected to replace General John J. Pershing, whose term had expired. Other Executive Committee members serving at that time include, President Herbert Hoover and Senators Arthur Vandenberg (MI) and Tom Connally (TX). He also served on the 1940 Congress Arrangement Committee and the Constructive Citizenship Committee.



In early 1940, the Nebraska Society, along with a Committee of Western States, presented VPG Mutz as a candidate for the office of President General for the upcoming May Congress. He would end up not being elected at the 51st National Congress in Washington, D.C. It was this same year that he retired from office of District VPG, after serving 3 terms. He once again served on the Executive Committee and became Chairman of the Resolutions Committee. In May 1941, he was once again presented as a candidate for President-General, and once again was not elected. In February 1942, the Nebraska Society once again presented Sterling Mutz as a candidate for President-General, and he was finally elected to the office at the 53rd National Congress in Williamsburg, VA, in June 1942. At the Congress, many members went on record as being in favor of the election of Sterling Mutz to be President, but the most memorable quote was from Historian-General Jones: "Everybody here knows that it is the unanimous opinion the we recognize the 'Sterling' in his name, the 'Sterling' in his character, and we want Sterling Mutz for President-General". **Continued on Page 10.**





## MUTZ AND BUSHNELL GRAVE MARKINGS

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As the Japanese had bombed Pearl Harbor only six months earlier and dragged America into World War II, the primary objective as President Mutz took office was to mobilize the SAR to assist in the war effort. He offered the SAR's assistance to the FBI in supplying information and aid to stamp out any "subversive activities".

He also encouraged SAR members to support the USO and to buy War Bonds. He was also very concerned about the restoration of constitutional guarantees that were suspended due to the war. He responded by establishing a Restoration Committee to promote restoration of the proper balance between State and Federal power once the war was over. He also prioritized increasing membership and revitalizing the SAR magazine. Sterling Mutz served one term as President-General.

In September of 1947, he established the first junior chapter of the SAR for young men, between the ages of 18 and 40. The Chapter was located in Lincoln, NE. He promoted the Junior Chapter at a National level to increase membership and encourage young men to become more active in the SAR.

The Minuteman Award, the highest award that can be achieved by a member of the SAR, was authorized in 1952. At the 63rd National Congress in June 1953, Sterling Mutz became a Minuteman Award recipient.



The following is from the remarks on Herbert Bushnell by State Historian, John Reinert.

Herbert M. Bushnell was a charter member, and was the first Chapter President, of the Lincoln Chapter in 1915. He became the Nebraska SAR State President in 1916. He is descended from Patriot Paul Clark, who served 8 years and 5 months under General Washington and General Lafayette, and another great grandfather who was with Washington at Long Island, Trenton, Princeton, and Monmouth, and with Lafayette at the surrender of Yorktown. President Bushnell was the 302nd member to join the Nebraska Society, SAR and was approved for membership on April 5, 1915.

The year 1916, when Herbert Bushnell took over the office of President of the Nebraska SAR, was a challenging time. In May, Edwin Halstead, Secretary and Registrar, resigned and died shortly thereafter. Clarence S. Paine was appointed to fill the vacancy. Mr. Paine died June 14, 1916, *before* he had received all the Society records. On September 1, 1916, Addison E. Sheldon was appointed Secretary and Registrar.

At the State meeting on February 22, 1917, in Omaha, with 24 Compatriots present, an amendment to the constitution was proposed by President Bushnell making Lincoln the permanent home of the State Society. The vote was unanimously in favor. The reason behind the move was to find a permanent home for the Society records. These records are accessible today at the Nebraska State Historical Society Library and Archives in Lincoln, NE.





### ROTC Awards



In April and May, the Nebraska SAR presented deserving JROTC and ROTC cadets with medals and certificates in recognition of their hard work and leadership over the past school year.

#### Bronze ROTC Medals

The criteria for the Bronze ROTC medal for JROTC cadets is:

- The cadet must be currently enrolled in the JROTC program.
- The cadet should be a 3rd cadet in a 4 year program, or 2nd year cadet in a 3 year program.
- The cadet must be in the top 10% of his JROTC class.
- The cadet must be in the top 25% of his overall class
- The cadet may not have received the Bronze ROTC medal from the SAR previously.

SAR members presented medals to deserving cadets in the Omaha and Lincoln area school districts.

Omaha Burke HS—Marko Balaban

Omaha Northwest HS—Mario Lopez

Bellevue West HS—Ryan Brevic

Omaha Central HS—Robert Nykiel

Omaha Benson HS—Sun Pro Htoo

Omaha North HS—Donald Minard

Omaha South HS—Tyler Nial

Bronze medals were also given out at Plattsmouth HS, Bellevue East HS, Papillion/LaVista South HS, Omaha Bryan HS, and area Lincoln High Schools, though no names or photos were available at the time of publishing.



Compatriot Merle McAlevy with Omaha Central Cadet Robert Nykiel



Compatriot Ron Stites with Bellevue West Cadet Ryan Brevic



Compatriot Chuck Real with Omaha North Cadet Donald Minard

#### Silver ROTC Medals

Silver ROTC medals were also presented to deserving cadets at local Omaha and Lincoln area Universities.

Recipients of the Silver ROTC medal are selected by their commanding officer based on their military bearing, leadership potential, attitude, academic achievements, and general excellence.

Presentations were made at the University of Nebraska—Lincoln, University of Nebraska—Omaha, and Creighton University.

UNL—Maggie Gochenour

UNL—Jocelyn Cheek

UNL—Emma Brennan

UNO—Broderick Goss

The cadet receiving the award at Creighton University was not known at the time of publishing.



President Tom Upton with UNO cadet Broderick Goss

If you know of other ROTC units in your city or town across the State, where the Nebraska SAR can expand its ROTC awards and medals to, please inform a State Officer.

This is a program that we should be doing across the State of Nebraska.

Thank you to all the presenters for your help with this important program!

## SOCIETY INFORMATION



### Contact Information Update

If you, as a Nebraska SAR Member, have recently had a change of address, telephone number, or email contact information, please inform State Secretary, Stan Wostrel at [dwestrel43@gmail.com](mailto:dwestrel43@gmail.com).

Help us keep our records up to date!



### SAR Applications

Please submit all applications through the online application system at [www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org). If you have any questions, contact the State Registrar, Paul Burright.

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### **3rd Quarter 2022 Meetings and Events**

**Monday, Jul 4—Independence Day Parade, Ralston, NE, 11am**

**Friday, Aug 5—Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 10:00am, Gere Branch Library, Lincoln, NE**

**Saturday, Aug 20—Omaha Chapter Picnic, 12:00pm, Location TBD, Omaha, NE**

**Friday, Sep 2—Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 10:00am, Gere Branch Library, Lincoln, NE**

**Saturday, Sep 10—Present Colors, Omaha Stormchasers Game, Werner Park, La Vista, NE, 6:30pm**

**Tuesday, Sep 13—Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:30pm, Gorat's Steakhouse, Omaha, NE**

**Sunday, Sep 25—Fall State Meeting, 2pm, Mahoney State Park, Ashland, NE**

**Sep 29—Oct 1—Fall Leadership Meetings National Headquarters, Louisville, KY**

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**From the editors**—*The Husker Patriot* will be published on the first week of following quarter. For example, the 2nd quarter ends on June 30. The 2nd quarter newsletter will be published the first week of July.

Follow this deadline schedule to get information, articles, and photos in to the editors (contact information on page 2):

1st Quarter—Mar 15, 2nd Quarter—Jun 15, 3rd Quarter—Sept 15, and 4th Quarter—Dec 15. Thank you for your help getting quality content in to your Society newsletter!

### Social Media and Online Presence



**Nebraska SAR is online! Visit the Nebraska SAR website at [www.nessar.org](http://www.nessar.org).**

**Nebraska SAR Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/NebraskaSAR](http://www.facebook.com/NebraskaSAR)**

**Omaha SAR Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/OmahaSAR](http://www.facebook.com/OmahaSAR)**



If anyone needs a template to write your Patriot's biography, you can follow this example.



\_\_\_\_\_ was born \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ and died \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_. He married \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (Birth year-death year) on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_. This marriage produced \_\_ children; \_\_\_\_\_ (full name year of birth and death i.e. John Smith 1745-1803). He married second, \_\_\_\_\_ (in format for first wife, children if any).

List anything that is known of his life; occupation, family life, anything of interest.

List Revolutionary War service information and list source.

This does not have to be long and detailed. A short bio of 200 to 500 words is all that is requested. Below is a sample biography.

#### SAMPLE BIO

Nathaniel Phelps Sr was one of 2 Nathaniels that participated in the American Revolution. They were father and son from Northampton, Hampshire, Massachusetts. Nathaniel Sr was actually the 4<sup>th</sup> in an unbroken line of 7 Nathaniels who lived and died in Northampton.

Nathaniel Sr was born 13 Dec 1721 to Nathaniel Phelps and Abigail Burnham in Northampton and died 29 Oct 1789 in Northampton. He married Elizabeth Childs of Deerfield, MA (1724-1769) on 19 Mar 1750 in Northampton. This marriage produced 8 children; Burnham Phelps 1752-1772, Elizabeth Phelps 1753-1767, Abigail Phelps 1755-1756, Nathaniel Phelps 1757-1833, Elijah Phelps 1759-1760, Elijah Phelps 1761-1837, Anna Hannah Phelps 1763-1819 and Rufus Phelps 1766-1826. He married second, Rebecca Child.

Nathaniel was a talented and renowned mason, brick layer and stone carver. There are a large number of extant tomb stones in the Northampton and Deerfield cemeteries as well as others in the area. "Phelps was married to a member of the Childs family of Deerfield, which may explain why the Albany Road Burying Ground (Deerfield) has a number of stoners from his shop, identifiable by their simple design, circular face, stylized headgear and wings carved on pink to beige sandstone." Nathaniel was the dominant stonecutter of the area from the 1750-1770's; he went bankrupt in the 1770's but continued his craft until his death, passing his talent and business to his son Elijah. Historic Deerfield Magazine, Autumn 2002 p. 5.

Nathaniel Sr served as a minute man in Captain Ebenezer Strong's (the future father of his son Nathaniel) company of volunteers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hampshire Company regiment; service against the insurgents at Northampton May 6, June , 15, 16 and 17, 1782, 4 days, by order of Elisha Porter, Sheriff; company marched for support of the government at Springfield, Northampton and Hadley. Interestingly he is listed in the Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War as Nathaniel Phelps Jr! Also note his advanced age of 61, he obviously thought there was something worth fighting for the true embodiment of the Patriot spirit.