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## Nebraska SAR Society Fall Meeting Held September 24, 2017 President's Message

Recent events have dis-  
tressed us no doubt as citi-  
zens and SAR mem-  
bers. This is  
because of  
television  
images of  
anarchy and  
mob rule  
we've seen  
resulting in the pulling  
down of a Civil War statue  
in Charlottesville, Virginia.  
This attempt to destroy history  
by street violence re-  
sulted in a death and inju-  
ries when a seriously men-  
tally ill person attracted to  
the chaos, riot and public  
theater used his car to run  
down people. Violence  
quickly followed from the  
disorder and chaos associ-  
ated with mob demonstra-  
tions, anarchy and physical



street confrontations.  
Interestingly, Robert E. Lee  
would have  
agreed with  
the counter-  
protestors  
only in the  
sense of not  
having pub-  
lic statues  
represent-  
ing confederate soldiers.  
He wrote in 1869 - 4 years  
after the end of the Civil  
War - in response to a pro-  
posed Gettysburg memorial:  
*"I think it wiser, moreover,  
not to keep open the sores of  
war but to follow the exam-  
ples of those nations who  
endeavored to obliterate  
the marks of civil strife, to  
commit to oblivion the feel-  
ings engendered"*.

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Presidents Message



### 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 [JR6@AOL.Com](mailto:JR6@AOL.Com) at:

*Infamous*



*"Brown Bess"*

**Message from the NESSAR Treasurer-William S. Webb** The membership year for 2018 is upon us and the dues letters will be mailed the first week of October. At the conclusion of the membership drive for 2017 we had 113 paid members for the Nebraska SSAR. This number includes five members having a life membership in the National Society and two of these members have a life membership in the Nebraska Society. Many thanks go to all the members that renewed their membership last year and a special thanks to the 35 members that donated more than the required dues especially for the special requests in 2017. In addition to the regular dues paid for National, State and Chapters your donations provide support for our efforts in the following programs: Eagle Scout Scholarship, recognizing first responders: Fire Safety, Emergency Medical Services & Law Enforcement and to those individuals, companies and government agencies that fly the United States Flag for Patriotic purposes. Your donations make a difference, regardless of size. We must always remember that what we do as members of the SAR, allows us to carry on our founding fathers' values and our collective membership enables this.

# Nebraska Society Fall Meeting

President Dr. David Kentsmith, opened the meeting at 2:00 pm with a call to Order. There was a Quorum. This was followed with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the SAR. Past Nebraska SAR Presidents were introduced as well as the members and guests. Next: Award for EMT was presented followed by awards received by the National Society SAR at their 2018 Congress, followed by the election of Nebraska State Officers for 2018-2019. A call for a vote of the Minutes of 23 April 2017

Spring Meeting was made. There were no corrections or additions. There was a motion to approve and second. All approved. Officers reports were given by President Dr. David Kentsmith; Secretary John Reinert; Treasurer William Webb; Registrar Thomas Masters and National Trustee Fredrick Walden. The 2017 Audit Report was given by John Braisted, Chairman of the Audit committee (February through August). Other Committee Reports were given by William Webb, Publicity and Dr. David Kentsmith, Medals and Certificates. New Business discussed included the

\$1000 Grant received through the Allstate Foundation Helping Hands. Article can found on page 3 of this newsletter. William Webb held a discussion on submitting Patriot Biographies for the National Society Grave Registration Project. He explained that biographies can be submitted for all members serving or providing public service during the American Revolution. Patriots can include uncles & cousins. After closing remarks by President Kentsmith, members were asked to recite "Until We Meet Again". Meeting was adjourned.

## NEBRASKA SOCIETY PRESENTATIONS DURING FALL 2017 MEETING

### Awards and Recognitions from NSSAR

- ◆ Partners in Patriotism (Lincoln, Omaha & State Societies)
- ◆ Patriot Biographies submitted to National Societies
- ◆ Admiral Furlong Award (flying American Flags)
- ◆ Franklin Flyer Award (Friends of the Library)
- ◆ Arthur M. King Eagle Scout contest participation.
- ◆ National Liberty Medal-Sponsoring Applications
- ◆ Vice President General recognition

### First Responder Citizenship Award



Travis Mayer, EMT volunteer from Gretna, NE was the recipient of this recognition. He was recommended by his Chief, Rod Buethe. Travis served in the US Army, Gretna Police Officer 1974 through 1980, EMT-B certification 1974, Paramedic certification 1978 from Creighton Hospital. **Pictured above L-R:** President Kentsmith, Travis Mayer and Ryan Fuller

Pictured at the left is the Commander of the Nebraska Color Guard, Chad Sherrets, receiving the Arthur M. King Eagle Scout Scholarship Award on behalf of Nebraska Society SAR, presented by President Dr. David Kentsmith.

### NESSAR Officers for 2018 & 2019



Election of officers for the next two years was held. President, William S. Webb; 1st

Vice President, Shawn Stoner; 2nd Vice President, Dr. Merle McAlevey; Secretary, John W. Reinert; Treasurer, John Braisted; Registrar, Thomas Masters; Deputy Registrar, CMSGT (ret) Robert Knott

**Pictured above L-R:** William Webb, Thomas Masters, John Braisted and John Reinert



Pictured left is the SAR medal and ribbon, purchased by President Robert D. Cresap of Omaha for his term of 1960—1961.

He donated it to the State Society 22 Feb 1961. This medal has been presented to and worn by each newly elected president since. At the end of their term, each president signs the box and presents it to the newly elected officer.



**Allstate Foundation Grant**

Nebraska Society SAR receives a \$1000.00 grant from the Allstate Foundation. Thank you to Allstate volunteer, Richard Ewing for being a positive force for change in our community and society. Compatriot Richard Ewing gave his time and enabled us to receive an Allstate Foundation Helping Hands in the Community grant. The Allstate Foundation supports the causes that Allstate agency owners, financial specialists and employees care about the most by providing Helping Hands in the Community grants to nonprofits where they volunteer their time to bring out the good in their communities. The use for the Allstate Grant was discussed at the NESSAR Fall meeting held at Mahoney State park. The following suggestions were the topics of discussion:

- ◆ Purchase uniforms for the Color Guard
- ◆ Nebraska Historical Society to repair, refurbish or replace Historical markers
- ◆ Fort Atkinson at Fort Calhoun, NE to repair Fort
- ◆ Nebraska Veterans Cemetery at Alliance, NE to build wind shelter
- ◆ Homestead National Monument
- ◆ Recruitment of new members for NESSAR

Some criteria used for decision making in using the grant monies, included the recognition of the Nebraska Society Sons of the American Revolution (NESSAR) and the education opportunities for the public in the founding fathers and citizen sacrifices in the establishment of the United States. There was a motion and vote to go forward with the purchase of two Color Guard Uniforms. Commander of the Color Guard, Compatriot Sherrets, omahacolorguard@gmail.com> was given the responsibility to proceed with the purchase of two uniforms.

**Intention:**

To have spare uniforms, which can

be used for SAR Color Guard activities. The uniforms will be owned by the NESSAR and kept by the State Color Guard Commander, checked out for an event and returned to the Color Guard Commander after the event is over. This process will allow member compatriots who are interested but have not assembled their own uniform.

**Benefits:**

- ◆ Education of the public
- ◆ More opportunities for SAR members to get involved
- ◆ A larger Color Guard unit for events (currently at three members)
- ◆ A greater SAR presence in the public eye to generate interest/recruiting for our organization
- ◆ The Color Guard will be able to participate in more events (when the regular 3 of us can't all attend)
- ◆ Ability to have uniformed members representing SAR at multiple events happening at the same time (like ROTC award ceremonies, Eagle Scout ceremonies, etc)

**The Uniforms:** These will not be high-end, custom-tailored uniforms. Instead, they will be good, "off the rack", but period-correct. We will provide everything above the waist.

**NESSAR Will Provide:**

- ◆ A Tricorn Hat, A white cotton long-sleeved Work Shirt,
- ◆ A blue wool Waist Coat, A black linen Neck Stock, (Total cost: \$244 per uniform)



**What The Member Provides:**

- Brown or grey khaki pants,
- black leather shoes.

The uniform would look something like the picture on the left. Further discussion will include size, cleaning and repair of the uniforms

**2017-18 Meetings and Events**

- 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**
- Jan 1, Lincoln Chapter Meeting 9:00 am, Eastmont Towers**
- Jan 12, Omaha Chapter Meeting 6:00 pm Gorats**
- Feb 2, Lincoln Chapter Meeting 9:00 am, Eastmont Towers**
- Feb 13, Omaha Chapter Meeting 6:00 pm, Gorats**
- Feb 17 American Heritage Celebration 5:30pm—Havelock Social Hall, Lincoln**

**News from the Webmaster**

**Shawn E. Stoner**

Did you know that there is a wealth of information waiting for you at [www.NESSAR.org](http://www.NESSAR.org)? This is the web home of your Nebraska SAR! I did a major rework of the website about a year ago, how time flies! If you have never visited the site, please do. I think you will be pleasantly surprised. You will hopefully find everything you ever wanted to know about the Nebraska Society as well as the chapters. History of the Society, back issues of the Newsletters and a BLOG are all there for YOU.

We also have a Facebook page. We do not have a lot of followers, so please, visit, like, and share FaceBook.com/NebraskaSAR. Our State Secretary had a Facebook add up for about 4 weeks in July and we had 645 people click on the add to see what we are about, that all in 19 days! The page is open to everyone, so please feel free to post relevant things.

## 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 eight 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 Bob Knott at [chiefknott@aol.com](mailto:chiefknott@aol.com) or the Co-Editor Bill Webb at [webb.w@q.com](mailto: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

Presented by Paul Burright

#### "MY AMERICAN REVOLUTION ANCESTORS"



Isaac Messenger was my 6x Great Grandfather and he was born 26 Sep 1745 in Simsbury, Connecticut. He was the son of Isaac Messenger and Hannah Alford.

The Messengers have been a mainstay in America since my 11x Great Grandfather, Andrew Messenger, arrived in the Massachusetts colony around 1637 from Yorkshire, England. The Messengers quickly moved to Connecticut, where they remained and were listed as farmers in colonial records. In 1742, Isaac's parents and grandparents moved the family to West Simsbury to settle and farm. The area was still wilderness in 1742, and they were the first owners of the plots they aquired. These family plots stayed in the Messenger family until well into the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

In 1770, at the age of 25, Isaac married Anna Ward, also of Simsbury. In 1778, Isaac, along with his brothers Simeon, Reuben, Elijah, and Abner, joined Captain Amasa Mill's Company of the Connecticut State Troopers, Colonel Roger Enos' Regiment, as a Private. He arrived in camp in June of 1778. He assisted in building the first fortifications at West Point, under the command of Washington, who was present through some of the construction. He is listed in Revolutionary Rolls as being at Fort Clinton in August

and September, 1778.

Isaac had 7 brothers who all fought in the Revolution, 1 of which was at the battle of Bunker Hill, 3 were part of the battle of White Plains, and 1 was involved with Benedict Arnold's Quebec Expedition. Most of the brothers were stationed at one time or another in their service at Fort Clinton and West Point. All the Messenger brothers survived. Isaac's bride, Anna, also had 3 brothers who died in the war.

Fort Clinton was the main defensive garrison of the Revolutionary War defense network at West Point. Commanded by and named after Benedict Arnold before his betrayal of the Revolutionary Army and defection to the British, it was later renamed after General James Clinton. It was the key defensive fort, overlooking the turn in the Hudson River and the Great Chain. At the height of its use during the war, the southern and western walls were nine feet high and twenty feet thick. Three redoubts and batteries on the south were named Forts Meigs, Wyllys, and Webb. After the war, the remains of Fort Clinton fell into disrepair and were eventually demolished to make way for the expansion of the United States Military Academy, founded at the garrison in 1802.

After his service, Isaac went back to farming and raised his family of 9

children in Connecticut. Around 1800, he and his family moved to De Ruyter, in upstate New York. He moved again, to Concord, Ohio, some time prior to 1830, to be closer to many of his children and grandchildren that had settled there.

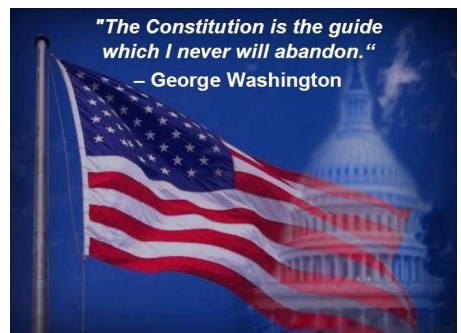


Private Isaac Messenger died on 8 May 1839, in Concord, Ohio, at the age of 93. He is buried in the Concord Cemetery in

Ohio.

### Constitution Day

Sep 17, 2017



### WREATH LAYING MEMORIAL DAY 2017 CRAWFORD, NE



This photo shows LaVerne Stetson and his wife Shirley. LaVerne said the city park crew watered the grass so the ground was damp.

They then used crowbars to poke holes in the sod for the flag poles. The flags are attached to the poles and then pushed into the holes. Each flag has a metal name tag pinned to it. The tag is removed and attached to the pole so visitors can read the name.



Past Nebraska State President and current Lincoln Chapter Treasurer LaVerne Stetson places a wreath at the Memorial Day program at the Crawford, Nebraska Cemetery. VFW Auxiliary also placed wreaths. The Legion Commander reads all the veterans names in the Crawford and Montrose cemeteries. They close with

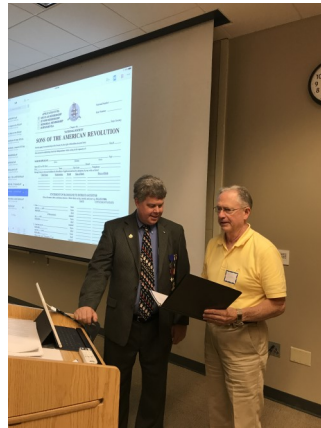
the Honor Guard firing squad and Taps.



Wreath laying ceremonies.

LaVerne is shown with Kim McCroden, Regent of the DAR Chapter, Capt. Christopher Robinson at Crawford, Nebraska during the

### Application Seminar



The growth of our Nebraska Society has been up and down these past few years and we must always be vigilant for new members and helping them in any way we can. Over the last several months approximately 60 individuals inquired about our organization and the process to complete an application. To save time and to provide consistent information a seminar was set up by our state secretary John Reinert to explain the application process. The seminar was held Sunday, August 16 at the Walt Public Library, Lincoln, NE. Twenty people attended the seminar including DAR and NESSAR members. It appeared that the attendees enjoyed the presentation as many questions were asked and answered.

Secretary John Reinert put on an outstanding seminar discussing the application process and what SAR requires for acceptance. Many thanks go out to John.

### MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE

### WYUKA CEMETERY 2017



Photo at left was taken at the Wyuka Cemetery in Lincoln, NE during Memorial Day ceremonies in May. Shown are Compatriots John Reinert and Shawn Stoner from the Lincoln

Chapter with the banner of the Sons of the American Revolution. Not included in the picture but taking part were Thomas Masters and Merle Rudebusch also from the Lincoln Chapter.

### Memorials for three members that passed during the last year

Compatriot Jack R. Walter, age 88 passed away December 2, 2016. He was an active member of the Nebraska Society SAR for 19 years

Compatriot Richard D. Gooding, Sr., age 97 passed away August 3, 2017. He was an active member of the Nebraska Society SAR for 42 years.

Compatriot Virgil P. Deehardt, age 77 passed away August 23, 2017. He was an active member of the Nebraska Society SAR for 8 years..

A \$50.00 memorial for each Compatriot will be added to the Eagle Scout Scholarship Fund.

Quote by Patrick Henry, March 23, 1775: Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!

## THE BATTLE OF BRANDYWINE BY JOHN PARSONS



The Battle of Brandywine in September 1777 marked the opening of the Philadelphia campaign. In order to put this into perspective, a bit of background information is in order. In the summer of 1776, British forces under the command of General William Howe, defeated the patriot forces on Long Island and subsequently moved on to capture New York City. Over the next several months, Howe's forces solidified their hold on New York and moved into New Jersey as the patriots retreated across the Delaware River into Pennsylvania. As the winter approached, Howe was content to move into winter quarters and potentially resume campaigning in the spring. Washington's counter attack across the Delaware at Trenton in December 1776 routed the Hessians who had been posted there, and forced a British retreat. The main British forces were now centered in New York and adjacent parts of New Jersey. In the summer of 1777, Howe revised the British strategy. He had hoped that the Americans would come to terms with the Crown, but that obviously did not happen. He then decided that if his army could capture the rebel capital, Philadelphia, that might end the rebellion. Rather than march across New Jersey directly toward Philadelphia, Howe envisioned a surprise attack on the Americans. Consequently, British forces embarked and began a voyage southward. After feinting a movement up Delaware

Bay directly to Philadelphia, the British fleet again headed southward before turning north into Chesapeake Bay and landing at Head of Elk in Maryland (now Elkton) in late August 1777. Howe's troops marched north through Delaware and into Pennsylvania. Washington, up until now unsure of the British route of march and objective, had been camped in New Jersey, halfway between New York and Philadelphia. He now set his troops in motion, crossing the Delaware and parading through Philadelphia, as he headed westward to meet the British. Washington established a defensive line behind the Brandywine Creek, in southeastern Pennsylvania, about 40 miles west of Philadelphia. The creek had several potential crossing points along its length, and Washington stationed troops at those points. The main road (now the route of US 1) crossed at Chadd's Ford. Another potential crossing point, just to the south of that point, was Pyle's Ford. Washington stationed the bulk of his troops at each of those places, with additional forces guarding three other fords farther north along the creek. Continentals under Generals Wayne, Greene, and Sullivan awaited behind Chadd's Ford, while Armstrong's Pennsylvania militia were stationed behind Pyle's Ford. Rather than a direct assault across the creek that Washington was expecting, Howe decided to use the same sort of flanking attack that he had successfully used at Long Island a year prior. On the morning of September 11, Hessian troops under General von Knyphausen demonstrated at Chadd's Ford, appearing to be ready for an attack. Artillery fired on the American positions, reinforcing the notion that the attack would be at that ford. This was a ruse as the major portion of Howe's forces, under General Cornwallis headed north out of sight of the Americans, intending to hit the American right flank several miles away, and cut off and surround the Americans. (As an interesting side note, some of the Hessian troops across from Muhlenberg's Brigade at Chadd's Ford, recognized Muhlenberg, who had served for a

time in their regiment.) Fortunately for the Americans, a local farmer, known as Squire Cheney, saw Cornwallis's troops on the move and was able to warn Washington of the imminent flanking attack. Washington shifted Sullivan's troops from a westward facing position behind the creek, to a northward position just in time to meet Cornwallis's advance in the early afternoon. Cornwallis attacked Sullivan's troops while at the same time Knyphausen finally launched his attack across the ford. Both Sullivan's and Wayne's divisions were able to hold on long enough to allow the rest of the American forces to retreat eastward toward Philadelphia. The Continental Army was not surrounded and destroyed as Howe had hoped, but it was a close call. Washington's forces retreated allowing Howe and the British to march on and capture Philadelphia, entering the city on 26 September. By the time the British entered the city, the Continental Congress had evacuated and moved to York. Additionally, the Liberty Bell had been safely transported to a secure hiding place (a church cellar in Allentown, 60 miles north). This battle has some personal connections for me since two of my patriot ancestors fought there. One was a private in the 2nd Battalion, Berks County (PA) Militia, serving under General Armstrong and posted at Pyle's Ford, while the other was a drummer in Wayne's 1st PA Line at Chadd's Ford. Both escaped to fight another day. While most of the battlefield today is still privately owned land, some of the area near Chadd's Ford is a state park. This area contains Washington's and Lafayette's headquarters and a visitors center. If you have the opportunity, it is well worth the visit.

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**“Nevertheless,** to the persecution and tyranny of his cruel ministry we will not tamely submit—appealing to Heaven for the justice of our cause, we determine to die or be free.” Joseph Warren, 1775



**Fort Crook Society,  
NSCAR**

**Jake Albanez, Senior President,  
SAR Member**

During my first year as president, our society has been very busy. Previous leaders have helped by continuing traditional annual meetings, such as the Zoo, Parades and other events.

We currently have 26 members. Of those members, we have one that serves on a National Committee as Chairman, attending six Regional meetings. Two members attended the NSCAR National Convention in Washington D.C. Five members attended the Great Plains Regional Conference. Two members served as pages at the Nebraska State DAR Conference.

Several members performed community service to include picking up trash, donating food to food pantries, buying items for the less fortunate at Christmas time, ringing bells for the Salvation Army, and donating 110 pounds of cloths to the NSDAR Tammassee Mountain School. They also made Blessing bags and delivered cookies to the local law enforcement to recognize their sacrifice.

An Honorary President of Fort Crook delivered blankets, umbrellas, coffee, and totes to the Omaha Veterans Cemetery for use of family members during funerals as part of her state project. Fort Crook also donated money for three Wreaths for Wreaths Across America. Members helped put flags out for holidays at multiple cemeteries.

Several members made cards and signed other cards and delivered them to the Eastern Nebraska Western Iowa Veterans Home and Maryville (MO) Living Center for Veterans Day and Christmas. Homeless Veterans were supported by one

member by walking in an event and donating money. Members helped with a Veteran's Wall at the Maryville (MO) Living Center where Veteran residents are recognized. Members were present to greet Veterans of WWII, Korea and Vietnam as they returned on Honor Flights at Epply Airport.

Members walked in the Bellevue Veterans Day Parade and handed out 100 mini flags, flag pins and Constitution Book Markers. Members also participated in a Flag Day Parade. The year was very successful.

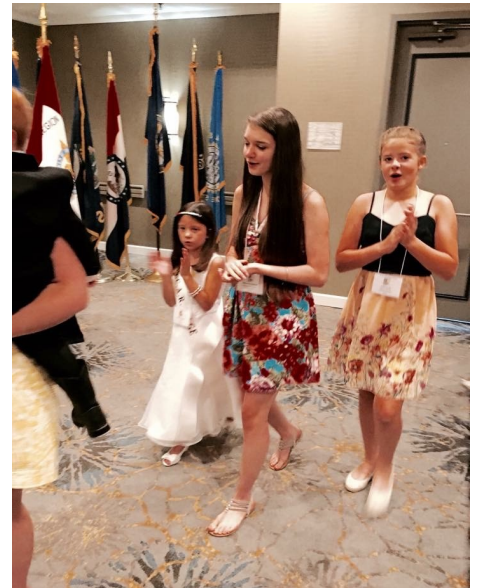


Bellevue Veteran's Day Parade: Top left: Laura Linder, Nebraska Senior President, CAR; Missy Linder; Tegan Albanez (being held); Britney Albanez; Jake Albanez, Fort Crook Senior President and SAR member. Front row: Layla Schrodtr, prospective member; Nancy Adams; Betty Albanez; Rilee Albanez and Emily Giggarr, prospective member.



2016 Great Plains Regionals: Page Rilee Albanez is shown reading one of the projects from the national packet and program contests.

2016 Great Plains Regionals: Missy Linder was the Nebraska State Flag Bearer for the Regional Conference held in Minnesota.



2016 Great Plains Regionals: Page Rilee Albanez and Rhiannon Hatcher



Great Plains Regionals: Gabs Linder, 2016-2017 Nebraska CAR State President and Senior National CAR President Joanne Zumbrun. Gabs State Project honored blind veterans and she raised money to purchase a bronze plaque with a flag and Pledge of Allegiance in Braille to be placed in the new Nebraska veterans cemetery. Gabs is now the Midwest Regional Registrar and President of the Fort Crook Society.

### Cont'd President's Message

Had we been there at the time the erection of a civil war confederate public monument we would have probably voted no. Yet, citizens through their representatives did put up that statue. But can we as freedom loving patriots tolerate mob violence? As some unknown person opined "those who in broad daylight or in the dark of night, choose to attempt to erase American history". No, we cannot. But consider the irony of what the street rabble were attempting especially given as another unknown person said, "If you were to take down every statue on the continent, slavery and the American Civil War still will have happened".

We expect citizens to use due process and lawful tools of our hard-won democracy to protest. This would be a reasoned, mutually respectful and debated process using elected representation. It would be where voting results in decisions to publicly erect or remove a statue or other symbol from public display. This is what our founders, veterans and citizens achieved with some giving up their lives to give us these rights.

The pulling down of a public monument during a mob riot in Virginia recalls the freedom hating, totalitarian Taliban blowing up the 1,700-year-old statue of Buddha in Afghanistan, Isis destroying shrines, temples and historic monuments or terrorist destroying the World Trade Center Towers and the Romans pulling down the Temple in Jerusalem. Destroying memorials or symbols to erase history or defeat an ideology attempts to create ignorance. The objective is to somehow erase history and try to end enlightenment with the consequence being to re-establish the preeminence of dogma. Museums, monuments and public symbols are effective tools for education. Their use facilitates the use of learning, reason and understanding and through education and thoughtfulness helps build a better future and improve and change our society. Enlightenment

established in place of the "ancient régime" a new reason-based order versus the old order of war and domination based power. Instituting the ideals of liberty and equality exemplified in its finest form in our American constitution and representative form of government under law gained for us by our patriotic ancestors ought always to be our ends to achieve a public means.

### Omaha Chapter Meeting 12 Sep 2017



The Omaha Chapter was honored to have Karen S Clopton, certified Genealogist, present a program on "Tracing Female Ancestors". Karen received her certification through the University of Toronto, Canada. All in attendance enjoyed the presentation and had many questions.

### New member Initiated



Michael Glen Reynolds was initiated during the Omaha Chapter SAR September meeting. Compatriot Richard Ewing conducted the initiation. Michael's father Charles was also in attendance for this honor. Michael's Patriot ancestor is **William Reynolds**. After the ceremony Michael presented a biographical sketch for his patriot. Pictured L-R: Richard Ewing, Thomas Upton, Chapter Secretary and Michael Reynolds.



### **NEBRASKA SOCIETY OFFICERS 2016-2017**

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1st Vice President: Rev. Dr. James Hoke, Ph.D. Lincoln  
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Past State President: John Parsons, Omaha  
Past State President: Robert Knott, Omaha  
Past State President: LaVerne Stetson  
Past State President: Fred Walden, Omaha

"We then went up to the old battle-ground on Bunker's Hill, where they were erecting a monument to those who fell in that day-break battle of our rising glory. I felt as if I wanted to call them up, and ask them to tell me how to help to protect the liberty they bought for us with their blood; but as I could not do so, I resolved on that holy ground, as I had done elsewhere, to go for my country, always and everywhere." Congressman David Crockett

**Should any Nebraska member have an address, telephone or email update please notify the State Secretary John Reinert at email jr6@aol.com**