



# *The Husker Patriot*



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**Help to Plan and Celebrate  
America's 250th Anniversary!**

# From the Desk of the President

## Presidents Message

Fall is quickly coming on. I see a few colored leaves and the summer flowers in the garden are starting to look a little tired. Soon, bright orange pumpkins will be taking their place.

This week was my final 50 year class reunion. They started 8 years ago with the high school class. It was a smaller high school where you got to know the families of your classmates. My first impression was that my classmates looked more like their parents than as I remembered them at graduation. At the college reunion, four years ago, one needed a graduation picture on their name tag to help with identification. At the medical school reunion last week, everyone was starting to show age. Lots of bald heads and white hair. The



women in the class seemed to have aged the best. Interestingly, the high school class had a higher percentage of deaths, even though they were 8 years younger, than the medical school class. College fell in between.

Enough rambling. I am looking forward to the fall state meeting. There are some important items to be discussed: a procedure manual guideline and a slate of new officers for next year. Everyone's input will be needed. Remember, don't get your medical advice from politicians

Merle McAlevy



Wreaths Across America is happening on Saturday, December 18, 2021. We, as members of the Sons of the American Revolution, work to honor our veterans, not just from the Revolutionary War, but all of America's Wars, and those veterans that served in peacetime.

Wreaths Across America is a great event that ensures each veteran has a wreath on their grave over the holidays. It really is a sight to see all of the wreaths laid out, and volunteering to lay wreaths, after the ceremonies are over, is a great way to honor these veterans.

Sponsoring a wreath only costs \$15, and it helps our Society show its dedication to this program. The Omaha Chapter is a fundraising partner for WAA. Sponsor a wreath at [www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/159544/Overview/?relatedId=14880](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/159544/Overview/?relatedId=14880), and help the Omaha Chapter hit its goal of 200 wreaths sponsored this year.



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## State Society News



### New Members

#### Omaha Chapter

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 Dallas Warren Burright—#220576  
 Russell Edward Dunham, Jr—  
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 Todd DeWayne Vetter—#220579

All three Fulmers are descended from Patriot Jeremiah Beard Eells (CT) and were approved on Jul 21, 2021.

Dallas Warren Burright is the grandfather of Compatriot Paul Burright, and his application was a memorial application, accepted on Oct 1. Dallas Burright passed away in 1981. He was descended from Patriot Teunis Barhydt (NY).

Russell Edward Dunham, Jr. is descended from Patriot William Ledlie (PA). He was also approved on Oct 1.

Todd DeWayne Vetter is descended from Patriot Abiel Fellows, Jr. (NY). He was also approved on Oct 1.

#### Member At Large

Thomas Everett Landholm—  
 #220578

Thomas Everett Landholm lives in Sioux City, NE and is descended



from Patriot Samuel Peden, Sr. (PA). Compatriot Landholm was also accepted on Oct 1.

To all of our newest Compatriots, we want to welcome you to the Nebraska Society! We hope you will be active members at many of our meetings and events!



#### Approved Supplemental Patriots

Congratulations to Omaha Chapter Compatriot, Nick Mizaur, who added two more Patriots to his lineage with the approval of his descendancy to:

Francis Byerly (PA)  
 George Kramer (PA)

Congratulations on all your hard work to all the new and current members for proving your lineage to a Revolutionary War Patriot!



#### Monthly North Central District Zoom Meetings

Compatriots of the North Central District (Nebraska, Minnesota, Iowa, and the Dakotas) have expressed interest in participating in informal Zoom events to discuss various topics related to the SAR.

While Zoom events are prone to technical difficulties of every imaginable kind, they have proven to be a very valuable tool for keeping our members connected.

The North Central District has been holding Zoom meetings for several months now. In May, we discussed the Color Guard and in June, we had a presentation on The Green Mountain Boys.

In July and August, the topic was the Patriot Chest. Members from each State Society, discussed the items that are in their respective Patriot Chests and how they can be used for classroom or group presentations.

In September we learned about the Patriot Research System, and how the information it provides is not only valuable to us currently, but to future generations, researching our Patriots.

For our upcoming October Zoom event, we will be discussing grave marking, and the ceremonies we utilize for these events.

We would love to have as many members of our district as possible participate in these monthly virtual gatherings. For more information about how to join upcoming Zoom events, please contact Paul Burright at [pburright72@gmail.com](mailto:pburright72@gmail.com).

- Chris Moberg, Vice President-General, North Central District, SAR

## REVOLUTIONARY HISTORY

### America's 1st Submarine?



**Cutaway Replica of *Turtle*  
- Royal Navy Museum**

Peering seaward from their fort on Governor's Island, alert British lookouts spotted a strange-looking craft bobbing in the nearby waters of New York Bay. Inside this "American Turtle," Sergeant Ezra Lee saw them, too. He could tell he was the cause of considerable excitement. "When I was abreast of the island's fort," he wrote later, "300 to 400 men got upon the parapet to observe me."

The next development early that morning was a bit more ominous. "Then a number came to the shore, shoved off a 12oar'd barge with five or six sitters and pulled for me." But he had an ominous response of his own at the ready. "I eyed them, and when they got within 50 or 60 yards of me I let loose the magazine in hopes that if they took me they would likewise pick up the magazine, and we would all be blown up together."

The device he set loose began bobbing in its own fashion—and so alarmed the British seamen by its

appearance that they turned about and, oars flashing, pulled for shore at the greatest speed possible.

Sgt. Lee floated on toward a more friendly reception committee awaiting him at the American-controlled South Ferry Landing at the bottom tip of Manhattan Island. They sent out a whaleboat to tow the "Turtle" and its exhausted crewman to shore. About the time he began telling his anxious colleagues about his night's adventure, a distant boom interrupted their excited conversation. The mine had gone off. A giant column of water and debris caused by the explosion did no harm, but a number of British ship captains were so alarmed they ordered their anchor lines cut, with their ships then floating down the bay in disarray.

Had they known the true potential of inventor David Bushnell's "American Turtle," they would have been even more shocked. A floating mine was one thing, but a hidden, submersible boat delivering explosive charges would be an even greater menace to the British fleet.

Fact was, the British onlookers that morning of Sept 7, 1776, had been treated to a historic glimpse of America's first submarine.

David Bushnell, a native of Saybrook, CT, and a recent graduate of Yale, already had demonstrated that gunpowder could be made to explode in an underwater container—as probably the world's first mine or torpedo. A Patriot determined to find some way to make up for the American scarcity of warships and cannon, he spent much of his time at Yale developing his mine: basically a watertight wooden keg holding a packed charge of gunpowder, a fuse, and a clock timer device.

With the feasibility of such an anti-ship weapon proven, the next step would be to develop the means to de-

liver the device to its target, and that's where Bushnell's "American Turtle" entered the picture. He had conceived of a submersible boat while still a student at Yale. After graduation in 1775, he began building his revolutionary craft at home in Saybrook.

The result would be another watertight container, this one large enough to hold its operator, nine hundred pounds of lead ballast, a manpowered propulsion system, and a few basic controls—humankind's first operational submarine.

The craft was six feet in height, just over seven feet in length, and looked like a giant beached turtle when completed and displayed on Poverty Island...thus he named it the *American Turtle*.

Bushnell and his brother Ezra took the craft out on Long Island Sound one night, for its first operational test. David squeezed in, then secured the entrance hatch, which he had designed so that it could be screwed tight (or unscrewed) by either the operator or someone outside. From his seat on the beam buttressing the sides, David looked by moonlight through the windows into the waters of the sound. Above his head, the two brass tubes admitted fresh air and behind him, the exhaust ventilator ejected stale air. Steering by compass and utilizing the craft's depth gauge, he successfully put his *Turtle* through various practice operations. With the air in his craft turning stale after thirty minutes or so, Bushnell surfaced. He was exultant—everything had worked as he hoped, even the length of time he could stay submerged.

His next task would be to perfect a method of delivering his mine to the target—a ship's bottom. But that, too, would be an entirely surmountable obstacle for the inventive Bush-

nell. All that was needed was a sliding tube running through an opening near the hatch of his submarine. Through the tube ran a detachable rod with a screw at its business end. Bushnell's idea was to float silently to the target ship's bottom, extend the tube and rod their full six inches, then bite into the wooden hull or keel with the screw, twisting it into firm place with a hand crank, then detach. The screw, meanwhile, was connected to the mine at the *Turtle's* stern by a line attached to another screw holding the mine in place on the *Turtle's* outer skin. With that screw loosened and disengaged by the operator inside, the mine floated free of the undersea boat but remained tether to the first screw, which was fastened to the target ship.

Bushnell also used the disengagement of the second screw as the trigger for a clocklike timing mechanism inside the mine that would detonate its explosive charge after the *Turtle* moved out of harm's way. But would this step by step system of operation and deployment actually work?

It was late summer of 1776, and with the blessings of George Washington, Israel Putnam, and a young liaison officer named Aaron Burr, the Bushnell brothers prepared to put their unprecedented weapons system to the ultimate test—an attack on the Royal Navy fleet off Manhattan Island. Ezra Bushnell would have been the pilot for the attack on Admiral Richard Howe's flagship, the sixty-four gun *Eagle*, but Ezra unexpectedly was sidelined by a fever, so someone else would have to pilot the craft. After a hasty search, David Bushnell chose 27 year old volunteer, Ezra Lee of Lyme, CT.

George Washington himself once explained just how difficult and dangerous Lee's attempt would be. The underwater attack would require a pilot "hardy enough to successfully encounter the variety of dangers from the difficulty of conducting the machine and governing it underwater, on ac-

count of the current, and the consequent uncertainty of hitting the object devoted to destruction, without rising frequently above water for fresh observations, which when near the vessel, would expose the adventurer to discovery and almost certain death."

After a brief training session—too brief, it turned out—"adventurer" Ezra Lee set out from the South Ferry Landing at the bottom of Manhattan Island shortly after midnight, September 7, 1776. The surface waters of New York Bay had looked perfectly calm, the ebb tide had been expected to be fairly weak, but after its release the *Turtle* was caught up in a strong current that swept it right past the target ship. Sgt. Lee exhausted himself battling back up-



**Cutaway replica of the *Turtle*  
- Oceanographic Museum**

stream with his hand cranked paddles, but he managed to reach Howe's flagship, submerge, and slip beneath its keel undetected.

With only 30 minutes of "submerge time" at his disposal, he edged close enough to the ship's bottom to begin applying the screw that would hold the tethered mine in place while he floated out of range of the anticipated explosion. The screw, however, refused to bite into the ship's keel, even though Bushnell had promised it would penetrate copper sheathing as well as wood.

Try as he would, Sgt. Lee couldn't make the screw device work, and he may have tried to shift positions to

get a better fix position for the screw, but he lost control of the craft at this point—like a cork, it bobbed to the water's surface. There, he saw that daylight was breaking and he could be seen by the ship's crew. That was when he turned for his launch point and was seen by the British on Governor's Island. The mine he released when their "barge" approached had been set to explode in 60 minutes, and it did.

As fate would have it, Bushnell's "American Turtle" never would succeed in blowing up an enemy ship. With the American evacuation of New York, it remained for a time at Fort Washington on the Hudson River side of upper Manhattan, and from there made two additional attacks on British ships, neither successful. America's first submarine then disappeared from historical record with the fall of Fort Washington to the British on November 16. Bushnell may have scuttled his craft to keep it from enemy hands.

His inventive mind now turned to the creation of history's first naval contact mine, and one of them did succeed in destroying a British schooner in the Connecticut River.

"The Father of Submarine Warfare," as he is known today, dropped out of sight after the Revolution, only to turn up in 1795 in Georgia, where he practiced medicine under the assumed name "Dr. David Bush." He also taught school and remained in Georgia until his death in 1824.

While David Bushnell passed his post-Revolution life in obscurity, and while he may have thought his inventions had failed, he did father both the submarine and the naval mine as offensive weapons of war. A grateful 20th century U.S. Navy would remember his contributions by naming two submarine tenders for Bushnell, one in 1915 and the second in 1941.

- from "Best Little Stories from the American Revolution",  
by C. Brian Kelley

## Chapter Chatter

### Omaha Chapter

The Omaha Chapter held its first meeting back from summer break, on Tuesday, Sept 14.

The Chapter received word of three new members being approved, John Fulmer, Pierce Fulmer, and Stephen Fulmer, all approved on July 21, 2021. It had the pleasure of holding an induction ceremony for Compatriot John Fulmer, who received his certificate, rosette, and new member packet, and mustered in his Patriot, Jeremiah B. Eells of Connecticut, into the Chapter Muster Roll. We hope to be able to formally induct Pierce and Stephen into the Chapter at a later meeting date, as they were unable to attend this meeting.



Omaha Pres. Ben Harvey,  
Compatriot John Fulmer,  
Registrar Paul Burright

The Chapter also presented Compatriot Nick Mizaur, two Supplemental Patriot Certificates for Patriot Francis Byerly and Patriot George Kramer, both of Pennsylvania. He also mustered in his Patriots into the Chapter Muster Roll. This gives Compatriot Mizaur three approved Patriots on his lineage, and he currently has six more applications



Pres. Ben Harvey,  
Compatriot Nick Mizaur,  
Registrar Paul Burright

awaiting approval at National.

Our program for the evening was on the history of the Pledge of Allegiance, given by Compatriot Ron Stites. Compatriot Stites is a member of the National Sojourners of the Freemasons, as well as the Omaha SAR Color Guard, and presented his informative program in full revolutionary uniform, as shown below.



### Lincoln Chapter Patriot Chest Travels

On September 7th the Lincoln Patriot chest hit the trail to the Legacy Estates at 7200 Van Dorn.

The Legacy provides senior adults with a full range of services which allow the residents an opportunity to enjoy life without the hassles of home ownership.

Compatriot John Braisted presented information about the items in the chest *and how they* were used by colonial settlers. A few of the items presented were a horn cup and spoon, tin plate with knife and fork, and other household items. Also displayed was colonial currency and coin, flags of the period with a discussion of the significance of each, and a replica uniform.

Audience size was limited due to social distancing requirements. This did not stop one person from arriving one hour before the presentation started in order to get the seat desired. As many of the items were pictured in the PowerPoint slides, those attending all were invited to take a closer look at the items on the table.

By: John Braisted—President,  
Lincoln Chapter



Ink Well and Quill from Lincoln  
Patriot Chest

### Members At Large

Nebraska Member At Large Compatriot, Sen. Leroy Loudon participated in a September 11 Remembrance Ceremony, with members of the Nebraska Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, Sandhills Chapter.

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*America 250**1776-2026*

America's 250th Anniversary is fast approaching. We are now less than 5 years away from our founding anniversary, and some milestone events have already had their 250th anniversary, like the Boston Massacre. Celebrations are expected through 2037 and the 250th anniversary of the Constitution, and we are looking for ways to celebrate these important milestones in our great State.

We have formed an America 250 Committee, and have begun forming ideas for events and dedications to these important events. If you would like to serve on this committee, or have ideas for us on celebrations we can do, please contact the committee chairman, Paul Burrignt, at [pburrignt72@gmail.com](mailto:pburrignt72@gmail.com).

One of the programs that has been enacted through the National Society is the Patriot Sons and Daughters Program. This is essentially a way for us to honor a Revolutionary Patriot by holding a grave marking for a Patriot's son, daughter, grandson, or granddaughter that may be buried in our area. There are grave medallions that we can apply to National for, much like the SAR member medallions that we have used for our Compatriot grave markings. This may be a great opportunity for us, as some of your own ancestors, who were either sons/daughters or grandsons/

granddaughters of your Patriot ancestor may in fact be buried in Nebraska. If that is the case, let us know. It is definitely something that can be planned and a program that we can utilize. Go back and take a look at your lineage to your Patriot. Some of you have had family here in Nebraska a long time. Perhaps you have an ancestor that we can mark their gravesite with one of these markers and commemorate and facilitate a connection from them to your Revolutionary War ancestor that will last for many more generations. We have currently identified 9 grandchildren of Patriots buried in Nebraska.

If you help us plan an event, join our committee, or simply attend any of the upcoming events that we will have, you can accumulate points to be recognized by the National Society for your efforts. Bronze, Silver, and Gold 250 Medals are available, as well as coins, streamers for Chapters and State Societies, etc., are available for recognition for putting in the work of celebrating our 250th Anniversary as a nation.



A few other ideas that the committee discussed were doing some sort of monument or remembrance bench in a major city park, such as Memorial Park in Omaha, or in some other city.

We have discussed trying to partner with the Nebraska DAR and host a big event, such as a Colonial Dinner and Ball.

Starting a program to plant Liberty Trees, possibly in conjunction with school presentations, and discussing the impact the Liberty Trees held during the Revolution, and the lasting impact they can have with planting them, and talking about them, today.

The committee is also going to look into what the State of Nebraska, and the Nebraska Legislature are planning for events, and obviously be involved, as much as we are allowed and able.

A final idea that was presented was publishing a book of the biographies of our Nebraska SAR Patriots, and have it ready by 2026. This will be quite an endeavor, if we can make it happen. To be able to do this, we will need volunteers to help us research and write biographies of the Patriots of our past members, especially our Founding Members, but we also feel that starting with our current membership is the easiest starting point.

If you have not yet written and submitted a biography of your own Patriot Ancestors, please get something written up and submitted to Paul Burrignt, or Bill Webb. Their email addresses are on page 2.

It does not have to be super detailed, and you do not have to write a master thesis about his life. We are looking for a basic story, with all the factual pieces that you know of, about his life and legacy.

For us to be able to do this project, we need these bios, and we don't want any ancestor left out. If you need help, please don't hesitate to ask!

- Paul Burrignt—  
America 250 Chairman

## MEET MY PATRIOT

### Lemuel Miller—P-249523

My Patriot Ancestor, Lemuel Miller, was born in Arundel, now Kennebunkport, Maine, on March 27, 1751. He was the son of Jeremiah Miller and his wife Elizabeth (Lassell) Miller.

When new of the battle of Lexington and Concord arrived in York County, Maine, militia groups from several towns were formed into a cohesive unit. This regiment was placed under the command of Col. James Scammon and designated the 30th Regiment of Foot. Lemuel Miller enlisted in Capt. Jessie Dorman's Company of this regiment on May 8th, 1775, and was appointed a Corporal. Col. Scammon's Regiment arrived at Boston on May 23, 1775.

When the Battle of Bunker Hill commenced, Col. Scammon's Regiment moved to Bunker Hill, but failed to advance to Breed's Hill in support of the troops under fire. Col. Scammon was accused of cowardice, but a subsequent Court Martial found him not guilty.

When the enlistments for Col. Scammon's Regiment expired at the end of 1775, Lemuel Miller enlisted in Capt. Silas Wilde's Company of Col. Edmund Phinney's 18th Continental Regiment, where he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. This unit served at Leachmere Point and Cobble Hill until the British evacuated Boston on March 17, 1776. On August 8, 1776, Col. Phinney's Regiment started their march to Fort Ticonderoga, New York. Upon arrival, they were posted at Mount Independence across Lake Champlain from Ticonderoga.

When enlistments for Col. Phinney's Regiment expired in January of 1777, about 100 members of the unit decided to reenlist. These men were assigned to Col Samuel Brewer's Regiment, the 12th Massachusetts.

Lemuel Miller enlisted in Capt. Daniel Merrill's Company of this Regiment and was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant at this point. The 12th Massachusetts Regiment was present during the retreat from Ticonderoga, and moved south by way of Hubbardton and Rutland, Vermont. The Regiment was a part of General Paterson's Brigade during both battles of Saratoga. In his pension, Lemuel Miller indicates that he was "present at the surrender of General Burgoyne".

After Saratoga, the 12th Massachusetts Regiment moved south to join with the rest of the Continental Army at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. In 1778, the 12th Massachusetts was with the army at the battle of Princeton. On July 25, 1780, Lieutenant Miller wrote to General Washington to resign his commission due to a pressing need to attend to his affairs at home.

Lemuel Miller died in Kennebunkport, Maine, on August 17, 1842.

By: Compatriot Clifford Sawyer III,  
SAR #128675



Surrender of Burgoyne at the Battle of Saratoga—1777



Some news coming out of the 2021 Congress in Renton, WA includes fee increases for all applications that are submitted to National. The fee increases were voted on and approved due to the increased cost to process applications and verify proof documents that are submitted. The fee increase went into effect beginning July 15, 2021, at the close of Congress. The new fees are as follows:

- New member applications: increased from \$80 to \$100
- Supplemental applications: increased from \$60 to \$100
- Memorial applications: increased from \$80 to \$100
- Family plan applications: increased from \$30 to \$40

National dues remain the same at \$35 annually. This increase is only for the non-refundable, genealogy/application fee when applying.



## Nebraska SAR Fall State Meeting

The Nebraska SAR held its Fall State Meeting on Sunday, September 26, 2021, at Mahoney State Park in Ashland, NE. A very good number of members were in attendance, which is fabulous to see.

The Color Guard began the meeting by presenting the Colors.

The meeting started out with the awards portion and included:

- Liberty Medal—awarded to Paul Burrignt, from National, for recruiting and being the first line sponsor of a minimum of 10 new members.



- Streamers were awarded by National to the Nebraska SAR for their work last year in youth programs and Americanism. These were accepted by VP, Tom Upton.



- State Distinguished Service Medal—awarded by Nebraska SAR President, Merle McAlevy, to Paul Burrignt for his work with the State Society, and



stepping up into prominent roles at short notice.

- Omaha SAR Color Guard member, Jim Sly, was officially promoted to Lieutenant in the Omaha Color Guard, by State Commander, Chad Sherrets.



- Omaha President, Ben Harvey, who happens to be quite the woodworker, presented Nebraska President, Merle McAlevy, with a hand made gavel, to be used by the State Society, in all official capacity, as the State Society did not have an official gavel. President McAlevy marveled at the workmanship, and how good it felt to be able to bang it on the podium.



- Officers then gave their reports to the group and the America 250 Committee Chair, Paul Burrignt, spoke about some of the ideas for upcoming events to celebrate America's 250th Anniversary.

A new slate of Officers for the 2022-2023 term were set forth by the nominating committee. These include:

- President—Tom Upton
- 1st VP—John Braisted
- 2nd VP—Paul Burrignt
- Treasurer—John Braisted
- Secretary—Dale Wostrel
- Registrar—Paul Burrignt
- Appointed Chairmanships include:
- Eagle Scout—Ryan Fuller
- CG Commander—Chad Sherrets
- Flag—Drew Whitler
- Medals and Awards—Ron Stites
- Historian—John Reinert
- America 250—Paul Burrignt

This slate of officers will be installed at the Spring meeting in April 2022.

President McAlevy also activated the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, which will be chaired by John Parsons, to look into the State By-Laws and present any changes necessary, as well as ascertain if the Chapters should also have their own Constitutions and By-Laws, in conjunction with, but apart from the State Society. One final item for them to discuss is the number of members, and who those members should be, of the Board of Counselors, and write that into the Constitution and By-Laws, and bring that up for a vote by the membership. No timeline was set for these action items.

This committee will also review the Procedure Manual & Chapter Officers Duties developed by Compatriots Knott and Webb for inclusion in the By-Laws.

The meeting adjourned with the Color Guard retrieving the colors.



# DISPATCHES FROM THE COLOR GUARD



04 Jul 2021—

The Nebraska State Color Guard, led by Commander Chad Sherrets, with Captains Shawn Stoner and Paul Burrig, Lieutenant Jim Sly, and our newest recruit, Private Andrew Sullivan, completed the one and a half mile march, in the July heat, representing the Nebraska Society, Sons of the American Revolution, in the Independence Day parade down Main Street in Ralston, NE.

The temps were warm, but there was a nice breeze and it was not near as humid as it has been in past years. There were many, many spectators lining the streets of Ralston, and we would like to get more participation in the coming years from members of the Society, possibly walking behind the Color Guard, interacting with the crowd, handing out flags, etc., enhancing our coverage and accessibility with the public. It is something to think about, if you would be willing to participate with us, not in uniform, but in your best SAR gear. More information to come, as the officers discuss and put together a plan of action, as we move forward with events.





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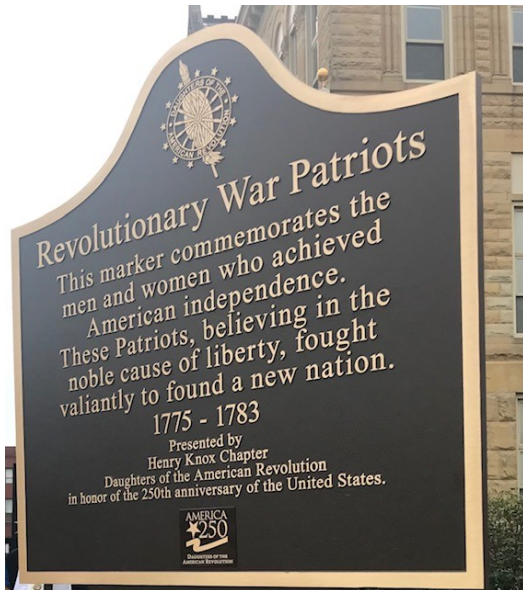


25 Jul 2021—

On July 25, 2021, Omaha Color Guard Officers, Paul Burrignt and Jim Sly, traveled once again across the river to Iowa to serve in the North Central District Color Guard. This event was in support of the Iowa DAR and their first dedication of an America 250 marker in front of the Marion County Courthouse in Knoxville, Iowa. This is the second event this summer that members of the Nebraska Color Guard have participated with other members around the District, and specifically for events in Iowa.

America 250 is a national DAR project, so we hope to be able to participate in many more upcoming dedications, as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of so many different events, leading up to, and events that occurred during, the American Revolution and the signing of the Declaration of Independence. It is ever more important to honor our patriot ancestors and the sacrifices they made 250 years ago, to form our great nation.

Huzza!



L-R: Past VPG, Mike Rowley (IA); Local IA VFW Cmdr; Paul Burrignt (NE); Bob Nefnegger, SUVCW (IA); VPG, Chris Moberg (MN); Jim Sly (NE); Ladies pictured from Iowa DAR, Iowa State Regent, Bagpipe player



Paul Burrignt, NE; Past VPG, Mike Rowley, IA; Jim Sly, NE; Bob Nefnegger, SUVCW, IA

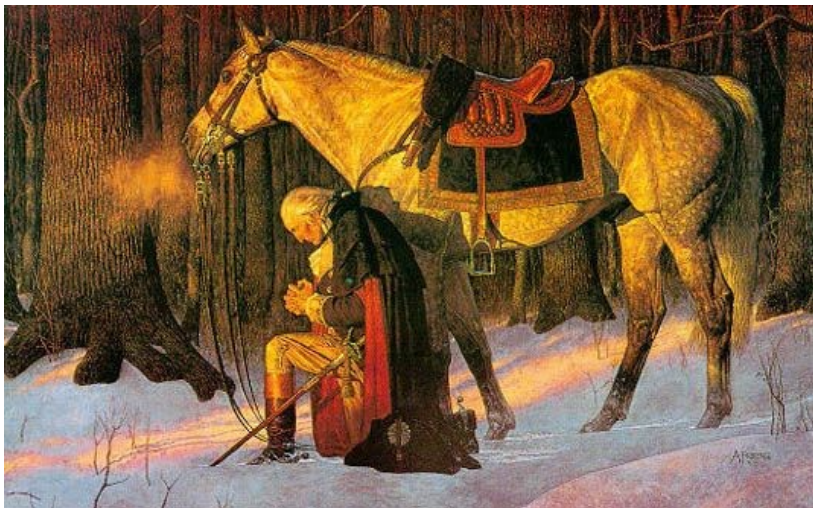


Carroll Ray Reinert #154614

Carroll Ray Reinert, age 86, passed away Monday July 26th in Lincoln. Born at home in the rural farming community of Craig, Nebraska, Carroll was raised by doting grandparents, Jacob and Delia Weeces. A descendent of several Burt County pioneer families he knew great-grandparents, great-aunts and uncles, and many cousins growing up which made him keen on his genealogy. He would excel in academics and later received his master's degree in pharm-

cy at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, where he would meet his future wife, Margaret Ann. A 61 year member and Master Mason of the Oliver Lodge No. 38 in Seward, Carroll also would belong to the Huguenot Society and the Nebraska Society: Sons of the American Revolution. He was an avid rockhound and science fiction book collector.

Survived by wife Margaret Ann (Masters) Reinert, son John William Reinert, daughter Jean Elizabeth (Reinert) Rinehart and her husband Douglas Rinehart. Carroll was preceded in death by parents Vera lone (Weeces) Reinert and Melvin Davis Reinert, sister Anita Louise Reinert and half-brother Capt. Samuel Richard Reinert. Two half-sisters and their families currently live in Arizona, Pamela Gassmann and Kara Lynn Walker. Compatriot Reinert was a member of the Lincoln Chapter. He was approved as a member of the Nebraska Society on Sept. 27, 2000 as a descendant of Hugh Alexander Caldwell, Jr. (PA)



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As you all know, we just passed the 20th Anniversary of that terrible day that we said we would never forget. A total of 2,751 people died in the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York, the Pentagon in Washington D.C., and the plane that crashed in a field outside of Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

Thank you to Compatriot Louden and the Sandhills Chapter, DAR, for honoring them and keeping their memory alive.

Below are photos from their 1st ceremony, during the 10th anniversary in



## 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, James Hoke at [chaphoke@hotmail.com](mailto:chaphoke@hotmail.com).

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### 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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### **4th Quarter 2021 Meetings and Events**

**Friday, Oct 1—Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00am, Eastmont Towers, Lincoln, NE**

**Tuesday, Oct 12—Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:30pm, Gorat's Steakhouse, Omaha, NE**

**Program: Kathy Aultz, Director of Douglas County Historical Society—History of Fort Omaha**

**Friday, Nov 5—Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00am, Eastmont Towers, Lincoln, NE**

**Sunday, Nov 7—Lincoln Veteran's Day Parade, 2pm**

**Tuesday, Nov 9—Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:30pm, Gorat's Steakhouse, Omaha, NE**

**Program: Ben Justman, Director Sarpy County Museum—Sarpy County and WWI**

**Thursday, Nov 25—Thanksgiving Day**

**Friday, Dec 3—Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00am, Eastmont Towers, Lincoln, NE**

**Tuesday, Dec 14—Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:30pm, Gorat's Steakhouse, Omaha, NE**

**—Year end celebration and awards night**

**Saturday, Dec 18—Wreaths Across America, 11am**

**Saturday, Dec 25—Christmas Day**

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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 into your Society newsletter!

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