



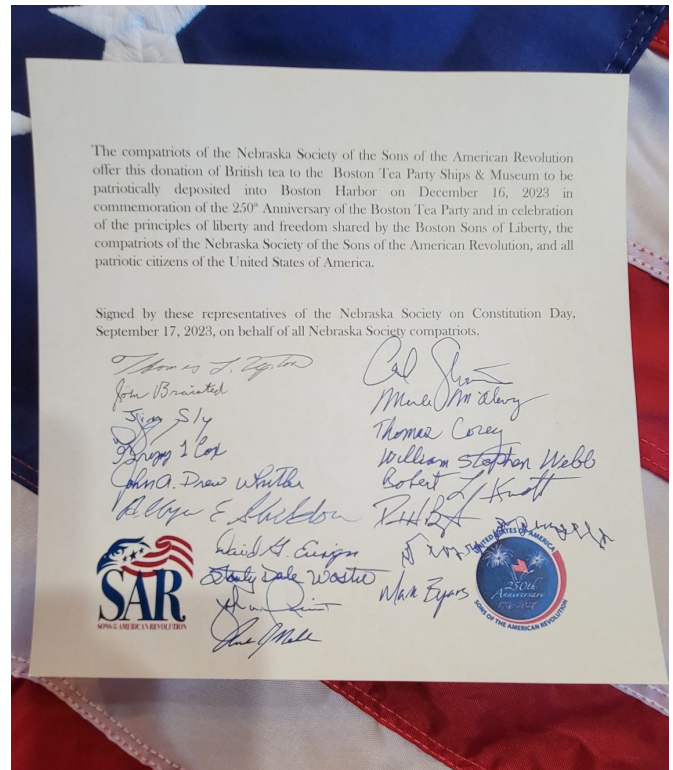
# The Husker Patriot



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## AMERICA 250!



## NEBRASKA SAR DONATES TEA TO THE BOSTON TEA PARTY 250 COMMEMORATION

# From the Desk of the President

## Presidents Message

Compatriots, Ladies, and Friends,

The end of summer proved to be a very productive time for our Society. Probably the single greatest achievement is that we have grown to 135 members. I believe this is a result of our increased visibility, with special thanks to the Color Guard, and outreach by individual members as well as the excellent work of our Chapter and State Registrars. Thank you!



On Sep 9, the BOM met under the new format prescribed in our bylaws. After reviewing our budget, they received the report of the Nominating Committee, then nominated compatriots for National and Alternate Trustee, as well as other open positions. We noticed a few areas in our new bylaws that need adjustment or clarification and asked the Bylaws Committee to look at them for the April 2024 meeting..

At the State Meeting, your new officers for 2024-25 were elected and will begin their terms at the April 2024 Meeting. The officers-elect are John Braisted—President, Paul Burrighit—1st VP, James Hoke—2nd VP, Dale Wostrel—Secretary, Bill Webb—Treasurer, and Mark Byars—Registrar. Additionally, James Sly and Mark Byars were elected as Trustee and Alt. Trustee, respectively.

Please be sure to respond to Compatriot President-Elect John Braisted when he invites you to be an integral part of the Society’s success by leading or serving on one of the state society committees. As in everything else in life, the more active we become in an activity, the more we get out of that activity.

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In Sep, State Registrar-Elect Mark Byars and I, with our wives, attended the fall SAR National Leadership meeting in Louisville, KY. Mark’s report on our time is on page 10 of this issue. These meetings are an excellent way to both learn about how the SAR works and become actively involved in its management and decisions.

In conclusion, thank you for your continuing support of the organization and please remember to mark your calendars for next year’s NESSAR meeting. The BOM will meet on Sat, Apr 13, 2024 and the Spring State Meeting will be Sun, Apr 21, 2024.

*Thomas Upton*  
President, Nebraska SAR



### NEBRASKA SOCIETY OFFICERS AND CHAIRMEN

**2022-2023**

<b>President:</b>	Thomas L. Upton
<b>1st Vice President:</b>	John C. Braisted
<b>2nd Vice President:</b>	Paul H. Burrighit
<b>Secretary:</b>	Stanley Dale Wostrel
<b>Treasurer:</b>	William Webb
<b>Registrar:</b>	Paul H. Burrighit
<b>Trustee:</b>	Fred Walden
<b>Alt. Trustee:</b>	LaVerne Stetson
<b>Chaplain:</b>	Dr. James Sly
<b>Historian:</b>	John Reinert
<b>Const/ByLaws Chairman—</b>	John Braisted
<b>Membership Chairman—</b>	Paul Burrighit
<b>Budget &amp; Finance Chairman—</b>	Bill Webb
<b>Audit Committee Chairman—</b>	Paul Burrighit
<b>Publicity Chairman—</b>	Dale Wostrel
<b>Eagle Scout Chairman—</b>	Ryan Fuller
<b>Awards &amp; Medals Chairman—</b>	Ron Stites
<b>Flag Chairman—</b>	Drew Whittler
<b>Color Guard Commander—</b>	Chad Sherrets
<b>First Responders Chairman—</b>	Open
<b>ROTC Awards Chairman—</b>	Open
<b>America 250 Chairman—</b>	Mark Byars
<b>Americanism Chairman—</b>	Paul Burrighit

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<b>Historian:</b>	John Reinert
<b>Omaha Chapter Rep:</b>	Mark Byars
<b>Lincoln Chapter Rep:</b>	Jim Hoke
<b>Member At Large Rep:</b>	Open
<b>Immediate Past President:</b>	Merle T. McAlevy
<b>Past State President:</b>	Open
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## State Society News



### Welcome New Members!

Marc Steven Webster #227190  
Patriot Andrew Webster (MA)  
Member-at-Large—Alma, NE

Sidney Dean Gaeth #227191  
Patriot Andrew Bruner (PA)  
Member-at-Large—Columbus, NE

Myron Coe Smith #227192  
Patriot Job Wilcox (RI)  
Lincoln Chapter

Gregory Louis Cox #227193  
Patriot Thomas Blair (PA)  
Omaha Chapter

Michael Darin Schied #227315  
Patriot Isham Randall (NC)  
Omaha Chapter

Nathaniel Hendrix Schied #227316  
Patriot Isham Randall (NC)  
Omaha Chapter

Greg Richard Dasenbrock #227368  
Patriot Squire Boone (VA)  
Omaha Chapter

Lance R. Ferguson #227369  
Patriot Ezekiel Pierce (RI)  
Lincoln Chapter

### Approved Supplementals

Mark Byars #221675  
Patriot Jacob Kettering (VA)  
Patriot Christopher Kettering (VA)  
Omaha Chapter

Andrew Sullivan #217936  
Patriot Christian Balmer, Jr. (PA)  
Omaha Chapter

Drew Whitler #216405  
Patriot William Beaman (CT)  
Omaha Chapter

Congratulations to all of our newest members, as well as the established members who approved new Patriots in their family trees.

Huzzah!



### Wreaths Across America

It is that time of year again to be thinking about sponsoring a wreath for veteran's graves for the annual Wreaths Across America. This year's event will take place on Saturday, Dec 16 at 11am CDT.

The Omaha Chapter is an ongoing fundraising partner with Wreaths Across America and we support the Omaha National Cemetery in Omaha, NE.

If you are willing to help the Omaha Chapter in its effort to sponsor wreaths, please see the Wreath Sponsorship Form on the last page (Page 14) of this newsletter. Thank you for your help!



Nebraska Compatriots,

It is that time of year again, for our annual dues notices to arrive in your mailbox.

Please remit your dues in a timely manner, to help your state officers complete the required paperwork and reports to National on time.

As you may have heard, the National Society members attending the Congress last July, voted to raise the National dues to \$50 annually, beginning in the 2024 dues year. That is a \$15 annual increase. State and Chapter dues will remain unchanged at \$17 and \$10, respectively. As always, donations are accepted as well, for the various funds listed on the dues form.

This means that total dues this year for Chapter members will be \$77. For Members at Large, the total will be \$67.

Dues are to be paid by Dec 31, to be considered up to date for the following year, and to be kept on the membership rolls for the Society.

Thank you for your continued support of the National, State, and Local Chapter SAR, and the events and programs that we host and are a part of, by maintaining your membership with your payment of dues.

If you have any questions, please contact a State Officer.



# REVOLUTIONARY HISTORY



## The Battle of Blue Savannah



Lt. Colonel Francis Marion  
"The Swamp Fox"

On September 4, 1780, the Swamp Fox wins the Battle of Blue Savannah.

Lieutenant Colonel Francis Marion was a continual thorn in the side of the British who occupied South Carolina. After a successful invasion captured Charleston in May of 1780, and much of the Continental Army's southern division was captured or killed at Camden in August, South Carolina was securely in British hands.

Marion, a 5 foot tall veteran of the Cherokee campaigns of the French and Indian War, led a guerrilla style offensive against the British in the area. With only a few dozen men, Marion led one of the few pockets of remaining resistance in the colony, staging numerous attacks on British troops and their Loyalist co-conspirators.

Marion earned the nickname, the "Swamp Fox," for his ability to elude British troops through the swamps in his home area around

the Pee Dee and Santee Rivers.

After the overwhelming defeat at Camden, Marion and his men freed 150 Maryland prisoners who were being taken back to Charleston. The soldiers believed the war was over, however, after their overwhelming defeat, and refused to join Marion. Marion then hid at a camp near Port's Ferry and learned that Loyalist troops under Major General Micajah Gainey were pursuing him.

Rather than flee from Gainey's 200 Loyalists, Marion and his 60 men decided to attack them head on. On September 4, Marion's advance scouts ran into Gainey's advance troops and routed them. Marion then performed a pretend retreat to trick Gainey into advancing and quickly routed Gainey's main body of men.



The Battle of Blue Savannah

Gaiey's troops scattered and Marion regrouped at Port's Ferry. The Battle of Blue Savannah, as it is called, served to break the back of Loyalist recruitment and military action in the Pee Dee and Santee Rivers area. It also encouraged the South Carolina militia to stand up and begin resistance again after the dreadful defeat at Camden.

By the way, a "savannah," in the local South Carolina vernacular of the

time, referred to a depression in the ground filled with water to make a small lake or bay. There are several of these depressions, surrounded by ridges of sand in this area of eastern South Carolina. Geologists believe the features may have been created by meteorite strikes in the distant past. The shallow depressions would fill with water which had a blue hue, hence the name "Blue Savannah."

Today, the savannahs have largely disappeared due to agriculture and irrigation, but some of the depressions can still be seen by satellite, including the one where the Battle of Blue Savannah was fought. It sits roughly at the intersection of Highways 501 and 41 to the south of present-day Marion, South Carolina.

*Source:*

[www.revolutionary-war-and-beyond.com](http://www.revolutionary-war-and-beyond.com)

*Contributed by:*

Allyn Sheldon, Omaha Chapter



"Fighting in the Revolutionary War, well, is terrifying. But I'm terrifyingly terrified that the terrified Regulars won't be terrified no longer."  
- Francis Marion

"I am in love and my sweetheart is Liberty. Be that heavenly nymph my companion, and these woods shall have charms beyond London and Paris in slavery."  
- Francis Marion

"To expect defeat is nine-tenths of defeat itself. It becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy. It is best to plan for all eventualities, then believe in success, and only cross the failure bridge if you come to it."  
- Francis Marion

# MEET MY PATRIOT



## Conrad Gentzler (PA)

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In May 2023, I was accepted for membership in the Sons of the American Revolution, through a connection to one family member on my mother's side, Johan Conrad Gentzler, my 5x great grandfather. He is one of a few different familial connections I have to Patriot who served in the American Revolution.

Conrad Gentzler was born March 15, 1746, to Johan Conrad Gentzler (1705-1778) and Maria Catharina Lotz Gentzler (1710-1755). He immigrated to America when he was really young, with his parents and siblings. They arrived in America on August 24, 1749, aboard the ship "Elliot". Conrad and his family settled in York County, Pennsylvania. Records indicate that Conrad owned land in Paradise Township, York County, Pennsylvania.

He married his wife Maria Eva "Eve" Swope (1750-1839) in Perth Amboy, New Jersey in 1767. The couple had four children. He is listed as having taken The Oath of Allegiance to the United States of America on page 277 of the Pennsylvania Archives. He served as an Ensign with the Pennsylvania Associators (Militia). He served for six or seven months

(records vary). Conrad was with Captain Agey's Company and Colonel Shureff's Regiment. They marched to New Jersey in 1776. He was discharged from his service in November 1776. As he was walking out of the camp to head home, a sentinel shot Conrad, killing him. The sentinel thought Conrad was deserting.

Here is the story passed down through the generations, in the Gentzler family, in the words of my great grand Aunt, Amy Gentzler Whiting (1885-1977): "Conrad Gentzler came to the United States from Hesse, Germany. He served in the American Revolutionary War under George Washington. He served for seven years and was given an honorable discharge. But as he was leaving camp, a sentry shot and killed him by mistake. When he went to war, he left three sons, Phillip, Conrad, and George, with his wife at home in York County, Pennsylvania."

Conrad's death left his widow, Eve Gentzler, with four children at home (some sources say 3 children) and no source of income. Eve remarried a Johan Nicholas Bentz (1758-1828), around 1779, then the couple had five more children. Johan Nicholas Bentz passed away on June 10, 1828, in York County, Pennsylvania.

In 1833, the twice widowed Eve Gentzler Bentz, living in Paradise Township, petitioned to receive a pension for Conrad Gentzler's service in the American Revolution. Eve was eighty-two years old at the time. The 57th session of the General Assembly, granted the pension on April 1, 1833 (another record says April 3, 1833). Eve passed away on January 15, 1839, at the age of 88 years old. She is interred, next to John Nicholas Bentz in Barrens Salem Union Cemetery in Dillsburg, York County, Pennsylvania.

Submitted by:  
Brandon Johnston (#226620)  
Omaha Chapter



## Patriot Biographies

### Needed!

Compatriots,

If you have not yet written a quick biography of your Patriot Ancestor, I implore you to sit down, get one written, and submit it to VP Paul Burrigh at pburrigh72@gmail.com.

Here is where we stand, currently, with biographies from our current membership:

- Omaha Chapter—59 biographies submitted for 156 Patriots = 37%
- Lincoln Chapter—6 biographies submitted for 25 Patriots = 24%
- MAL—10 biographies submitted for 35 Patriots = 29%
- Nebraska SAR—75 biographies submitted for 216 Patriots = 35%

This not only helps our Americanism Report at the end of the year for our activities, but I will input the bios you write onto your Patriot's page in the Patriot Research System, and I am compiling the bios into a book for the America 250 celebrations.

I already have a lot of Patriots to research for members who are no longer with us, so please help me and write your ancestor's bio today, so I don't have to!

Pennsylvania State Archives, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania  
RG-7 - Records of the General Assembly  
House File, 57th. session - 1 1832-33 (Military Pensions)

The petition of Eve Gensler. of Paradise Township in the County of York Respectfully showeth that your petitioner was the wife of Conrad Gensler an officer of the Revolutionary War in the Pennsylvania line that he entered into the army in York County, Pa. and was an Ensign in Captain Agey's Company and Col. Shureff's Regiment and marched to New Jersey and was killed at Amboy in the state of New Jersey in the year 1776 leaving four children with your petitioner and that she was his wife at the time and that she is now Eighty two years of age and is a poor woman and has no property nor income and prays your Hon Body ? to grant her a pension.

Paradise Township, York County,  
April 1, 1833  
Jacob Bentz, jur.

Her  
Eve X Gensler  
mark



## Chapter Chatter

### Omaha Chapter

On Sept 12, the Omaha Chapter renewed their monthly meetings, after our summer hiatus.

The summer was not uneventful, however, as the Omaha Chapter held its 2nd Annual Chapter Picnic. The picnic is a time to have fellowship with our fellow Compatriots, enjoying the food and conversation, without the business of the Chapter and State Society at the forefront of the festivities.

The picnic was supposed to be held at Chalco Hills Recreation Area,



however, the weather turned terrible and the heat index reached 115\* the day of the picnic. Thankfully our Secretary, Mark Byars, was able to procure us the conference area of his office building, so we were still able to grill out for the group, but maintain most of our time in an air conditioned building. So, it turned into more of a potluck than a picnic, but a good time was had by all that attended!

The Omaha Chapter also inducted 2 new members into the Chapter and Society at their September meeting,



(L-R) President Paul Burrigh, Brandon Johnston, Robert Moss, Vice President Jim Sly

Robert Moss, descended from William Milliken, Sr. (NC), and Brandon Johnston, descended from Conrad Gentzler (PA). President Paul Burrigh conducted the induction ceremony and Vice President Jim Sly pinned the rosettes onto their collars.

Omaha Secretary, Mark Byars, was also presented his supplemental certificates for getting his latest two Patriots approved, Christopher Kettering (VA) and Jacob Catron Kettering (VA).



Congratulations to all our new members and supplementals that were approved this past summer!

### Members at Large

Compatriot Richard Hulse led a contingent of DAR members in carrying flags and bells and marching around the Lincoln County Courthouse in North Platte, in honor of the signing of the Constitution, on Sep 17.



From left: Vicki McCarty as Martha Washington, Bonny Hulse as Betsy Ross and Rich Hulse as a revolutionary soldier. Rich is a member of the SAR, the Sons of the American Revolution.





## Fall State Meeting

The Nebraska SAR held its Fall State Meeting at Mahoney State Park in Ashland, NE, on Sept 17.

The meeting began, as usual, with the Color Guard posting the colors. President Upton proceeded to present awards to deserving Compatriots for their service, in and out of the SAR.

The Nebraska SAR was awarded a certificate and streamer for our participation in the Arthur M. King Eagle Scout competition. The Society also was recognized with an honorable mention certificate for the Jennings H. Flathers Award for the best newsletter publication for societies under 500 members.

Compatriot Tom Corey, Member at Large from McCook, NE, was presented with his 25 year SAR member anniversary pin and certificate. Compatriot Corey is descended from Philip Cory (RI), and was approved for membership on Jul 23, 1997. Congratulations Compatriot Corey!



Compatriot David Ensign was presented with his War Service Medal. Compatriot Ensign also received 2 service bars for his medal for his service in Vietnam and SW Asia.

Congratulations Compatriot Ensign and thank you for your service!



New Omaha Chapter Compatriot, Greg Cox, was inducted into the Nebraska SAR at the Fall Meeting. Compatriot Cox is descended from Thomas Blair (PA) and he was approved on Jul 14, 2023.

Congratulations Compatriot Cox, and welcome to the Nebraska SAR!!



America 250 Medals were also conferred on those Compatriots who achieved enough points in their par-

ticipation of events to earn a medal. Compatriots Chad Sherrets and Ailyn Sheldon received the Bronze America 250 medal, and Compatriots Mark Byars and Jim Sly received the Silver America 250 medal.

Nice job Compatriots. Keep up the great work!

The Officer Reports were then given and President Upton presided over the election of new Officers and Board of Manager Representatives for the upcoming 2024-2025 term.

Your Officers Elect are:

President

John Braisted

1st Vice President

Paul Burright

2nd Vice President

Jim Hoke

Secretary

Dale Wostrel

Treasurer

Bill Webb

Registrar

Mark Byars

The BOM consists of the State Officers, Chaplain, Historian, One Rep. from both Omaha and Lincoln, and these Board of Manager Representatives:

Member at Large

Richard Hulse (North Platte)

Immediate Past President

Tom Upton

Past State President 1

Merle McAlevy

Past State President 2

David Kentsmith

Congratulations to all Officers Elect. The new two year term will begin upon your installation at our Spring State Meeting on Apr 21, 2024.

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# DISPATCHES FROM THE COLOR GUARD



Tuesday, July 4, 2023

The Color Guard, once again, mustered to march in the Ralston Independence Day Parade, in Ralston, NE. It was again, a very hot and humid day, and we went without the regimental coats.

Mustering for the parade was Commander Chad Sherrets, Omaha Captain Paul Burrigh, Omaha Lieutenant Jim Sly, Mark Byars, Andrew Sullivan, State President Tom Upton (in car behind the Color Guard), and newcomer Member at Large Chad Callenius.

Another excellent display of Patriotism for Independence Day!!







# DISPATCHES FROM THE COLOR GUARD



Saturday, July 15, 2023

Omaha Color Guard member, Mark Byars, traveled to Johnson, Iowa to participate in another DAR America 250 marker dedication, with the Iowa SAR. Mark participated in posting the colors with Mike Rowley, Randy Lyon, and Tom Clegg of the Iowa SAR.

During the dedication, the DAR read the names and short biographies of the 43 Patriots buried in Iowa. As each name was read, the bell from the USS Des Moines was rung by the SAR Color Guard. Each SAR member rang the bell for about 10 Patriots, and Mike Rowley was able to ring the bell for one of his own Patriots, his 5x Great Grandfather, Matrom Elmore.

Job well done, Color Guard!!







## DISPATCHES FROM THE COLOR GUARD



Sunday, September 10, 2023—Des Moines, Iowa

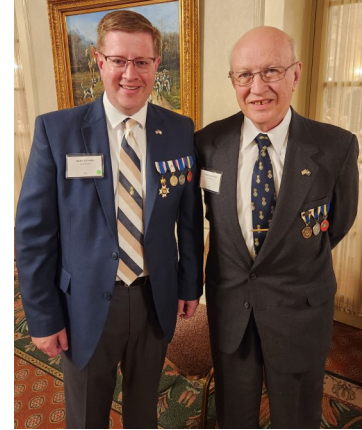
On Sunday, Sep 10, five members of the Nebraska SAR Color Guard, Paul Burright, Jim Sly, Mark Byars, Allyn Sheldon, and John Braisted, loaded up the supply wagon with flags, poles, stands, muskets, uniforms, and the Omaha Chapter wreath, and headed east to Des Moines, Iowa, to participate in the North Central District Color Guard, to commemorate nine past Presidents of the Iowa SAR. The grave markings took place in 4 different cemeteries, Resthaven Cemetery, Glendale Cemetery, Masonic Cemetery, and Woodland Cemetery, in Des Moines and West Des Moines, Iowa. The North Central District Color Guard was comprised of members from Nebraska, Iowa, and Minnesota.

We honored Volney H. Smith, William H. Baily, Henry B. Hawley, Fredrick W. Craig, Joseph A. Goodrich, William H. Wheeler, Joseph G. Gardner, Walter E. Coffin, and Sidney A. Foster.

It was a whirlwind tour of ceremonies, and we were honored to make the trip and honor these past leaders of the Iowa SAR with our fellow Compatriots!



### Fall Leadership



State President Tom Upton and Omaha Chapter Secretary Mark Byars attended the National Fall Leadership Meeting at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, KY on September 21-23.

While there, they participated in meetings for the America 250, Budget & Finance, Information Technology, and Genealogical Research System committees, toured the ongoing renovations at National Headquarters and the Education Center, and attended the Registrar Roundtable, Trustees Meeting and Council of State Presidents. U.S. Postmaster General Louis DeJoy was recognized at Friday evening's banquet, and the guest speaker for Saturday's banquet was Dr. Mark Lender, author of "Caball!: The Plot Against General Washington."

Tom and Mark were joined by their wives, Jane and Nicki, and enjoyed networking with their fellow compatriots from across the country.

Submitted by:

Mark Byars

Secretary—Omaha Chapter

Registrar Elect—Nebraska SAR





## America 250



## SAR Committee Service

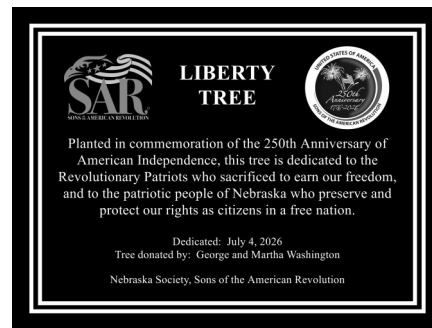
While the SAR has been talking about America 250 for a few years, in many ways our opportunities to commemorate the anniversary events of the American Revolution are just beginning. The Nebraska Society is ready to go with our own events.



**Boston Tea Party** – the first major anniversary event of the SAR's Decade of Celebration is the Boston Tea Party, which happened on December 16, 1773. The Massachusetts SAR, in conjunction with the Boston Tea Party Museum and other Boston organizations are sponsoring a weekend of events, including reenactments at the Old South Meeting House and a parade to Griffin's Wharf led by the SAR Color Guard, which will culminate in the tossing of tea into the harbor. To mark the anniversary, the Nebraska Society donated 250 grams of British tea to include in the tea tossing ceremony. A special dedication of the donation was made by the Nebraska compatriots who attended the Fall State Meeting, and all Nebraska compatriots may proudly claim that they contributed to celebrating this historic anniversary!

**Founding Compatriots** – although there are no Revolutionary War veterans buried on Nebraska soil, the Nebraska Society has abundant opportunity to honor the Patriot Sons and Grandsons who settled in Nebraska and the Founding Compatri-

ots of the Nebraska Society who launched a service organization that has endured for 133 years. On October 22, 2023, the Nebraska Society will recognize Thomas Creigh, NESAR founder and 2nd State President, at a grave marking ceremony at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Omaha. Joining us will be Creigh family descendants and representatives from the Omaha Chapter DAR, the Nebraska DAR, the Daughters of Union Veterans, and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Please plan to attend. Annual grave markings of these noteworthy pioneers are planned through 2027.



**Liberty Trees** – carrying our patriotic message to the general public, the Nebraska Society will plant at least two Liberty Trees each year in towns across the state during local community celebrations. Partnering with local donors who will provide a tree, NESSAR will place a plaque to dedicate each tree and will aim to participate in a parade or provide an educational program in conjunction with each planting. Watch for Liberty Tree planting dates in 2024 in Beatrice, Hastings, and the Nebraska Panhandle soon!

Thank you for showing your support for America 250 activities through your attendance at events and your donations to these America 250 programs. They are a great way of modeling patriotism in our community . . . and a fun way to enjoy your membership in the SAR!

Have you thought to yourself, “How can I get more out of my membership with the Nebraska SAR?” President Upton put it very well with some of our newer members when he said, “What you get out of your membership, is what you put into it.”

Your State Society (and your Chapters for that matter), have ample opportunities for you to serve as Chairmen, or as committee members and work on projects, events, and internal work within the SAR.

We will be looking for a Committee Chair for the following committees:

1. First Responders Committee
2. Eagle Scout Committee
3. ROTC/JROTC Committee
4. Flag Committee
5. Color Guard
6. Medals and Awards Committee

We will also be looking for members to join and be part of these committees, as well;

Constitution & By-Laws; Membership; Budget & Finance; Audit; Publicity; First Responders; Eagle Scout; ROTC/JROTC; Flag; Color Guard; and Medals & Awards.

These committees are important to maintain our work in our ideals of Patriotism, History, and Education. We can't do the work without our members being a part of the planning, action, and outcome of events and projects.

The new Officers will begin reaching out to members to fill these important roles within our Society. If you are contacted to be a Chairman, please search your heart and truly consider Chairing a committee. We need leaders to step up. If you can Chair a committee, or just want to be part of a committee, please volunteer! Let an Officer know today!

## 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, Dale 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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### **4th Quarter 2023 Meetings and Events**

**Saturday, Oct 7—Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 11:00am, Gere Branch Library, Lincoln, NE**

**Tuesday, Oct 10—Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:30pm, Gorat's Steakhouse, Omaha, NE**

**Saturday, Oct 14—Omaha Chapter—SALoween event, 11am-12:30pm, VFW Post #2503, Benson, NE**

**Sunday, Oct 22—Thomas Creigh Compatriot Grave Marking, 2pm, Forest Lawn Cemetery, Omaha, NE**

**Saturday, Nov 4—Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 11:00am, Gere Branch Library, Lincoln, NE**

**Saturday, Nov 11—Veteran's Day**

**Saturday, Nov 11—Veteran's Day Parade, 1pm, Lincoln, NE**

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

**Thursday, Nov 23—Thanksgiving Day**

**Saturday, Dec 1—Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 11:00am, Gere Branch Library, Lincoln, NE**

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

**Saturday, Dec 16—Wreaths Across America, 11:00am, Various cemeteries around Nebraska**

**Monday, 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.

Please be sure to submit any content and photos that you would like to see in the newsletter, on time!

### 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.



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