



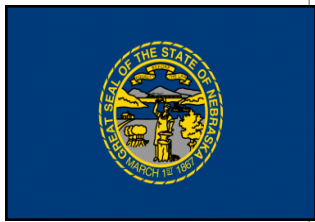
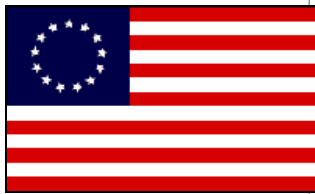
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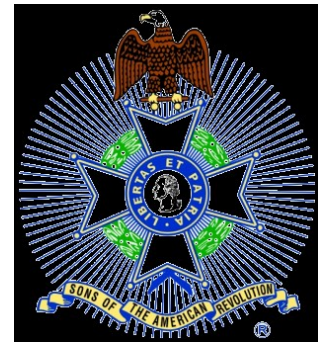
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Nebraska SAR Society Fall Meeting Held September 20, 2015

President's Corner: Returning in July from a nine-day business expansion that included agriculture and innovative technologies; religious freedoms expressed in regular worship services; and education, government, public safety, media and television groups working together to serve in the public interest. Civil authority seemed well behaved, the graffiti more artistic than most. I am now familiar with the "Baltic Way" a movement committed to remembering past acts of villainy and

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SAR APPLICATIONS

Please mail all new member and supplemental application to our NE SAR State Secretary: **Compatriot Dr. David K. Kentsmith, M.D. 16902 S. HWY 50 Springfield, NE 68059-4827** If you need to contact Compatriot Kentsmith, he may be reached by phone at 402-253-2577 or by email at: **K-NESAR@Q.COM**

Infamous



"Brown Bess"



Nebraska SSAR Fall Meeting was held at Mahoney State Park September 20, 2015. A quorum of members were present.



Compatriot Rudebusch receives Eagle Scout Volunteer and Scholarship Contest Awards.



Compatriot Chandler receives Admiral Wm. Furlong Memorial Award.

Nebraska Society Fall Meeting

President John Reinert 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. A call for a vote of the Minutes of 19 April 2015 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 John Reinert; VP and Secretary David Kentsmith; Treasurer William Webb; Registrar

Thomas Masters; National Trustee Fredrick Walden and New Vice President General John Parsons. **Awards:** President Reinert, Liberty Medal for recruitment of new members; Merle Rudebusch, Flag Streamer for the Arthur M. King National SAR Eagle Scout Scholarship contest and medal for Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award; Robert Chandler received Flag Streamer Star for Admiral Wm. Furlong Memorial; William Webb, Flag Streamer for Presidents General's Patriot Biographies and John Parsons, VP General Certificate of appreciation. **Other Committee Reports;** Robert Chandler,

Flag Chairman; William Webb, Publicity; President Reinert & VP Hoke, Medals & Certificates. **Old Business** discussed was Donovan's Cabin Plaque. Genealogical Society; Friends of the National SAR Library; DAR Genealogical Library, Grand Island, NE. **New business:** Policy of NESAR for Endorsements for National Offices; President Reinert will appoint a nominating committee to select candidates for officers, elections will be held at the spring meeting, April 10, 2016. After closing remarks by President Reinert, members were asked to recite "Until We Meet Again". The meeting was adjourned.

NEBRASKA SOCIETY AND CHAPTER AWARDS PRESENTED DURING 3RD QUARTER 2015

Cont'd from Pg 1, Col. 3 replace them with acts of courage, heroism, and unity. On August 23, 1989, at 19:00 hours, 50 years to the day after the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact was signed approximately two million people *literally* placed themselves on a path to freedom. They stood hand in hand in a line 600 kilometers long from Tallinn in the north through Riga to Vilnius, Lithuania in the south. <http://www.thebalticway.eu/en/history/>



An Estonian couple appeared after our Abendmusik Choir concert on Friday July 3rd not only wanting to collect autographs from our music director and I, as our group's violinist, but also wanting to acknowledge the American July 4th holiday. I was touched by their affectionate approach. The photo above was taken after the Brookhaven Choral Society from Dallas, Texas performed on Sunday. The Baltic States freed themselves from Soviet era oppression

with what has been described as a "Singing Revolution". I now share some of their sentiments.

John Reinert



L to R-Compatriots McAlvey, Gray, Jones, Parsons, Upton, Harvey, President Conley

Omaha SAR Chapter meeting

The Omaha SAR Chapter had their first meeting after a three month summer break, 8 Sep 2015 at Gorats Restaurant, Omaha, NE .

27 persons attended including the Presenters. President Tom Conley opened the meeting with the pledge of Allegiance, followed by the SAR Pledge. Introductions followed as several new faces were present, with a short business meeting following. Compatriot John Reinert, State President, was in attendance and supported our initiatives and assisting with the inductions. Three new members

were inducted in the Omaha Society; Ben Harvey, Rev. Tom Jones and Tom Upton. Each provided a biographical sketch for their Patriot ancestor. Compatriot Chad Sherrets presented information on forming an SAR Color Guard that would represent the SAR at parades and other Patriotic events. See article below.

Our featured speaker was Carrie Wieners Meyer, Curator at the Durham Museum. She presented an excellent program on what dangers to avoid and how to preserve historical family treasures). Some of the items she referred to but are not limited to are how to Preserve letters, books, clothing, coins, pictures, etc. All present were attentive and enjoyed her presentation.



Color Guard Unit Forming

Compatriots, I am pleased to announce the formation of a Color Guard Unit for the Omaha Sons of the American Revolution! The Color Guard is made up of those Compatriots who come to SAR Meetings and public events properly uniformed as either Continental Soldiers or Militiamen, or attired as Revolution-era clergymen. These men seek to visibly promote the stated objectives
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COMPATRIOT KNOTT SIGNING HIS 10TH SUPPLEMENTAL



During the month of June I received the approval of my ninth Supplemental Certificate on being a descendant of William Knott as a patriot of the American Revolution. He was the father of my patriot Zachariah Knott who served with the Upper Battalion, Montgomery County, Maryland. I have found that submitting supplemental applications takes a little longer to get approved than the approval of the initial patriot. I suspect National's first priority is getting new members patriots approved and that is as it should be. One more would make an even 10 Patriots so I went to work. I knew about Oaths of Fidelity but hadn't heard about using the Supply Tax until recently on getting a patriot approved. While searching for my 10th Patriot I came across another so now I've submitted two using the Supply Tax. These are the fathers of my initial patriots that I submitted. They were too old to fight but they still had their farms and taxes they paid helped support the American revolutionary cause. I still get excited when I find another patriot. It takes one more step from your initial patriot and you have a supplemental. We can't forget these other patriots who contributed to the Revolution and when we do these sup-

plemental applications, we help meet one of the core objectives of the SAR. In addition to supporting the SAR it helps document our ancestor's information for future generations who may want to join patriotic organizations. The cost is \$60.00 and requires only two signatures beyond yours, the Registrar and State Secretary. It isn't as hard as you might think. Let's get to work.

Robert L. Knott, Jr.
Editor, Husker Patriot



125th NSSAR Congress Louisville, Kentucky 26 June to 1 Jul, 2015

Nebraska SAR Society had two members attend the NSSAR Congress in Louisville, Fred Walden, Nebraska Trustee accompanied by his wife Janet and John Parsons, North-Central Vice President, accompanied by his wife Pauline. Our Nebraska representatives were the only members attending the conference from the North Central Region. The meeting next year (126th Congress) will be held in Boston, Massachusetts. The weekend allowed time for attendees to take side trips visiting local points of interests including the NSSAR headquarters, library and museum.

2015-16 Meetings and Events

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

Oct 13, Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:00 pm Gorats

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

Nov 10, Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:00 pm Gorats

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

Dec 8, Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:00 pm Gorats

Jan 1, Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9 am Eastmont Towers

Jan 12 Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:00 pm Gorats

Feb 5 Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9 am Eastmont Towers

Feb 9 Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:00 pm Gorats

Topics discussed and voted on:

- ◆ National dues will be increased \$5 starting 2016
- ◆ Finance committee an expenditure of \$40,000 to bring the computer system up to date.
- ◆ University of Louisville is working with the SAR developing a computer program designed to charge non SAR members a fee to use the SAR Museum.
- ◆ Operation Ancestry Search (OAS) began its operation in 2010 with an altruistic version of a program whereby skilled SAR genealogists could provide genealogy assistance and training in family history research for wounded soldiers, their families and caregivers, thereby taking their minds off their often difficult and painful injuries that they receive in combat. To date, OAS has served more than 1,100 participants through 23 participating SAR Chapters across the U.S. More information can be found in the SAR magazine Summer 2015, Volume 110, Nr. 1.

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 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 or the Publisher Bill Webb at webb.w@q.com.



MEET MY PATRIOTS

“MY AMERICAN REVOLUTION ANCESTORS”



BY JOHN CHESTER BRAISTED

John Viall is my Great⁴Grandfather. To track the family relationship, facts already known were my starting point. Finding the name of my Great²Grandmother, Mary Viall, the 1850 census showed her living with her parents in Essex, New York. Mary Viall was joined in marriage to Jonathan Braisted in November 1854, and the couple lived out their days in Essex County. The remaining connections were made and searches were made of Revolutionary War pension records with the following being located: John Viall enlisted in Swansea, Massachusetts, January 18, 1776, served in Captain Benjamin Deming's Company, Colonel Richmond's Rhode Island Regiment and was discharged January 18, 1777. He enlisted in June or July 1778, served nine months in Captain Joshua Sayer's Company, Colonel Robert Elliot's Rhode Island Regiment and was in the battle of Rhode Island. Pension was allowed in April 1824 on his application executed March 21, 1820 at which time he was a resident of Essex, Essex County, New York and aged sixty-two years and seven months. (This would make his birthdate about August of 1757.) The Pension Roll of 1835 shows his name was placed on the pension roll on May 19, 1824,

with commencement of the pension as of April 16, 1824. He pension roll show no payments were made to him. He died in May 1824 according to letters sent by family members. In 1821 he referred to his wife then fifty-one years of age, three daughters aged eleven, sixteen and eighteen years, a son aged nine years and a grandson aged five years. In 1823 he (Mr. Viall) stated that he also had three married daughters. The son of John Viall, also named John, was born in 1811, and was the father of at least three daughters and one son. The oldest daughter was Mary my Great²Grandmother.

BY CLIFFORD SAWYER

Lt. Lemuel Miller was born in Arundel, Maine on 27 March 1751, and he died on 17 August 1842 in Kennebunkport, Maine. He was the seventh child of Jeremiah Miller and Elizabeth Lassell. Lemuel married Anne Burbank on 25 December 1774. This union produced the following children: Eunice, Elizabeth, Asa, William, Hannah, William, Oliver, George, Joshua, and Lemuel Jr. I first find Lemuel listed as a Private in Col. James Scammon's Regiment. Lemuel enlisted in May 1775 for became the state of Maine. The Regiment marched to Cambridge, Massachusetts. At the Battle of Bunker Hill, Col. Scammon received orders

to march to support the troops on the hill. In the confusion of the day, Colonel Scammon stopped his men short of their goal. The Colonel was court martialed, but was found not guilty. Next, I find Lemuel enlisted, on 1 January 1776, as a Sargeant, in Colonel Edmund Phinney's 18th Continental Regiment. This unit served in the siege of Boston, and marched into Boston when the British evacuated the city. The Regiment then marched to Skenesboro, (now Whitehall) New York. The unit then was taken by bateaux to Mount Independence, opposite Fort Ticonderoga. The Regiment was employed in building barracks, a parade ground, and a star fort on the mountain. The troops witnessed General Arnold's second naval battle on Lake Champlain, on October 13, 1776. The weather during the fall of 1776 was stormy, and the soldiers suffered much from exposure. In the Regiments order book it states that, “the men shall in wet weather have served them ½ gill of rum, and if very wet they shall have a gill “. The regiment was discharged at Fort George, New York, on 30 December 1776. All but 100 of the men went home. On the first day in January 1777, Lemuel Miller was reengaged in Capt. Daniel Cont'd on Page 6, Column 1

**Great Plains Regional
C.A.R. Meeting and Banquet
ROAD TO INDEPENDENCE**



John Reinert, NESSAR President
Lori Bennett, Sr. State President, CAR
Connie Plettner, State Vice Regent, NSDAR
Kathy Ocasio, State Regent, NSDAR
Rhiannon Hatcher, State President, CAR

John Reinert and Kathy Ocasio both brought greetings to the conference. 40 years ago John was a member of the Yankee Doodle Society, CAR.

This was the annual banquet of the Great Plains Region of the CAR and covers the states of Nebraska, North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa.

Two hundred forty years ago General George Washington, the Commander in Chief of the Continental Army, took to the field with his troops and spent the next eight years engaging in a military campaign to secure freedom for our patriot ancestors and their posterity. He made some of his toughest decisions in his sleeping and office tent, what we like to refer to as the "First Oval Office." Together

we will follow the ROAD TO INDEPENDENCE

George Washington's tent served as his field headquarters throughout the war. Let us journey together to support the preservation of our nation's history with the Museum of the American Revolution and create a permanent home for this iconic treasure. It is an authentic witness to our shared history and followed the path that led to the fulfillment of the dream for American independence and the expansion of liberty to future states. This year C.A.R. will promote an educational program to its members that incorporates the Commander in Chief's travel itinerary, his personal interactions with prominent figures, and important strategic events during the war. C.A.R. will help to preserve a very rare Revolutionary War artifact, George Washington's tent. The tent will be featured in the Washington Tent Theater, the centerpiece of the new Museum of the American Revolution, where one can truly say, "George Washington slept and worked here."

Notes from the
Editor/Publisher

We are actively seeking articles for publication and would like to have some in reserve for future issues. Topics for inclusion in the Husker Patriot are articles about our State Society, Chapter activities, member activity supporting other patriotic organizations. Articles should be approximately 50 to 200 words and photos should be included when possible. For clarity and if possible please make photo size at least 600 X 600 pixels. Other articles you might consider for the Husker Patriot include narrative history, biography (such as your Patriot), information from diaries for the time period, historic preservation that deal with the time period and place of the Ameri-



Nebraska DAR State Regent Kathy Ocasio participated in the 100 year anniversary of the Captain Christopher Robinson Chapter (Kim McCroden, Regent) of Chadron, NE on June 13, 2015. The day included visits to several historical markers and the grave site of Real Daughter Lucinda Sippy Hershey. Senator LeRoy Loudon who is an SAR member and his wife, DAR State Librarian SharonAnn Loudon joined the group at Fort Robinson in front of one of two pyramid markers that contain time capsules placed there by the chapter along with several other organizations. There was an Intertribal Gathering and Pow Wow taking place at the fort and Regent Ocasio participated with chapter members in presenting certificates of appreciation to Native American Vietnam War Veterans as part of the Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War.

can Revolution. We cannot guarantee as to when your article will be published but it will be included in an upcoming copy of the Husker Patriot in a timely manner. Please do not send original or irreplaceable materials or photographs. We are requesting that submissions be sent by email. The Editor reserves the right to make any editorial conformity of style. We ask that you submit your articles for inclusion in an upcoming issue of the Husker Patriot to the Editor or Publisher by email at: chiefknott@aol.com or: webb.w@q.com.

MORE PICTURES AND STORIES

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Merrill's Company, in the 12th Massachusetts Regiment commanded by Col. Samuel Brewer. Lemuel was appointed a Lieutenant on this same date. The 12th Massachusetts was at Fort Ticonderoga when the fort was abandoned on 7 July 1777. The unit made its way south to Saratoga, New York. The 12th Massachusetts was attached to Brigadier General John Patterson's Brigade. The unit served at both battles of Saratoga. When the returns for the 12th Massachusetts at Valley Forge are checked, Lt. Lemuel Miller and his bother are listed as " on leave ". In the May 1778 returns they are back in camp. The book The Continental Army, published by " The Center of Military History, United States Army " the 12th Massachusetts Regiment is listed as serving in the following military engagements : Siege of Boston, Lake Champlain, Saratoga, Defense of Philadelphia, Philadelphia - Monmouth Lt. Lemuel Miller was discharged at his own request, on 5 September 1780. He applied for a pension and the request was granted. Pension Nr. (W23989) I have tried for many years to find Lt. Millers grave, in order to place an SAR marker. I have searched the cemeteries in Kennebunkport numerous times, but have been unable to locate it.

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of the SAR which are declared to be Historic, Patriotic and Educational Every time an SAR Color Guard makes a public appearance, the members are fulfilling all three objectives. In fact, the Color Guard is one of the most visible and effective public relations tools available to the SAR. More information will be forthcoming. In the meantime, feel free to contact me for information or to let me know of your interest in participating! Chad Sherrets, NSSAR #191611 OmahaColorGuard@gmail.com or

CHANGE IN NATIONAL DUES

The following information was received by Nebraska State Secretary Dr. David Kentsmith from SAR Treasurer General Larry T. Guzy: The 2015 Congress voted to increase dues from \$30 to \$35 for 2016. The addition of the date January 1, 2016 in the motion may have caused confusion. That means 2016 dues are \$35. Thus when submitting 2016 dues, they need to reflect the increase. This is for regular members. Junior member dues remain at \$5 and all other fees remain the same except for Memorial. The cost for Memorial applications will increase from \$380 to \$430 because under Bylaw 1, Section 6 (1) that amount is the application fee (\$80, no change) plus 10 times the regular dues. New Life Member dues will be published soon. The procedures followed by National Staff are not changed from prior years in receipt, or registering of new applications. David said he would be billing the new \$35.00 amount in October for 2016 National dues.

IN MEMORY



L. Palmer Johnson, MD (86) inducted in the NESSAR 11 Feb 2010. His Patriot was Joseph Palmer. Dr. Johnson passed away 1 Aug 2015. Born 17 Oct 1928 in Valley to Luther and Lucile (Palmer) Johnson. Luther was a member of St. Marks U.M.C., Victor Lodge #310 AF&AM Valley Nebraska, 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, American Legion, General Society Of Mayflower Descendants and other Genealogical societies, American College of OB-GYN, and a 50 year practitioner of the Nebraska Medical Association. Dr Johnson was also chief medical officer and board member of



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Cont: the Lincoln General Hospital. He is survived by wife, Shirley; daughter Cary (Adam) Zuhlke and several grandchildren; one great-grand child ; and several nieces and nephews. In his memory \$50 will be donated from the NESSAR general treasury to the Eagle Scout Scholarship Trust account.

Should any Nebraska member have an address, telephone or email update please notify the State Secretary David K. Kentsmith, MD, at k-NESAR@q.com.