



The Husker Patriot



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Join the Nebraska SAR Color Guard!



Veteran's Day 2021

Lincoln, NE

From the Desk of the President

Presidents Message

Greetings



The year has passed more quickly than I had anticipated. Wearing a mask is starting to become a habit, but it sure will be great to reach the time that one can leave it at home.

New for the society this quarter is the creation of the position for a state chaplain. The board of counselors approved the position and James Sly from the Omaha Chapter accepted the appointment. The term runs with the sitting state officers.

The Wreaths Across America placement of wreaths at the Omaha National Veterans Cemetery was held Dec 18. Thank you to all the mem-

bers who participated.

The Spring State meeting will be in late March, early April, the date is not yet set, but I am looking forward to seeing all of you in person.

Merle McAlevy, *President NESAR*



Nebraska Member Medal

We have a number of new members this year, and many of our long time members that do not yet have a Nebraska SAR medal.

We still have plenty available!

Both the full size medal and the miniature version are available. If you do not yet have a Nebraska SAR medal and would like to purchase one, Compatriot Fred Walden, our State Trustee, is the keeper of the medals.

The medals are \$25 each. Compatriot Walden can be reached at jan.walden@cox.net. Proceeds go to the Nebraska SAR. Contact Fred today to procure yourself a Nebraska SAR medal!



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State Society News



Registrar Report End of Year—2021

New Members



Omaha Chapter

January 22, 2021

Andrew Sullivan—#217936

July 21, 2021

John Fulmer—#219909

Pierce Fulmer—#219910

Stephen Fulmer—#219911

October 1, 2021

Dallas W. Burrigh—#220576

Russell Dunham, Jr—#220577

Todd Vetter—#220579

Transfer in from Kansas SAR

William Treu—#190854

Lincoln Chapter

October 29, 2021

Dennis Clare—#220878

Daniel Clare—#220879

Members At Large

January 22, 2021

Mark Balcom—#217935

Kearney, NE

October 1, 2021

Thomas Landholm—#220578

South Sioux City, NE

Congratulations to all of our new members in 2021!



Approved Supplemental Patriots

Omaha Chapter

Nick Mizaur—#160582

Patriot—Francis Byerly (PA)

Patriot—George Kramer (PA)

As of the end of 2021, the Nebraska SAR currently has at the National Headquarters waiting on approval:

- 6 new member applications
- 10 supplemental applications
- 7 pended applications

We hope to add all of these new members and Patriots to our rolls in 2022! We still have many applications out there, in various states of preparation, from new members to supplementals.

If you know someone who is looking to join our ranks, or you have found another Patriot in your family tree that you would like to submit a supplemental application for, please let me know and we will do whatever we need to get the application complete and processed to get it submitted to National.

***As we move to the next terms of office for the Omaha and Lincoln Chapters, I want to remind you all that we are in need of Chapter Registrars to help with the application caseload. If interested, please email me or your Chapter officers. Thank you!

- Paul Burrigh,
State Registrar

Long Term Members Of the Nebraska SAR

5 Years—2016

Gary Stallcup—Feb 16—Lincoln

Kenneth West—Mar 29—NESSAR

James Parsons—May 10—Omaha

Dan Rowe—Jul 21—Omaha

Paul Burrigh—Sep 23—Omaha

10 Years—2011

James Hoke—Aug 11—Lincoln

Merle McAlevy—Sep 28—Omaha

Chris Debban—Dec 27—Lincoln

15 Years—2006

Les Olsen—May 10—NESSAR

25 Years—1996

Denton Weiss—Jun 24—NESSAR

35 Years—1986

Andrew Blossom—Mar 18—Omaha

Clifford Sawyer—Dec 23—Lincoln

45 Years—1976

Jeff Deeths—Feb 19—Omaha

Congratulations to all of our long time members on these milestone service anniversaries. We thank you for your long and continued service to the SAR! Huzza!!



REVOLUTIONARY HISTORY

Washington's Generals

The Continental Congress gave George Washington a total of twenty nine major generals and forty four brigadiers during the Revolutionary War. Of the majors, six were dead by the end of the war in 1783, seven had resigned, and one, Benedict Arnold, had gone over to the enemy as a traitor. What fates awaited Washington's best known officers?

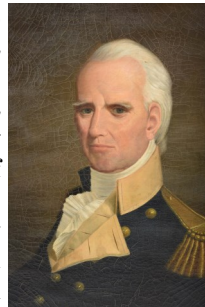
Only a short time was left for the man who probably was Washington's best—and favorite—general, Nathaniel Greene, commander of the Southern campaign that brought Lord Cornwallis into Virginia and disaster at Yorktown. Greene briefly returned to his native Rhode Island after the war but soon ran into financial difficulties. His family foundry business had not done well in his absence, and he was stuck with the debts of a cheating army supplier in the South who died bankrupt. Selling out in Rhode Island, he moved south, to a departed Loyalist's estate, Mulberry Grove, a gift from the state of Georgia for his wartime services. Still struggling financially, he took ill one day in June 1786 after walking about a friend's rice plantation in the heat. Whether it was sunstroke, a heart attack, or a more commonplace stroke is unknown today, but Greene, only forty-four, died shortly afterward, leaving his wife, Kitty, a widow with five children to raise. A few years later, incidentally, their Mulberry Grove plantation would be the site at which Eli Whitney invented his revolutionizing cotton gin.



William Alexander, otherwise known as the colorful, brave, and loyal "Lord Stirling" - and a heavy drinker—wasn't well enough to join Washington in the march to Yorktown. He stayed behind as commander of the Northern Department of the Continental Army, was bedridden by Christmastime of 1782 and died on January 15, 1783, in Albany, New York, at age fifty-seven.

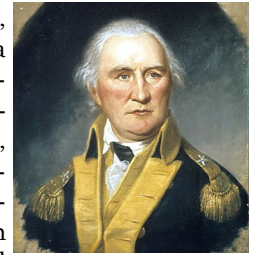


New Hampshire's ramrod-straight General John Stark, a hero at Breed's Hill, victory in the Battle of Bennington, Vermont, and a key player at Saratoga as well, returned home to his farm and lived until 1822. When he died that year at age ninety-three, he may have been the last surviving general of the entire war.



Controversial John Sullivan, also from New Hampshire, a combative lawyer, early member of the Continental Congress, and one of George Washington's earliest generals, resigned from military service in late 1779 and by 1780 was back in his congressional seat. Also active in politics back home, he would serve as president of post-revolutionary New Hampshire, and then as a federal judge appointed by his old commander in chief, President George Washington. Not always successful in battle, Sullivan by then was drinking to excess. In 1795, he would die young, at age fifty-five.

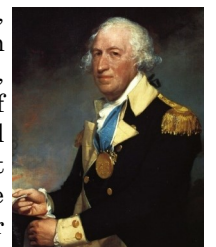
Daniel Morgan, considered a brilliant, if untutored, battle-field tactician, French and Indian War veteran, a hero both at Saratoga and Cowpens, was forced into retirement before Yorktown by ill health, but bounced back to lead a light infantry corps from Virginia in Pennsylvania's Whiskey Rebellion of 1794. The "Old Wagoneer," as he liked to call himself, held a seat in the U.S. House in 1797, but retired two years later, again because of ill health. He died in 1802 at the age of sixty-six.



British-born Charles Lee, once the second in command of American forces in the Revolutionary War, retired to his estate in future West Virginia after a court-martial stemming from his dismissal by Washington in the Battle of Monmouth, New Jersey. Never to command troops again, Lee died at age fifty-one in a visit to Philadelphia in 1782. Buried in that city's Christ Church cemetery, his remains possibly were obliterated or scattered during a later street-widening project.



Born in England, long an officer in the British army, and a survivor of General Edward Braddock's defeat at the hands of the French and their Indian allies in 1755, Horatio Gates, the victor at Saratoga, did not take up permanent residence in America until purchasing his six-hundred-acre "Travelers Rest" estate in future West Virginia



in 1772, on the very eve of Revolution. After Congress forgave his defeat at Camden, Gates returned home in May of 1783 to be by his dying wife Elizabeth Phillips Gates's bedside. Three years after she passed away, no longer in military service, he remarried, to wealthy heiress Mary Vallance. He briefly served as president of the Virginia branch of the Society of the Cincinnati, then with his second wife moved to Manhattan Island, where he died in 1806 after a lingering illness, at age seventy-eight. Like Declaration signer Francis Lewis of New York, Gates was buried in the graveyard at Trinity Church at the top of Wall Street. Like that of signer Lewis, too, the American general's actual gravesite no longer is known today.



Perhaps the most bizarre fate awaiting any of the American military leaders was that of Henry Knox who, after serving as secretary of war under the "Confederation" government, continued in that post in the Washington administration under the newly adopted United States Constitution. He ended his twenty years of public service—both military and governmental—in 1794 and retired to his "Montpelier" estate in Maine. Like many of his wartime contemporaries, he then struggled to keep various creditors at bay, in part because of his own speculative risk-taking. He and wife Lucy produced twelve children, but only 3 lived beyond childhood. Still tall and portly, Knox, fifty-six, died suddenly in 1806—perhaps due to a burst appendix or from swallowing a chicken bone.



Another to meet a sad and inappropriate end was George Rogers Clark, the hero of Vincennes—an alcoholic in his final years, stroke victim, and amputee (a leg). He was dead in 1818 at age sixty-five. "The

mighty oak of the forest has fallen," said eulogizer Judge John Rowan, "and now the scrub oaks sprout all around."



Another hero of the Revolution to be stalked by poverty and ill-fortune was Friedrich von Steuben, the Prussian drillmaster who had brought order and real military training into the restless ranks of Continentals wintering at Valley Forge in early 1778. His lack of funds became evident as early as Yorktown, but first he had to settle an affair or two of "honor."

At Yorktown, where he and Lafayette each commanded an American division, the two foreign-born leaders fell into dispute over whose division should be in charge of the trenches at the time of the British surrender. Would the honor go to Lafayette, whose men were in the trenches when the British sent forth a flag of truce the morning of October 17, 1781 or should the honor go to Steuben, whose men relieved Lafayette's in the trenches at noon on October 17, then refused to make way for Lafayette's division when normal rotation would have placed the Frenchman's troops back in the trenches? It was Washington who decided the Baron's division could have the honor of occupying the trenches, when the British marched out of Yorktown to surrender.

In another contretemps involving the feisty baron, the Pennsylvania troops of Colonel Richard Butler filed into the vacated British trenches at one point on the day of the surrender to take charge of the entrenchments. This meant planting the regimental colors in a conspicuous spot as symbol of the changeover. The flag was carried by a young ensign at the head of the column—he was supposed to place it on top of the British earthworks, but Steuben seized the staff from him and planted it himself. Butler was so furious they al-

most settled the matter with a duel.

After the surrender ceremony came a series of dinners hosted by the victors at Yorktown, with the ranking British officers often appearing as guests. Steuben, though, was so short of funds he sold his best horse to raise money and still had to borrow from a friend to put on a banquet of his own.

Before he could leave Yorktown on November 1, the apparently penniless Steuben asked Washington himself for a loan. "Strongly moved," said Burke Davis in his book *The Campaign That Won America*, the commander in chief gave his old drillmaster twenty guineas and warned that Congress might not ever pay all that it owed for his services.

Steuben insisted on giving a sick aide his carriage and half the Washington loan before leaving Yorktown. The Prussian then hit the road for Philadelphia "with a single gold coin in his pocket." While he would seek—and eventually win—government compensation for his services, it wasn't, as Washington had warned, the full amount due. He received only \$1700 of the \$8500 due in cash. The balance was paid "in the form of a Treasury Certificate at 6% interest" which the Baron tried in vain to sell at ten cents on the dollar.

Even then, he lost his money to unwise land speculations. In receivership at one point, he had to mortgage 16,000 acres of land presented to him by the state of New York. He won an annual pension of \$2500 from the first Constitutional Congress, but that sum did not end his indebtedness.

Von Steuben was living in a two-room log cabin when he died of a stroke in late 1794 at age sixty-four. His "blue book," or training manual of American soldiers, remained in use for many years. He was a cofounder of the Society of the Cincinnati and an early proponent of the U.S. Military Academy, which came into being at West Point in 1802.

From: *Best Little Stories from the American Revolution*

Chapter Chatter

Omaha Chapter

The Omaha Chapter inducted one of its newest members, Compatriot Todd Vetter, into the Chapter, at the Chapter meeting on Oct 12. Todd is descended from Patriot Abiel Fellows, Jr (CT).

Todd also mustered in his Patriot into the Chapter Muster Roll at the meeting.



VP/Registrar, Paul Burrignt;
Compatriot Todd Vetter;
President Ben Harvey



Omaha Members, Paul Burrignt
and Mel Burrignt, with Dallas'
Memorial Certificate

There was also a presentation of a Memorial member certificate for Dallas Warren Burrignt. Dallas is the father of Omaha member Mel Burrignt and grandfather of Omaha VP Paul Burrignt. Even though Dallas passed away in 1981, through the Memorial membership, he is now a member of the Nebraska SAR.

Omaha Compatriot, Bob Knott and wife Rosemary, participated with the Major Isaac Sadler-La Bellevue DAR Chapter in placing a "Never Forget" marker in his rose garden, as part of the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.



At the Omaha Chapter meeting on Dec 14, the Omaha members elected their new officers for the 2022-23 term. The new Omaha Officers are:

- President—Paul Burrignt
- Vice President—Jim Sly
- Secretary—Chuck Real
- Treasurer—Andrew Nehls
- Registrar—Open

Lincoln Chapter

On Friday, December 3, the Lincoln Chapter officially inducted one of its newest members, Compatriot Dennis Clare. Dennis, and his son Daniel, were both approved together as descendants of Patriot Samuel Dudley (NH). Dennis and Daniel were approved on October 29, 2021.



Lincoln President John Braisted
and Compatriot Dennis Clare

At their Chapter meeting on Dec 3, the Lincoln Chapter elected and installed its new slate of officers for the 2022-23 term. The new Lincoln Chapter Officers are:

- President—Jim Hoke
- Vice President—John Reinert
- Secretary/Treasurer—Shawn Stoner
- Registrar—Open

Congratulations to the new officers!

Lincoln President, John Braisted, also did a Patriot Chest presentation for the residents of Eastmont Towers in Lincoln, on December 13. Traveling back in time to 1776, events of daily family life, soldier's equipment and service, were all discussed.

Questions from the group were fielded with everyone leaving with a better understanding of our Patriot Ancestor's experiences in the Revolutionary War and the colonial era. The presentation was enjoyed by all.

America 250

Your America 250 Committee is working toward events to help commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the struggle for American independence.

We have come up with a lot of great ideas, from smaller events like planting Liberty Trees and grave markings with the Patriot Sons and Daughters program, to bigger events such as a hosting a Colonial Ball. If you have any ideas of something we could do as a society, especially if it is in places our Members At Large live, outside of the two chapter areas, please let us know. We would love to be able to plan events in other parts of our great State.

One idea we have, concerns Patriot Biographies, of which we are extremely short on.

We would like to put the biographies of our member's Patriots into book form. It would be a great way to commemorate their sacrifice, and our longevity as, not only a National Society, but also a State Society, to have all the biographies in one place.

This will help us on two fronts. While the National Society does have the Patriot Bio program, and many of our volunteers are inputting the bios into our digital database at the Patriot Research System website, we are woefully short on biographies, even from our current and active members. The Nebraska SAR is currently at 100% of all application lineage information uploaded to the PRS. That means that all of our current and active members lineage information, for all of their approved applications are uploaded and can be viewed. However, not even half of our current members Patriots have biographies up-

loaded to their page. We need your help with this to get up to 100% biographies to go right along with the 100% in lineage information that is currently in the PRS.

If we can get our current members to all submit biographies, that will give us a great head start on this project!

We need your help!!

The only way this project can get done in time for 2026 is if you provide some help. We need you to submit biographies for your Patriots, if it has



not been done already, and we need help in researching and writing Patriot biographies from past members. The goal would be to split the book into sections, probably by decade, starting with our founding member's Patriots, move to the 1900's, 1910's, etc.

That is a daunting task, which is why we need your help. If you are willing to do some research and write up a biography for a past member, please let me know at pburright72@gmail.com, and I will give you someone to research and write

about. We only plan on submitting one biography per Patriot and will list all Nebraska SAR members, past and current, who share that specific Patriot, with the bio, as there have been a lot of family members who were approved under the same Patriot, over the years.

If you have not yet written a bio for your own Patriot, please get it done and get it sent in to us for submission.

Don't let someone else write your ancestor's story!

You know your ancestor better than anybody else because you have already done the research! Somebody will have to write the bio if you do not and we would really like to have these come from you and be in your own words, not from someone else who had to research your ancestor. We need an all hands on deck approach to this if we are going to complete this project. If you are unsure of how to begin, or what to write about your Patriot, you can visit the Omaha Chapter page of the Nebraska SAR website: www.nessar.org and click the link for Patriot Biographies.

You can read what others have written about their Patriots and it might give you an idea of what is needed.

Attached to the last page of this newsletter is an example Patriot Biography which can also help you with content for the writing of the biographies.

Thank you for your help with this. If you help us with research and writing bios, you will be recognized in the book and by the committee for the hard work you put into the project to help it get completed.



DISPATCHES FROM THE COLOR GUARD



- November 7, 2021

The Nebraska SAR Color Guard was mustered on the afternoon of November 7, in Lincoln, Nebraska, for participation in the Lincoln Veterans Day Parade. It was another beautiful, sunny, early November day. The parade route is quite an easy, flat walk from 21st Street, up K St. to 14th Street, ending in front of the Capitol Building. There were a lot of spectators, lining both sides of the street, especially as the route got closer to the State Capitol.

We were short in the ranks for this event, so we had to conscript a couple of enlistees to fill out the ranks so that we had a minimum complement in attendance. The muster roll shows Commander Chad Sherrets, and Omaha members Capt. Paul Burreight, Lt. Jim Sly, Tom Upton in attendance. To fill in our ranks, we drafted Omaha member Dallas Burreight, to give us another flag bearer, and Cmdr. Sherrets nephew, Jackson Novacek, to carry our banner. Tom Upton drove his convertible, decorated with patriotic bunting, and waved to the crowd behind the flags.



Join the Nebraska SAR Color Guard

Calling all able bodied men, willing to put on the uniform of our ancestors, represent your Nebraska SAR, and be the face of our organization at different events around the State of Nebraska. WE NEED YOU!

Remember that we have loaner uniforms available, if you do not have a uniform of your own, quite yet. We can outfit you and help you become a more active member. Color Guard members have a great time at these events and it is another way to perpetuate the memory of our Patriot ancestors, and let the community learn about us and our organization.

You can participate in only those events that you are able to. If you are not able to walk long distances, parades would not be an event for you, though many times you could ride in the car and wave to the crowd with Compatriot Upton, but we do many different events beyond parades. Currently, only two events on our annual calendar are parades. All of our other events do not deal with much walking, or standing for long periods of time. Many are presenting the colors at different events, classroom and other organizational presentations, grave markings, etc. There are many events that we are not able to participate in, because we do not have the man power to fill out a full guard.

Please consider becoming an active Color Guard member. For more information on uniforms, Color Guard events, etc., please contact Commander Chad Sherrets at omahacolorguard@gmail.com or one of your Chapter CG Officers.



DISPATCHES FROM THE COLOR GUARD



- December 14, 2021

The Omaha Chapter Color Guard was mustered on the morning of December 14, in Omaha, Nebraska, in support of the Nebraska DAR, Omaha Chapter. The Color Guard posted the colors at the Omaha DAR's 125th Anniversary Tea. Mustered that morning was Omaha Captain Paul Burrigh, Lt. Jim Sly, Tom Upton, and Ron Stites. The ladies thoroughly enjoyed having the Compatriots in uniform and many pictures were taken by the DAR members. We greatly appreciate being able to support the ladies of the Nebraska DAR and hope to be able to support them at more events in the future.



Meet My Patriot



Samuel Dudley

(P-150803)

Samuel is the 6th and 7th Great Grandfather to the Nebraska SAR's newest members, Dennis Clare and his son, Daniel Clare.

Samuel Dudley was born March 18, 1719/1720, in Exeter, Rockingham County, New Hampshire. Samuel was the second son of Lt. James Dudley.

Samuel married Mary Ladd on April 24, 1740, in Exeter. Mary was born on Jan 3, 1722/1723 and died Mar 3, 1768. Samuel had a very large family of at least ten children. He later married second, Mrs. Sleeper, and third, Mrs. Clark.

Samuel was listed as a Private on June 27, 1778 and while in Captain Pike's Company, he received five shillings for travel to Rhode Island. He was also a staff officer and muster master / pay master in Capt. William Harper's Company, Col. Isaac Wyman's New Hampshire Regiment.

Samuel was a saw mill owner in the lumber business. He is said to have great energy and activity. He was a surveyor of highways, He knew his rights and maintained them through several lawsuits. He was a Quaker and member of the Society of Friends.

Samuel Dudley died on Aug 30, 1797, in Exeter, New Hampshire, and is buried in Readfield, Kennebec County, Maine.

- Submitted by Compatriot Dennis Clare, #220878



Henry (Hank) W. Austin
Lt. Col USMC (Ret)
(1938-2021)
SAR #194118



From his obituary:

Obituaries have next to nothing to do with death and absolutely everything to do with a life well lived. If you were fortunate enough to know Hank, you know he lived life with love, laughter, and optimism. Henry "Hank" Whipple Austin, 83, passed away peacefully at the Hillcrest Retirement Center in Papillion, Nebraska, on Tuesday, October 19th, after a long and courageous battle with dementia.

Hank was born to Samuel and Evelyn Austin on September 2, 1938, in New Brunswick, NJ. He graduated from Peabody Demonstration High School in Nashville, TN in June 1956. Upon graduation from the Citadel in June 1960, Hank enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and subsequently graduated from Officer Candidate School in December 1960. He was commissioned as a 2nd Lt. and graduated from the Basic School as an Infantry Officer in Quantico, VA in June 1961.

While stationed in northern Virginia, he met the love of his life, Charlotte Small Howard, whom he married on June 23, 1962. Together, Hank and Charlotte would raise a family while spending twenty-two memorable years serving their country while stationed in various places along the east coast and Newfoundland. Hank also did an unaccompanied tour on Okinawa and two separate combat tours of duty in Vietnam. In July 1979, Hank would be stationed at Offutt Air Force Base in Omaha with the joint command National Emergency Airborne Command Post. Little did they know at the time, but Hank and Charlotte would make Omaha their forever home. Before retiring as a Lt. Col from the USMC in 1982, Hank received his Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Oklahoma. From there, he transitioned into a successful career as a financial planner until his retirement in September 2005.

Hank never fully retired though. Always a man of deep faith, Hank finally was able to fulfill a life-long dream of becoming a Deacon in the Episcopal Church. Hank would faithfully serve the Church of the Holy Spirit in Bellevue and at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Omaha. Hank also very much enjoyed his outreach duties at Mabel Rose Assisted Living Facility and the Eastern Nebraska Veteran's Home.

Hank enjoyed a good joke, a slice of

homemade pecan pie, a fine whiskey, and a puff on his pipe. He enjoyed gardening, travel, and was a voracious reader. He loved his dog and enjoyed playing golf, attending Nebraska Cornhusker football games, the College World Series, and of course, spending time with family and friends. Hank was also a proud member of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

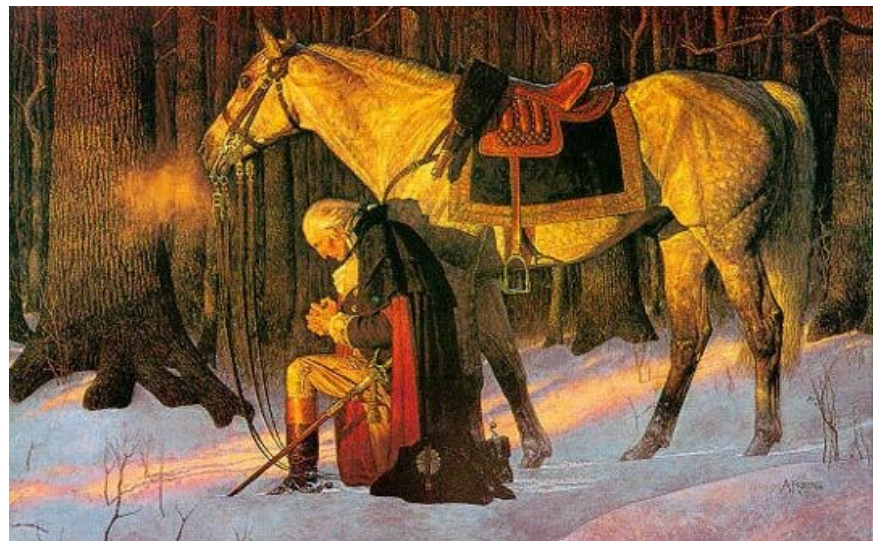
Hank is survived by his wife of fifty-nine years, Charlotte, children Edward (Anny), Paige Breasch (Henry J.), Brian (Brenda), and Charles "Budge" (Angie); eight grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and sister Alleine Hair (Bill). He was preceded in death by his parents; son David Mathews; grandson Philip Meade; and many beloved family members, friends, colleagues, and classmates.

Hank always lived his life to the fullest. Until the end, Hank's life embodied the motto of his beloved Marine Corps... Semper Fidelis. And, Always Faithful, he was indeed.

Hank was a member of the Omaha Chapter, Nebraska SAR. He became a member of the SAR on March 23, 2015.



Rest In Peace,
Compatriot Austin



Wreaths Across America 2021



A nationally coordinated event, taking place in over 2500 locations in the US and abroad, called Wreaths Across America is held each December. Its three key objectives are to Remember the fallen U.S. veterans, Honor those who serve, and Teach our children the value of freedom.



Omaha National Cemetery—
December 18, 2021

Its goal each year, with the help of many thousands of volunteers, is to lay wreaths on the graves of U.S. veterans at the many National Cemeteries and many other locations around the United States and abroad where veterans are buried.

In addition to personal donations from our Omaha and Lincoln Chapters of the Nebraska SAR, members also volunteer their time to go out and lay wreaths, as well as help to fundraise and get the community involved to sponsor wreaths and volunteer their time for the event, as well as personally sponsoring wreaths for the event.



Omaha National Cemetery—
December 18, 2021

Wreaths Across America was held this year on Saturday, December 18, at 11am. It was a bitterly cold morning, with strong winds, and Omaha Chapter Vice President, Paul Burright was in attendance for the ceremony at Omaha National Cemetery. There was an estimated 1000 people in attendance. After the ceremony concluded, family members of those with loved ones buried at the cemetery were dismissed first to be able to lay a wreath on their loved one's grave, before the rest of the public was released to lay the rest of the wreaths. Approximately 2700 wreaths were laid on gravesites and in the mausoleum.

Lincoln Chapter President, John Braisted, and Lincoln Chapter member Terry Springer, attended the Lincoln area ceremony for Wreaths Across America which was held at Wyuka Cemetery in Lincoln, NE. There are numerous veterans buried in the cemetery going back to



Omaha National Cemetery—
December 18, 2021

the Civil War and other 19th Century conflicts. Compatriots Braisted and Springer placed a wreath on Past National SAR President General, Sterling Fann Mutz' grave, who is buried in the cemetery.



President General, Sterling Fann Mutz gravesite, Wyuka Cemetery, Lincoln, NE—December 18, 2021

The Nebraska SAR contributes to this important event each year. If you would like to volunteer your time, sponsor a wreath, or just be part of the event, speak up! You can get involved to help Remember, Honor, and Teach for future events!!

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.

Help us keep our records up to date!



SAR Applications

Please submit all applications through the online application system at www.sar.org. If you have any questions, contact the State Registrar, Paul Burrignt.

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1st Quarter 2022 Meetings and Events

Saturday, Jan 1—New Year's Day

**Friday, Jan 7—Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 10:00am,
Gere Branch Library, Lincoln, NE**

**Tuesday, Jan 11—Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:30pm,
Gorat's Steakhouse, Omaha, NE
- Installation of new officers for 2022-23 term**

**Friday, Feb 4—Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 10:00am,
Gere Branch Library, Lincoln, NE**

**Tuesday, Feb 8—Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:30pm,
Gorat's Steakhouse, Omaha, NE**

**Sunday, Feb 20—American Heritage Luncheon,
12:00pm, Havelock Social Hall, Lincoln, NE**

**March 3-5—Spring Leadership Meetings,
National Headquarters, Louisville, KY**

**Friday, Mar 4—Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 10:00am,
Gere Branch Library, Lincoln, NE**

**Tuesday, Mar 8—Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:30pm,
Gorat's Steakhouse, Omaha, NE**

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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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 4th 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, 2nd 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.