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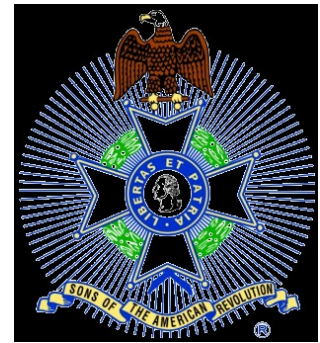
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**Nebraska SAR Society Fall Meeting
Held September 11, 2016**
President's Message

Does finding your Patriot by finding ways of teaching about our ancestor or our country's qualifying and belonging to a genealogical or Heritage society alone make you a better person or important? Probably not. Are you a "Summer Soldier and Sun Shine Patriot? When your application for membership is approved as a member of the Sons of the American Revolution Society, it should not be the end but the beginning. If you do not participate by taking a leadership or committee job, using our programs to go out and recognize our fellow citizen's good citizenship and patriotism, advocating difference does it make? If the approval of an application is the end, such a limited goal may be today's modern day equivalent of what Thomas Paine meant by the phrase in his Revolutionary War pamphlet **THE CRISES** written in December of 1776. Following the crowd as long as everything is uneventful, comfortable or rosy, does not show the obligations we pledge



SAR APPLICATIONS

Please mail all new member and supplemental applications to our NE SAR State Secretary: **Compatriot John Reinert, P.O. Box 83251, Lincoln, NE 68501-3251.**

If you need to contact Compatriot Reinert, he may be reached by phone at 402-432-9168 or by email at: **JR6@AOL.Com**

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Infamous



"Brown Bess"

NOTICE

The 5th Annual American Heritage Dinner will be held **Feb 25, 2017** at the Havelock Social Hall, 4538 N. 62nd Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. The social hour starts at 5:30pm with dinner at 6:30 followed by the featured speaker at 7. The presenter is Beverly Beavers portraying "Lady Vestey". Evelyn Brodstone, (Lady Vestey) was raised in Superior, NE, became a member of British Nobility and was the highest paid woman executive of her time. More information can be found on the NESSAR website in January.



Fred Walden with his wife Jan at the 2016

Congress held in Boston, MA. Story and Critique on Page 6.

Nebraska Society Fall Meeting Held on Sep 11th (Continuation of Fall Meeting)

AWARDS PRESENTED DURING THE 2016 FALL MEETING

Law Enforcement

Fire Safety

Molly Pitcher Award

Partners in Patriotism

Arthur M. King Award

Admiral William Furlong Award

Jennings H. Flathers Award

John Parsons Outgoing Vice

President General Award

Patriot Biographies Recognition

Posting of the Colors



Compatriots Sherrets and Stoner are shown posting the Colors at the Fall 2016 NESSAR Meeting at Mahoney State Park.

September 11 Memorial Oration



Rev Hoke presented an inspiring memorial oration remembering the First Responders on 9-11 and their heroic deeds. Everyone thought it was heartwarming.

Law Enforcement Award



Pictured Left to Right Stefani Grell, Officer Grell, President Kentsmith & Captain Michon Morrow

Fire Safety Award



Fletcher

Fire Safety Award, presented at fall meeting Pictured L- R President Kentsmith, Trisha Fletcher, Dallas

Medal of Appreciation



Judy Masters Moore receives the SAR Molly Pitcher Medal and Certificate from President

Kentsmith for her assistance and collaboration with the SAR.

Partners in Patriotism



Shawn Stoner (Center) accepts the Certificate of Patriotism on behalf of the Lincoln Chapter for hosting the

American Heritage Dinner close to President George Washington's birthday. Pictured L _ R Sec. Reinert, Stoner & President Kentsmith.

Arthur M. King Award



Rev Hoke (C) accepts the Eagle Scout Scholarship Award on behalf of the NESSAR from Pres. Kentsmith (L) & Sec. Reinert (R)

Jennings H. Flathers Award



Editor Knott (L) and Publisher Webb (R) accepts a Certificate & Check for \$250.00 from President Kentsmith (C) on behalf of all the members of NESSAR for publishing

the best Newsletter for State Societies of under 500 members.

Recognition for Vice Pres. General



John Parsons (L) receives Certificate of Service & Oak Leaf Cluster for duties performed as VP General from President Kentsmith (R).

President Kentsmith Elected Vice President General



Nebraska State SAR Society President David Kentsmith attended the Fall National SAR Leadership Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky at the SAR Headquarters. Dr.

Kentsmith and his wife Kitty – pictured in the photo also attended the Formal Saturday evening SAR Banquet chaired by the current National President General President General J. Michael Tomme (Georgia SAR) and his elected Executive staff. During the Trustee meeting which President Kentsmith attended as Nebraska State President, he along with others were sworn in by President General Tomme as the National newly elected VP Generals. Kentsmith will be Vice-president General for the North Central Region (Iowa, Minnesota, the Dakotas and Nebraska Societies). He was elected to the position of National North Central VP-General to replace Nebraska Compatriot John Parsons during the 2016 National Congress in Boston, Massachusetts in July of this year. Our Nebraska State Trustee, Fred Walden and his wife Jan attended the Summer National Congress in Boston where David was nominated and elected.

Genealogy Training



State President David Kentsmith attended a genealogy training seminar on “How to Properly Complete an Application” presented by two National SAR genealogists

Denise Hall (pictured with David Kentsmith) assisted by Jesse Hagan. The seminar was part of the programs, Trustee meetings and

Committee meetings held at the 29, 30 September and 1 October 2016 National Fall SAR Leadership Conference held in Louisville, Kentucky at the Brown Hotel near the SAR National Headquarters. The 3-hour genealogy seminar provided detailed step-by-step instruction on accurately completing an “Approval Ready” membership application and supplemental for review by the genealogist at National. The application form was carefully reviewed showing what to do and not do first in completing the application correctly so it will not be rejected because of formatting and typographical errors. In addition, the presenters identified what can be used as a proof and the many things submitted that are not valid proofs. With the beginning of a concerted effort at digitalization of the applications and supplementals and with a plan for developing a SAR owned Genealogical Research System (GSR) like the DAR, exacting formatting is critical to developing a searchable, valid and verifiable data base. Examples of unacceptable documentation proofs include: Anything from Ancestry.com 1. Family Data Collection, 2. Millennium files, 3. U.S. & International Marriages, 4. AGBI (American Genealogical & Biographical Index, 5. One World Tree, 6. Family trees, 7. IGI (International Genealogical Index). Other unacceptable proofs include 8. County histories after 1900, 9. Obituaries that are undated and do not include names of the publications. 10. Incomplete images with sections “cut off” in the printing process, 11. Anything printed from the DAR Patriot Index or patriot-search pages, 12. SAR or DAR patriot indexes or Grave listings, 13. Family group sheets or family trees, 14. Older SAR applications for which no documentation is on file – mostly before 1978, 15. Tombstone photos that are not readable or not erected at the time of decedent’s death or do not include the cemetery name and location, 16. Family bible pages of birth, weddings and deaths that do not include the publication page showing date of publication (must be be-

2016-17 Meetings and Events

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| Dec 2, | Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Eastmont Towers |
| Dec 13, | Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:00 pm, Gorats |
| Jan 6, | Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Eastmont Towers |
| Jan 10, | Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:00 pm, Gorats |
| Feb 3, | Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Eastmont Towers |
| Feb 14, | Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:00 pm, Gorats |
| Feb 25, | American Heritage Dinner, 5:30 pm, Havelock Social Hall |
| Mar 3, | Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Eastmont Towers |
| Mar 14, | Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:00 pm, Gorats |
| Apr 7, | Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Eastmont Towers |
| Apr 11, | Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:00 pm, Gorats |

fore 1900) of the bible, printer and location and the entries are all different and not in the same handwriting and ink color. Dr. Kentsmith presented this information at the Lincoln and Omaha Chapter meeting for member’s use. He is also sharing this information with the State Officers – Thomas Masters Registrar, Robert Knott deputy Registrar and State Secretary John Reinert. The hand-out he received at the meeting will be available through the State Secretary and Registrar in an electronic format that can be emailed to members when requested.

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Recognition of President General’s Patriot Grave Registration Biographies project. State and local chapters are awarded a flag streamer and stars for each 20% of active members each year. For 2015 NESSAR received 1 star, Lincoln chapter 1 star and Omaha chapter 2 stars.

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 five 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. This is your Newsletter and we want it to be as informative and interesting as we can make it. That's where you can help.



MEET MY PATRIOTS

Presented by **John Parsons**

"MY AMERICAN REVOLUTION ANCESTORS"



Michael Frederick Drummer/Private

Several months ago I wrote about one of my Patriot Ancestors, a 5th great-grandfather, John Frederick, from Bucks County, PA. John served in the Bucks County Associators. Due to the Quaker influence in the government of Pennsylvania, there was officially no militia at the beginning of the Revolution. The Associators, therefore, were a group of volunteers formed in each county that served as a surrogate sort of militia. The Bucks County Associators helped Washington cross the Delaware in 1776, and I have been proud of my ancestor's involvement with that action.

As I was doing some additional family history research, I discovered that Joseph Frederick, a grandson of John, served in the Bucks County Militia during the War of 1812 and in October of 1814, his unit was called up to defend against a British invasion of the Delaware Valley. British troops had just captured and burned Washington and laid siege to Fort McHenry in Baltimore, and there was some concern that they might land in Pennsylvania. However, following their defeat at Fort McHenry, the British opted not to try any further incursions, and the Pennsylvania militia were mustered out. Joseph's service, however, pro-

vided me with my qualifications to join the Society of the War of 1812. I never gave much thought to any potential service of Michael Frederick (Joseph's father and John's son) in either the Revolution or War of 1812 due to his age. Michael was born in 1769, so I figured he would have been too young to serve in the Revolution and too old to serve in the War of 1812. However, as I started to delve a bit more into the family history, I saw that Michael was getting a Revolutionary War pension. I couldn't understand that, because while widows received Revolutionary War pensions for their deceased husbands' service, children did not. I also discovered a reference to a Michael Frederick who had wintered at Valley Forge in the winter of 1777-1778.

Further research into the Pennsylvania Archives (a treasure trove of information) uncovered the fact that Michael had enlisted in the Continental Army as a drummer boy at age 8! What a shock! Michael served in Capt Craig's Company, formed in Northampton and Bucks Counties. This company became part of the 1st Pennsylvania Line, commanded by Anthony Wayne. Michael served with this unit which saw action at Brandywine, Germantown, and Whitemarsh, wintered at Valley Forge, and later fought at Monmouth Court House in 1778. The 1st Penn-

sylvania was a highly regarded unit, and served in the thick of the fighting in each of those engagements.

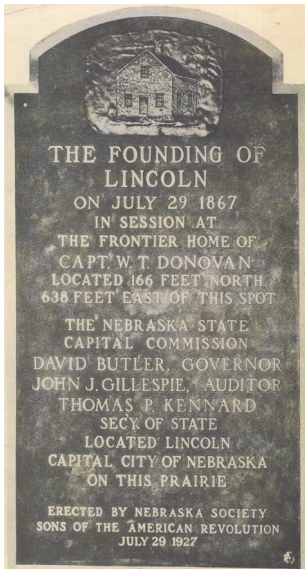
Michael continued in this unit until 1780. Records indicate that while initially serving as drummer, he later was listed as a Private (infantryman), and wintered over at Morristown, New Jersey in 1778 and 1779, before he was mustered out in 1780.

Michael returned to Bucks County after the Revolution, marrying a Catherine Stumpf in 1792. He farmed there for the rest of his days. My Frederick line didn't stray far from the northern Bucks/southern Northampton County area for the next two centuries. My maternal grandfather John Frederick was born and raised in that area, and when I was a young boy he took me to all the old church cemeteries in the area to look at the tombstones of his forefathers, as well as taking me on my first visit to Valley Forge. When you're raised in that environment, as I was, history is not merely an academic exercise, but it is up close and personal.

To say that I am extremely proud of Michael would be a gross understatement. It's tough to try and imagine a young boy like Michael in those battles, much less enduring
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Replacing Lincoln Plaque

Presented by John Reinert



Be it resolved...

Before being elected President, Abraham Lincoln visited Council Bluffs, Iowa and stood on the banks of the Missouri River looking in Omaha's direction. He likely considered

how the settlements in and around Omaha would grow as the Nebraska Territory endeavored to establish its bid for statehood. Within eight years, the Capital Commission, composed of Governor David Butler, Secretary of State Thomas P. Kennard and Auditor John J. Gillespie would travel around eastern Nebraska making inquiries that would allow it to determine where to place the new capital city. The month was July 1867.

In Otoe County, Nursery Hill was about a day's ride west from Nebraska City, near present day Syracuse. This was not even a mile north from the Masters homestead, where my family was in residence. I can well imagine what a roadhouse, a lumberyard, the tall-grass prairie, and a few trees along the Little Nemaha River might have looked like in the 1860s; but having seen the ground since, I can further imagine what the commissioners must have experienced as they spent a mid-summer's night there. They would pass on this location.

The residents of Yankee Hill and Lancaster would also vie for the commissioners' attentions. The stakes were high. When ice cream was served at one event, an extravagance to be sure, the commissioners made the point during deliberations that this gesture should be thought of as a bribe, and therefore disqualifying.

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Good Citizenship Award

Frederick A. Walden, Nebraska's Past VPGN and National Trustee presents the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal from the Sons of the American Revolution to U.S. Naval



Sea Cadet James R. Smith, of the Cornhusker Division in Nebraska at the USS Hazard in

Freedom Park, Omaha, Nebraska on Saturday, September 24, 2016.

James R. Smith is a Petty Officer Second Class in the Naval Sea Cadets Cornhusker Division in Nebraska. He was selected as our 2015 Junior Sailor of the Year for the State of Nebraska ranking #1 of 22 cadets. He also serves as our Leading Petty Officer in which he leads, mentors, and trains 22 cadets. Smith is an Honor Roll student from Kearney High School in Nebraska and has earned nine Academic Achievement Ribbons in Sea Cadets for outstanding work in the classroom in his six years in the program. He is also an active member of our Color Guard Team and has been awarded the Color Guard Ribbon for conducting over five color guards. Pictured left to



right: Ryan J. Smith, WO, USNSCC, Cadet Petty Officer James Smith and his mother Omruthai. Additionally, James has been awarded the

Community Service Ribbon for over 30 hours of service to veteran home cleanup projects to Navy and Marine Corp Relieve Society Uniform Shop manning. James has completed six correspondence courses and three advancement exams totaling over 200 hours of classroom study time

and preparation to professionally educate himself about the Navy. He has also completed seven advanced trainings including, Navy League Orientation, Navy League Navy Seal, Sea Cadet Recruit Training, Navy Shipboard Training USS Essex, Basic Scuba Diving, Recruiting Duty, and Petty Officer Leadership Academy. James has been awarded Honor Cadet at four of his Advanced Trainings and therefore awarded one Navy League Cadet Citation, three Meritorious Service Ribbons, and one Meritorious Recognition Ribbon and received one professional certification in Scuba Diving. James has also demonstrated superior fitness to the unit as the Physical Fitness Leader where he has led 84 PRT evolutions and 12 Physical Readiness tests to 500 cadet's in six years and himself has earned nine Physical Fitness Ribbons with E for Expert, achieving the highest score possible. James has always received outstanding on all uniform inspections. His military bearing is outstanding and his leadership and moral character have been nothing but stellar. He has my highest recommendation for the Sons of the American Revolution Good Citizenship Award.

Plaque—Cont'd from column 1

Weeks later in the village of Lancaster, population 30, deliberations would end in a second floor room in the home of, or the hotel operated by, Captain W. T. Donovan - northeast and southwest corners of 9th and Q Streets, respectively. Perhaps only a handful would learn the news the evening of 29 July 1867 that they were now residents of a capital city, later to be incorporated as the city of Lincoln. I reacquaint you with these events because of our Society's role in erecting the first plaque celebrating the occasion 89 years ago. While the original bronze plaque placed near the south entrance to Lincoln's train depot is lost, the opportunity to replace it with an aluminum plaque is upon us. Our sponsorship, together with the DAR, finds the Haymarket Development Corp, Preservation Association of Lincoln, and city officials all taking interest as part of Lincoln's Sesquicentennial Celebration in 2017.

NSSAR 2016 Congress

Presented by Frederick A. Walden Nebraska's Past VPGNC and National Trustee. Our decision to drive to Boston to attend the 126th Annual



Congress of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution was an adventure in patriotism. We spent a few days in Pennsylvania visiting family. On Sunday, July 3, Fred accompanied our son, Compatriot Rev. Dr. Kevin Walden to an historic Welch Church in Plymouth, PA. Kevin was a guest speaker at the church. His message related the Armor of God to the Declaration of Independence and the framing of the Constitution. The Declaration of Independence stated the grievances the colonies had against the King of England. The Constitution, the foundation of a new government, corrected the grievances. The writers of both documents relied on their Christian background to answer offenses with truth, justice, and righteousness. We drove into Boston on Saturday, July 9. We stayed at the Westin Copley Place where the NSSAR business meetings were held. That evening we attended the Host Society Reception. The Massachusetts Society's hard work and excellent planning were evident throughout the Congress. Sunday, July 10, we attended the Color Guard Breakfast. Fred attended the Trustee's Meeting following breakfast. The business was to decide how to allocate funds from a \$100,000 memorial bequest the NSSAR had received. The Trustees voted to allocate \$50,000 to the Boy Scout Program and \$50,000 be divided between the seven other youth programs of the NSSAR. Sunday afternoon we attended the Memorial

Service honoring 562 Compatriots who passed away this last year. The service was held in the Old South Church about a block from the Westin Hotel. The NSSAR Color Guard, complete with fife and drum, marched from the hotel to the church. Fred was approached by a couple from India who wanted to know about the Color Guard. Jan stayed after the service to attend the First Lady's Tea held in the church. On her way back to the hotel, she was asked by a mother and daughter to tell them about the Color Guard. The Color Guard had their picture taken on the steps of the Boston Public Library which is between the hotel and the church. The interest of the public shows how much the Color Guard represents and promotes the NSSAR. Monday, July 11, we attended the Youth Awards Luncheon. The young men who received the awards gave some excellent speeches. After the luncheon, those members who answered the request to wear seersucker, had their picture taken. Monday afternoon, Jan attended the Ladies' Auxiliary Meeting. During the business meeting it was announced that the auxiliary had earned \$7,000 for the NSSAR. The program was a living history interpreter who portrayed Abigail Adams: Life, Love, and Letters. Monday evening we attended a reception of the New England Historic Genealogical Society. A request for an invitation was extended to all those attending the Congress. Following a cocktail reception and a welcoming speaker, we were given a tour of the building. We saw seven floors of their research capabilities. Monday night was also Recognition Night. I am happy to report that the **Nebraska Society received four awards.** **1.** The Liberty Medal and Certificate were awarded to John T. Parsons in recognition of outstanding services in the recruitment of new members. **2.** Admiral William R. Furlong Memorial Award to the State Society which have fulfilled the qualifications of NSSAR Flag certificate presentations during the year. **3.** Certificate of Participation and a streamer for supporting and submit-

ting a candidate in the Arthur M. King Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest. **4.** Jennings H. Flathers Award to the State Society with fewer than 500 members with the best news publication **2015-2016.** We were awarded a certificate and a check in the amount of \$250. Our thanks to Robert L. Knott, Editor and William Webb, Publisher of the "Husker Patriot". Tuesday, July 12 we attended the Atlantic Middle States Breakfast. Jan attended the Ladies' Luncheon at the Boston Public Library. The program was a live portrayal of Deborah Sampson who enlisted in the Revolutionary War Army as a man, Robert Shurtieff. The hour and a half program by a professional actress was riveting.

In the evening we attended the President General's Banquet. The speaker was Peter S. Onuf who discussed his book, "Most Blessed of the Patriarchs" **Thomas Jefferson and the Empire of the Imagination.**

Wednesday, July 13 we attended the NSSAR 1,000 Breakfast. In the evening we attended The Installation Banquet. The new President General, the Vice Presidents General and the new officers were introduced.

On our own, we took a Duck Tour of Boston. Our vehicle was a DUKW amphibious vehicle developed during WWII for unloading cargo and men from ships. We saw the Old North Church, Paul Revere's house and The Granary, one of Boston's oldest graveyards where my patriot, William Bridges', wife was laid to rest. We saw many other historic sights and enjoyed a ride on the Charles River.



Picture taken inside of the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston during one of Fred and Jan's side trips.

THE ARMOR OF GOD



Fred Walden, during his visit to the National Congress, accompanied his son, Omaha Compatriot Rev. Dr. Kevin Walden to an historic Welch

Church in Plymouth, PA. Kevin was a guest speaker at the church. His message related the "Armor of God" to the **Declaration of independence** and the framing of the Constitution. The Declaration of Independence stated the grievances the colonies had against the King of England. The Constitution, the foundation of a new government, corrected the grievances. The writers of both documents relied on their Christian background to answer offenses with truth, justice, and righteousness.

The following are some of the highlights from Compatriot Walden's message that day:

Independence Day Connection

We hear quite often these days that our country wasn't founded on Christian principles by Christian men. I just want to share a few things about that this morning from our Founding Fathers...

A portion of the Mayflower Compact stated that they had "Undertaken [the journey] for the Glory of God and the Advancement of The Christian Faith"

Patrick Henry stated: "This nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; Not on religion, but on The Gospel of Jesus Christ."

John Adams and John Hancock wrote: "We recognize No Sovereign but God, and No King but Jesus!"

Alexander Hamilton wrote: "... [The Constitution is] a system which without the finger of God, never could have been suggested..."

James Madison conceived of the 3 branches of government from Isaiah 33:22...

"For the Lord is our Judge [Judicial]
The Lord is our Lawgiver, [Legislative]

The Lord is our King [Executive]
He will save us..." EPHESIANS 6 & ISAIAH 59_2

Thomas Jefferson said: "God who gave us Life, gave us Liberty. And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their basis [in faith]."

George Washington said: "To the distinguished Character of Patriot, it should be our highest glory to add the more distinguished character of Christian."

John Quincy Adams said: "The birthday of the nation is indissolubly linked with the birthday of the Savior."

Inscribed on the Liberty Bell it says: "Proclaim Liberty throughout the Land and to all the inhabitants thereof." This is a quote from Leviticus 25:10

The Declaration of Independence (The Wrongs and Unfairness of the King)

The U.S. Constitution (The well-thought out answer -A New Form of Government). A government that was collaborative and accountable. We cannot understand the power and wisdom of the Constitution and our unique form of Federalism if we don't realize where we come from.

The Constitution only makes sense if we understand the Declaration and the problems our founders were trying to fix.

It took them 7 years to create the constitution. Immediately the States demanded amendments - Our Bill of Rights.



Col. (Ret'd) David and Irene Wolfe receiving the SAR Flag award from Compatriot Ben Harvey, Flag Chairman, during Omaha Chapter Dec. Meeting.

New Members Initiated

Omaha Chapter welcomes new member Dan Rowe during their September 2016 meeting. President McAlevy conducts the initiation.



Omaha welcomes Paul Burrig to their chapter in October 2016 meeting. Compatriot Harvey conducts the initiation.



Lincoln Chapter welcomes their new member Roger Rotschaffer during their August 2016 meeting. President Stoner presents the oath.



MORE PICTURES AND STORIES

Cont'd from Page 4, Col. 3 the harsh winters at Valley Forge and Morristown. Patriots like Michael, as well as his father and son, are a major reason why the United States gained and maintained its independence over the past 230 years.

Cont'd Presidents msg Page 1 ourselves to in our oath as we honor the struggle, pain and sacrifices our patriot ancestors suffered during the American Revolutionary War. Several members in our Society have taken on the sometimes difficult work of being an officer or chairperson at the State and local level. Others may not think that they are welcome to serve, lead or actually form a group to honor our ancestors nor told our officers of their desire to help. It does take effort to learn a job such as being the treasurer, secretary, program chairman or president. It is a struggle, long term commitment and personal sacrifice to work to make the society function, grow and reach out to others. Some jobs like the State Secretary, Registrar and Trustee are demanding, often detailed and require learning. Helping a prospective member complete their genealogical research, correctly prepare their applications and successfully obtain membership requires skill, patience and a time commitment. We have yet to have volunteers to act as sponsors for applicants. Approving member applications is the foundation for success for all State SAR Societies. If members fail to step in and help, jobs are left up to officers who may feel their reward for serving is being tasked with even more responsibilities. We need volunteers to be officers, committee chairpersons and participants in such activities as the Color Guard. Let us know you want to participate. Don't be a "Summer Soldier and Sun Shine Patriot". David Kentsmith, Pres.

DAR, SAR and Pine Ridge Collaboration



In July 2016, a NESDAR/NESSAR delegation delivered tubs and bags filled with new newborn baby clothes, diapers, home health care supplies, and baby blankets purchased by the Nebraska Society Daughter of the American Revolution and Nebraska Society Sons of the American Revolution and collected by Sheri Ward, 2015-2016 American Indian Committee Chair. Included are school backpacks created from a grant written and received by the Loup Trail Chapter, NSDAR in Burwell, NE. Pictured L-R at Pine Ridge are Gary Ruse, Tribe Financial Adviser; SharonAnn G. Loudon, State Registrar, Sandhills Chapter, NSDAR; Senator LeRoy J. Loudon, Lincoln Chapter, NESSAR; John Steele, President Oglala Sioux Tribe; LeeAnn Merrihew, State American Indians Chair 2016-2017, Sandhills Chapter, NSDAR; Harry Merrihew, Lincoln Chapter, NESSAR.

Shawn Stoner Presented the U.S./SAR Flag Lapel Pin



NESSAR President David Kentsmith during the Lincoln Chapter meeting in October 2016, presented Lincoln Chapter President Shawn Stoner, a U.S./SAR flag lapel pin for assisting Compatriot Chad Sherrets of Omaha in establishing



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a Color Guard unit for the NESSAR. This pin may be worn instead of the Rosette.

My SAR membership is a constant reminder of our glorious heritage, and my responsibilities as an American Citizen. U.S. Grant, III General, U.S. Army

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