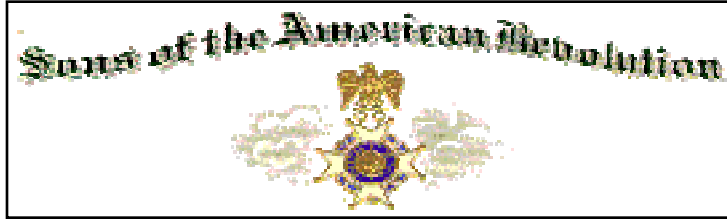


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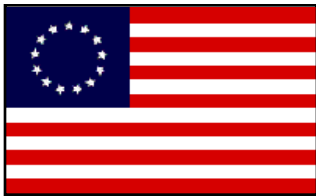


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NESSAR Fall Meeting and Awards Ceremony

Presidents Corner My first year as your President is coming too a close to quickly. To all those who have worked so hard this past year I can't thank you enough. You have been an inspiration to me and because of you we have new members joining and other applications being worked on. We are seeing some members submitting their applications for supplementals. Those are so important to insuring that all of our Patriots are recognized for what they did in building this great na-



tion. Some paid the ultimate price but all paid with their individual effort and actions. The Peter Kiewit Lodge at Mahoney State Park was the setting when the Nebraska Society held its Fall Meeting and Awards Ceremony on October 14th. We had a wonderful buffet lunch, one of the best. Of course, for me and one of the highlights was presenting awards. I had the privilege of presenting the EMS, Law Enforcement and Flag Certificate Awards.

Fred Walden



SAR APPLICATIONS

Please mail all new member and supplemental application to our NE SAR State Secretary: **Compatriot Dr. David K. Kentsmith, M.D.**
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Infamous



"Brown Bess"



Hobert Estep and his wife after receiving the Flag Certificate from President Walden.



State Patrol Trooper Eric Kauffman and his command staff after receiving Law Enforcement award.



Mary Ann Kroeger and the State Fire Marshal after receiving the EMS Award.

Nebraska Society Fall Meeting

President Fred Walden 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. Rev. Dr. James Hoke gave the invocation. Past Nebraska SAR Presidents were introduced as well as the members and guests. We had a lot of positive feedback on the outstanding presentation of Awards. First was the awarding of the Flag Certificate to Hobert E. Estep of Bellevue, Nebraska. Hobert (Bob) has flown the flag for over 40 years and had served in the Army for 30 years. Next we

had the presentation of the Law Enforcement Award to Nebraska State Patrol Trooper Eric Kauffman. To name one of his accomplishments he was honorably awarded the Superintendent's Distinguished Service Award for his assistance at a quadruple fatality accident on Interstate 80. We then had the presentation of the Emergency Medical Service Award to Mary Ann Kroeger. Mary Ann has received the Service to Mankind Award from the local chapter for her dedication to the EMT community. After the Awards Ceremony the NESSAR members continued with the Officers' Reports and Committee

Reports. After closing remarks by President Walden and members reciting "Until We Meet Again" the meeting was adjourned.

"The battle, Sir, is not to the strong alone; it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave. Besides, Sir, we have no election. If we were base enough to desire it, it is now to late to retire from the contest. There is no retreat but in submission and slavery! Our chains are forged! Their clanking may be heard on the plains of Boston! The war is inevitable; and let it come! I repeat, Sir, let it come!" — Patrick Henry

NEBRASKA SOCIETY FALL AWARDS CEREMONY



The Flag Certificate was authorized by our National Society in 1987 and is presented to individuals, companies and government agencies that fly the United States flag for patriotic purposes only. Hobert (Bob) Estep is a veteran of the Vietnam War and proudly served his country for 30 years in the United States Army. During the time he was in Vietnam, during the 68 Tet Offensive, he received a Battlefield Commission. President Walden stated that we all have a responsibility, in our hearts and in our deeds, to "keep the flag flying" and Bob has certainly done his part by keeping the American Flag flying for so many years. Bob has flown the flag every day at his current home in Bellevue for almost 5 years and their other homes for over 40 years. President Walden stated that he was honored to pay tribute to Bob for his long standing respect and dedication to the flag of the United States of America.



State Trooper Eric Kauffman receives the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal. His service to the citizens of Nebraska include service as a Carrier Enforcement Officer and he later transferred to the Traffic Services Division, Troop A, in Omaha, Nebraska. Some of his accomplishments are: Honorably awarded the Superintendent's Distinguished Service Award for his assistance at a quadruple fatality accident on Interstate 80. From 2008 to the present, he has arrested a total of 189 drunk drivers. In 2009, he made a total of 179 drug arrests and 101 people were arrested on warrants. He demonstrates his patriotism to the United States through his serving as a member of the State Patrol Honor Guard. They continually receive credit for their precision and professionalism as they proudly display the State and American Flag. He is committed to defending through his willingness to sacrifice his own life and President Walden said it was a sincere privilege and pleasure to present this award.



Mary Ann Kroeger is awarded the SAR's Emergency Medical Services Award. Mary Ann has been a member of the Schuyler Rescue Squad since April 1977 and is a certified Medical Technician. Mary Ann, in 2003, received the Service to Mankind Award from the local chapter for her dedication to the EMT community. She possesses top-level skills and expertise in EMT activities and duties. Mary Ann is a certified CPR and first aid instructor for the American Heart Association and is qualified to teach classes in both. Mary Ann Kroeger is a true professional and an invaluable asset to her community and the state of Nebraska. State Fire Marshal Falgione stated that many times when he was a plain clothes criminal investigator that in the middle of the night, his only communication by radio was with her. She was ready to dispatch backup when needed. State President Walden stated it was a sincere privilege and pleasure to recognize her and to present her with this award.



Lincoln Chapter President Chaplain James Hoke received the Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award for his distinguished service to Scouting. President Fred Walden is shown above presenting the award to Chaplain Hoke.



The above shows the National Society Certificate that President Fred Walden received at National for being recognized as a George Washington Fellow in appreciation of his support of the Endowment Fund.

The War of 1812

Lori I Fitzwater, Commemorative Events Chairman of the Major Isaac Sadler-La Belle Vue Nebraska Chapter, NSDAR attended the October meeting of the Omaha Chapter of the SAR. She invited the members to their 1812 Commemorative Event on Oct 20, 2012, at the Millard Branch of the Omaha Public Library. A lecture was given by Don Hickey, PhD, Professor of History, Wayne State College. Dr. Hickey is author of several books on the War of 1812 and has been featured as a historical expert on the PBS special "The War of 1812". Refreshments were served by the Ft Crook Society of the CAR. Among those in attendance were William Webb, John Parsons, Chuck Harmon and other organizations in the community.

LEADERSHIP - The art of getting someone else to do something you want done because he wants to do it. Dwight D. Eisenhower



The Nebraska Society and both Chapters, Lincoln and Omaha each received two National Awards. They each received a National Society Certificate for participating in the Partners in Patriotism Program. Some of the requirements that may be considered are presenting ROTC/JROTC medals, wreath laying and 9/11 ceremonies. They also received the Admiral William R. Furlong Memorial Award for the Flag Programs presented. Each received a Certificate and a Streamer for our Bennington Flag. Both Chapters and our Society each presented Flag Certificates during the previous year.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS—
2012**

- At Large — Harry Merrihew
 - At Large — Roger A. Radamacher
 - At Large — Randy D. Radamacher
 - Omaha Chapter — Fred Strider
 - Lincoln Chapter — Robert Chandler
 - Transfer in
 - At Large — William J. Shipley
 - At Large — Carl Garrison
 - Transfer in
 - Omaha Chapter — Darin D. Ellis
 - Omaha Chapter — Charles L. Senrick
- "Yonder are the Hessians. They were bought for seven pounds and tenpence a man. Are you worth more? Prove it. Tonight the American flag floats from yonder hill or Molly Stark sleeps a widow!" —John Stark at the Battle of Bennington in 1777.

2012-13 Meetings and Events

- Jan 4, Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am Eastmont Towers
- Jan 15, Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:00 pm Venice Inn
- Feb 1, Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am Eastmont Towers
- Feb 12, Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:00 pm Venice Inn
- Mar 1, Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am Eastmont Towers
- Mar 12, Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:00 pm Venice Inn
- Apr 5, Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am Eastmont Towers
- Apr 9, Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:00 pm Venice Inn
- May 3, Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00am Eastmont Towers
- May 14, Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:00 pm Venice Inn

***** AWARDS *****

The Society competed for the Jennings H. Flathers Award which is presented to a Society with fewer than 500 members for the best Newsletter. Sorry to say, we did not win. Maybe next year for this year's editions of the Husker Patriot. If you have an article or a picture with a picture, please send them to the Editor or Publisher. If you wish us to assist you in "polishing it up" we can certainly do that. There is also another important award that we would like to compete for which is the Richard H. Thompson, Jr. Award. It's given for the Society that has the smallest number of members dropped by reason of failure to pay dues. If you know of someone who is wavering, talk to them about the importance of continuing their membership in this great organization. Lets earn another award.
Bob Knott, Chairman, Medals and Awards Committee

"Liberty cannot be preserved without general knowledge among the people."
.....John Adams.....

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 nine Newsletters published and distributed to our members. I would like to ask you to again take a good look at these Newsletters and let me 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 chiefknot@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 "My American Revolution Ancestors"

By Peter L. Heineman

Part One of Two



Col. Nicholas Lewis

Nicholas Lewis was born in "Belvoir" Louisa Co., Virginia on January 19, 1734. He was the second son of Col. Robert Lewis of Belvoir and Jane Meriwether. Nicholas was an Albemarle County landowner and friend of Thomas Jefferson. He was also an officer in the American Revolution, a County magistrate, Surveyor, and Sheriff.

In 1735, Nicholas Meriwether, Nicholas' grandfather, obtained patents from King George III to approximately 19,000 acres in Albemarle County east of Charlottesville. One parcel of 1020 acres was located west of the Rivanna River, the area which now is the Locust Grove and Belmont neighborhoods. It became known as "[The Farm](#)" because it was the one cleared area in a virgin forest. Nicholas Lewis inherited the property in 1762 and built another main house facing the river around 1770. It was described as a place of beauty surrounded by a garden of roses, shrubs and fine fruit.



A building on the property likely served as headquarters for British Col. Banastre Tarleton briefly in June 1781. Maj. Gen. George A. Custer would later occupy the house as his headquarters for a brief time in March 1865. All that remains of "The Farm" is the kitchen or cook's house. It is still surrounded by mature hardwood trees and retains its view of Monticello.

Nicholas Lewis married Mary (Capt. Molly) Walker in 1758. Mary was the daughter of Dr. Thomas Walker and Mildred Thornton Meriwether of Castle Hill where Mary was born in 1742. Dr. Walker – the subject of the next patriot profile. Nicholas and Mary had 15 children.

July, 1775, saw the Governor of Virginia a fugitive and the members of the Assembly met as a Provincial Convention to raise and embody an armed force to defend the Province. The flight of the Governor left the Colony without an executive head and the Convention therefore appointed, on the sixteenth of August, a Committee of Safety of eleven members to continue until its next session.

It was to carry into execution all ordinances and resolutions of the Convention, to grant commissions to all provincial military officers, to appoint commissaries, paymasters and contractors and to provide for the troops. It was to issue warrants on the Treasurer to supply these agents with money and

pay them for their services and to settle such incidental expenses as arose in connection with the military establishment. All public war stores were to be in its charge. The Committee, moreover, was made Commander-in-Chief of the forces of the Province, and every officer, to the highest, was obliged to swear obedience to it.

If sufficient danger threatened the Colony before the troops which the Convention had determined upon could be raised and organized, the Committee might call upon the volunteer companies which had already sprung up through the Colony, to take the field. Col. Nicholas Lewis was a Member of the Committee of Safety and Convention of 1775.

Little is known of Nicholas' military career other than a brief note by Thomas Jefferson dated August 18, 1813:

"Nicholas Lewis, the second of his father's brothers, commanded a regiment of militia in the successful expedition of 1776 against the Cherokee Indians; who, seduced by the agents of the British government to take up the hatchet against us, had committed great havoc on our southern frontier, by murdering and scalping helpless women and children, according to their cruel and cowardly principles of warfare. The chastisement they then received closed the history of their wars, and prepared them for receiving

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the elements of civilization, which, zealously inculcated by the present government of the United States, have rendered them an industrious, peaceable, and happy people. This member of the family of Lewises, whose bravery was so successfully proved on this occasion, was endeared to all who knew him by his inflexible probity, courteous disposition, benevolent heart, and engaging modesty and manners. He was the umpire of all the private differences of his country-selected always by both parties. He was also the guardian of Meriwether Lewis,...who had lost his father at an early age."

Col. Nicholas Lewis died December 8, 1808 at 74 years of age. He is buried on his property in a cemetery on a hilltop overlooking the river. Mary died February 9, 1824 at 81 years of age.

Dr. Thomas Walker

Thomas Walker was born in Rye Field, King & Queens County, Virginia January 15, 1715 the son of Maj. Thomas Walker and Susannah Peachy. The Walkers of Virginia came from Staffordshire, England about 1650 at an early period in the history of the colony of Virginia. Major Walker was a member of the Colonial Assembly 1662, being at that time a Representative from the County of Gloucester. This gentleman, in 1663, claimed that he planted 70,000 mulberry trees and therefore requested bonuses for silk culture. In 1667 following the report of a committee of the House of Burgess sent to count his trees, he was awarded 20,000 pounds of tobacco for his efforts.

After studying medicine with his sister's husband Dr. George Gilmer, Thomas set up practice in Fredericksburg and became a noted physician. He also ran a general store and engaged in an import and export trade. In 1741 married Mildred Thornton Meriwether. She was born March 19, 1721 in Louisa, Virginia, the daughter of Col. Francis Thornton and Alice Savage. Mildred married twice, first to Nicholas Meriwether III and then to Dr. Thomas Walker. Thomas Walker and Mildred Meriwether had 12 children.

By marriage, Thomas Walker acquired 11,000 acre estate known as [Castle Hill](#).



Castle Hill played host for a short time to the British enemy Banastre Tarleton on June 4, 1781 during the midst of the American Revolution. There Tarleton made a short stay, but was delayed by the insisting of Mildred Walker. This delay gave the young Jack Jouett of Louisa County enough time to reach Charlottesville and send a messenger to warn Thomas Jefferson and her legislators staying at Monticello, who escaped just in time safely into Staunton, Va. in the Shenandoah Valley. Tarleton's short visit at Castle Hill proved to be a critical moment in the Revolution by saving members of the General Assembly and giving the citizens of Charlottesville time to prepare or flee.

In 1749 Thomas became chief agent of Loyal Land Company, which had received a grant of 800,000 acres from the council of Virginia and in the following years he led an expedition to explore lands of this grant. He kept a [journal](#) of the trip which was the first record of a white man in what was to become Kentucky. In 1775, during the French and Indian Wars, he became Commissary to Virginia troops under George Washington and was later charged with fraud, but acquitted.

Dr. Thomas Walker served on the Committee of Safety in Virginia. In 1777 he was appointed with his son Col. John Walker to visit Indians in Pittsburgh, Pa. for the purpose of gaining their friendship for the Americans.

In 1776 the Virginia House of Delegates defined the northern boundary of the Kentucky District as the low-water mark at the mouth of the Big Sandy, on the northern shore of the Ohio River. This boundary followed the Big Sandy River from that point to the junction of the Tug Fork, and from there up to the Laurel Ridge of the Cumberland Mountain to the point where it crossed the Virginia-North Carolina line

(known as "seven pines and two black oaks). When Virginia agreed to separate Kentucky in the Compact of 1789, that description was accepted.

In 1779-80, The Virginia-North Carolina dividing line was extended westward to the first crossing of the Cumberland River. From this point west to the Mississippi, Thomas Walker surveyed the line for Virginia. This took him through dense forests, over rugged mountains - a most difficult task. This line almost immediately caused a tremendous amount of dispute for many years between Kentucky and Tennessee. When Kentucky became a state in 1792, it immediately began to "find fault" with the line as drawn by Thomas Walker in 1779. The difficulties continued madly into the 1850's.

In 1859, the Cox-Pebbles team traveled a 320 mile course between January 9th and October 20th. It covered the same terrain that Walker's party had traveled from New Madrid Bend to the Cumberland Gap. They erected 3 foot high stone slabs every five miles to mark the line - beginning at Compromise on the Mississippi River and ending at the spot where the old Wilderness Road passed through the Cumberland Gap. The line is basically what it was as marked by Walker in 1799.

Dr. Thomas Walker died November 9, 1794 at Castle Hill, Albemarle County Virginia, at 79 years of age. Mildred died November 16, 1778 at Castle Hill, Albemarle County, VA, at 57 years of age. They are buried on the estate. The cemetery is situated near the foot of the mountain in the woods surrounded by a brick wall.

Next edition: **Lt. Hudson Martin** and **Pvt. William Duggins**.

History by apprising [citizens] of the past will enable them to judge of the future; it will avail them of the experience of other times and other nations; it will qualify them as judges of the actions and designs of men; it will enable them to know ambition under every disguise it may assume; and knowing it, to defeat its views. Thomas Jefferson, Notes on the State of Virginia, Query 14, 1781

MORE PICTURES AND STORIES

*****DUES*****

At our Fall Meeting at Mahoney State Park on October 14, there was a discussion concerning expenses that are necessary for continued support of the various activities the Nebraska Society participates in. Some of these are for awards such as honoring the Law Enforcement selectee; the Emergency Medical Services selectee; the Fire Safety selectee; the Flag Certificate selectee; and the Eagle Scout selectee. Other expenses are our Secretary's mailing costs, (stamps and envelopes) and duplicating costs and also we are adding new members which involves extra costs. These are the main factors for the increase. Over the past few years the Society has consistently been able to meet its financial needs by aggressively controlling costs and through donations of its members. However, increased business costs and economic factors could prevent our Society from achieving its financial goals in the future. As a result of this discussion, it was proposed that our Society dues be increased from \$12.00 to \$17.00 effective for 2014. This was seconded and unanimously approved. It should also be mentioned that the \$17.00 state membership fee is within the average for State SAR Societies throughout the United States. As you think about this dues increase, think for a moment about the valuable information you receive. There is a web site that is updated with many sorts of society programs and information, an outstanding Newsletter, awarding outstanding individuals in our communities. These are just a few. Think of all the changes that have taken place in the last few years, gas has become more expensive, the internet has changed the face of printing and the cost of doing business has increased. Our member needs are greater than ever and the increased funding will be used to enhance member support and services. There is not one specific project that this increased funding will be used for but would include a focus on a quality Society

as well as our increased organizational growth.

CORNHUSKER COUNCIL OF THE BSA RECEIVES SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION FLAG CERTIFICATE



The above picture is of Dr. James Hoke, President of the Lincoln Chapter SAR, presenting Jason Anderson, Deputy Council Executive, Cornhusker Council BSA, with the Sons of the American Revolution Flag Certificate for prominent and continuous outdoor and indoor display of the US Flag at the Boy Scouts of America Council Headquarters in Walton, Nebraska on 3 December 2012. The BSA's continued support of patriotic educational programs for youth marks them as the premier organization promoting selfless service, patriotism and duty to country in all its programs while serving the youth of our nation.

MARY KATHARINE GODDARD CHAPTER, DAR IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION MILITARY CARE K-9

Sara Sellgren, from the Mary Katharine Goddard Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Omaha, Nebraska was at the October meeting of the Omaha Chapter of the SAR and discussed the DAR's sponsoring of the K-9 program in Afganistan and was in support of Operation Military Care K-9. Sara passed out flyers to everyone in attendance and asked if the Omaha Chapter wished to donate to this worthy and much needed cause. A vote was taken of the members at the meeting and was quickly passed.. \$50.00 was donated.



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"When the resolution of enslaving America was formed in Great Britain, the British Parliament was advised by an artful man, who was governor of Pennsylvania, to disarm the people; that it was the best and most effectual way to enslave them; but that they should not do it openly, but weaken them, and let them sink gradually...I ask, who are the militia? They consist of now of the whole people, except a few public officers. But I cannot say who will be the militia of the future day. If that paper on the table gets no alteration, the militia of the future day may not consist of all classes, high and low, and rich and poor..." George Mason, Virginia Constitution Convention.