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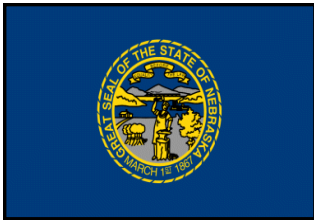
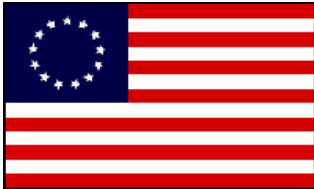
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NESSAR Spring Meeting and Awards Ceremony

President's Corner: To my compatriots and friends: Serving my terms of National North Central Vice President General and Nebraska State President has been a privilege to represent you. I have appreciated your support of our first Nebraska State Medal. Though we did not get our third chapter started in the State of Nebraska, it is nice that we are working toward that end. Jan and I have had the pleasure of attending the meetings of so many of our sister organizations and representing you



at those functions. I hope some of these contacts have helped to bring our organizations closer together. We have enjoyed the travel, meeting so many interesting people, as well as enjoying some delicious meals. Traveling to the national conferences is an opportunity to understand many other functions that are taking place all over the United States. I hope more members will take the time and try to put these conferences on their agendas. When I served aboard the USS Hancock

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SAR APPLICATIONS

Please mail all new member and supplemental applications to our NE SAR State Secretary: **Compatriot Dr. David K. Kentsmith, M.D. 16902 S. HWY 50 Springfield, NE 68059-4827**

If you need to contact Compatriot Kentsmith, he may be reached by phone at 402-253-2577 or by email at: **K-NESAR@Q.COM**

Infamous



"Brown Bess"



Omaha Chapter meeting conducted at the Venice Inn 14 January 2014.



New Omaha Chapter President Thomas Conley with his mother and brother at the swearing in.



Chaplain (Col) James Hoke with opening remarks of the American Heritage Meeting.

NESSAR Spring Meeting April 27, 2014

Fred Walden, President of the Nebraska Society Sons of the American Revolution has advised that the Members of the Board of Counselors has reviewed the Budget for this year and it has been approved. In accordance with the Nebraska Society By-Laws the Budget will be presented to the Membership for their approval at the Annual Spring Meeting which will be held at Mahoney State Park, **April 27th, 2014 at 1:00 PM.** Our Spring Meeting is our most important Society meeting of the

year and all members are encouraged to attend. It not only is the time when we as a group have the opportunity to review our Society's business developments and accomplishments of the past year but also preview what lies ahead. There is so much that we can accomplish in the state of Nebraska to further the ideals of our Patriot forefathers, such as presenting Flag Certificates, presenting ROTC/JROTC medals, working with Scouts just to name a few. The Spring Meeting would be a great time for our members to put a plug in, to submit your

ideas on what you want your Society to work on. We have a great program lined up. One of the highlights will be the swearing in of our new State Officers. We will be presenting several awards to some outstanding and deserving individuals. Come and be a part of this important Meeting. It has been a long winter and now it's time to get out of the house and be with your fellow Compatriots, some you probably haven't seen for quite awhile. Bring your wife or guest with you. If you know a Compatriot that needs a ride please bring them with you.

NEBRASKA SOCIETY NEWS



William Webb, Past Omaha Chapter President is shown congratulating Thomas Conley after being sworn in as the new Omaha Chapter

President for 2014-15. Tom has just completed a two year term as the Omaha Chapter Vice President.



Omaha Chapter President Thomas Conley was honored to present outgoing Chapter President William Webb with the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal. Tom stated that his leadership has been for the good of the Chapter, our State Society and the SAR.



Meet the new Officers of the Omaha Chapter. From left, Thomas Conley, President, Richard Ewing, Vice President, Past Chapter President William Webb and John Parsons, Treasurer. These new officers will serve the Omaha Chapter for the next two years and looks forward to working with as well as serving the members.



Richard Ewing is being presented the Meritorious Service Medal by Incoming Omaha

Chapter President Thomas Conley for his outstanding performance as Secretary of the Omaha Chapter. Richard is now the Vice President and Secretary of the Omaha Chapter for 2014-15.



Picture: Ann Adams, Leonard Adams, Senator Al Davis, John Adams, Dale & Cindi Berndt with grandsons Stetson & Cole Davis, Ardith Piihl, LeeAnn and Harry Merrihew, Ethel Arants & Bessie Hubbard, LeRoy & SharonAnn Louden. On Thursday,

August 18, 2013 LeRoy Louden & Harry Merrihew members of the Nebraska Society Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR) together with Nebraska Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) SharonAnn Louden, Sandhills Chapter Regent and LeeAnn Merrihew, Vice Regent sponsored family members to set corner stones at the Shackelford Cemetery on the OLO Ranch owned by Senator Davis. Senator Davis led the group in the first verse of "Amazing Grace". Relatives of family members previously buried there had family history stories including pictures to share during this dedication. **Cont'd on Page six—Interments**



Compatriot John Parsons gave a well received program at the Omaha Chapter meeting in January on little

known facts concerning the American Revolution. Among those facts, John noted that the war was really a civil war. Most know that there was support for the Crown among some people in the colonies (Loyalists or Tories), but few realize that there was support for the colonists on the other side of the Atlantic. Numerous members of Parliament supported the colonists' position and demands, and much of the senior British military leadership sympathized with the colonists. The Howe brothers, for example, refused to take command in North America unless they were also "dual-hatted" as peace commissioners. The Crown had to hire German mercenaries to fight because they could not recruit enough Britons to fight against their countrymen. To this day, British military units do not have battle streamers on their regimental flags for any battles in which they fought during the Revolution. Those streamers are earned for engaging in battles against foreign enemies, not against one's countrymen.

John will present some other programs on Revolutionary War history in the future.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS 2013

- Omaha Chapter** — Timothy L. Walden, #186507, Patriot: Samuel Bridge
- Omaha Chapter** — Rev. Dr. Kevin A. Walden, #186436, Patriot: Samuel Bridge
- Omaha Chapter**—Frederick J. Walden, #189352, Patriot: Samuel Bridge
- Omaha Chapter**— Brian M. Walden, #189351, Patriot: Samuel Bridge
- Omaha Chapter**--- Frederick C. Walden, #189350, Patriot: Samuel Bridge
- Omaha Chapter** – Hendrick D. Surbeck, #187455, Patriot: John Van Tassel
- Omaha Chapter**– Gary W. Gray, #188474, Patriot: Capt. Benjamin Head
- At Large** – Daniel L. Henderickson, #186647, Patriot: Isaiah Hasbrouck
- Omaha Chapter**– John P. Anderson, #186175, Patriot: Moses Endicott
- At Large** – James E. Kaiser, #186688, Patriot: William Cooper
- At Large** – William E. Schmeits, #186689, Patriot: William Cooper
- Lincoln Chapter**– Dr. Jerome M. Stam, #187037, Patriot: Henry Baker
- At Large** – Bryan W. Loudon, #187036, Patriot: Ebenezer Ingalsbe
- Omaha Chapter**– James E. Sly, Jr., #188302, Patriot: Davis Ball
- Omaha Chapter** – Frank J. Keiderling, #188386, Patriot: Richard Sears
- At Large** – Trenton L. Smith, #189066, Patriot: John A. Walrah
- Omaha Chapter** – Ronald D. Stites, #188303, Patriot: Benjamin Stites
- Omaha Chapter** – William A. Osborn, II, #189065, Patriot: Zachariah Wells
- At Large** – John P. Claussen, #189583, Patriot: John Preston

2014 Meetings and Events

- Apr 4, Meeting, 9:00 am Eastmont Towers Lincoln Chapter**
- Apr 8, Meeting, 6:00 pm Venice Inn Omaha Chapter**
- May 2, Meeting, 9:00 am Eastmont Towers Lincoln Chapter**
- May 13, Meeting, 6:00 pm Gorats Omaha Chapter**
- Jun 6, Meeting, 9:00 am Eastmont Towers Lincoln Chapter**
- Jun 10, No Meeting Omaha Chapter**
- Jul 4, Meeting, 9:00 am Eastmont Towers Lincoln Chapter**
- Jul 8, No Meeting Omaha Chapter**
- Aug 1, Meeting, 9:00 am Eastmont Towers Lincoln Chapter**
- Aug 12, No Meeting Omaha Chapter**
- Sep 5, Meeting, 9:00 am Eastmont Towers Lincoln Chapter**
- Sep 9, Meeting, 6:00 pm To Be Determined Omaha Chapter**



During the American Heritage Dinner, Shawn Stoner, Lincoln Chapter Vice President received the Bronze Distinguished Service Medal from President Chaplain James Hoke.



Bob Chandler, State Flag Chairman, receives the Bronze Distinguished Service Medal from Lincoln President Chaplain James Hoke at the American Heritage Dinner in Lincoln.



Congratulations to the Frederick Walden family. State President Fred Walden inducts two more members of his family into the SAR. The Omaha Chapter now has six members of Fred and Jan's family inducted into the Sons of the American Revolution, including three sons and two grandsons. Pictured above are Fred and Jan Walden, Grandson Frederick James Walden and his two daughters Sandy and Ellie, son Frederick Charles Walden and his wife Cindy. Please welcome our new Compatriots.

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



JON SANTEE —

John Santee was born in Northampton County, Pennsylvania in 1757, the son of Abraham Santee, an early settler of Northampton County. In August of 1777 he was mustered into Capt Weygandt's Company, Col Labar's Battalion, Northampton County militia, initially as a fifer and later as a private. In the fall of 1777, after the Battle of Germantown, his unit marched to meet up with Washington's army at Whitemarsh. The battalion became a part of Irvine's Brigade of Pennsylvania militia. Washington's army was posted in a very good defensive position, along a ridgeline with creeks protecting each flank. Irvine's Brigade was posted on a hill (now known as Militia Hill) that anchored the American right flank. General Howe's British forces moved north from Germantown to Whitemarsh. Howe sent a probing attack force consisting of some Hessian Jaegers, the 16th Light Dragoons, and Simcoe's Queen's Rangers (a Loyalist unit) toward the American right flank. Washington ordered Irvine's Brigade to advance and attack that force. The American attack was repulsed, and Irvine was wounded and captured. The Pennsylvania militia retreated in good order and

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reoccupied their hilltop positions. Howe, taken aback a bit by the American aggressiveness and recognizing the strength of the American position, decided against a full scale assault and retired toward Philadelphia and winter quarters. John Santee, along with his fellow militiamen, were discharged and returned home for the winter, while Washington's Continentals entered winter quarters at Valley Forge. Unlike most of his militia counterparts, this was not John Santee's only active duty stint. He served tours in 1778, 1779, and 1780, volunteering to serve in campaigns against the Iroquois on the Pennsylvania frontier. He married Maria Gross in 1782 and settled down to a life of farming in Northampton County. He applied for and was granted a pension in 1840. His pension records his service in the Northampton County militia at Whitemarsh and also credits him with serving in the Pennsylvania Line during campaigns against the Iroquois. He was buried in the church cemetery in Hecktown, Moore Township, Northampton County after his death in 1848. I am fortunate because I was able to visit the site of John Santee's action at Whitemarsh two years ago. Whitemarsh is now a state park, but it is a wildlife preserve and bird sanctuary with little reference to the battle that occurred

there. Most of Washington's ridgeline positions are now occupied by upscale housing developments, but Militia Hill is still in pristine condition. I was able to walk down the hill, following the course of Irvine's Brigade across Wissahickon Creek, until it clashed with the British advance. Whitemarsh, therefore, is the only Revolutionary War battlefield where I have actually been able to trace my ancestor's movements, literally walking in his footsteps. That, to me, was a unique experience.

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CVA-19, the order of the day was, "Can do, will do". Let this be our slogan to move ahead and grow. I wish to thank all of you who have helped these past two years. As always, many of you have volunteered and accepted leadership roles in the many areas of our Society, State Officers, Committee Chairmen and Chapter Officers. Many of you have participated in our meetings with presentations and in supporting our Awards programs. The talent and commitment that you show is an inspiration to me and all that you do is important in furthering the SAR's goals and is very much appreciated.
Fred Walden

The Nebraska Society Salutes Longtime Members

The Nebraska Society would like to salute and recognize the following members who have reached longtime membership anniversaries during the year 2013. One of the benefits of our ongoing membership is that we also have a chance to visit with other members, renewing acquaintances, year after year, during our annual meetings such as this one coming up and the one we have in the Fall.

70 Years

James L. Worick, Martinsville, IL

50 Years

Alan R. Kent, Arlington, MA
Robert E. Knight, Cheyenne, WY

25 Years

Robb W. Hagstrom, Burnsville, MN
Robert G. Vohland, Gibbon, NE

20 Years

Glen O. Paulson, Wakefield, NE

15 Years

Dr. Peter L. Heineman, Council Bluffs, IA
John T. Parsons, Papillion, NE

10 Years

CMSgt Robert L. Knott, Jr., Bellevue, NE
Charles L. Robinson, Omaha, NE

5 Years

David A. Briggs, Omaha, NE
Thomas E. Conley, LaVista, NE
Jeremy S. Fischer, Cary, NC
Orel L. Fischer, Broken Bow, NE
Richard L. Galusha, Omaha, NE
Raynold Prusia, Meadville, PA
James R. Taylor, Omaha, NE
Gerald R. Warner, LaVista, NE



The CAR is quite active and for those of you that do not know exactly what they have been up to lately read the following from Nancy Adams, Senior President of the Fort Crook Society. They do so much in honoring our Patriots and we should all be quite proud with all that they do. "The Fort Crook Society Children of the American Revolution have been very busy this summer. Several of the girls paged at the Nebraska DAR State Conference in Kearney, Nebraska in March. Those from Fort Crook were Elizabeth McMichael (President), Gabi Linder (Vice President), Beth Shavlik (Secretary), Chelsey McMichael (Co-Chairman of Veterans Committee National Board) Morgaine Hatcher (Co-Chairman of Mountain Schools Committee National Board) and Rhiannon Hatcher. Gabi & Melissa Linder had a program for the Bertha/Barber Elementary School for Flag Day. Constitution Week was covered by the girls helping with putting up posters and Melissa having declaration signed by the Mayor. Beth Shavlik volunteered time at an Indian Reservation. Chelsey & Elizabeth McMichael, Morgaine & Rhiannon Hatcher, Gabi & Melissa Linder and Beth Shavlik helped at various cemeteries over Memorial Weekend with cleanup, putting flags out and taking flags down. Chelsey and Elizabeth McMichael attended Regional meetings in Las Vega, NV, Overland Park, Kansas and Kingsport, TN. Morgaine Hatcher attended PreBoard in Phoenix, AZ, Las Vegas, NV, Overland Park, Kansas, Kingsport, TN and Jacksonville, Florida. Rhiannon Hatcher attended Overland Park, Kansas, Kingsport, TN and Jacksonville, Florida. Riley Albanez attended and paged for the first time at Great Plains Regional in

Overland Park. Some of Fort Crook Society members walked in the 4th of July Parade in Avoca, Iowa along with the Major Issac Sadler La Bell Vue Chapter members and in the Bellevue Veterans Day Parade with members from MISLBV Chapter. Past State President Chelsey McMichael along with MISLBV Chapter donated cookies to the Maurice J. Hart Veterans Complex. Fort Crook Society contributed to Jenna Purdys State Presidents Project and the National C.A.R. Presidents Project. Elizabeth McMichael completed her Fort Crook Society Presidents project (Sharing a Smile) for the Childrens Hospital in Omaha, Ne. She delivered the items to Rob Harding. Her goal was to donate 150 items and she exceeded that with delivering 464 items to the Childrens Hospital. She also put on a program at Westridge Quality Care and Rehab on Nov. 11 to honor the Veterans. The members of Fort Crook Society do a number of things to help give back to their communities like walk in Relay for life, give blood, help at local nursing homes, hospitals, libraries and sent Veterans day cards. I am very proud of the members of Fort Crook Society and Children of the American Revolution. I feel they are an asset to the communities that they live in."

Nancy Adams

Look for more updates from the CAR in future additions of the Husker Patriot.

The Last Roll Call: 2013

Dr. Richard L. Bartley of Springfield, Missouri. Dr. Bartley joined the SAR in January 1964. Elden Andrew Plettner, of Sutton, Nebraska. Elden joined the SAR in June 2004. \$100.00 has been deposited in the Eagle Scout Fund in their memory.

MORE PICTURES AND STORIES

“LIFE MEMBERSHIP”

STATE SAR Societies have an option like National for dues paying members – A Life Membership one time payment of dues. Most Societies base the cost on a life expectancy of 100 years which insures the Society gains rather than loses benefits when members choose that option. In the Fall 2013 Nebraska SAR meeting, the State Treasurer William Webb and I proposed our Nebraska Society adopt a dues payment option of “Life Membership” based on the same formulation as National uses. We would ask members to consider approving a State “Life Membership” at our 27 April 2014 State meeting. There are a number of benefits to the Society as it helps simplify dues collection and tracking of members as well as offering a service to members. Some of our “older members” choose to drop their membership rather than continue to be bothered with being billed each year for dues. A number of the other SAR State Societies offer this option. We now have 4 National Life Members and at least 3 of them would like to have that option for our State membership. We do not lose money because it is calculated with a life member expected to live until age 100! We would put the money collected into a CD as we have two CD’s now. The life dues could be added so what is collected would not be spent in the year it is collected. This allows our State Treasury to have a reserve and to collect interest on the deposit. Thank you. David Kentsmith State Secretary and William Webb, State Treasurer.

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

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR/PUBLISHER

We are actively seeking articles for publication and would like to have some in reserve for future issues. Topics for inclusion in the Husker Patriot are articles about our State Society, Chapter activities, and member activity supporting other patriotic organizations. Articles should be approximately 50 to 200 words and photos should be included when possible. Photo size should be at least 600 X 600 pixels. Other articles you might consider for the Husker Patriot include narrative history, biography (such as your Patriot), information from diaries for the time period, historic preservation that deal with the time period and place of the American Revolution. No guarantee is given as to when your article will be published but it will be included in the Husker Patriot in a timely manner. Please do not send original or irreplaceable materials or photographs. We are requesting that submissions be sent by email. The Editor reserves the right to make any editorial conformity of style. We ask that you submit your articles for inclusion in an upcoming issue of the Husker Patriot to the Editor by email at: chiefknott@aol.com.

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Eva Ruth Ridgney b 1904, d1910

Child of J O Martin , 1 year old

Infant of Frank Kingsbury, 2 mo old

Winie Lockwood b 1910., d 1913

Ugeen Fry age 76. Spring d 1913

Adam's infant, Felix no life d 1914

Ora King's twins Paul & Pauline 1915

Johnie Schnider, age 13, 1915

Josep Schnider, age 57, 1917

Mrs Okeff an old lady, 1916



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NESSAR SECRETARY'S MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership Summary for 2013-2014

95 Membership on 1 Jan 2013
+21 Total additions in 2013
- 12 Total losses in 2013

104 Membership on 1 Jan 2014

Congratulations to all those helping in making this a great membership year. We must all continue these efforts.