

Husker Patriot

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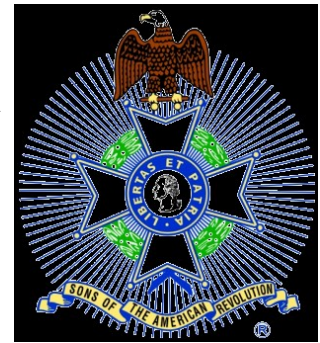
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# NESSAR FALL Meeting September 21, 2014 at 1:00 pm

**President's Corner:** Chapter development behaves much like the stock market, it is continuous and it involves many small investments made over time to reap great rewards. We currently have two vibrant chapters in our state society, the Lincoln and Omaha Chapters. I marvel at their respective abilities to attract and engage members in local activities and programs. Meeting times may vary somewhat as do leadership styles, when spouses are invited to attend, serving a meal, etc. In my opinion these variables keep our society fresh and moving ever forward. The constants



are shared programs for honoring individual Eagle Scouts for their scouting achievements; ROTC cadets for their ongoing commitments to service in their high schools, their universities, and the armed forces of the United States; certificates honoring those who fly our nation's flag; and awards to professionals who act in the public interest. The list goes on. I encourage you to be active in your own communities and reach out to members and non-members alike, making them personally aware of our SAR programs. Who knows, by Cont'd on Page 3



### 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"



Shown are past State President Fred Walden and wife Jan with son Brian and wife Ashley, before Brian's swearing in.



This picture shows our State Registrar Compatriot Thomas Masters when he was about four years old tending the sheep. Story starts on page 4.



New member Chad Sherrets and family after his initiation into the Sons of the American Revolution. Story on page 2

## Fort Crook Society C.A.R. 2014



Welcome everyone! I am your Ft. Crook Society President Gabi Linder. I am proud to be able represent our group for CAR.

As some of you have heard, I traveled to Europe this summer as a Student Ambassador and visited 8 different countries for 20 days. One of the places I traveled to was Normandy, France. In Normandy I got the chance to visit the WWII Memorial and Museum. I met WWII Veterans and Survivors and learned what it was like to be at Normandy for D-Day on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 1944. This year is the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the invasion and I had the honor of placing a wreath for the soldiers as a student ambassador and as a representative of the Nebraska Fort Crook C.A.R. as well!

To commemorate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary I am making a quilt out of old soldier's uniforms. When it is finished this fall we can start to sell tickets and raffle it off next March at the DAR State Conference (or wherever we think we can make the most money). Then whatever money we earn from it we can use to support the "Wounded Warrior Project". This is a group that helps soldiers and their families if they have physical or mental injuries or illnesses.

I have registered our group as student ambassadors and they sent us information on how we can show support when we sell raffle tickets

We have also signed up for an "Adopt a Soldier". With this program we will

send letters and cards to a soldier that is stationed far from home. Our soldiers name is Zarina Cano. She would love to hear from all of you. Her address is **SPC Cano, Zarina 840<sup>th</sup> Transportation Battalion APO, AE 09366**

After asking for uniform donations for my quilt project I have been receiving lots of old pictures and letters from the people during WWII as well, that I will add into the quilt. These letters are like written time capsules. After reading them I have come to see how important they were to the people who received them. I hope that at each meeting and throughout the year you will help me by writing letters we can send to our soldier. Drawing pictures, writing stories, and creating cards. All of these things will be very important to someone. I do want to ask your permission to make copies (or have you bring copies to the meetings) of any of the letters and drawings we send so that we can put them into a scrapbook this year – kind of our own little time capsule. I hope you will join me in this important project!

### STATE C.A.R. PROJECT

The Nebraska State C.A.R. President's Project is: "Give WARMTH To A Soul". Support homeless Veterans. Nebraska State C.A.R. President Elizabeth McMichael has researched homeless Veterans and has found that there are approximately 57,849 homeless veterans in the United States. Nebraska has 183 and Omaha/Council Bluffs area has 91 homeless veterans. For their project they are in need of blankets, gloves (large or extra large) and hats.

President McMichael would like to hand these out personally and thank these veterans for their service to our country. This will take place in October or November at the Veterans Stand Down. Donations may be mailed to Nancy Adams, c/o Nebraska State Project, 30330 Hwy 136, Maryville, MO 64468. I'm

sure donations may also be taken to your Chapter meetings and the officers will insure they are given to the appropriate C.A.R. representative.



Chad Sherrets is initiated into the Sons of the American Revolution at the Omaha Chapter meeting September 9, 2014 at Gorats Restaurant. Doing the honors was Omaha Chapter President Thomas Conley. Also at the swearing in ceremony were Chad's wife Michaela and their daughter Alexa and son Sawyer.

### QUOTE FROM THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

"Before a standing army can rule, the people must be disarmed; as they are in almost every kingdom in Europe. The supreme power in America cannot enforce unjust laws by the sword; because the whole body of the people are armed, and constitute a force superior to any band of regular troops that can be, on any pretence, raised in the United States. A military force, at the command of Congress, can execute no laws, but such as the people perceive to be just and constitutional; for they will possess the power, and jealousy will instantly inspire the inclination, to resist the execution of a law which appears to them unjust and oppressive." This quote is from:

Noah Webster, An Examination of the Leading Principles of the Federal Constitution (Philadelphia 1787)

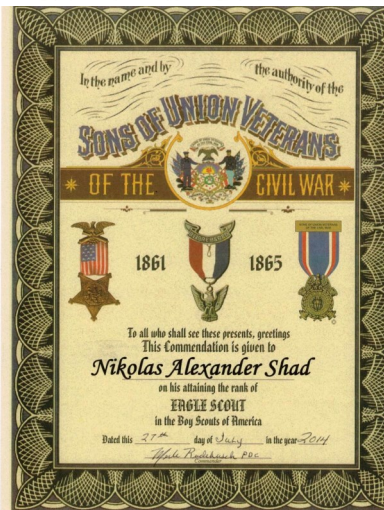


Above photo depicts Nebraska Society's officers for the 2014-15 years. From the left is Compatriots Dr. David Kentsmith, MD, Secretary; Thomas Conley, Omaha Chapter President; Robert Chandler, State Flag Chairman; Shawn Stoner, President, Lincoln Chapter; Thomas Masters, Registrar; Chap. Dr. James Hoke, Immediate Past President, Lincoln Chapter; Robert Knott, Deputy Registrar; William Webb, Treasurer; Frederick Walden, Immediate Past State President; Richard Ewing, Omaha Chapter Secretary/Treasurer and John Reinert, State President.

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 extending a glad hand, or referring individuals to local and national websites, such an outreach can inspire a modicum of patriotic zeal from Rulo to Hay Springs. See you at the Fall Meeting. John Reinert



Former State Senator and Nebraska Compatriot LeRoy Loudon, shown above was privileged to present the two brothers, Wyatt J. and Skylor A. Rowe, at their Court of Honor in Alliance, Nebraska on August 17, 2014 the SAR's Eagle Scout Certificate. Another commendation they were presented was by John Loudon with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Certificates. The Court of Honor included recognizing their movement along the Scouting trail to become Eagle Scouts. The ceremony included their parents with Lee, assistant scoutmaster, offering the invocation and Scout Leaders Prayer, and Ben, scoutmaster, reading Trail to Eagle and, after the awards, led his sons in the Eagle Scout Oath.



**2014-15 Meetings and Events**

- Sep 5, Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am Eastmont Towers
- Sep 9, Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:00 pm Gorats
- Sep 21, Nebraska Society Meeting, 1:00 pm Lodge, Mahoney State Park
- Oct 3, Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am Eastmont Towers
- Oct 14, Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:00 pm Gorats
- Nov 7, Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am Eastmont Towers
- Nov 11, Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:00 pm Gorats
- Dec 5, Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am Eastmont Towers
- Dec 9, Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:00 pm Gorats
- Jan 2, Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am Eastmont Towers
- Jan 13, Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:00 pm Gorats
- Feb 6, Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am Eastmont Towers
- Feb 10, Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:00 pm Gorats

Nikolas Alexander Shad's Court of Honor Eagle Scout ceremony took place July 27, 2014. Compatriot David Kentsmith, M.D., from the Omaha Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution was privileged to present Nikolas with the SAR's Certificate of Recognition. Dr. Kentsmith, who is also a member of the Omaha Chapter of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War presented Nikolas with their Certificate of Commendation as well.

**WHAT MY SAR MEMBERSHIP MEANS TO ME**

"As an SAR, I hope to live up to the proud heritage of my Forefathers of the American Revolution." JOE FOSS, Former Governor of South Dakota and World War II Ace.

## 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 sixteen 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](mailto:chiefknott@aol.com) or the Publisher Bill Webb at [webb.w@q.com](mailto:webb.w@q.com).



### MEET MY PATRIOTS “My American Revolution Ancestors” By Joseph C. Mettenbrink



#### Cpl Tobias Weygint—

Tobias Weygint served 5 or more years in the American Revolution. Cpl. Weygint having enlisted for one year at Haversham, NY in March 1776 in a company commanded by Capt. Amos Hutchins. His regiment was commanded by Col. Richman. He was discharged in the early Spring of 1777 and reenlisted in April 1777 in a company commanded by Capt. Barent Ten (Van) Eyck in the regiment commanded by Col. Philip Van Cortland, 20th NY Regiment for three years and served until discharged in 1780. He was at the capture of Burgoyne and battles at Princetown and Trenton, NJ. Tobias married Eunice Tompkins in May 1813. Together they had three sons and two daughters. He was 69 years of age when his son William Weygint was born who later served in the Civil War in the 10th NY Cavalry Vol. and briefly with his 16 year old son William B. William was a Saddlery Sgt who fought in many battles and repaired Gen. U. S. Grant's saddle and met or knew President Lincoln and was also one of the first homesteaders of Red Willow County in 1872. William also helped found Indianola, NE later living in or near McCook, NE according to my Grandmother Ora Kugler and also written history. William lived his last years with his daughter Eva Weygint Starbuck in Salt Lake City, Utah. Some of

The family had become Mormon's including his daughter Eva. William's school teacher, growing up, in Palmyra, NY was Joseph Smith, the Mormon “Prophet” but most of the family remained Methodist I believe. Tobias Weygint died in Vernon, NY January 22, 1848 when he was about 95 years old. Both my late Grandmother Ora Kugler and mother Ardis Mettenbrink became DAR members due to his service in the American Revolution. I also belong to the SUVCW because of his son William's service during the Civil War.

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#### GROUNDHOG YEARS

John W. Reinert

I'm not sure how many of us remember the World War I generation, but 2014 is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the beginning of hostilities, “over there”. The conflict would set in motion many of the important world events that would follow: the ruinous effects of short-sighted peace talks where the seeds for hyperinflation were sewn in belligerent nations, thus leading to the rise of both fascist and communist regimes bent on world domination.

Even on a microscopic scale, the 1918 influenza epidemic would become a pandemic because of the world war—a

Microbe seeded from rural areas in the central plains states that became a killer of 40-50 million nearly everywhere on the planet. I remember that my maternal grandfather Carl Masters (b. 1899) was never at ease with the loss of his brother Asa to the flu in January 1919—that he and the rest of his family would survive the infection due, in part, to a strong immune response. Carl was ever mindful, that as a recent high school graduate in 1918, his marching practice on school grounds with a wooden prop for a gun would come to serve him much later as a coronet player in the University of Nebraska Cornhusker Marching Band. He would soon graduate with an animal husbandry degree in 1938. As a man occupying the middle ground between two world wars he acquitted himself a farmer and an educated family man. Only one of his sons would serve as a soldier during the Vietnam War, Compatriot Tom Masters.

I choose to visualize non-descript men and their machines raking the land and each other on the trenched battlefields of Europe surrounded by mud and toxic gas. Decades later the “miracle” of agriculture would reveal how subsistence

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Clinton Earl Miller's Honor Flight  
Presented by Clinton Earl Miller



This began when a friend called Earl in 1950 and told him to join the Navy because at least he would have a bed at night. Since he knew he would be drafted soon, he did join the Navy. He spent 4 years in the Navy and was aboard the Bon Homme Richard for about 2 years in the Sea of Japan. He was an airplane mechanic.

He came home in 1954 and continued farming for awhile. He also married Dorothy, a girl he met at a dance, but not until 1958.

He always felt the Korean vets did not get much respect. Even the Korean monument was not built until after the Vietnam Wall.

So when they began taking veterans to Washington, D.C., he applied to go. He did not hear from them for 3 or 4 years, when they sent a letter for him to fill out, if he was still interested in going on the honor flight. He definitely was interested so filled out the papers and scheduled to go March 25, 2014.

He was very impressed with all they did for him. They had a lovely banquet on Monday night for both Earl and Dorothy. The next morning 462 Korean veterans were flown to Washington, D.C. They had 3 planes: a red plane, white plane and blue plane. Earl was scheduled to go on the white plane.

They left at 4:00 A.M. from Omaha and arrived in Washington, D.C. about 9:00 A.M. Earl was so honored to be greeted by so many people waiting in line. He had a wonderful time in Washington, D.C. He got back to Omaha about 11:00 P.M. and was honored again by a crowd waiting to greet the returning veterans. They gave all of them a loud welcome with shouts and drums.

When he arrived at the airport he had another surprise. As he walked in from the plane, they placed a beautiful medal around his neck. The medal was given by the South Koreans for giving them their freedom. It was on a ribbon with flags of all the countries that fought in the Korean War.



The medal was made with a piece of rusty barbed wire from the fence at the DMZ. This is in the center and forms the shape of Korea in the center circle. It also says "Thanks and Honor". On the back of the medal are the words: **"Thank you. In recognition of your dedicated service during the Korean War, this medal is specially crafted with a piece of rusty barbed wire from DMZ in the center" June 25, 1950 - July 27, 1953"**.

The Koreans are so appreciative of our veterans for helping them win their freedom. Earl also got a medal on the 50th anniversary of the end of the war. That came in the mail with a very nice letter from the Korean government. Earl said, "I think that was one war that was worth fighting



Brian M. Walden is shown after being sworn in as a member of the Sons of the American Revolution by his father State President Fred Walden. Brian was the last of Fred's sons and grandsons who have joined the SAR. Previously, Fred inducted his son Frederick C.; son Timothy L.; son Kevin A.; and grandson Frederick J. A great patriotic family.



In recognition of the outstanding service provided by the staff of the Venice Inn, the members of the Omaha Chapter of the SAR voted to present the owners with Certificates of Appreciation. Shown above are Chuck and Jerry Caniglia, owners of the Venice Inn in Omaha who have served the monthly meetings of the Omaha Chapter for several years. Presenting Sons of the American Revolution Certificates of Appreciation to them is Omaha Chapter President Thomas Conley. With regrets the Venice Inn was closed in May 2014.

"My SAR membership reminds me that our forefathers made sacrifices for the blessing we have in America today."  
Charles Bennett, U.S. Congressman (FL)

MORE PICTURES AND STORIES



Cadet Cole P. Smith, Papillion-LaVista South, received SAR's JROTC Medal and Certificate from Compatriot Richard Ewing of the Omaha Chapter.



Cadet Mario Ortiz, Benson High School, received SAR's JROTC Medal and Certificate from Compatriot Dr. David Kentsmith of the Omaha Chapter at their Awards Ceremony.



Cadet Sabrina Johnson, Plattsmouth High School, received SAR's JROTC Medal and Certificate from Compatriot John Parsons of the Omaha Chapter.



Cadet Bailey Hazel, Northwest High School is shown being congratulated after receiving SAR's JROTC Medal and Certificate from Compatriot Fred Walden.

Cont'd from Page 4, Groundhog Years farming techniques yielded to an industry that would feed millions on a global scale—the trenches of 1914-1918 would transform themselves into densely packed furrows of protein rich grain, with toxic gas better managed as fertilizer in the form of anhydrous ammonia. This is genius. Having been raised a grandson of the World War generations in a peace-abiding nation where the threats to that peace were predominantly external, in blood and treasure poised to embolden fascist regimes and their surrogates, again on the march around the globe. I for one

would very much like to visit the National World War 1 Memorial in Kansas City yet this year, perhaps as Armistice Day approaches. I have a tall shadow to measure and many experiences to reconcile. Are you with me?



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The Masters family shown to the left, taken in 1953 are: back row- Catherine, Judith, Frank and Jim and shown in the front row are Ann, Tom, Carl and Margaret Masters.

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