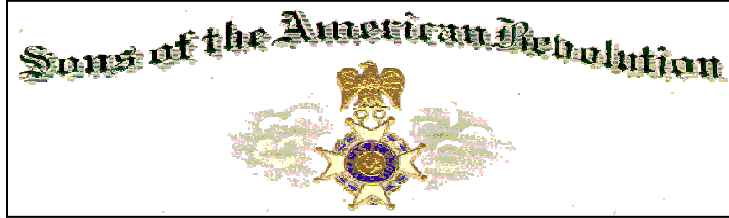


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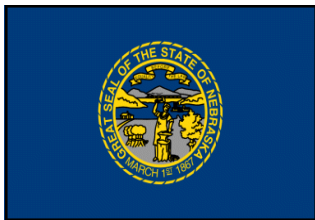
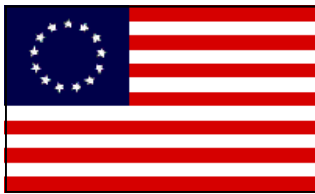


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NESSAR FALL Meeting and Awards Ceremony

President's Corner: My second year as your President is coming to a close very quickly. I want to thank all those who have worked so hard this year. I can't thank you enough. We have had a total of 21 applications approved by National, 18 are new, 2 are Supplementals and 1 reinstated. It's gratifying to see Supplementals being submitted. This insures that all of our Patriots are recognized for what they did in building this country. Some paid the ultimate price but all paid



My efforts 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 September 22nd. We had a wonderful buffet lunch. As always, for me and one of the highlights was presenting awards. I had the privilege of presenting the Fire Safety Award and others.

Fred Walden



SAR APPLICATIONS
Please attach to an e-mail the completed National SAR PDF form #0915 revised Jan 2012 to our NE SAR State Secretary: **Compatriot Dr. David K. Kentsmith, M.D.**
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Infamous



"Brown Bess"



Fireman Andrew McLaughlin received the Fire Safety Award. Shown with Andrew is Fire Chief Tim Link.

2014 DUES NOTICE
As of this December 6th, we have received 86 of 115 paid dues for 2014. Please do not let your membership lapse. Promptly paying your 2014 dues by sending your dues check to the State SAR Secretary will prevent requiring you to reapply for membership.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP DUES
Several members have asked that the Nebraska SAR members consider establishing a "Life Membership Dues" category for the State SAR dues. They have become Life Members at the National Level and would like to have a "Life Member Dues Category" available at the State level. More information to follow.

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 Fire Safety Award to Fireman Andrew McLaughlin of the Lincoln Fire Department. We then had the presentation of the Flag Certificate to

Compatriot Merle Rudebusch of our Lincoln Chapter. Next we had the Partners in Patriotism Award earned by the Omaha and Lincoln Chapters as well as the State Society. Compatriot John Parsons of the Omaha Chapter received the Liberty Medal for signing as first-line sponsor, the membership applications of ten new members. The Nebraska Society received an Honorable Mention in The Jennings H. Flathers Award with the best news publication for our Husker Patriot Newsletter. After the Awards Ceremony the NES-SAR 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.

WHAT MY SAR MEMBERSHIP MEANS TO ME: "Membership in the Sons of the American Revolution is a reminder to all affiliated with this organization that this Nation was founded in a struggle for freedom, and therefore all of us who enjoy the blessing of liberty are challenged to constant vigilance for the preservation and extension of human freedom throughout the world" - Nelson A. Rockefeller, Governor of New York.

NEBRASKA SOCIETY FALL MEETING

AWARDS CEREMONY



This photo shows Shawn Stoner presenting the Fire Safety Medal and Certificate to Fireman

Andrew McLaughlin of the Lincoln Fire Department.



Omaha Compatriot John Parsons received the Liberty Medal from Nebraska Society President Fred Walden at the State Meeting. John Received this prestigious medal for being the first-line sponsor on ten new applications.



State President Fred Walden presenting Compatriot John Reinert from the Lincoln Chapter with the Meritorious Service Medal.



State President Walden presents Chaplain James Hoke from the Lincoln

Chapter with the Meritorious Service Medal.



Compatriot Merle Rudebusch received the SAR State Flag Certificate from President Fred Walden and State Flag Chairman Robert Chandler for the continuous public display of the American Flag outside his home.



Compatriot Merle Rudebusch is shown receiving the Silver Roger Sherman Medal. This medal is awarded to members who have rendered faithful service to their State Society over multiple years.



The above photo depicts Janet Walden, the wife of State President Fred Walden receiving the Lydia Darragh Medal and Certificate. The State Society appreciates Mrs. Walden's generous and continuous support of President Walden during his years spent as Omaha Chapter President and Secretary, as well as National Vice-President General and State SAR President.



Compatriot John Reinert is shown accepting the Partners in Patriotism Award and the Admiral William R. Furlong Memorial Award/Streamer. This year the Society received a Star to be placed on the Streamer.



Compatriots William Webb, Publisher and Robert Knott, Editor of the Nebraska Newsletter, Husker Patriot, is shown receiving from President Fred Walden, Honorable Mention in The Jennings H. Flathers Award. This is given to the State Society with fewer than 500 members with the best news publication.



The Omaha Chapters had the pleasure of initiating three new members into the SAR during their September Meeting. Ronald D. Stites of Omaha; Frank J. Keiderling of Omaha and Gary W. Gray of Papillion. Pictured with our new members is William Webb, Omaha Chapter President.

"There! His Majesty can now read my name without glasses. And he can double the reward on my head!" John Hancock after signing his name to the Declaration of Independence.



Omaha Chapter Flag Chairman Jason Huff presents the SAR Flag Certificate to Randy and Eileen Mendlik of Elkhorn, Nebraska. "This award I honorably give to the Mendlik family is not only a thank you for Derek's service but, also for the rest of the family and friends".

2013-14 Meetings and Events

Dec 6, Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am Eastmont Towers

Dec 10, Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:00 pm Venice Inn

Jan 3, Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am Eastmont Towers

Jan 14, Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:00 pm Venice Inn

Feb 7, Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am Eastmont Towers

Feb 11, Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:00 pm Venice Inn

Mar 7, Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am Eastmont Towers

Mar 11, Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:00 pm Venice Inn

Apr 4, Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am Eastmont Towers

Apr 8, Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:00 pm Venice Inn

May 2, Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am Eastmont Towers

May 13, Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:00 pm Venice Inn

Jun 6, Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am Eastmont Towers

Jun 10, Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:00 pm Venice Inn



James Edward Sly, Jr. of Bellevue was initiated into the Sons of the American Revolution during the Omaha Chapter Meeting in October. Doing the honors was Compatriot Tomas Conley, Chapter Vice President.

Member's 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. Longer articles are also welcome and will be printed as a series in several issues. 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 future generations what your Patriot did for our country. We're only an email away.

We now have thirteen 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. 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 JOHN PARSONS



JOHN FREDERICK —

John Frederick was born in Germany in 1721. After immigrating through Philadelphia, he settled in Bucks County, PA and began farming. When the Revolution broke out, he enlisted in the Bedminster Township Company of PA Associators.

Pennsylvania was unique among the colonies because it did not have a militia system. In each of the other colonies, each town, county, or other municipality was responsible for maintaining a company of militia. The value of an armed citizenry had become apparent during conflicts with the Indians during the 1600s and early 1700s. Pennsylvania, however, with a Quaker government that believed in pacifism, refused to adopt the militia system, believing that by good will, they could maintain peace with the Indians. This belief crumbled during the French and Indian War and irate colonists, most of whom were not Quakers but Germans or Ulster Scots, decided to take matters into their own hands. They formed bands of volunteers, termed Associators, in all the counties of the colony. The Associators elected their own officers, supplied their own weapons and equipment and trained to a very high standard.

With the outbreak of the Revolution, the Associators again were the first to answer the call to arms. By 1777, however, Pennsylvania adopted the militia system of the other states, and the Associators were merged into militia units.

John Frederick mustered into Capt Kechline's Company in August of 1775. In December 1776, elements of the Bucks County Associators were called up to defend against any potential British crossing of the Delaware into Pennsylvania, and they then helped Washington in his crossing of the Delaware into New Jersey and the subsequent battles of Trenton and Princeton. I'm proud of my ancestor John Frederick, because he came to the defense of his country early on in the conflict, and stood with her during some of the darkest days of the Revolution.

Omaha Chapter President William Webb brought before the members at their November Meeting an article he received concerning an abandoned cemetery straddling Philadelphia and Yeadon, Pennsylvania. The article discussed the grave injustice surrounding the 380 acre Mount Moriah Cemetery and what the "Friends of Mount Moriah Cemetery" is doing to help in correcting this. They are painstakingly chopping through overgrowth with machetes to uncover and restore the graves of America's bravest—forgotten heroes dating back to the

Revolutionary War, 21 of whom are Medal of Honor recipients. This cemetery was officially abandoned in April 2011. Buried within the decrepit cemetery are 2,300 Navy and Marines dating from the Revolutionary War to the War of 1812 all the way to the Korean and Vietnam wars, according to Sam Ricks who started the Friends of Mount Moriah Cemetery. The 59 year old Ricks, with his group of volunteers are tediously cleaning and restoring the vast graveyard in an effort to identify the dead and give proper tribute to a burial ground deeply steeped in history. After a discussion, John Parsons made a motion and Fred Walden seconded that our Chapter donate \$100 to the Friends of Mount Moriah Cemetery to help in its restoration. The motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Richard Lee Bartley, M.D., SAR Nebraska member since 1964 died 20 October 2013 at his home in Springfield, Missouri. Richard (Dick) served in the Navy during WWII from July 1943 to November 1945 and he also volunteered for active duty when the Korean War broke out in 1951 serving in Japan and Korea and was honorably discharged in October 1952. \$50.00 will be donated to the Eagle Scout Scholarship fund in his memory.

The Naming of America

By Bob Chandler, Lincoln Chapter

Peter Macdonald, a Staff Writer for Britain's BBC, wrote the entitled story which was published October 1, 2001. The story was later condensed by Crystal Conde in the February 2003 edition of Family Tree Magazine. To help you enjoy that second cup of coffee, the following is an excerpt from Ms. Conde's condensation:

The Naming of America

Were you taught that Amerigo Vespucci is the namesake of America? You're not alone. It's common knowledge that the Italian explorer sailed to the land we call home and gave his name to the newly found lands.

But, Conde wrote that Macdonald contends a Welsh merchant named Richard ap Meryk (1445 – 1503), Anglicized to Richard Amerike is America's true namesake. He gave a large amount of money to John Cabot's 15th century voyage to the Western Hemisphere. Cabot sailed from Bristol, England, which was also Amerike's home and business headquarters. Amerike donated oak trees from his estate to construct Cabot's ships and provided Cabot's family with a home while the explorer sailed west. In exchange for his generosity, Amerike requested that Cabot name any newly discovered lands after him. Macdonald also notes that the merchant's coat of arms and the US flag are similar."

Macdonald's article also stated that: "The Stars and Stripes of the American flag, since the flag of the United States of America is based on the design of Amerike's coat of arms, it is more than probable that its origins lie with Amerike and not with George Washington, whose family also bore arms of the Stars and Stripes. According to the American Flag Research Centre in Massachusetts the heraldic origin of the American flag is not positively known; archives in the British Library confirm that the Stars and Stripes was the

Coat of arms of the Ap Merike family - and that they pre-date Washington's connection with the continent by 300 years."



Richard ap Meryk If you're a history buff, perhaps you'll enjoy reading the full story because in addition to Vespucci, Amerike, and Columbus, there were many early explorers who discovered the New World. Author Peter Macdonald has written six novels and eight works of non-fiction of which the latter includes a book about John Cabot and the naming of America. Sources:

- http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/tudors/americaname_01.shtml
- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coat_of_arms_of_George_Washington
- <http://rodnebroome.com/Ameryk/ameryk4.htm>



The Omaha Chapter met at the Venice Inn for their November meeting and had 24 individuals in attendance. The restaurant always has great food and service. Pictured at the head table is President and Mrs. William Webb and Vice President and Mrs. Thomas Conley.

“Nevertheless, to the persecution and tyranny of his cruel ministry we will not tamely submit—appealing to Heaven for the justice of our cause, we determine to die or be free.” Joseph Warren, 1775



Omaha Chapter awards past presidents the Chapter Distinguished Service Medals at their November Meeting held at the Venice Inn. Pictured left to right—President William Webb—recipients Dr. David Kentsmith; John Parsons; Robert Knott and Frederick Walden. The Chapter Medal of



Distinguished Service is the highest Medal that can be awarded by a Chapter President and only one may be awarded each year. However, since this medal is new for 2013 there is a special exception to allow up to 5 past Chapter Presidents to present.

It is presented to a Compatriot for distinguished service rendered to the chapter. A Compatriot may receive this medal only once from a chapter. The medal is diamond in shape, struck in bronze color. It has a blue SAR insignia surmounted on a white enameled background. The Chapter Medal of Distinguished Service is trimmed in bronze color. The ribbon is solid maroon. The dedication shown by each of these individuals during their term as Chapter President certainly warrant their receiving the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal. Their endeavors have always been for the good of our Chapter, our State Society as well as the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

MORE PICTURES AND STORIES

LINCOLN CHAPTER PRESENTS FLAG CERTIFICATE

The Lincoln Chapter presented the SAR Flag Certificate November 1, 2013 to Arnold and Gloria Henning of Lincoln, Nebraska. Lincoln Chapter Flag Chairman Robert Chandler and Lincoln Chapter President Chaplain James Hoke presented the Certificate to the Awardees at their home. Mr. Henning has been recovering from knee surgery. Mr. Henning flies the flag every day and spent 10 years in the Nebraska Air National Guard. Our Compatriots thanked Mr. Henning for his service. This completes the requirements for another Star for our Streamer for earning the Admiral William R. Furlong Memorial Award for 2013. Congratulations goes out to our Society and Lincoln Chapter Flag Chairman Robert Chandler and to Jason Huff, Omaha Chapter Flag Chairman for a very worthwhile job. We must all remember that our flag reminds us of our patriotism and love of our country and to recognize individuals who fly the flag helps in reinforcing this and shows our sincere appreciation in their keeping Old Glory flying.

"I am for doing good to the poor, but I differ in opinion of the means. I think the best way of doing good to the poor, is not making them easy in poverty, but leading or driving them out of it. In my youth I travelled much, and I observed in different countries, that the more public provisions were made for the poor, the less they provided for themselves, and of course became poorer. And, on the contrary, the less was done for them, the more they did for themselves, and became richer." - Ben Franklin, 1766

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.

LINCOLN CHAPTER HONORED with visit by Past State President Dr. David H. Mickey, member since 1974.



Clockwise from lower left at their Lincoln Chapter meeting are: Carroll R. Reinert, Bob Chandler, Virgil Deethardt, Dr. David H. Mickey, Rev. Dr. James Hoke. Not shown is John Reinert, LaVerne Stetson, Thomas Masters and Jerome Stam.



Emeritus Nebraska Wesleyan University history professor Dr. David H. Mickey adds cheerful tones as he attends a recent Lincoln Chapter meeting. Celebrated author of several local history works: "Of Sunflowers, Coyotes and Plainsmen" in three volumes and "Dearest Moosie", a compilation of letters written to his mother while serving in France during World War 11. David is at peace with his role as a spirited man of letters. Dr. Mickey is also a past NESSAR State President for the period 1990—1992. It is also of note that David's grandfather, John Hopwood Mickey, was the 13th Governor of Nebraska from 1903 to 1907. John enlisted as a private in the Union Army, in Company D, 8th Iowa cavalry, and served until the close of the war. He was with William Tecumsch Sherman in his Atlanta Campaign and also served in the Franklin-Nashville Campaign.



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Also at the Lincoln Chapter meeting was Past State President LaVerne Stetson.