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NESSAR Fall Meeting October 14, 2012 at 1:00 PM

Presidents Corner: I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. We must now look forward to the next six months. The Annual Nebraska State SAR Fall Meeting will be October 14th, at 1 PM, again in the Lodge at Mahoney State Park. This will be a great time to see old friends and be a part of this great organization. We will be presenting awards to some very deserving individuals, one from the Emergency Medical Services and one from Law Enforcement. It is impor-



tant that all members attend these functions, especially the Fall and Spring Meetings. These Meetings make it such an easy way to remember and honor the sacrifices that our ancestors made for this great nation. Please attend your Chapter Functions and attend the State Meetings. I guarantee you will go away with a feeling of patriotic support for this great nation and the SAR. In addition, the food is certainly good. 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"



NESSAR State President Fred Walden with Col. Thomas Wood At Ft. Atkinson.



NE State President Fred Walden and his wife Jan at the National Congress in Phoenix, AZ in July.



Eagle Scout Joseph Preston with his father and Chaplain Col (Ret'd) Hoke.

State President Fred Walden's Remarks about the National Congress

This includes my report as VPG. It has been my pleasure to represent the North Central District as Vice President General for the year 2011-2012. I gave my reports, attended meetings and met some new friends along with carrying some messages to the national convention. There was an emphasis on making sure that we did not publicize or use the Sons of the American Revolution to promote any political views or to promote any politicians that we might personally endorse. This would endanger our status as a non-profit organization. This was our first time in Arizona in the summer and it was just plain hot.

The temperatures ranged from 105 to 117. The highlight on contributions was one Compatriot contributing \$1.5 million toward the new library. At the beginning of the Congress I had the privilege of introducing our new Vice President General from Minnesota, Ron McRoberts. At the 1000 Man Breakfast I was introduced and given recognition as a new member. I was also given other awards for our Society and Chapters and I will present them at our State Meeting in October. It will certainly be my honor to present them. I'm also quite enthused of the possibility of establishing a Chapter in western Nebraska. Hopefully, we will know more by our State Meeting at Mahoney State Park.

Next year the National Congress will hold their meeting in Kansas City, MO. Attending would give you the opportunity to meet some of the people you see in the national magazine. You would also see how they operate the meetings at Congress which you are certainly welcome to attend. You would also be able to meet the people from Kentucky who work at the National headquarters. This would be a great opportunity to get involved and to see the big picture and know where funds are used and needed. Once again, Janet and I thank you and it's certainly my honor and privilege to represent you.

Fred Walden
President Nebraska Society

NEBRASKA SOCIETY PRESENTED EAGLE SCOUT ESSAY AWARD AT LINCOLN CHAPTER MEETING



Eagle Scout Micah James Hadley receiving the Nebraska SAR Society's 2012 Essay Award at the Lincoln Chapter Meeting in July. His award also included a monetary stipend.

Shown with Micah are Past Nebraska SAR President and Eagle Scout Award Chairperson Merle Rudebusch and Lincoln Chapter President Chap. James Hoke.



The above shows Eagle Scout Hadley with his parents alongside and Chairman Rudebusch and President Hoke. Micah was invited to read his essay on the Boston Massacre and it was well received.

The Boston Massacre: These United Colonies

Some historians, such as scholar William Loren Katz, cite what came to be known as "the Boston Massacre" as the first battle of the American Revolution. While not all historians agree on this point, it is indeed widely accepted that the event marks a pivotal moment in the evolution of thirteen disparate colonies into the United States of America. The people of the original thirteen colonies lacked much of a cohesive

Identity. Many viewed themselves in terms of the distinct colony they inhabited, and the unique milieu of each place—geography, economy, religion, heritage, etc.—further counteracted early solidarity between the colonies. However, these divided colonies ultimately came together to fend off British rule.

The process by which the American colonists came to unite in revolution against their British rulers can be likened to an explosive charge, which was built up more and more until it was eventually set off. Such a buildup of explosive potential took shape in the manner in which British oppression escalated, causing colonial opposition to escalate in kind. England's parliament proffered taxes and decrees that were increasingly despotic, which culminated in the Stamp tax—charging printed materials—and the Quartering Act (forcing colonists to house British troops). Such seemingly tyrannical impositions resulted in unprecedented American dissent, as boycotts and protesting (frequently violent) against British rule became increasingly popular following the Stamp and Quartering Acts. Importantly, the colonists' violent outbreaks were successful (Cont'd on page 3)

Eagle Scout. Cont'd from page 2
 in effecting the end of the Stamp Tax. This validated the colonists' use of force, and inspired confidence in their hearts. Such confidence—maybe overconfidence—was a crucial element in the Boston Massacre.

By 1770, the colonists' confidence had become a taunt for Britain to set off the explosive charge they had accumulated. The colonists were eager, and this sentiment was then matched by Britain's decision to enforce their reign with occupying soldiers—4,000 of them for Boston's 16,000 citizens. On March 5, a crowd of citizens began harassing British troops outside their barracks, and as things heated up, an infantryman fired upon the colonists. A predictable outcome ensued, with numerous colonists dying and the British soldiers eventually being pardoned for their actions by their own courts.

However, despite the immediate appearances of "the Boston Massacre"—i.e. in Britain's favor—the tables had in fact turned to the colonists' advantage. The killing of civilians by soldiers made Britain look weak, as if they needed to resort to such drastic measures to maintain order. Consequently, not only was the colonial relationship greatly damaged, but the colonists were placed in a position of power. Additionally, the massacre manifested British maltreatment of the American colonists. It decisively articulated the threat posed by British rule, galvanizing the colonies to decisively articulate their response (that is, *collective* opposition to Britain). The British had dropped a match on the charge, and the colonies had found a common enemy.

PATRIOT -

In the beginning of a change, the patriot is a scarce man, and brave and hated and scorned. When his cause succeeds, the timid join him, for then it costs nothing to be a patriot.

Mark Twain

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

DEDICATION OF THE NEW FLAG POLE AT FT. ATKINSON, FORT CALHOUN, NE., JULY 1, 2012



Nebraska Society, SAR President, Fred Walden brings greetings to Fort Atkinson Dedication Ceremonies on July 1st. Fort Atkinson was the first U.S. military post west of the Missouri River. It was established by the Yellowstone Expedition of 1819. It was initially called Camp Council Bluff while the fort was under construction because of its close proximity to Lewis and Clark's council site. However, upon completion, the Secretary of War instructed that it be named Fort Atkinson after Col. Henry Atkinson, commander of the Yellowstone Expedition. The Omaha Chapter was privileged to donate for the purchase of a new Flagpole for this site. The dedication of the Flagpole took place at noon. It was followed by a Grand Parade of Review under the command of Col. Thomas L. Wood, as Colonel Henry Leavenworth and then the reading of the Declaration of Independence and Salute to the States. This ceremony and what went on here illustrates that we are the beneficiaries of what these individuals have done. Those soldiers, fur trappers and others were dedicated to insuring this great country continued to expand. Col. Wood and his troops, along with the volunteers are dedicated in helping preserve the memory of the first U.S. military post west of the Missouri River.

2012-13 Meetings and Events

- Oct 5, Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am Eastmont Towers
- Oct 9, Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:00 am Venice Inn
- Oct 14, NE Society Fall Meeting, 1:00 pm The Lodge, Mahoney State Park
- Nov 2, Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am Eastmont Towers
- Nov 13, Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:00 pm Venice Inn
- Dec 7, Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am Eastmont Towers
- Dec 11, Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:00 pm Venice Inn
- 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



The above shows past State President Robert Knott, current State President Fred Walden, Col. Thomas Wood and Omaha Chapter President William Webb.



Raising of the flag at Fort Atkinson.

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 eight 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.

NO PLACE FOR GOURMETS

Rations in the Army during the Revolutionary War were not quite up to home style eating.

The daily ration, when available, consisted of bread, half a pound of beef and half a pound of pork, or salt fish; milk, rice, peas or beans, butter and half a pint of vinegar.

Food was always to be boiled or roaster, never fried, baked or broiled because those methods were considered very unhealthy. Vinegar, lot of it, was supposed to be good for you.

But army food of any kind was often scarce, rancid and wormy. At times, biscuits captured 15 years before from the French, were served after being softened by dropping cannon balls on them. Peas served to soldiers on one occasion were referred to, in a letter home, as "hard enough for musket flints...They would break the teeth of a rat!"

It is ironic that throughout the Revolution there was never a shortage of food and clothing in the colonies. Soldiers went ragged and hungry because the Continental Congress couldn't get the goods to camp. Bad roads and lack of drivers and vehicles often delayed or prevented delivery. Even more tragic was the fact that many farmers preferred to sell their wheat and beef to the British for solid gold or silver coins. The Patriot's paper dollars were of such doubtful value that Washington himself once exclaimed he couldn't get a wagon load of food for a wagon load of

money.

War profiteers in general were condemned by General Washington as men with "a dirty mercenary spirit"--strong words for the leader who almost never lost his temper. (from *The American Revolution In Notes Quotes and Anecdotes*)

CH (COL) James Hoke
Lincoln Chapter President



The above photo is State President Fred Walden and his wife Janet at the National Congress in Phoenix, Arizona.



President Fred Walden being presented a Certificate at the National Congress in Phoenix, Arizona.



The above photo shows Eagle Scout Joseph Preston, Valpariso, NE as he receives the Sons of Union Veterans Certificate from Ch. Col (Ret'd) James Hoke, President of the Lincoln Chapter, SAR.



Raymon G. Fox is being presented the SAR Flag Certificate by Omaha Chapter President William Webb at their September Meeting at the Venice Inn in Omaha. Ray enlisted in the Navy in 1945 and served on the USS Le-Juan seeing duty in China and the Philippines. He then served in Japan during the occupation for 2 years and was subsequently discharged in 1948. Ray has flown the flag at his homes since 1950 and the current flag is lighted at night and flown 24/7. President Webb stated it was an honor for the Omaha Chapter to recognize Ray for showing such patriotism to the United States during his lifetime.

OMAHA CHAPTER HAS THEIR FIRST ANNUAL PICNIC

On August 25, 2012, the Omaha Chapter had their first Picnic at Chalco Hills Recreation Area, adjacent to Wherspann Lake, near Omaha. Several members and their families from the Lincoln Chapter were also able to attend. Thanks to the shelter and despite a few rain showers over the lunch time, a good time of fellowship and camaraderie was enjoyed by all. HyVee catered a great fried chicken meal and some of the attendees brought extra items. A big thank you to Fred Strider and his picnic committee for all their hard work in putting this event together.



In the above photo are: Shawn Stoner, V. P., Lincoln Chapter, William Webb, President, Omaha Chapter, John Parsons, Treasurer, Omaha Chapter, Fred Walden, State President, Chaplain James Hoke, President, Lincoln Chapter, Richard Ewing, Secretary, Omaha Chapter.



More picnic photo's.



The Honor and Remember Flag was created to serve as a national symbol that specifically acknowledges the sacrifice of men and women in the US Armed Forces who have given their lives for their country in over two centuries of America's history. For more information and to help give tribute to our fallen heroes and their families visit www.HonorandRemember.org.



Omaha Chapter President William Webb swore in new member Darin Ellis at their September Chapter Meeting. Compatriot Fred Strider assisted in the ceremony.



Omaha Chapter President William Webb swore in new member Charles Senrick at their September Chapter Meeting. Compatriot Fred Strider assisted in the ceremony.



Wreath laying on Memorial Day. Past Nebraska State President LaVerne Stetson places a wreath at the Memorial Day program at the Crawford, Nebraska Cemetery. Others laying wreaths were the DAR, VFW Auxiliary, Legion Auxiliary and the Royal Neighbors. The Legion Commander reads all the veterans names in the Crawford and Montrose cemeteries. They close with the Honor Guard firing squad and Taps.



The above photo shows LaVerne and his wife Shirley. LaVerne said the city park crew watered the grass so the ground was damp. They then used crowbars to poke holes in the sod for the flag poles. The flags are attached to the poles and then pushed into the holes. Each flag has a metal name tag pinned to it. The tag is removed and attached to the pole so visitors can read the name. LaVerne and their grandson Casey Fankhauser helped. There were about 248 flags installed. Below photo shows Casey and his girlfriend Kali Lane at the Ceremony.



MORE PICTURES AND STORIES

PROPOSED NEBRASKA SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP MEDAL



The obverse of the medal is a depiction of the State of Nebraska alongside a Patriot with "Nebraska Society" curved along the bottom of the face and "Sons of the American Revolution" curved along the top. Under the depiction of the State of Nebraska it reads: "Est. 1890". Within the depiction it shows the NSSAR logo. The reverse of the medal is left plain for engraving of the recipient's name, and if applicable, NSSAR number. The drape is royal blue with a narrow gold stripe centered matching the colors of the Nebraska State Flag.

The Committee presented their findings and recommendations to the membership at the Spring Meeting at Mahoney State Park April 21, 2012. After much discussion the Committee was requested to further look into ways for cost savings. The Committee was to also submit the medal descriptions and requirements to National as required. The Committee would like to get a count of those members who would pre-order the bronze medal. The pre-order cost will be \$20.00. After that the cost will be \$25.00. Please email Committee Chairman Fred Walden at "fred.walden@cox.net" or phone nr: 402-558-9394 and let him know you will be pre-ordering the bronze medal when it becomes available.

NEBRASKA SOCIETY ATTEMPTING TO FORM OUR 3RD CHAPTER

The President of the Lincoln, Nebraska Chapter of the SAR James Hoke and Lincoln Vice-President Shawn Stoner met with the State President Fred Walden, State Secretary David Kentsmith and Omaha Chapter officers William Webb, President, Richard Ewing, Secretary and John Parsons, Treasurer at a picnic in August hosted by the Omaha Chapter. Spouses and children also attended. After the picnic, Compatriots Hoke and Stoner of Lincoln with state secretary Kentsmith discussed how we could assist new SAR members and brothers Randy and Roger Rademacher in their quest to establish a new western Nebraska Chapter of the Nebraska Society. There are about 20 Members-At-Large in the Nebraska Society that live west of Lincoln and do not affiliate with either the Omaha or Lincoln, Nebraska Chapters. Lincoln Vice-President Shawn Stoner has met with Roger Rademacher of Grand Island to discuss ways of forming a new Nebraska Chapter for out-state Members-At-Large. Attempts will be made to notify Members-At-Large of this effort and to encourage them to contact Roger Rademacher or Shawn Stoner through the State Secretary at email (k-nesar@q.com) if they are interested in and will help Roger and his brother Randy form an out-state chapter. It was recognized that a sizeable portion of our Society's membership was not actively participating in chapter affairs because of living in the western half of our state where no SAR Chapters are located. The above Compatriots have been empowered to attempt to organize a new chapter in western Nebraska to better serve members and potential members residing in that area. If you wish to become Charter Members of this hopefully, new Chapter, send an email to the State Secretary.



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Past State President Robert L. Knott and Current State President Fred Walden represented the SAR at the 9/11 Ceremony at American Heroes Park, Bellevue, Nebraska. This ceremony honors the men and women and their families who have fought for our country as well as the lives lost on September 11, 2001, and the first responders who protect us every day.