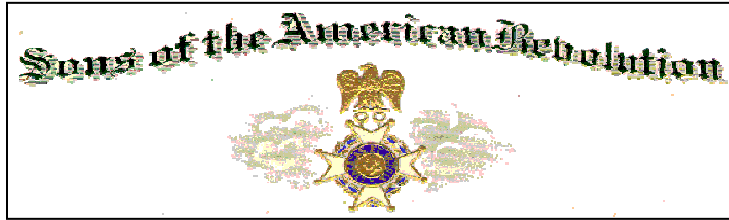


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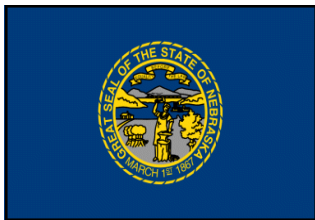
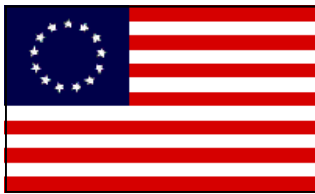


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NESSAR Spring Meeting and Awards Ceremony

Presidents Corner I can't see our work in progress. believe it's been one year We will, of course, have our already. I have enjoyed this first year as your President and look forward to seeing you all at Mahoney State Park April 14th for our Spring Meeting. This year has passed so quickly, but memories have been made, lifetime friendships have been forged and important work toward improving our Society has been done. At our Spring Meeting will be our awards presentations—my favorite—which gives all of us an opportunity to hopefully, beautiful Mahoney State Park for the Nebraska SAR Spring Meeting. It's that time of the year to get out of the house and enjoy your fellow Compatriots.

Committee Chairmen give their reports and we will take care of any other business that comes before the membership. So come join your SAR friends for an informative, active and joyous time at

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. 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"

REMINDER OF DUES INCREASE FOR 2014

This is a reminder to all members that as a result of a discussion at our Fall State Meeting, it was motioned that our Society dues be increased from \$12.00 to \$17.00 effective with the year 2014. This will allow us to continue with the Awards Program. This motion was seconded and unanimously approved. It was also mentioned that the \$17.00 membership fee is within the average of all SAR State Membership Societies. This discussion was included in the Fall 2012 Newsletter. The dues notice you will receive in October will include the \$5.00 increase.

NESSAR Spring Meeting April 14, 2013

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 13th, 2013 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. We will be presenting the Fireman's Medal and Certificate and stipend to a most deserving Fire Safety individual. 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. I'm sure everyone will enjoy themselves.

NEBRASKA SOCIETY NEWS



The above photo shows Eagle Scout Cuva being presented the SAR's Eagle Scout Certificate by Omaha Chapter President William Webb. Matthew Mark Cuva is awarded the Boy Scouts highest honor, that of becoming an Eagle Scout. His Court of Honor was held January 13, 2013 at St. Gerald Catholic Church in Ralston. Matthew joined Cub Scouts in first grade and crossed over to Boy Scout Troop 377 in February of 2007. As a member of Troop 377, Matthew served as Patrol Leader, Chaplains Aide, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader and Troop Guide. During the summer of 2009 he became a member of the honorary Tribe of Mic-O-Say. In August of 2008, Matthew became an Ordeal member of the Order of the Arrow camping honor society. He continued to advance to Brotherhood in 2009, and in 2011 he advanced to become Vigil member, the highest rank, in the Order of the Arrow. He earned Arrowman of the Year award in 2011. Matthew has earned 39 merit badges and has 98 nights of camping. Matthew is currently a junior at Ralston High School.



Col. (Ret'd) Thomas L. Wood was the guest speaker at the Omaha Chapter meeting February 12. Col Wood is a volunteer at Fort Atkinson, located at Fort Calhoun, NE and portrays Col. Henry Leavenworth, one of the commanding officers of this Fort between 1820-1827. The topic for his presentation was the War of 1812 and how many historians consider it the last battle of the American Revolution establishing the United States as an independent nation. He was well received and had many questions.



Lonnie Moore, a teacher for Omaha Westside High School reenacted the history on the life of Judge

William Allen and family, (his GG Grandfather) at the Omaha Chapter meeting. William Allen was a farmer, Civil War Veteran and Homesteader in Western Nebraska before he was elected to the position as a Judge (with no pay) in Frontier County, NE.



The Omaha Chapter had the honor of initiating John Peter Andersen and Timothy Lee Walden into the Nebraska Society. The ceremony was conducted by William Webb, President of the Omaha Chapter and Frederick Walden, President of the Nebraska Society who pinned the rosettes on our new members. John Andersen's patriot is Moses Endicott. Timothy Walden's patriot is Samuel Bridge. Fred Walden had the privilege of initiating his son Timothy. Fred's other son Kevin Walden could not make the meeting but also was accepted as a new SAR member under patriot Samuel Bridge. Congratulations to these new members. Also attending were John's wife Mary and Timothy's wife Ruth.



Omaha Chapter December Program

Omaha Chapter December meeting at the Venice Inn was the site of a presentation by Patriotic Productions.

It is dedicated to honoring our military, including those who have died as a result of wounds suffered in a war zone, while in uniform, since 9-11-2001. Patriotic Productions was formed by Bill & Evonne Williams of Omaha, who have a desire to honor the United States military and share that opportunity with others who wish to do the same. Whether recording personal histories, planning events or creating an exhibit, the intent is to always honor and remember.

Bill & Evonne do not come from military families, nor are they veterans themselves. Sometimes, it is easier for those "outside" of the military to show honor and respect. And their four sons have certainly changed the family's legacy, as well as opened their eyes to life on the "inside" of the military: Ben served two tours of duty in Iraq as an Army Reservist Sergeant;

Tom is a 2LT in the Marine Corps; Sam is a 2LT in the Army;

Max is a Marine Corporal and an Air Traffic Controller in Japan. Having a son who served two tours in a war zone helped the Williamses appreciate the sacrifices made by our military and their loved ones. In November, 2010, with the support of the Omaha World-Herald newspaper, and support of financial sponsors, Bill & Evonne created an exhibit called "Remembering Our Fallen" for the Strategic Air & Space Museum.

This exhibit included photos of the 98 from Nebraska and western Iowa, who died in The War on Terror, since September 11, 2001. Over 325 family members attended the opening event, some driving as long as seven hours one way. Another 750 people attended the exhibit's public opening and ceremony, and the exhibit is now traveling a week at a time throughout Nebraska and western Iowa. After realizing the impact this first photo display made upon not only the families of The Fallen, but also the general public, the Williams' felt that this project should be completed in other states and hope to do so to remind people of the cost of freedom while hopefully, helping to lessen the grief of the families. It was certainly well received and a special thanks to Compatriot Fred Strider for getting the program together.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS—2012

At Large — Harry Merrihew, #182913, Patriot: Rubin Perkins

At Large — Roger A. Radamacher, #183283, Patriot: Elijah Horton

At Large — Randy D. Radamacher, #183282, Patriot: Elijah Horton

Omaha Chapter — Fred Strider, #182914, Patriot: Timothy Hannum

Lincoln Chapter — Robert Chandler, Transfer in, #138111, Patriot: Joseph Blake plus 8 more

At Large — William J. Shipley, #183693, Patriot: Henry Shipley

At Large — Carl Garrison Transfer in, #98793, Patriot: Capt. Robert Pickins

Omaha Chapter — Darin D. Ellis, #184444, Patriot: Samuel Gwinn plus 2 more

Omaha Chapter — Charles L. Senrick, #184177, Patriot: Andrew Pancake

Omaha Chapter — Raynold Prusia, Transfer in, #171335, Patriot: Nicholas Wotring

2013 Meetings and Events

Apr 5, Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am Eastmont Towers

Apr 9, Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:00 pm Venice Inn

Apr 14, NESSAR Spring Meeting, 1:00 pm Mahoney State Park

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

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

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

Jul 5, Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00am Eastmont Towers

Aug 2, Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00am Eastmont Tower

NO Omaha Chapter Meetings June July or August

Evening Celebration of Patriotism



The Lincoln Chapter invited other ancestral patriotic organizations to join for an evening celebration of patriotism. The program was "Dolly Madison" and her life. Also, remembering George Washington and our founding fathers and in the James Madison era of the war of 1812. Representatives attending were from: SAR; DAR; SUVCW; DUVCW; Colonial Dames; Order of Founders and Patriots; Magna Charta and others. Also attending was the Nebraska Secretary of State John A. Gale. Pictured are Fred Walden our State President; Sara "Dolly" Sellgren and Lincoln Chapter President Chap. James Hoke who also MC'd this outstanding event.

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. 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 ten 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 Peter L. Heineman

Part Two of Two



Lt. Hudson Martin

Hudson Martin was born on July 3, 1752 in Albemarle, Virginia. He enlisted as an ensign under Capt. James Alexander on March 11, 1776 and was promoted to Lieutenant on March 26, 1776. Lt. Martin was wagon master at Lancaster, Pa. in 1778 but resigned in April of the same year. He was appointed by Gov. Patrick Henry, Paymaster to the Regiment of Guards, commanded by Col. Francis Taylor from January 1779 to August 1781, at which time the regiment was disbanded. They were stationed at Albemarle to guard the prisoners captured October 1777, at the surrender of Gen. Burgoyne, at Saratoga. According to his pension papers, Hudson Martin was drafted in Fluvanna County, as a militiaman in 1781 when he took the place of his brother William who was sick.

Hudson Martin married Jane Walker Lewis on December 2, 1778 in Albemarle Co., Virginia. Jane was the daughter of Col. Nicholas Lewis and Mary Walker mentioned in the last edition of the Husker Patriot. The family settled southwest of Charlottesville, Virginia in the counties of Albemarle and Nelson, near Rockfish Gap & River. They had eight children.

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Hudson Martin died on November 28, 1830 in Rockfish, Nelson Co., Virginia/Fabers Mills, Amherst Co., Virginia, at 78 years of age. His will was executed June 23, 1828, and is on record in Nelson Co. Va., and a copy of it is on file in the Pension Office at Washington, D.C. Judging from the bequests of real estate, slaves and money to the several members of his family, he must have been a man of considerable wealth and influence in the county in which he resided. The executors to his estate gave bonds to the amount of 20,000 pounds. Jane died August 15, 1838 in Albemarle County, Virginia, at 81 years of age.

Pvt. William Duggins

William Duggins was born in Dublin, Ireland 31 Oct 1751; William was an only child. After his father's (William) death he came with his mother, Alice, to Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania Co, Virginia in 1763. She afterwards married Robert Wilkinson, by whom she had three

children, and then died in Fredericksburg. William was apprenticed to a silversmith in Louisa County, Virginia.

He enlisted January 20, 1777 in Capt. William Vanse's Co. 12th Va. Regiment to serve during the Revolutionary War. He was transferred about June 1778 to Col. James Woods' Co., 4th, 8th & 12th Va. Regiments, and about October 1778 to Capt. William Vanse's Co. 8th. Va. Regiment, commanded by Col. James Woods. His name last appears on the Co. muster roll for November 1779, dated at camp near Morristown December 9, 1779 without special remark relative to his service.

William married Elizabeth Perkins December 16, 1787, daughter of William Perkins, of a well-known South Carolina family of that name. He was a member of the Episcopal Church, and a devout Christian. Elizabeth was born in South Carolina, in 1771. William and Elizabeth had 14 children. On the maternal side, the great-grandfather, Daniel White, also a Revolutionary soldier was present at surrender of Lord Cornwallis.

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 2012. 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.

60 Years

Robert H. Hale, Des Moines, IA

35 Years

Wilton H. Dorris, Lemoyne, NE
Robert J. Ernst, II, Norfolk, NE
Donald W. Miltner, Jr., Lincoln, NE

30 Years

Ward H. Reesman, III, Omaha, NE

20 Years

Kenneth G. Paulson, Wakefield, NE
Robert Chandler, Lincoln, NE

15 Years

Thomas E. Corey, McCook, NE
Dan P. Warlick, Tupelo, MS

10 Years

Larry J. Cash, North Platte, NE
Frederick A. Walden, Omaha, NE
William W. Wickenkamp, North Platte, NE

5 Years

Cary C. Clark, Elwood, NE
Richard L. Galusha, Omaha, NE
David K. Kentsmith, MD, Springfield, NE
William A. Sellgren, Omaha, NE
James R. Taylor, Omaha, NE

Colonel James Burdick Ladd

Omaha Compatriot John Parsons found an article in the Nov—Dec 2012 issue of the Minnesota Mason on Colonel Ladd and it is excerpted here. It explains who the person is that set up the fund to provide the SAR Minuteman Medal we award to the ROTC and Jr. ROTC cadets each Spring here in Nebraska: "Who was Colonel James B. Ladd? Brother James B. Ladd was a member of Fides Lodge No. 246 in Sanborn, Minnesota, becoming a Master Mason on August 13, 1903. He obtained the rank of Colonel in the United States Army Reserves, although it is thought that he did spend some time on active duty as a young man. He liked to be called Colonel Ladd. He was a strong supporter of his lodge and Masonry in life as well as death. He died in Chicago in 1959 but he still considered himself a resident of Sanborn. His trust included his one-half interest in his father's trust's real estate. His income came from his share in his father's trust. His trust investments and service income were held in banks and government bonds. In his will, Col. Ladd ordered that \$100,000 be placed in a permanent fund, held in trust, to be used, if necessary, to pay taxes and insurance on trust real estate in case of disastrous crop conditions. He also instructed that funds be provided for the National Society of Sons of the American Revolution as follows: — Award the SAR ROTC Cadet Minuteman Medal awards in Iowa, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota.

Article submitted by Lincoln Chapter President Chaplain James Hoke

"On the day after Christmas, 1776, a loyalist spy appeared at the HQ of Hessian commander Colonel Johann Rall with an urgent message. The spy had learned that George Washington and his small Continental

army had secretly crossed the Delaware River that morning and were advancing on Trenton, where the Hessians were encamped. he attempted to enter Rall's HQ, but was stopped and told to write down his message. The Colonel had left strict orders that no one was to disturb his liquor or cards. A porter took the message into the house and handed it to the Hessian Colonel. But rather than interrupt his deal, Rall thrust the note, unread into his pocket. By the time his deal was over, the message that could have had an important effect on the course of the Revolution had been completely forgotten. The Colonel would regret his orders. he was still playing cards when the guards of the camp began discharging their muskets in a futile attempt to stop Washington's army. The patriots' attack had come as a complete surprise. Without time to organize or rally, the entire Hessian army was captured. The colonists had gained their first major victory of the Revolutionary War. During the battle Colonel Rall fell mortally wounded. As he lay dying, he swore that if he had read the loyalist's message the revolutionaries would never have taken either his army or his life. SOURCE: Geo W. Stimpson, *Nuggets of Knowledge* (New York: A.L. Burt, 1934), P.141.

WELCOME OUR NEW STATE FLAG CHAIRMAN

Congratulations to Robert Chandler of the Lincoln Chapter who has been appointed our Society Flag Chairman by State President Frederick Walden. Bob has been a member of the SAR for over 21 years and has transferred to our Society from Florida. He was also a former member of the Maine Society.

MORE PICTURES AND STORIES

Compatriot Harris Presents Program at Omaha Chapter



Compatriot Ray Harris presented an outstanding program to the members of the Omaha Chapter during their January meeting about the Siege of Yorktown in 1781. Compatriot Harris had handouts for the members as he gave his presentation.

SAR Donates Lap Blankets for Use During Funerals and Parades



Allen Pannell, Nebraska Veterans Cemetery in Alliance Administrator, Nebraska State Senator LeRoy J. Loudon, SAR Lincoln Chapter donating lap blanket.

Nebraska State Veterans Cemetery in Alliance is on land donated by the city of Alliance located alongside the former home of the WWII Army 326th Glider Infantry, 507th Parachute Infantry divisions. This unique project was dedicated August 13, 2010 combining



Sharon Ann Loudon, NSDAR Sandhills Chapter Regent, Allen Pannell, Cemetery Administrator; LeeAnn Merrihew, NSDAR Sandhills Chapter VR and DAR State Veterans Service Committee Chairman; Harry Merrihew, SAR Lincoln Chapter holding lap blanket donation.

city, state and federal sponsorship. Nebraska State Senator LeRoy Loudon, SAR Lincoln Chapter sponsored Legislative bills and gathered community support that helped fund and create this project and he continues to serve on the Foundation Board. These lap blankets are donated and stored in the office building and used at the funeral services held in the open air committal area during funeral services. Recently the Veterans' float in Alliance used these donated blankets in their Veterans Day parade float because of the cool weather and the Veterans could wrap up in them on the float. The staff took them home to wash and they are clean and ready for next time.



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These two lap blankets are marked with a "Donated by Nebraska Society Sons of the American Revolution" sewn label. The rules are also different, as the blankets could not be donated directly to Fort McPherson Cemetery because they operate under Federal guidelines and allow for no additional items to wash or for storage. The local Boy Scouts are building a storage container for the blankets at the cemetery and the Girl Scouts are making containers to carry the blankets out to the committal area for the funeral services.