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NEBRASKA'S FIRST LIBERTY TREE HASTINGS, NE



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From the Desk of the President

Presidents Message

What do we really know?

This past week I attended a memorial service for a gentleman of the highest order. His entire life was a life in service to others. He traveled the globe to assist, educate, and help those less fortunate than himself. Service in the Peace Corps, in Africa as a missionary, and during the Vietnam War as a US Army Medic.



His sons ordered a copy of his DD-214 to learn about the service of their father as he seldom would discuss his time in the service with them or anyone else, and this from a man who could talk your arm off given the opportunity. The DD-214 was much as expected, date of birth, enlistment information, awards....a Bronze Star? Not one family member was aware of this honor and would love to know more about the circumstances surrounding the events leading to the medal. Documentation exists in some file perhaps, but the best source to the story is now gone. While a file and report will answer some questions, it will never replace a conversation.

What do each of us know about our compatriot ancestor beyond what is on the SAR application? Depending on the documents on file in many different locations, one may have a great deal of knowledge. Personally, my Patriot ancestor left a trail of four pension applications, with the first three being denied. Each subsequent filing was a little longer, contained a little more information and asked for the same relief. The fourth application was approved in April 1826 and my Patriot Ancestor died in May that same year. No funds were ever paid to him or the family.

The details may not seem important, but putting the facts together may resolve a question. A letter from a Patriot ancestor to his future bride stated, "Spalding is well". So, who is Sterling and what is the relationship to the two families? Nasty thing these little mysteries. After more digging through the village records the enlistment of six soldiers was located, one being my ancestor and another being Spalding. So, it could be safe to say the two men lived in the same village. My point in all of this is to always copy, document and record facts as you find them.

Talk to family members, ask questions while it is possible. With compatriot records, ask what does the record leave unanswered or what possible direction you travel next. Keep on asking. Keep on learning. Share what you learn

John C. Braisted
President, Nebraska SAR

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State Society News



Welcome New Members!

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Patriot: Heinrich Shults (NY)
Platte River Chapter

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Patriot: John Jacob Storts (MD)
Platte River Chapter

Congratulations to all of our new members in the Nebraska SAR. We look forward to you all being active, participating members of the Society.



Time to Celebrate a New Chapter!

Nebraska Compatriots, we have some exciting news to share! We want to officially welcome the formation of our newest Chapter in the Nebraska SAR!!

Please join us in welcoming the Platte River Chapter into the Nebraska SAR family. This new chapter will be headquartered in North Platte, NE. The Board of Managers officially approved their application for charter at its meeting on Sept 14. The official charter date will be Oct 4, 2024.

This is such an exciting time for the Nebraska SAR, as the Platte River Chapter will be the first chapter we have chartered in 87 years. We have not started a new chapter in Nebraska since the current Omaha Chapter was chartered in May 1937.

The charter members of the Platte River Chapter are: Richard N. Hulse, Jared D. Hulse, Mark Shults, Gary Cline, Jerry Calvin, Ronald Roberts, Sam Kinsinger, Robert Wolf, Charles Fisher, and Thomas Corey.

We will update the membership in future newsletters with the election of officers for the Platte River Chapter, as well as the work being done by the chapter members. We look forward to exciting things happening in western Nebraska with this new group of Compatriots.



REVOLUTIONARY HISTORY—250 YEARS

The First Continental Congress Meets



2024 marks the 250th Anniversary of the meeting of the First Continental Congress in Philadelphia. This critically important meeting tends to be overshadowed by later events of the Revolution. But without the actions of the First Continental Congress, the Revolution may not have happened at all. For that reason, it is worth taking the time to remember its purpose and consequences.

In the wake of the Boston Tea Party, colonists were on edge, wondering how the British Parliament would respond to their defiance of the Crown. At the time, many Americans actually viewed the Tea Party as an act of vandalism rather than patriotism. But when Parliament passed the Intolerable Acts in the spring of 1774, most felt that Britain's punishment did not fit Boston's crime. The port of Boston was closed, locally elected officials were replaced with the King's appointees, the colo-

nies were required to pay for British soldiers serving in America, and land claims were invalidated when the King extended Canada south to the Ohio River. The thirteen colonies, which had existed as mostly self-interested neighbors, now clearly saw that a threat to any one colony could be a threat to them all. The question was: "how should we address that threat?" Many Americans wanted another attempt at reconciliation with the British government. Others insisted that any such offer were delivered with a counter-threat to Britain's pocketbook. All agreed that the colonies' response – whatever it may be – should be unanimous. So, each colony elected delegates to the First Continental Congress – an illegal and unsanctioned meeting under British law – in one final effort to reclaim their political rights and avoid war. The Congress took three actions that were monumental in their importance.

Their first action was to reject a reconciliation proposal called the Galloway Plan, which would have formed an American Parliament. That body would have limited authority to make colonial laws but would remain subordinate to the British Parliament. This proposal failed by a single vote. Their second action was to publish a document called the "Declaration and Resolves" which described the colonies' grievances with the King and Parliament. If I were to read this document today, you would instantly recognize many phrases that we associate with the Declaration of Independence or the Bill of Rights – but the First Continental Congress can rightly claim original authorship of these principles in America's founding documents. Congress' third and most important action was passing the "Continental Association" – a total boycott of trade with Britain that was binding on every colony. The Continental Association had fourteen provisions that described the terms of the boycott, encouraged Americans to make their own goods, and discouraged wasteful or frivolous expenditures like gambling and "going to stage plays."

Perhaps its most important provision was its call for every community to appoint a Committee of Inspection to ensure every colonist and business was abiding by the terms of the agreement. As royal government in the colonies collapsed 1774, these elected committees became the local governing authority – the forerunners of today's city councils and county boards. These actions enabled the colonies to start organizing politically, economically, and militarily many months before the outbreak of war, which no doubt worked to their advantage. In fact, Abraham Lincoln suggested in his first inaugural address that the start of our national union was not in 1776, but in 1774, when the Continental Association was created.

It is also important to note that John Adams lent a guiding hand to the actions of the First Continental Congress. As Massachusetts delegates to Congress, John and his cousin Samuel Adams lead the faction that vigorously pushed for a path to independence. Immediately following Congress' adjournment, Adams published a series of letters that detailed 20 years of Britain's transgressions against her American subjects and offered arguments for the necessity of independence. While Adams is more well known for his actions during the Revolution and for his Vice Presidency and Presidency, his role as an early advocate for freedom and self-government was vital in the first days of the movement.

Written by Compatriot Mark Byars for the Hastings Liberty Tree dedication in Hastings, Adams Co., NE

MEET MY PATRIOT

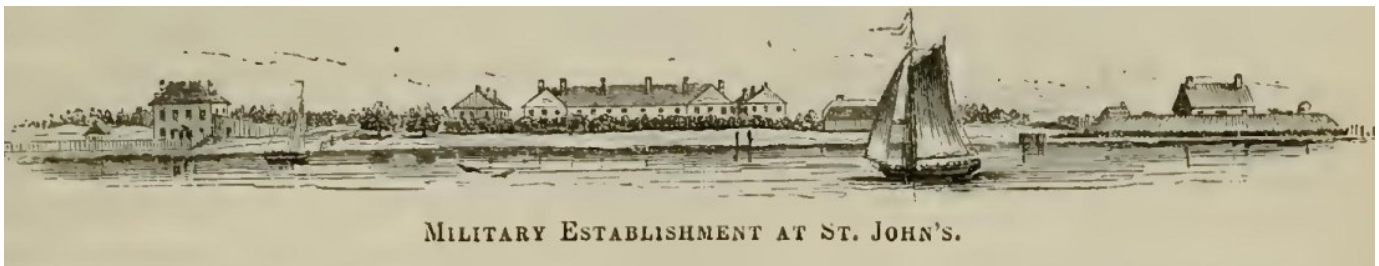


Benjamin Beardsley, Jr. (P-111646)

Patriot of Walter Haywood Beardsley #33899

Benjamin Beardsley, Jr. was born Jan 30, 1754, in Stratford, Fairfield County, CT, the son of Benjamin and Thankful Beardsley.

According to his sworn statement on his pension application on Apr 12, 1833, he “enlisted in Stratford, Fairfield Co., CT (which was his place of residence) in the fore part of April 1775, in the CT Line, as a private, for the term of seven months, under the following named officers: Viz., Capt. Joseph Smith, Lieutenants Botchford and Blackmer, Ensign Ruggles, 1st Sgt. David Smith, 2nd Clemmon Botchford, 3rd Ebenezer Beech, 4th Timothy Munson, 1st Corporal George Peck, 2nd Ephraim Worcester, in Col. Waterbury’s Regiment of Infantry. The Major’s name was Hobby. Within one week after enlisting, marched with the company to Stamford, when we joined the regiment which belonged to General Worcester’s Brigade, and after arriving at said Stamford, the Brigade immediately marched to New York, when they were joined by two New York Regiments. Here they were all embarked on board a number of Sloops and sailed up the Hudson River to Albany. Here the troops disembarked and marched up the west side of said river up to Halfmoon. Here they remained about a week; then marched up the river to Stillwater, and from there to Fort Edward. Here they crossed the river and marched through the woods to Stromsborough at the head of Lake Champlain. The day after their arrival, they embarked on a number of large row boats under the command of General Schuyler, and moved down the lake to Fort Ticonderoga, where the troops were ordered to disembark. There they remained about two weeks. They then marched down the lake to Crown Point. Here they were again embarked on board the same boats and moved down the lake and landed on an island, he thinks called Isle O Noa. Here General Schuyler gave up the command to General Montgomery, and the troops remained here a considerable time, during which an expedition was undertaken consisting of two companies on board of two new gallies and two other boats, under the command of two Captains, one of whom was Capt. Douglass, who commanded the boat in which this Deponent was one of the men. This was a reconnoitering expedition, performed in the night. In obedience to the orders, they moved down the Lake until about half a mile from Fort St. Johns, which was occupied by the enemy. Here a part of their force went ashore and at the time of this landing, they were fired upon by a party of British and Indians. Our people returned fire and killed an Officer and three Indians.



“When our boats arrived opposite the fort, the enemy opened a brisk fire from their boats. Our Row Gallies carried each a long eighteen pounder on their bows and a number of swivels on their sides. Our guns being far superior to the enemies, they were quickly silenced. When morning came, the enemy quickly sent out an armed Schooner and Sloop, which were also soon silenced by our troops. After this engagement, our troops returned up the lake to said island, without the loss of a man, and after two days, orders ere given for the troops to embark. They moved down the lake and within a short distance of the place of landing, they were fired upon by the enemy from shore. Our troops landed and drove the enemy back. In this skirmish, Major Hobby was wounded in the hip. Here our troops remained a sufficient time to erect a bettery, which was about a fortnight, after which they marked through the woods and came in the rear of the fort, and took provisions thereof, with very little opposition. Here they remained until November following, at which this time and place, the Regiment to which this deponent belonged was discharged. This serve was seven months.

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“He next enlisted in Stratford aforesaid in May 1776, in the same line, for three months, under Capt. Joseph Burton and Ensign Hoyt, in Col. Whiting’s Regiment. This duty was guarding the lines, principally from Stratford to Bridgeport, of a most harassing and fatiguing nature, by night and by day. He served this tour until August following, being three months, and was discharge by Capt. Burton at Stratford.

He next enlisted at Stratford in December 1776, in the same line, as a private, for three months, under Major Hawley, Lt. Joseph Hawley. His duty was keeping guard. The guard subsisted of about thirty privates with their officers. They were set at Bridgeport and guarded the lines from there to Black Rock. He served until February following, being three months, was discharged by Major Hawley.

“He next enlisted again at Stratford, on or about the 1st day of April 1777, in said line, under said Capt. Burton and Lt. Bangs, as a private. During this term, he was stationed at Fairfield on Long Island Sound. His duty again was guarding the line by attack of the British and Tories. He served this term for six months and was discharged at Fairfield by Capt. Burton.

“In the month of October 1777, he again enlisted under Capt. John Yates, at Stratford aforesaid, as a private in the same line. This company marched immediately to Peekskill, when they joined the troops under the command of General Putnam. At this time, the British Army under General Burgoyne was marching down from Canada, and the Army from New York was moving to meet him. This deponent served at Peekskill during this term of three months and was discharge in Jan 1778 by said Capt. Yates.

“He next enlisted at Startford on the sixth day of August 1778, for three months, in the same line, as a private, under Capt. Holmstead in Col. Wells’s Regiment. He was stationed at House Neck and the duty mostly consisted of scouting duty, and some guard duty. During part of this term, he suffered much for food, the men being allowed but four ounces of beef and five ounces of ground meal, to a man for twenty-four hours. After the three months were up, Capt. Holmstead requested they stay on until their ranks could be replaced by new troops. They stayed on two more weeks, where he was discharged by said Capt. Holmstead.”

Benjamin married Amelia Stevens October 3, 1785, in Shelton, Connecticut. This marriage produced five known children: James, Zachariah, Eliphalet, Philomena, and Eunice.

Benjamin Beardsley died on Jun 6, 1837, in East Venice, Cayuga County, New York. He is buried in East Venice Cemetery. He was 83 years old.



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Benjamin Beardsley, Jr. is the Patriot ancestor of Nebraska Compatriot Walter Haywood Beardsley (#33899). He was from Bartley, NE and was approved for membership on Feb 21, 1922.

This biography was compiled by Compatriot Paul Burrignt (#200016) for the Nebraska SAR Patriot Biographies Project for America 250 to compile the biographies of patriots for all Nebraska SAR members, past and present.

East Venice Cemetery, New York

Report on National Congress 2024

The 134th National SAR Congress was held in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, this past July 10-16, 2024. The Nebraska SAR had two Representatives/Delegates in attendance, Omaha Chapter and National Trustee, Jim Sly, and Omaha Vice President and National Alternate Trustee, Mark Byars.

Both Compatriots had a wonderful time, meeting new friends and Compatriots from around the different state societies, and attending the various historical tours, business meetings, and banquets that are put on throughout the week. This is a summary by Trustee, Jim Sly.

Nebraska Compatriot Thomas Everett Landholm was remembered during the memorial service to all Compatriots who had passed since the last Congress.

The genealogy department has had some upheaval recently with some retirements and some health issues. They are fully staffed now, and they hope to reduce the backlog in applications in the next few months.

The National Society is in the hole by \$90,000 on its balance sheet. The reason given was a mistake in the budgeting process for this past year, where junior members (who pay a lower dues fee) were not counted as such. There are 2000 junior members who only pay \$5 for dues, and were counted for the budget as a full member paying \$50. With each of those 2000 members having a \$45 shortage from a budget standpoint, $2000 \times \$45 = \$90,000$.

A motion was approved to raise the one-time application fees that new members submit with their initial application by \$50. This increase also covers Supplemental and Memorial applications. That means that each application that gets submitted will now have an application fee of \$150. This covers the cost to review the application and all of the submitted documents to approve the lineage. Family plans also increased from \$40 to \$75. In conjunction with this, a motion was approved to keep dues at the same level, with no increase.

A motion was approved to have a “sale” on application fees for the month of April 2025, in celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Lexington and Concord and the official start of the Revolutionary War becoming a shooting war. The application fee for April 2025 ONLY, will be \$75, instead of the new \$150 fee.

Compatriot Mark Byars was recognized as a new George Washington Fellow, as he contributed \$1000 to the George Washington Endowment Fund this past year.

The Nebraska SAR won a number of national awards at Congress

- President General’s Outreach Streamer—for our number of new presentations over the past year.
- Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest—participation
- Colorado Award—highest percent increase in membership over the past year
- Liberty Medal and Oak Leaf—Paul Burrigh and David Kentsmith were both awarded this Oak Leaf for their Liberty Medals
- Genealogist General’s Award—lowest percentage of pended applications over the past year
- Allene Wilson Groves Award—Best implementation of SAR resolutions and principles—2nd Place Award
- President General’s Activities Award—most complete implementation of SAR programs and resolutions—1st Place

Both Jim and Mark encourage members to attend Congress if you are able. We are able to have 5 voting delegates at each Congress.



Omaha President Jim Sly, VPG Chris Moberg,
Omaha VP Mark Byars at Congress

Nebraska's First Liberty Tree—Hastings, NE

On a beautiful afternoon, on August 17 in Hastings, NE, in the arboretum of Hastings College, the Nebraska SAR dedicated its first Liberty Tree, to honor our patriot ancestors and the 250th anniversary of the fight for freedom. The SAR chose to dedicate a towering 90 foot Cottonwood tree, Nebraska's State Tree, as its first Liberty Tree.

Hastings is located in Adams County, named for John Adams, and it seemed proper and fitting to dedicate this Liberty Tree in Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska in 2024, the 250th Anniversary of the meeting of the First Continental Congress, of which John Adams was a delegate.

The color guard presented the colors, and we had quite a nice crowd of attendees for the dedication. State President John Braisted was the master of ceremonies, Secretary Dale Wostrel led the members in the SAR Pledge, Pledge of Allegiance, and the SAR Recessional, Omaha President and State Chaplain Jim Sly offered the benediction and prayers of dedication, Omaha member, and current Hastings College student, Jaden Nehls spoke on the history of the Liberty Tree, Omaha Treasurer, and Hastings native, Andrew Nehls spoke on the meeting of the First Continental Congress, and Lincoln Vice President David Ensign read a poem about the Liberty Tree, originally written by Thomas Paine in September 1775, one month after the British cut down the original Liberty Tree in Boston Common and used it for firewood. We also heard from Honorary State DAR Regent Connie Plettner, who brought greetings from the Nebraska DAR, and Will Locke, one of the Deans of Hastings College, who gave his greetings and gratitude for Hastings College being selected for the honor of the Liberty Tree. Consequently, Mr. Locke is also completing his application for membership into the Nebraska SAR!



Participating and attending SAR members at the Liberty Tree dedication



Pres. Braisted, Andrew Nehls and Jaden Nehls unveiling the marker



Lincoln VP David Ensign, next to State Secretary

Nebraska's Second Liberty Tree—North Platte, NE



On a warm and windy afternoon on September 17, Constitution Day, the Nebraska SAR dedicated a 100+ year old American Linden tree on the southeast corner of the Lincoln County Courthouse in North Platte, NE. This was the 2nd Liberty Tree that we have dedicated in Nebraska this summer.

Having joined the Sioux Lookout Chapter of the Nebraska DAR in their earlier Constitution Day Bells Across America celebration, they joined us for the dedication, providing us a decent crowd for the event. As the courthouse was busy on this day, many who came out from their business inside, stopped to see and listen to the speeches about the history of the Liberty Tree and its importance to our Revolutionary ancestors, as well as what all of us were doing out on the lawn in colonial dress.

Lincoln County Commissioner, Joe Hewgley, presented his greetings and read the Proclamation from North Platte Mayor, Brandon Kelliher, declaring September 17, 2024, Liberty Day in North Platte. President John Braisted presided over the dedication, Lincoln Chapter VP David Ensign led the Pledge of Allegiance and handled Chaplain duties for the event, and the Nebraska SAR Color Guard presented the colors for the occasion. Compatriot Richard Hulse of the newly chartered Platte River Chapter SAR was instrumental in handling the logistics with the county commissioners to get this event approved. Compatriot Hulse was joined by Commissioner Hewgley and they unveiled the marker, set at the base of the tree.

It was another great, patriotic event put on by the SAR and we are excited for this growth in western Nebraska!!



Members of the Nebraska SAR and the Sioux Lookout Chapter of the Nebraska DAR at the Liberty Tree dedication in North Platte, NE

Fall State Meeting

The Nebraska SAR held its Fall State Meeting on Sunday, Sep 22, at Mahoney State Park, outside of Ashland, NE.

We reinstated the Zoom meeting feature for those Compatriots that cannot make the trip to attend in person. We had 2 members who were on the Zoom and we had some good feedback on our webcam and sound for the meeting. We hope more of our Compatriots will try out this option if you can't attend in person.

Individual and National awards were presented. National awards that the Nebraska SAR was presented with at Congress included: President General's Education Outreach streamer; Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest certificate; Colorado Award (for the highest percent increase in membership); Liberty Medal Bronze Oak Leaf for Compatriot Paul Burright and Compatriot David Kentsmith; Genealogist General's Award (for lowest percent pended applications); Allene Wilson Groves (Americanism) Award—2nd Place; President General's Activities Award—1st Place.

We had numerous America 250 medals that were handed out for participation in America 250 meetings and events, including our 2nd America 250 Gold medal that went to Jim Sly. Compatriot John Reinert was presented with his 40 year membership pin and certificate. Compatriot Reinert was approved for membership into the SAR on Feb 13, 1984.

Following the awards, Lincoln Chapter President John Reinert inducted our newest Lincoln Chapter member, Compatriot Bradford Finch, into the Society and Chapter. Congratulations Compatriot Finch!

The business meeting then commenced, with Officer and Committee Reports. A printed report booklet was on hand for those in attendance, to give the reports more weight among the membership, where they could see exactly what work had been completed by each committee. We did not have reports for Medals & Awards, First Responder, Flag, or Eagle Scout Committees, as those do not currently have a chairman. A special thank you to Andrew Nehls who will now be the State Flag Chairman. (If you would like to work with Andrew on presenting flag certificates to the community at large within Nebraska, please contact him).

The members in attendance were informed that the Board of Managers unanimously approved the application for charter for the Platte River Chapter in North Platte, NE.

The Spring meeting date was set for Sunday, April 13 at 2pm at Mahoney State Park.



State Pres. John Braisted,
Lincoln Pres. John Reinert,
Compatriot Brad Finch

America 250 Silver Medal Recipients:
David Ensign, Andrew Nehls,
Allyn Sheldon

Jim Sly America 250 Gold Medal



Color Guard

Nebraska SAR

Thursday, July 4, 2024—Ralston, NE

The Nebraska SAR Color Guard once again marched in the Ralston Independence Day Parade. This is the 7th year for us to muster for this parade. It is the largest event of its kind for Independence Day in Nebraska.

Nebraska members who mustered this year were Commander Paul Burreight, Captain Jim Sly, Lieutenant Mark Byars, Adam Ensign, Andrew Sullivan, Chadwick Callenius, Allyn Sheldon, and Omaha member Jim Gansemer joined us and helped to carry the banner. Lincoln VP David Ensign also attended the parade in uniform, but did not march with the guard.





Color Guard

Nebraska SAR

Saturday, Aug 17, 2024—Hastings, NE

The Nebraska SAR Color Guard made its first trip to Hastings, NE, on Aug 17, to participate in the Kool-Aid Days Parade. We marched along with our sisters from the Nebraska DAR. We had quite the troop that made the trip for the parade.

Mustering on this day were Commander Paul Burreight, Captain Jim Sly, Lieutenant Mark Byars, Chadwick Callenius, Dan Davis, and Allyn Sheldon. We were joined by Commander Bill Marshall and Brian Vasquez, friends and Compatriots from the Kansas SAR Color Guard. Omaha Treasurer Andrew Nehls and Omaha member Jaden Nehls carried the banner for the guard.

Also joining us for the parade were State Secretary Dale Wostrel and Members at Large William Heard and Jack Heard from Wymore, NE. They walked the parade route with the color guard, and along with members of the DAR, handed out nearly 450 flags to parade spectators along the route. State President John Braisted and Lincoln VP David Ensign also attended the parade, but did not walk the route.

It was a great day for our first trip and event in Hastings, NE.





Color Guard

Nebraska SAR

Saturday, Aug 17, 2024—Hastings, NE

We concluded our day in Hastings supporting the Niobrara Butler-Johnson Chapter of the Nebraska DAR in rededicating the grave site of Real Daughter Caroline Lois Herrick Johnson, who is buried in Parkview Cemetery.

The color guard presented the colors for the event, and provided escort duty to wreath layers from the numerous chapters and state societies from the Nebraska DAR, Nebraska SAR, and Kansas SAR. Secretary Dale Wostrel presented the wreath on behalf of the Nebraska SAR and Omaha Treasurer Andrew Nehls presented the wreath on behalf of the Omaha Chapter.

Mustering for this event was Commander Paul Burrig, Lieutenant Mark Byars, Chadwick Callenius, Allyn Sheldon, Dan Davis, Rich Hulse, and Commander Bill Marshall and Brian Vasquez from the Kansas SAR Color Guard.

State President John Braisted gave greetings at the event on behalf of the Nebraska SAR.





Color Guard

Nebraska SAR

Tuesday, Sep 17, 2024—North Platte, NE

Bells Across America!

For the past 10 years, the Sioux Lookout Chapter of the Nebraska DAR has held a ceremony outside of the Lincoln County Courthouse in North Platte, NE, honoring and celebrating the Constitution of the United States. At the time of the signing of the Constitution in 1787, 3pm local time, the ladies walk around the courthouse ringing their bells in celebration of the event. This was the first year that the Nebraska SAR and helped participate in this event.

We presented the colors at the start of the ceremony and at the designated time, we lined up behind the North Platte High School drum corps with our flags and marched around the courthouse to the drum cadence, the DAR following behind the flags, ringing their bells, along with other participants and attendees.

Mustering for this event was Commander Paul Burreight, Mark Byars, Allyn Sheldon, and Rich Hulse.



SOCIETY INFORMATION



Contact Information Update

If you, as a Nebraska SAR Member, have recently had a change of address, telephone number, or email contact information, please inform State Secretary, Dale Wostrel at dwestrel43@gmail.com.

Help us keep our records up to date!



SAR Applications

Please submit all applications through the online application system at www.sar.org. If you have any questions, contact the State Registrar, Mark Byars.

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4th Quarter 2024 Meetings and Events

Saturday, Oct 5—Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 11:00am, Gere Branch Library, Lincoln, NE

Tuesday, Oct 8—Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:30pm, Gorat's Steakhouse, Omaha, NE

Thursday, Oct 10—250th Anniversary of the Battle of Point Pleasant, Point Pleasant, WV

Saturday, Oct 26—Trunk or Treat—Sons of the American Legion, Omaha, NE

Saturday, Nov 2—Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 11:00am, Gere Branch Library, Lincoln, NE

Sunday, Nov 10—Veteran's Day Parade, 2pm, Lincoln, NE

Monday, Nov 11—Veteran's Day

Tuesday, Nov 12—Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:30pm, Gorat's Steakhouse, Omaha, NE

Thursday, Nov 28—Thanksgiving Day

Saturday, Dec 7—Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 11:00am, Gere Branch Library, Lincoln, NE

Tuesday, Dec 10—Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:30pm, Gorat's Steakhouse, Omaha, NE

Saturday, Dec 14—Wreaths Across America, 11am, various cemeteries across Nebraska

Wednesday, Dec 25—Christmas Day



Website Update

We are currently in process of building our new website and updating our content and making things more user friendly, not just for new people searching for information about us, but also for our current membership and users.

We hope to have the new site ready in a couple more weeks, but for now you can still access our information on our old website, www.nessar.org.

Social Media and Online Presence



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