

Presentations given by Paul Burrigh

What is the SAR? – is your group interested in learning more about the SAR and how to research patriot ancestors? This presentation provides an overview of the Nebraska SAR and its history, mission, and current activities. It also provides guidance on completing a membership application and describes useful tools for genealogical research and finding your patriot ancestors. *(For adults, 45 minutes)*

The Patriot Chest – this presentation highlights the key people, places, and events of the American Revolution with a hands-on, “show and tell” approach. The presenter appears in colonial uniform and uses 1770s replicas of household goods and military items to describe the life of American colonists, service in the Continental Army, and the path to American Independence. *(For youth ages 10 and up and Adults, 45 minutes)*

The History of U.S. Currency - this presentation describes U.S. currency from the different money used during our colonial era, through the Revolutionary War years, the 19th Century, and into the modern day. As the presenter is an amateur collector of historic currency, this presentation has a display of real examples of some of our earliest coinage and paper currency, to the elaborate artistry of 19th Century notes, to our modern currency of today. *(For youth ages 15 and up and Adults, 45 minutes)*

About the Speaker

Paul Burrigh works as a head building and grounds engineer with Omaha Public Schools. His ancestors have been part of the Nebraska story since the very early days of the State. Paul has been a life-long history buff and has been doing genealogical research for nearly 15 years. Paul lives with his wife, Paula, in Elkhorn, NE. He is an active member of the Omaha Chapter, Nebraska SAR, having served as President of the Omaha Chapter in 2022-2023, and now serves as the Sr. Vice President of the Nebraska SAR. He is Chairman of the Constitution & Bylaws and Education Committees and serves as the State Color Guard Commander. At the National SAR level, he serves on the Council of State Presidents, and on the Education and Americanism Committees. He is a member of numerous other lineage societies, including General Society of Colonial Wars, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865, General Society of the War of 1812, Son of a Witch, and Descendants of the Founders of Ancient Windsor.