

A close-up photograph of an American flag, focusing on the blue field with white stars and the red and white stripes. The stars are arranged in a curved pattern, and the stripes are visible in the lower half of the image. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the fabric.

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## Incoming President's Message

Compatriots, Ladies, and Friends,

It is my honor to have been elected to be your 100<sup>th</sup> Nebraska SAR State President. We will have our Spring State Meeting on Sunday, April 19, at 2pm, at Mahoney State Park in the Kiewit Lodge, where we will install all the new officers for our 2026-2027 term of office.

The Nebraska SAR has been on an upward trajectory in the six years since the COVID shutdowns, and I don't want to see that momentum wane. In the last 4 years, we have exceeded new membership growth expectations, nearing 200 members; started a new chapter in western Nebraska; started a Ladies Auxiliary; and revamped our internal structure, to ensure continued success within our organization. We have begun expanding our Youth Education Awards. We have good representation at national meetings, national events, and those working on national committees, giving Nebraska a voice in the National SAR. We still have challenges to meet, however, and that is where you come in.

Compatriots, the organization does not continue to move forward without volunteers. Please search your hearts and find something within the Society to give some time and talent to. The Lincoln and Platte River Chapters are both in need of officers, we still need chapter Registrars (and somebody to begin learning the State Registrar position by 2027). We need men on committees, we need Patriot Chest presenters, we need Color Guard members in all corners of the state, specifically a drummer and perhaps a fifer. We need you! Please consider giving back to the Society and helping us in our mission by volunteering, coming to meetings and voicing your opinion, showing up to events and supporting your Compatriots who gave their time and efforts to put the events in place, and being an active, participating member of the Nebraska SAR.

I appreciate all of you for your membership, your patriotism, the time and talents many of you have provided and continue to do so, and I welcome all your ideas, thoughts, and any solutions you may have to the issues we are facing. Please reach out to me at [pburright72@gmail.com](mailto:pburright72@gmail.com), if you have any questions, concerns, or anything else on your mind concerning our wonderful organization. I look forward to the next two years in service to you as your President.

Your Most Humble and Obedient Servant,

*Paul H. Burright*

Paul H. Burright  
President, Nebraska Society

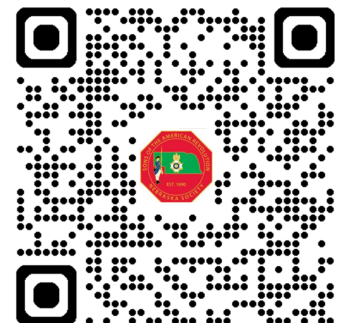


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## State Society News

### Declaration of Independence Signing



On Thursday, January 29, 2026, the Nebraska SAR met with Nebraska's 3rd District Congressman Adrian Smith, who added his signature to our replica of the Declaration of Independence. Representing the Nebraska SAR were Mark Byars (seated) and Adam Ensign (standing left) and John Braisted (standing right). The signing took place at the Nebraska Historical Society in Lincoln at 3:30 pm. Rep. Smith joins Rep. Don Bacon as a signer, along with Nebraska Gov. Jim Pillen, all other Nebraska constitutional executive officers, 48 members of the Nebraska Legislature, and 22 Nebraska mayors. Additional signings are planned before Independence Day.

### 13th Annual Heritage Banquet



The 13th Annual Heritage Banquet, hosted by the Lincoln Chapter NESSAR, was held on Saturday, February 21, at St. Mark's Methodist Church in Lincoln, Nebraska.  
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The banquet fulfills three purposes – 1) to honor the Commander of the Continental Army, Gen. George Washington; 2) to honor veterans and active duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces; and, 3) to assemble and recognize allied genealogical organizations to promote patriotism, history and education.



The banquet was attended by more than 60 participants representing the SAR, Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, General Society of Mayflower Descendants, Huguenot Society of America, National Society of the Daughters of Colonial Wars, Jamestowne Society, National Society United States Daughters of 1812, National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century, National Society Daughters of the American Colonists, General Society of the War of 1812, and other heritage organizations.



One of St. Mark's United Methodist Church social halls served as our venue this year. A Hy-Vee, Inc. grocery store in Lincoln catered our meal. They provided a delicious meal of Seasoned Pork Loin, Herb Roasted Chicken Breast accompanied by Garden Salad, Au Gratin Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls with butter and various beverages. The NESSAR Ladies Auxiliary (Paula Burright, President) supplied tasty desserts of decorated cupcakes and cookies.

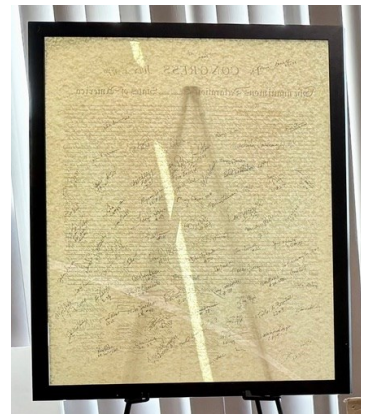
Thomas N. King, Lincoln compatriot and Nebraska Humanities speaker, portrayed Colonel Thomas Doane – a Massachusetts Engineer, Nebraska Civic and Educational Leader. Not only did Colonel Doane supervise the building of a railroad from Plattsmouth, NE to Crete, NE and beyond, he also founded Doane University in Crete in the year 1872. Mr. King wore mid-19th Century attire while delivering a first-person account of Colonel Doane's life and influence.



Additionally, some of the represented genealogical groups provided informative displays.



Compatriot Mark Byars, Omaha Chapter, showed a replica Declaration of Independence signed, on the back, by our Congressional delegation, Governor, Lt. Governor, the entire Unicameral and various Nebraska mayors.





## 250 years ago this quarter

From January to March 1776, the American Revolution was well underway, focusing on solidifying the Continental Army under Washington, imposing discipline (January 1-3), and leading to the British evacuation from Boston in March, marking a major Patriot victory and shifting the war's focus to New York. These early months of 1776 built on the fighting of 1775, with Patriots besieging Boston and preparing for the grander conflict ahead, with national consciousness growing towards independence.



### Key Events (January-March 1776):

- **Washington's Orders (January 1-3, 1776):** George Washington issued strict general orders to structure the new Continental Army, demanding discipline, better record-keeping, and adherence to new Articles of War, facing challenges with unpaid, re-enlisting soldiers.
- **Siege of Boston:** The Continental Army, formed from the militias that responded to Lexington & Concord, was effectively containing the British in Boston, a siege that would last nearly a year.
- **British Evacuation (March 1776):** After the Patriots placed cannons on Dorchester Heights, the British were forced to evacuate Boston in March 1776, a huge morale boost and strategic win for the American cause.
- **Shift to New York:** Following Boston, the main theater of war moved to the New York area, setting the stage for major battles later in 1776.



## NATIONAL ARCHIVES

As America approaches the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the National Archives is planning special events and has already launched an ongoing exhibition series, **Opening the Vault**, to share some of the most historically valuable and iconic artifacts in American history.

Explore featured exhibits and resources by clicking on any of the following links.

- [Explore The American Story](#)
- [Road to Revolution](#)
- [Founding Documents](#)
- [Citizen Archivist](#)



## Welcome New Members

Matthew Douglas Ellis #236858  
Patriot: William Welch Jr.  
Omaha Chapter

Gregory Warne Bowden #237267  
Patriot: John Harper, Jr.  
Omaha Chapter

Marcus Scott Maydew #237268  
Patriot: William Davidson  
Omaha Chapter

Mahlon James Lofton #237573  
Patriot: Daniel Hole  
Omaha Chapter

Thomas Joel Buck #237576  
Patriot: Isaac Cowell  
Omaha Chapter

Adam Miles Haughawout #237575  
Patriot: Elisha James  
Omaha Chapter

Scott Andrew Haughawout #237574  
Patriot: Elisha James  
Omaha Chapter

### Reinstatements

Robert Dee Lembke #126541  
Omaha Chapter

Matthew Alan Maxon #229611  
Member-at-Large

### Transfers In

Kincer Gregory Amburgey Croveti #190276  
Member-at-Large

Charles Vernon Harris #179647  
Platte-River Chapter

### Supplementals

Mark A. Byars #221675  
John Fuller Lane  
Omaha Chapter

# Anniversaries this Quarter

As we recognize the anniversaries of our members, the Nebraska Society of the Sons of the American Revolution offers its sincere thanks for your enduring dedication to preserving the history, principles, and patriotism of our founding generation.

## 5 Years

Mark Allen Balcom (MAL)  
Kyle Michael Cope (Omaha)  
Charles Edward Real (Omaha)  
Andrew L. Sullivan (Omaha)  
John Andrew Whitler (Omaha)

## 10 Years

Jerry LeRoy Calvin (Platte)  
Jason Dean Cerny (Lincoln)  
Benjamin Hassel Harvey (Omaha)  
Thomas Arthur Jones (Omaha)  
Jeffrey Stuart Spencer (Omaha)  
Gary Wayne Stallcup (Lincoln)

## 15 Years

Richard D. Ewing (Omaha)

## 20 Years

Lester Paul Olsen (Platte)

## 25 Years

Gary Lee Cline (Platte)  
Richard Edward Richardson (MAL)  
Laverne Ellis Stetson (Lincoln)

## 35 Years

Martin Wayne Beerman (Omaha)  
Ronald William Roberts (Platte)  
Shane Alexander Roberts (Platte)

## 40 Years

Andrew Joseph Blossom (Omaha)  
Robert Dee Lembke (Omaha)



# OUTREACH EDUCATION

## Youth Programs and Awards

The Nebraska Society supports several national [SAR youth programs](#), including the Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Scholarship, Patriot Chest Classroom Presentation, High School Oration Contest, American History Teacher Award, ROTC and JROTC Recognition, High School Essay Contest, and the Elementary School Poster Contest.

Compatriots delivered 29 Patriot Chest presentations this quarter at 13 elementary schools in six school districts.

### Bennington Public Schools

- FEB 16–Bennington (3 sessions)
- FEB 18–Heritage (2 sessions)
- FEB 18–Pine Creek (2 sessions)
- FEB 24–Anchor Pointe (2 sessions)
- FEB 27–Stratford (2 sessions)

### Elkhorn Public Schools

- FEB 16–Stone Pointe (1 session)
- MAR 12–Spring Ridge (2 sessions)

### Millard Public Schools

- MAR 2–Morton (2 sessions)

### Omaha Public Schools

- MAR 9–Adams (1 session)
- MAR 26–Chandler View (2 sessions)
- MAR 27–Picotte (2 sessions)

### Beatrice Public Schools

- MAR 19-20–Beatrice (6 sessions)

### Lincoln Lutheran Schools

- MAR 16–Messiah Lutheran (2 sessions)

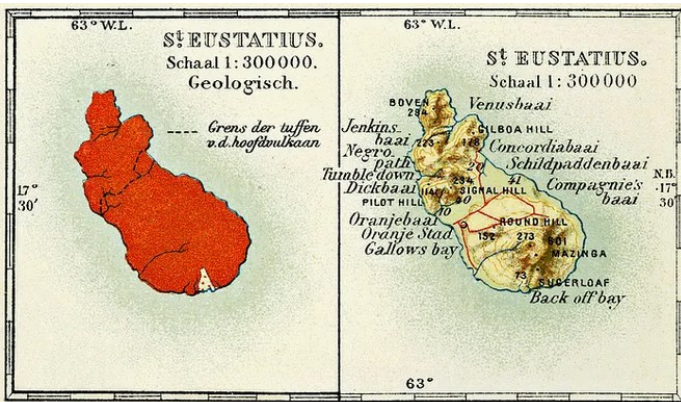


# The First Salute



Painting by Phillips Melville, depicting Continental Brig *Andrew Doria* receiving a salute from the Dutch fort at St. Eustatius, West Indies, 16 November 1776.

St. Eustatius, a small Dutch-controlled island in the West Indies, emerged as one of the most significant trading hubs of the eighteenth century despite its modest size. Functioning as an entrepôt, the island played a crucial role during the American War of Independence, particularly after a British naval blockade made it increasingly difficult for supplies to be shipped directly across the Atlantic to American ports. As a result, St. Eustatius became a vital conduit for military and commercial goods destined for the American colonies, and its harbor filled with American trading vessels.



The island's importance grew even further after France entered the war in 1778. St. Eustatius served as a key redistribution center for supplies not only to the American revolutionaries but also to the French West Indian islands. Contemporary estimates suggest that as much as half of all military supplies used by American forces passed through the island. These shipments relied on extensive merchant networks that were predominantly Dutch but also included a substantial Jewish trading community, many of whose members were residents of St. Eustatius. Through these networks, arms, ammunition, and other essential goods reached revolutionary forces, while the island also became a

communications between the United States and Europe.

In July 1776, the thirteen North American colonies formally declared their independence from British rule with the signing of the United States Declaration of Independence. On 16 November 1776, the American brig *Andrew Doria* entered the harbor of Sint Eustatius to load weapons and ammunition. The vessel was the first American ship flying the new Continental Union Flag to arrive at the island.

Governor Johannes de Graaff ordered that the *Andrew Doria* be received with full ceremonial honors. After the ship fired a salute upon entering the harbor, he instructed that it be answered by gunfire from Fort Orange. Following the exchange, the governor hosted a celebration for the ship's captain and extended an invitation to all Americans residing on the island. The return salute was widely interpreted by the Americans as the first formal recognition of the United States by a foreign power.

*...as a crucial "neutral" smuggling hub during the American Revolution, St. Eustatius provided up to 50% of the Continental Army's essential supplies—particularly gunpowder.*

The salute exchanged at Sint Eustatius intensified tensions with Britain. London demanded that the States General condemn the incident and dismiss Governor Johannes de Graaff, but instead summoned him to The Hague. After repeated delays, De Graaff appeared in 1778 and submitted a misleading written defense, which the States General accepted largely because Amsterdam merchants profited from the island's illicit arms trade. Britain viewed this as proof of Dutch unreliability, further angered by Dutch neutrality and their bid to join the League of Armed Neutrality. When the Royal Navy intercepted a ship carrying American diplomat Henry Laurens and uncovered a Dutch-American commercial agreement, Britain declared war on 20 December 1780, beginning the Fourth Anglo-Dutch War.

In February 1781, Admiral George Rodney captured Sint Eustatius without resistance, motivated in part by personal resentment. He arrested residents, deported many, and seized vast amounts of property. Soon after, ill health forced Rodney to return to England, where his reputation suffered: his possessions were captured by the French, merchants sued him, and Parliament criticized his conduct, most notably in a speech by Edmund Burke.



## Color Guard Dispatches Nebraska Society



Nebraska SAR Color Guard Commander Allyn Sheldon (in Militia Representation) and North Central District Vice President - General Jim Sly (in Continental Army uniform), along with members of the Nebraska DAR, attended the Nebraska America 250 Kickoff with Governor Pillen (center) at the State Capitol on Tuesday, January 6, 2026.

Members presented the Colors at the 13th Annual Heritage Banquet hosted by the Lincoln Chapter NESSAR, held on Saturday, February 21, at St. Mark's Methodist Church in Lincoln, Nebraska.



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During the American Revolution, the color guard emerged from long-standing British and European military traditions as a vital, elite formation on the battlefield. Charged with protecting a regiment's flags—known as the "Colors"—these armed and highly trained soldiers stood at the very center of the line of battle. In an age when smoke, noise, and confusion often obscured command and control, the Colors served as a visual anchor. Soldiers looked to them for direction, using their movement to determine when to advance, hold, or retreat, and rallying to them when formations broke under fire.

At the start of the war, the responsibility for carrying the flag followed British custom, rotating among junior officers known as ensigns within each company. As the conflict intensified, this duty shifted to a small, permanent detail of the strongest and bravest enlisted men, reflecting both the danger of the role and the importance of the Colors themselves. Often accompanied by fifers and drummers, the color guard helped transmit orders across the battlefield, blending visual signals with music to guide troops amid chaos. Though early uniforms were inconsistent, by 1776 the Continental Army sought greater standardization, with blue coats becoming common and lending a growing sense of unity and identity.

The legacy of these Revolutionary War color guards endures today.

### Join the Nebraska Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Color Guard

and help bring our nation's history to life! As a member, you'll have the honor of wearing the uniform of a Patriot, presenting and posting the colors at community events, parades, schools, and ceremonies across the state. The Color Guard preserves and promotes the legacy of our Revolutionary ancestors through service, education, and patriotism. Whether you're a seasoned reenactor or new to living history, your enthusiasm and dedication are all that's needed. Stand tall for freedom and heritage—join the Nebraska SAR Color Guard today!

Contact Color Guard Commander, Allyn Sheldon at [roundtowncbo@hotmail.com](mailto:roundtowncbo@hotmail.com) for more information.

NSSAR Color Guard participated in the 2026 St. Patrick's Day Parade in downtown Omaha on Saturday, March 14.



The annual Omaha St. Patrick's Day Parade is sponsored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians—Sary County Division.

# Largest American Flag Unfurling



Volunteers are invited to help unfurl the world's largest American flag on:

Friday, May 22

Memorial Park, Omaha

60th & Dodge

Sunday, May 24

Sandhills Event Center, Lincoln

4100 N 84th St

Each evening is expected to run from 6-9 PM. A practice unfurling will take place at 7 PM, followed by entertainment. The event is free and food will be available for purchase. The Omaha event will include a performance by Irish Tenor, Ronan Tynan.

Click [HERE](#) to register for either event.





# Chapter Chatter

Updates from our Chapters



## OMAHA



Compatriot Jeffrey Logan (center) was invested at the February 10th meeting of the Omaha Chapter after which Compatriot Dan Davis presented a program based on the book *The Tory's Wife*; the story of Jane Welborn Spurgin.

Compatriot Paul Burrignt presented an overview of the SAR Youth Programs at the March Chapter meeting.

### OFFICERS

**President**—Mark Byars  
**Vice President**—Dan Davis  
**Secretary**—Chadwick Callenius  
**Treasurer**—Andrew Nehls  
**Registrar**—Mark Byars

The Omaha Chapter meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM for dinner and business at Gorat's Steakhouse, 4917 Center Street, Omaha

# SPEAKERS BUREAU

The Nebraska Society Sons of the American Revolution offers a Speaker's Bureau dedicated to sharing the history, people, and ideals of the American Revolution with communities across the state. Our presenters are knowledgeable volunteers who provide engaging programs for schools, civic organizations, libraries, historical societies, and community groups.

Through a variety of topics, our speakers explore the events of the Revolutionary era, the lives of the patriots who shaped our nation, and the lasting principles of liberty and civic responsibility that continue to guide the United States today. Presentations can be tailored to the interests, time requirements, and audience of your organization.

Presentations this quarter included:

- FEB 26—Beatrice Rotary Club
- MAR 10—Omaha Chapter DAR
- MAR 20—Nebraska DAR State Conference Keynote
- MAR 21-22—Master of Ceremonies, Homestead Harmonizers 2026 Spring Show in Beatrice



Click [HERE](#) for a list of presenters and topics and contacts.



Compatriot LaVerne Stetson presented the Flag Certificate to James and Barbara Mothersbaugh (left) of Lincoln, NE on December 11, 2025, and to Brian and Emalea Dean (below) of Lincoln, NE on January 11, 2026 in recognition of exemplary patriotism in the display of the flag of the United States of America.



New Compatriots Alan Johnson and Lou Kunkel (left to right) were inducted at the January Chapter meeting.



On Saturday, February 7, 2026, at the Gere Library Conference Room, Compatriot LaVerne Stetson, Lincoln Chapter Flag Certificate Chair, presented a Flag Certificate to Compatriot Alan Johnson. Compatriot Johnson, who was inducted on January 3, 2026, received the certificate in recognition of proudly flying the American flag from the porch of his residence.



Lincoln Chapter officers were installed on January 3, 2026. Pictured from left to right are John Braisted, Secretary; David Ensign, President; John Reinert, Treasurer; and Dale Wostrel, Secretary. Not pictured: Jerry Lippincott, Vice President.

## OFFICERS

- President**—TBA
- Vice President**—TBA
- Secretary**—John Braisted
- Treasurer**—John Reinert

The Lincoln Chapter meets on the first Saturday of each month at aa AM at the Charles H. Gere Branch Library, 2400 South 56th Street, Lincoln, NE



# Nebraska Ladies Auxiliary

## OFFICERS

**President**—Richard Hulse

**Vice President**—Ronald Roberts

**Secretary**—Richard Hulse

**Treasurer**—Sam Kinsinger

The Platte River Chapter meets virtually via Zoom on the second Thursday of each month at 1 PM

## Nebraska SAR Bench

In 2022, the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) launched an initiative encouraging each state society to dedicate a commemorative bench in honor of America’s 250th anniversary. In fall 2025, the Nebraska Society invited compatriots to contribute toward this meaningful project—and the response was outstanding.

A sincere thank you to the 61 members who generously donated a total of \$3,985.

The Nebraska SAR bench will be crafted from black granite and will feature the SAR and America 250 logos, along with a fitting commemorative inscription. It will be installed along the Monument Walk in Omaha’s Memorial Park, near the DAR America 250 marker placed in 2022.

A dedication ceremony is planned for the afternoon of Sunday, June 28, and all compatriots are warmly encouraged to attend.

Below is a rendering of the bench design.

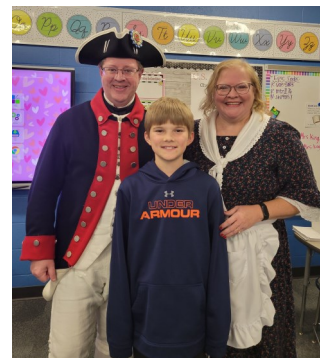


American women played a vital role in the Revolutionary War, supporting the Patriot cause on and off the battlefield. They managed homes and businesses, organized boycotts, made homespun goods, raised funds, and provided supplies. Some took extraordinary roles: Deborah Sampson fought disguised as a man, while others gathered intelligence or defended their homes. Camp followers worked as nurses and cooks, and women like Mary Ludwig Hays (“Molly Pitcher”) and Margaret Corbin even operated artillery.

Women also shaped the Revolution’s political and social impact. Groups like the Daughters of Liberty turned daily work into resistance, while leaders such as Esther DeBerdt Reed raised money for troops. Writers like Mercy Otis Warren influenced opinion, and Abigail Adams pushed for women’s rights. Enslaved and Indigenous women faced complex challenges, from seeking freedom to displacement. Altogether, women’s contributions challenged traditional roles and left a lasting legacy that continues today.

The tradition carries on today.

**The Nebraska SAR Auxiliary warmly invites all ladies** who share an interest in supporting and promoting the objectives of the Nebraska Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Becoming a member offers a wonderful opportunity to connect with others who value patriotism, history, and community service. If you or someone you know would like to learn more about joining, please contact Paula Burrig at [pburrig72@gmail.com](mailto:pburrig72@gmail.com).



# THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

A FILM BY

**KEN BURNS, SARAH BOTSTEIN & DAVID SCHMIDT**

*Thirteen colonies unite in rebellion, win their independence, and found the United States.*

If you missed it, Ken Burns' critically acclaimed six-part documentary *The American Revolution* is available to stream on the PBS app, on PBS.org, and through services such as Amazon Prime Video, YouTube TV, and Hulu + Live TV. The series is also available for purchase on platforms including Apple TV and Amazon.

The PBS website also has additional links to;

- Interactive: Battles of the Revolution
- Multimedia Timeline
- MOMENTS: Timeline Game
- Revolutionary People
- The Acts that Led to War
- Revolutionary Facts & Figures
- The Journey of a Fifer
- The Journey of a Soldier,

as well as an American Revolution Engagement Resource Center at: <https://www.pbs.org/kenburns/the-american-revolution>



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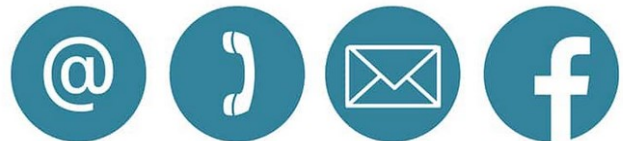


## Banners of Liberty: Online Exhibit

To commemorate the 250th anniversary of America's founding, the Museum of the American Revolution assembled the largest gathering of original Revolutionary War flags since 1783. Once carried by Continental Army regiments and militia units from South Carolina to New England, these banners flew through the smoke of battle, their bold colors, symbols, and mottos proclaiming the ideals of liberty, equality, and self-government that fueled the Revolutionary cause and shaped a new national identity.

You can view the online exhibit [HERE](#)

## Contact Information Update



If you are a member of the Nebraska SAR and have recently updated your mailing address, phone number, or email, please notify State Secretary, Dale Wostrel, at [dwestrel43@gmail.com](mailto:dwestrel43@gmail.com). Keeping your contact information current ensures you receive important updates and communications promptly. Thank you for helping us maintain accurate records.

## Useful Links

National Society Sons of the American Revolution

[www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org)

Nebraska Society SAR website

[www.nebraskasar.org](http://www.nebraskasar.org)

Nebraska Society SAR Facebook page

[www.facebook.com/NebraskaSocietySAR](https://www.facebook.com/NebraskaSocietySAR)

Omaha Chapter Facebook page

[www.facebook.com/OmahaSAR](https://www.facebook.com/OmahaSAR)

Omaha Chapter Instagram page

[www.instagram.com/omahasar](https://www.instagram.com/omahasar)



# Second Quarter Meetings 2026 Event Calendar

*All events and dates subject to change. Visit the NESSAR website for details.*

- APR 4** **Lincoln Chapter Meeting**  
11 AM  
Gere Branch Library, Lincoln
- APR 9** **Platte River Chapter Meeting**  
1:00 PM  
Lincoln Co. Historical Museum, N. Platte
- APR 11** **Board of Managers Meeting**  
11 AM  
Sean O’Casey’s Pub & Grill, Omaha
- APR 14** **Omaha Chapter Meeting**  
6:30 PM  
Gorat’s Steakhouse, Omaha
- APR 19** **State Meeting**  
2 PM  
Mahoney State Park, Ashland
- MAY 2** **Lincoln Chapter Meeting**  
11 AM  
Gere Branch Library, Lincoln
- MAY 12** **Omaha Chapter Meeting**  
6:30 PM  
Gorat’s Steakhouse, Omaha
- MAY 14** **Platte River Chapter Meeting**  
1:00 PM  
Lincoln Co. Historical Museum, N. Platte
- JUN 6** **Lincoln Chapter Meeting**  
11 AM  
Gere Branch Library, Lincoln
- JUN 9** **Omaha Chapter Meeting**  
6:30 PM  
Gorat’s Steakhouse, Omaha
- JUN 11** **Platte River Chapter Meeting**  
1:00 PM  
Lincoln Co. Historical Museum, N. Platte

- APR 11 (SAT)** NE State Gen. Society Conference (Omaha)
- APR 19 (SAT)** Spring State Meeting (Ashland)
- MAY 7 (SAT)** Revolution Rediscovered Durham Museum (Omaha)
- MAY 9 (SAT)** Clean-up Day at Prospect Hill (Omaha)
- MAY 22 (SAT)** Largest American Flag Celebration (Omaha)
- MAY 22 (SAT)** 37-Star Flag Dedication (Beatrice)
- MAY 24 (SUN)** Largest American Flag Celebration (Lincoln)
- MAY 30 (SAT)** Fort San Carlos Commemoration (St. Louis)
- JUN 11-20** College World Series (Omaha)
- JUN 13 (SAT)** Gage Co. Museum 250th Celebration (Beatrice)
- JUN 20 (SAT)** NebraskaLand Parade (North Platte)
- JUN 27 (SAT)** Liberty Tree (Jefferson County–Fairbury)
- JUN 28 (SUN)** SAR 250th Anniversary Bench Dedication (Omaha)
- JUL 4 (SAT)** 250th Celebration at State Capital (Lincoln)
- JUL 4 (SAT)** Independence Day (Ralston)
- JUL 8 (WED)** Declaration of Independence Reading (Omaha)
- JUL 11 (SAT)** DAR Patriot Son Dedication (Seward)
- AUG 1 (SAT)** Omaha Chapter Picnic (Omaha)
- SEP 7 (SAT)** Nebraska State Fair (Grand Island)
- SEP 18 (FRI)** Nebraska Heritage Alliance Meeting (Omaha)
- SEP 19 (SAT)** Liberty Tree (McCook)
- SEP 20 (SUN)** Fall State Meeting (Ashland)
- OCT 10 (SAT)** Compatriot Founders Grave Marking (Omaha)
- NOV 15 (SUN)** Veteran’s Day Parade (Lincoln)
- DEC 12 (SAT)** Wreaths Across America at Prospect Hill (Omaha)

Fellow Compatriots, our strength depends on your involvement. By attending SAR meetings and joining community events, you help preserve history, support patriotism, and inspire future generations. Your presence and ideas matter—let’s honor our Revolutionary ancestors through active fellowship and engagement.

## Editor's Note

As the new editor, I have big shoes to fill following in the footsteps of Compatriots Bob Knott, Bill Web, and most recently Paul Burrigh, and I am grateful for the strong foundation they have built. The newsletter is only as good as the content you provide—content that accurately reflects the activities taking place within our Chapters and across the State—and its value depends on timely submission. My role is largely window dressing: organizing, polishing, and presenting your contributions so everything looks professional. Please help make this publication relevant and engaging by sending your comments, suggestions, and submissions to me at [plheineman@cox.net](mailto:plheineman@cox.net).

Thank you!  
Peter Heineman—Editor



## Patriot Profiles

We invite all members to help preserve our shared heritage by submitting profiles of your American Revolutionary War ancestors. These personal histories—names, service

details, family stories, and sources—bring the era to life and ensure that the sacrifices and contributions of these patriots are remembered for generations to come. Whether your ancestor's service was military, civil, or in support of the cause, every story matters. By contributing a profile, you strengthen our collective record and help future researchers connect with the individuals who shaped our nation's founding. Send your profiles to: [plheineman@cox.net](mailto:plheineman@cox.net).



136<sup>th</sup> SAR ANNUAL CONGRESS  
Greensboro, NC  
July 10-16

Registration and Information can be found at:  
<https://ncssar.org/2026-national-congress/>



## SAR Applications

**ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE REGISTRAR GENERAL**  
**NATIONAL SOCIETY SON'S OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**  
**CELEBRATING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY**  
**SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE 1776-2026**  
**SPECIAL REDUCED REGISTRATION FEE**  
**FOR NEW & JR. MEMBER APPLICATIONS DURING JULY 2026**

**NATIONAL APPLICATION FEE: \$76 IN HONOR OF 1776**  
**POSTMARKED JULY 1 - JULY 31, 2026**

To qualify for the reduced fee, New Applications must be postmarked between July 1 and July 31, 2026.  
Join the SAR to mark the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our nation's founding and honor the patriot ancestors who secured American independence.

**ELIGIBLE APPLICATIONS**

- New Member Applications
- Jr. Member (New Lineage) Applications

**EXCLUSIONS:**

- Family Plan Applications ❌
- Memorial Applications ❌
- Supplemental Applications ❌

Respectfully,  
*Keith A. Weissinger*  
Keith A. Weissinger, MD  
Registrar General  
National Society Sons of the American Revolution

In recognition of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is offering a reduced registration fee of \$76 for new and junior membership applications submitted in July 2026.

To be eligible for this special rate, completed applications must be postmarked between July 1 and July 31, 2026. This offer does not apply to family plan, memorial, or supplemental applications.

Prospective applicants are encouraged to contact Nebraska State Registrar Mark Byars at [markabyars@gmail.com](mailto:markabyars@gmail.com) by June 1 to begin the application process. A PDF version of the SAR application is also available for download [HERE](#).

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