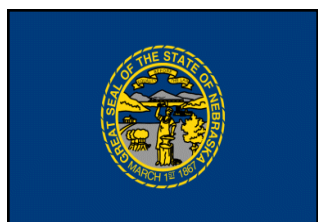
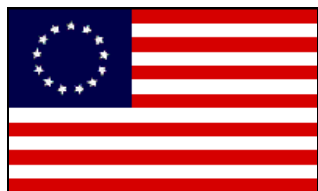




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**Nebraska SAR Society Spring Meeting  
Held April 23, 2017  
President's Message**

The SAR gives us a venue to be like them. Through their acts, we were given our freedoms and a Constitutional Republic. Valuing what they gave us by defending our freedoms and perpetuating and preserving them, insures this great Nation continues and grows stronger. Through the simple act of participating in our patriotic and charitable Society, we can leave behind an even better tomorrow for our own descendants. We are fortunate to have many compatriots in our Society who volunteer, serve and strive to make

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**SAR APPLICATIONS**

Please mail all new member and supplemental applications to our NE SAR State Secretary: **Compatriot John Reinert, P.O. Box 83251, Lincoln, NE 68501-3251.**

If you need to contact Compatriot Reinert, he may be reached by phone at 402-432-9168 or by email at: **JR6@AOL.Com**

*Infamous*



*"Brown Bess"*

**.Spring meeting, 23 Apr 2017**



Members enjoying their lunch @ Mahoney State Park.

**Color Guard posting the Colors**



# Nebraska Society Spring Meeting

President Col (Ret'd) Dr. David Kentsmith, MD opened the meeting at 2:00 pm with a call to Order. There was a Quorum. The Colors were posted followed with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the SAR. Past Nebraska SAR Presidents were introduced as well as the members and guests. Eagle Scout Scholarship award was conducted by Eagle Scout Chairman Merle Rudebusch and President Kentsmith. **Awards** were given to Omaha Law Enforcement Officer Matthew Kelly; Omaha Fireman

Brent Van Scoy; Eagle Scout Jake Swanson; DAR Member Margaret Ann Masters Reinert; NESSAR Compatriots Robert Knott, William Webb and Shawn Stoner See further details within this Newsletter. **Next**, a call for a vote of the Minutes of 11 September 2016 Fall Meeting was made. There were no corrections or additions. There was a motion to approve and second. All approved. **Officers reports** were given by President David Kentsmith; Secretary John Reinert; Treasurer William Webb; Deputy Registrar Robert Knott; National Trustee Fredrick

Walden and Vice President General David Kentsmith. The 2016 **Audit Report** was given by LaVerne Stetson, Chairman of the Audit Committee. Other **Committee Reports** by William Webb and Robert Knott Publicity and Robert Knott, Medals & Certificates. **New Business** discussed was moving the election to the Fall meeting; Newsletter; Patriot Biographies; Lincoln Plaque; and Website update. After closing remarks by President Kentsmith members were asked to recite "Until We Meet Again". The meeting was adjourned.

## NEBRASKA SOCIETY SPRING MEETING 23 APR 2017

### Law Enforcement Commendation Award



Officer **Matthew Kelly** was recommended for this recognition by the Omaha Chief

Todd Schmadder. Listed are some of his accomplishments but are not all inclusive: Officer Kelly was a combat veteran, serving two tours in Iraq before retiring, deployed to New Orleans, LA in 2005 for disaster relief, served 20 years in the Omaha Police Honor Guard, Instructor of law enforcement officers in detecting impaired drivers. This award comes with a certificate, medal and a \$100 stipend. Officer Kelly exemplifies what it means to be a dedicated public servant.

### Fire Safety Commendation Award



Omaha Fireman **Brent Van Scoy** was recommended for this

recognition by the acting Assistant Chief, Timothy McCaw. Pictured above with his spouse. The following is a list of some but not all inclusive of Fireman Van Scoy's accomplishments: Veteran of the US Marines, trained combat medic, Paramedic in Iowa & Nebraska. Education: Social Science, Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees. He worked as a Paramedic in Council Bluffs, IA, St Josephs Hospital., Life Flight Paramedic, before joining the Omaha Fire Department as an Fire Apparatus Engineer. This award comes with a certificate, medal and \$100 stipend. Fireman Van Scoy is to be commended for 22 years of Public Service.

### Lydia Darraugh Medal of Appreciation to SAR Spouse



Margaret Ann Masters Reinert is presented with this award in grateful recognition for her continued support of the Nebraska Society SAR. She is pictured above (L to R—with President Kentsmith, brother Tom Masters and her son Secretary John Reinert). Margaret is the spouse of Compatriot Carroll Reinert. Some of the activities she performed are listed as follows: assisted applicants with verifying ancestors and provided active members when they filed supplemental applications. She has supported many past Nebraska Presidents, secretaries and registrars. Margaret is appreciated.

**PATRIOT MEDAL  
AWARD**



Robert Knott is shown being presented the Patriot Medal by State President Dr. David Kentsmith. It represents long, faithful and outstanding service at the state and/or chapter level. The medal is sterling silver and bears the portrait of Compatriot General of the Army Douglas MacArthur on the obverse with the inscription, "The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution." The medal is suspended from a chest ribbon of royal blue color.

**MERITORIOUS SERVICE  
AWARD**



Shawn Stoner is shown being presented his 2<sup>nd</sup> Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster by State President Dr. David Kentsmith. This medal is presented for long, faithful and meritorious service to the Chapter, State Society, District or National Society. The medal has a silver finish and bears on the obverse a relief of Thomas Jefferson.

**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE  
AWARD**



William Webb is shown being presented the State Medal of Distinguished Service by State President Dr. David Kentsmith. It is presented to a Compatriot for distinguished service rendered to the State Society on the state level during a State Society President's term of office. The medal is diamond in shape and struck in sterling silver. It has a blue SAR insignia surmounted on a white enameled background. The ribbon is solid maroon.

**NESSAR receives  
\$1000.00 grant**

Many thanks go to Allstate volunteer (and NESSAR Compatriot) Richard Ewing for being a positive force for change in our community. Richard Ewing gave his time and enabled us to receive an Allstate Foundation Helping Hands in the Community grant. The Allstate Foundation supports the causes that Allstate agency owners, financial specialists and employees care about most by providing Helping

**2017-18 Meetings and Events**

**Omaha Chapter does not hold meetings in June, July and August**

**Jul 7, Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Eastmont Towers**

**Aug 4, Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Eastmont Towers**

**Sep 1, Lincoln Chapter Meeting 9:00 am, Eastmont Towers**

**Sep 12, Omaha Chapter Meeting 6:00 pm Gorats**

**Sep 24, SAR Fall Meeting, 1:00 pm, Mahoney State Park**

**Oct 6, Lincoln Chapter Meeting 9:00 am, Eastmont Towers**

**Oct 10, Omaha Chapter Meeting 6:00 pm Gorats**

**Nov 3, Lincoln Chapter Meeting 9:00 am, Eastmont Towers**

**Nov 14, Omaha Chapter Meeting 6:00 pm Gorats**

**Dec 1, Lincoln Chapter Meeting 9:00 am, Eastmont Towers**

**Dec 12, Omaha Chapter Meeting 6:00 pm, Gorats**

**Jan 5, Lincoln Chapter Meeting 9:00 am, Eastmont Towers**

**Jan 9, Omaha Chapter Meeting 6:00 pm, Gorats**

**Feb 2, Lincoln Chapter Meeting 9:00 am, Eastmont Towers**

**Feb 13, Omaha Chapter Meeting 6:00 pm, Gorats**

Hands in the Community grants to nonprofits where they volunteer their time to bring out the good in their communities. A committee has been formed by President Kentsmith to determine the use of these funds to benefit our organization. As the chair of the committee please submit, for consideration, your thoughts or ideas no later than Monday 17 July 2017 to the email listed below. Any suggestions should not involve a recurring expense. Your suggestions will be shared with the entire committee for consideration. [webb.w@q.com](mailto:webb.w@q.com)

## 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 twenty seven Newsletters published and distributed to our members. I would like to ask you to again take a good look at these Newsletters and let us 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](mailto:chiefknott@aol.com) or the Publisher Bill Webb at [webb.w@q.com](mailto: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

Presented by **Frederick Arthur Walden**  
**"MY AMERICAN REVOLUTION ANCESTORS"**



When I was in my 20s I had the opportunity one week to take some time off to travel with my mother to visit my great aunt Rose Bridge in Page, Nebraska. She was very receptive to spending time with my mother and talking about old times. During our visit I asked her about the genealogy of our family. She gave me some papers that had a family history of when my great-grandfather, William LeForest Bridge, had decided to migrate West from Boston, Massachusetts. The story of the Bridge family in the Colonies began in 1623 when a small ship "Little James", accompanied by another ship "Ann" made its way from England to the colonies. These ships landed in Plymouth, Massachusetts bringing supplies to the pilgrims and passengers, which included my 11<sup>th</sup> great grandfather, William Bridge. It is believed that one of the Captains of these ships was Captain James Bridge, brother of William. William Bridge (b1591-d1652) was married to Mary Oldham at the age of 26. He eventually became a Freeman, landowner and merchant. William's wife Mary passed away and

there seems to be very few records of why, possibly during child birth. A few years after the death of his wife Mary, he married a younger lady by the name Persis Price (b1626-d1682). William and Peris were the parents of three children. The oldest son was named Samuel, followed by Ebenezer Bridge who was a blacksmith and the name of the third child is unknown. Ebenezer also had a son named Samuel. This Samuel served in Washington's Army as a private. Although family tradition has it that he might have been an officer in the English Army. There are no known facts either way. After William's death, Persis married John Harrison in 1653. His occupation was that of a rope maker. This union produced 10



more children. I was pleasantly surprised to discover that my granddaughters, while they were visiting Boston, found the Old Granary Burying grounds and to top it off, one of my granddaughters Erin Walden actually found her 13th great grand-

mother's, Persis (Price) (Bridge) Harrison's burial headstone in the cemetery. The Old Granary Burying Grounds is the third oldest Cemetery in Boston, Massachusetts, located on Tremont Street, was established in 1660. It is the final resting place for many notable Revolutionary War Patriots including three signers of the Declaration of Independence, Samuel Adams, John Hancock and Robert Payne along with Paul Revere and the five vic-



timis of the Boston massacre. This cemetery has 2345 grave markers but historians estimate as many as 5000 people were buried in the cemetery. The cemetery is adjacent to the Park Street Church and immediately across from Suffolk University law School. While attending the SAR Congress in 2016, I attended Sunday Church Services at the Park Street Church to remember the SAR members that passed away last

year. After the service I soon discovered this was the same church that many of my ancestors were baptized. The Bridge family was among some of the first settlers in North-Town, now known as Cambridge.

Soon after William Bridge arrived in Nebraska he married Mahala Elizabeth Chafen. William endured a lot settling in Nebraska as a homesteader and raising a family of 8 children including my grandmother. My mother, Nettie Elizabeth Truth, married a railroader, my father Frederick William Merrill Walden. This union produced two children, one being me. As many other families did, my family was able to endure the depression and wide spread drought that encompassed the Great Plains during the 1930s.

So the trip with my mother to meet my great aunt Rose has really turned into a very long story. There are so many things my great-grandfather experienced making his way through St. Louis, Missouri with \$10 in his pocket and some stealing five of it before he got to Kansas City. His mother had sown \$5 in his pants and this was not found during the robbery.

**THE IMPORTANCE OF SUBMITTING SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATIONS**

Paul Burrigh is shown signing his supplemental application at the Omaha Chapter meeting February 7, 2017.



There may be some who think that to join the Sons of the American Revolution you must be descended on l y through the male line from a sol-

dier to you. That is not the only line you may have had a Patriot. You may

have a Patriot through your mother's line, through your father's mother's line or back and forth through these lines to another Patriot. Some may also think that the Patriot had to have served as a soldier. Patriots served the cause of the American Revolution in many ways. Some may have been too old to fight but they still had their farms and the Supply Taxes they paid was used to help support the revolutionary cause. Some joined the Committees of Safety, held public office, supplied food and arms, furnished horses, wagons and probably a hundred other ways to help the cause. They probably signed the Oath of Fidelity. If they did, they are a Patriot.

So, you do have your first Patriot, or your second. Don't stop there, don't give up, keep looking. The more you discover about your family the more you learn what hardships they went through, where they lived and what they provided to be called an American Patriot. Suppose your Patriot had a daughter who was your ancestor. Look at her husband and/or his father. They may have been Patriots. It takes one more step from your initial patriot and you have a supplemental. We

can't forget these other patriots who contributed to the American Revolution and when we do these supplemental applications, we help meet one of the core objectives of the SAR. In addition to supporting the SAR it helps document our ancestor's information for future generations who may want to join patriotic organizations. The cost is \$60.00 and requires only two signatures beyond yours, the Registrar and State Secretary. Here is a link to a site worth checking. Your Patriot's name may just show up on your computer screen. Sources of Revolutionary War Service: [www.learnwebskills.com/patriot/revservice.htm](http://www.learnwebskills.com/patriot/revservice.htm). Don't give up. It isn't as hard as you might think.

**Flag Certificate**

During the Omaha Chapter meeting Tuesday March 14, Compatriot Ben Harvey, Flag Chairman presented the State Flag Certificate to Col



(Ret) Dick Purdum. Col Purdum and his wife Lorraine received the Sons of the American Revolution Flag Certificate to recognize

and thank them for flying a lighted U. S. Flag for over 51 years. Colonel Purdum retired after serving thirty years in the USAF after having a distinguished service career. Some of his duties included being a pilot of B-47s, 11 years, ( 3,800 flying hours), B-52s, 10 years (2,000 flying hours), C-123 (transport aircraft) serving in Vietnam War, (1,000 flying hours). In addition to his flying career he was 19<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Wing Commander at Robins AFB (the 19<sup>th</sup> Bomb Wing is the most highly decorated wing in USAF). He also was the Air Base Wing Commander at Offutt AFB, NE prior to his retirement.

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our organization successful. Omaha Chapter member Richard Ewing recently set for us an example of volunteerism. He has served us as the Omaha chapter Secretary, vice-president and strong supporter of our many charitable and patriotic activities such as the Jr. ROTC citizenship program. His efforts recently were successful in assuring the Society received a \$1,000 grant to be used for our charitable and patriotic activities. We thank him and know he has set a high standard for us to follow.

As an SAR, I hope to live up to the proud heritage of my forefathers of the American Revolution-Joe Foss.

**ROTC/JROTC AWARDS**

The following Cadets received recognition for their high degree of merit with respect to leadership qualities, military bearing and general excellence. They were presented the Sons of the American Revolution ROTC/JROTC Medal & Certificate:

Tony Tran-Lincoln Northeast  
 Christiano Marx-Bellevue East  
 Brandon Lombard-Bellevue West  
 Kaleb Askew-Benson HS  
 -Bryan HS  
 Alex Foster-Burke HS  
 Lee Yoder-North High  
 Connor Raistlin-Northwest High  
 Nathaniel Denne-Papillion-LaVista South  
 Law Moo-Omaha South  
 Timothy Shriver-Plattsmouth HS  
 Constance Mortrude-Millard South  
 Elijah Eubanks-Univ of NE Lincoln  
 Ramarro Lamar-Univ of NE Lincoln  
 Farrod Conley-Univ of NE Lincoln  
 Steven Determan-Creighton Univ.  
 Trevor Bruce-Univ. NE Omaha

SPECIAL THANKS go to all those Compatriots who presented during the ROTC and JROTC Awards ceremony at the various schools:

- Dr. David Kentsmith
- Frederick Walden
- Thomas Upton
- John Parsons
- Paul Burrigh
- Robert Knott
- William Webb
- Dr. Merle McAlevy
- Shawn Stoner
- Chaplain Col. James Hoke
- Richard Ewing
- Ryan Fuller
- Thomas Jones



Compatriot Dr. David Kentsmith, NESSAR State President is shown presenting the JROTC Medal and Certificate to Brandon Lombard, Bellevue West High School.



Compatriot Frederick Walden is shown presenting the JROTC Medal and Certificate to Connor Raistlin, Northwest High School.



Compatriot Frederick Walden is shown presenting the ROTC Medal and Certificate to Steven Determan, Creighton University.



Compatriot Paul Burrigh is shown presenting the JROTC Medal and Certificate to Alex Foster, Burke High School.



Compatriot Robert Knott is shown presenting the JROTC Medal and Certificate to Christiano Marx, Bellevue East High School.



Compatriot Ryan Fuller is shown presenting the JROTC Medal and Certificate to Nathaniel Denne, Papillion-LaVista South High School.



Compatriot Merle McAlevy presenting Constance Mortrude the JROTC Medal and Certificate. Millard South.

**“Scouting News”**

**Nebraska Eagle Scout Essay Contest Winner**



Jacob Swanson receiving his Scholarship award of \$500 by President Kentsmith.

Merle Rudesbusch, Eagle Scout Chairman on the left.

The following essay was presented:

“Prisoners of War Held on Prison-Ships like Old Jersey”

By Jacob Swanson

During the American Revolution, Americans struggled for their independence from Briton. British forces used abandoned warships anchored off shore from New York City to hold prisoners. The most notorious was HMS Jersey, which was known as “Old Jersey” or “Hell” (History.com).

During this war, more prisoners of war died than were killed in battle because of the terrible conditions in these prison ships (Wikipedia.com). Prisoners died mainly from reasons of neglect, like starvation and disease. People would be taken prisoners just for not being willing to declare a pledge of allegiance to Britain. Really the only way to be released from these prison ships was to agree to enlist in the British Army and fight for the other side. Conditions were so bad that some prisoners would do this, not out of loyalty to Britain, but to improve their living conditions and escape certain death just from being a prisoner of war (Allthingsliberty.com).

At that time, there were no laws or regulation dictating how prisoner should be treated. Prisoners of war had no rights in the eyes of their captors, no matter how large or small their crime was or whatever the reason was that they were being held. Not until the Geneva Convention was created, were there standards put in place for the treatment of prisoners of war. But this was long after

the American Revolutionary War. A person had better odds of survival by rolling the dice and fighting on the front lines than being captured and imprisoned on a ship like the Old Jersey. It is difficult to imagine the conditions those prisoners lived and died in: dark, wet, disease invested, crowded and starving. Salt water all around them off shore, but no fresh water for hydration. Definitely a much different time than modern standards now. The reasons our military fights now do not differ much from our ancestor’s military. But in our modern times, we can feel assured that we will not wait for certain death off shore on a prison ship simply because we refuse to declare allegiance to something or somewhere that we do not believe in.

Pictured L to R Luke, his younger



brother, mother Kris, Jacob & father Ron Swanson, President David

Kentsmith

**Colorado Essay Winner**



Winner of the 2016 SAR Longmont Colorado Eagle Scout Essay Contest is Brant Steven Smith, a member of Boy Scout Troop #78 in Boulder, Colorado, was selected by Long’s Peak Chapter SAR to receive their Sons of the American Revolution Eagle Scout Essay Scholarship award. Brant is the grandson of Nebraska Society SAR State President Col. (ret) David K. Kentsmith, MD and his wife Kitty. The ceremony to present this award was held 4

March 2017 in Longmont, CO. This recognition comes with a Medal, Certificate and a check of \$100. His essay has also been submitted to compete in the state wide contest. Brant’s essay is titled “Freedom Through Defeat”. The essay depicts Benedict Arnold’s unsuccessful battle on Lake Champlain against the British and how it stalled the Royal Navy long enough to give Fort Ticonderoga time to prepare for the British and eventually defeat them

**Eagle Scout Court of Honor**



Compatriot Walden presented David King the SAR Certificate of

Recognition on 15 March 2017. The Court of Honor ceremony was held on Sunday afternoon at St. Stephen the Martyr Church, 17071 “S” Street, Millard, NE for parents, family and friends to honor David’s hard work obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

**Wagon Wheel District Merit Badge University**

On 4 Apr 2017 the Nebraska SAR Color Guard presented the Colors to open the ceremony at Bellevue University.



Pictured L-R Compatriots Stites, Stoner & Sherrets. Picture by Michael Batchelder

Bellevue Leader. Compatriot Rudesbusch gave the opening remarks on



the founding of Nebraska History related to its 150th Anniversary.

## MORE PICTURES AND STORIES

### American Eagle Plaque

Presented by John Braisted, Secretary Lincoln Chapter

Since joining the Lincoln Chapter of the SAR, the plaque has been displayed at the American Heritage Dinners as well as state SAR meetings at Mahoney State Park.

In 1960 Harold Read presented a carved American Eagle plaque to the local Red Cross Chapter. The plaque was displayed in the lobby until a remodeling project was started in 1977 when it was returned to Mr Read. Harold gave the carving to Luella Hahn in 1980 when she retired. Luella Hahn wanted the plaque to go to Jim Hahn, if he wanted it.

The Eagle is based on the United States Great Seal which appears on the one dollar bill and the fifty cent piece. The plaque measures 24 by 30 inches and weighs about 17 pounds. The wood carving is 3/4 of an inch thick at the edge, with the background carving being half the depth of the wood. As only a little over a quarter of an inch remained, a second piece of 1/2 inch material was attached for support.

Stopping at a garage sale, I wandered around looking at the items and spotted the Eagle carving. My office had three Eagle artworks already, but this one was different and much larger. Checking out the asking price and my wallet, I walked by the carving two or three more times before purchasing the Eagle and taking it home. Since that summer day in the early 2000's I have enjoyed having the Eagle in my home.

History and genealogy have long been interests of mine, but it was not until 2014 that I located an ancestor who served in the American

Revolution. With three of four Grandparents immigrating to the United States, I had only my paternal grandfather's line to search for Revolutionary War patriots. At about the same time I learned of the Sons of the American Revolution and the rest, as they say, is history.

### DAR 2017 Spring Meeting



Senator Loudon presents greetings from NES-SAR President David Kentsmith at the DAR Spring meeting held in Grand Island, Nebraska April 12, 2017. Shown at the podium behind Loudon is Ms Connie Plettner, Nebraska DAR State Regent. On behalf of the 120 active members of the Nebraska Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, I send our greetings through our SAR member former State Senator LeRoy Loudon for a successful DAR State Meeting.

We continue to enjoy the great relationship we have with the Nebraska DAR. A special thanks to DAR members Judy Moore, Kathleen Ocasio, Linda Rotschaffer, Betty Albanez, Cheryl Clark and you Ms. Plettner to name a few who provided us with new members.

We especially recognize SharonAnn Loudon who has not only provided us with new members but through her special efforts has worked with the SAR on many State Patriotic and Genealogical projects including the new Genealogical Library at Grand Island, a Pioneer Cemetery restoration pro-



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ject and special projects at Pine Ridge and the Fort McPherson National Cemetery. The Nebraska SAR thanks all DAR members for your outstanding support of Patriotic and charitable projects.

Best Wishes,

Col. (ret) David K. Kentsmith, MD  
President, Nebraska SAR 2016-17

**Should any Nebraska member have an address, telephone or email update please notify the State Secretary John Reinert at email jr6@aol.com**