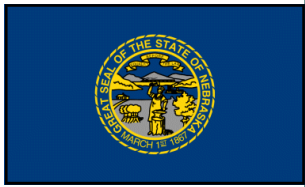
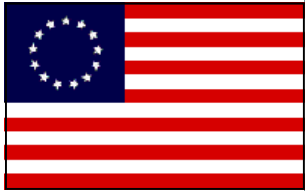


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Nebraska SAR Society Fall Meeting and Awards Ceremony

Presidents Corner:

First, I want to thank all of you for what you do for our Society. There are some of you that are only able to do a little and there are some of you that can do more in one particular program and there are others that are able to serve in a variety of ways for our Society. No matter how much you can help, I want you all to know that all of your efforts are making us a greater Society as each year passes. This is my first year as your President and it is truly an honor to serve. Together, this Society will continue to



grow. To do this I will always need your help in recruiting new members. As you talk to your family and friends, discuss the SAR and what it represents. Get them interested if they feel they are eligible.

The Peter Kiewit Lodge at Mahoney State Park was the setting when the Nebraska Society held its Fall Meeting and Awards Ceremony on October 17th. We had a wonderful buffet lunch at the Lodge, which by the way houses 40 double-queen suites, dining and a gift shop. The trees were starting to turn it's fall colors which made a great day for our Meeting.



SAR APPLICATIONS

Please mail all new member and supplemental applications to:

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Nebraska SAR Society Fall Meeting Photos



Omaha Police Officer Ryan L. Sedlecek Receives Award

The Nebraska Society honored Officer Ryan L. Sedlecek of the Omaha Police Department with the Sons of the American Revolution Law Enforcement Award at the Society's Fall Meeting at Mahoney State Park on October 17, 2010.

Officer Sedlecek has served the Omaha Police Department with distinction for many years and has proven to be a great asset to the



Omaha Police Department through his efforts in Gang Suppression. Officer Sedlecek has promoted and demonstrated a commitment to public safety by keeping the lines of communication open with other law enforcement agencies and developing crime bulletins for the Omaha Police Department based on trends that other jurisdictions are experiencing.

The medal is struck on a circular planchet and the

obverse depicts a police badge design surrounded by a gold eagle with the SAR Badge below. A blue and gold ribbon suspends the medal. A certificate and citation accompanied the presentation.

The purpose of the presentation is to recognize those who have served with distinction and devotion in the field of law enforcement.

Bellevue Paramedic Chad Dimauro Receives Award

The Nebraska Society honored Paramedic Chad Dimauro of the Bellevue Fire Department with the Sons of the American Revolution Emergency Medical Service Award at the Society's Fall Meeting at Mahoney State Park on October 17, 2010.

Currently Officer Dimauro is a preceptor for



new EMT-Basics, teaching them how to become successful, competent EMS Providers.

Officer Dimauro has continually stepped up to the plate to assist with instructing, extra duties, serving in officer positions, and has helped the command staff and other personnel.

The medal is struck on a circular planchet and the obverse depicts an EMS badge design. Across the top of the outer circumference are the words "Sons of the American Revolution" and across the bottom are the words "EMS Commendation." A certificate and citation accompanied the presentation.

The purpose of the presentation is to recognize those who have served with distinction and devotion in the Emergency Medical Service Field.

New Member Welcomed

Just initiated into the Nebraska SAR Society at our Fall Meeting was Jordan Timothy Cash, #177585. The photograph shows Nebraska Society President LaVerne Stetson pictured on the left who swore Jordan in and his Grandfather, Larry Cash, #158533 on the right who placed the Rosette into Jordan's lapel while explaining its sig-



nificance and how it is to be worn. The initiation took place on 17 October 2010 at the Nebraska Societies Fall Meeting held at the Mahoney

State Park Lodge near Omaha, Nebraska.

It's such a significant and special event when your Grandfather is available to take part in the ceremony. Congratulations to our newest Compatriot and welcome to the Nebraska Society.

NSSAR Leadership Meeting in Louisville, KY

On September 23-25 Compatriots Jim Say, dual Illinois and Nebraska member, Dr. David Kentsmith and Fred Walden attended the NSSAR Leadership Meeting in Louisville, Ky. They indicated that the most important part of the meeting was the dedication of the Center for Advancing America's Heritage Genealogical Research Library on Saturday, September 25, 2010.

They stated that it is a beautiful facility and one that all SAR members should be proud of in the years ahead.

Compatriots Kentsmith and Walden indicated they had not been to the Leadership Meetings in the past, and was impressed with the structure of the meetings which allowed attendees the

opportunity to attend several sessions of interest.



The above photo shows, from left to

right, Jim Say, Past President General Butler, Dr. David Kentsmith, current President General Sympson and Fred Walden, our Trustee. The photo was taken in the new Research Library.

Fred Walden Attends 120th National Congress

The National Congress this year was represented by our own Fred Walden.

Sunday had various committee meetings in the morning followed by the National Memorial Service in the afternoon. Monday, June 28, began with the presentation of colors by the National Color Guard and the SAR opening ritual. The general officers reported on

activities of the year. At lunch, the assembled society recognized many outstanding youths — winners of the various youth contests who presented their winning essays and speeches. Tuesday's business session included voting on various constitutional amendments and resolutions and the election and installation of the new National Trustees. Compatriot Fred Walden

was present to take the oath as the 2010-2011 National Trustee for Nebraska.



The Trials and Struggles of Valley Forge

By Leanna McMillen

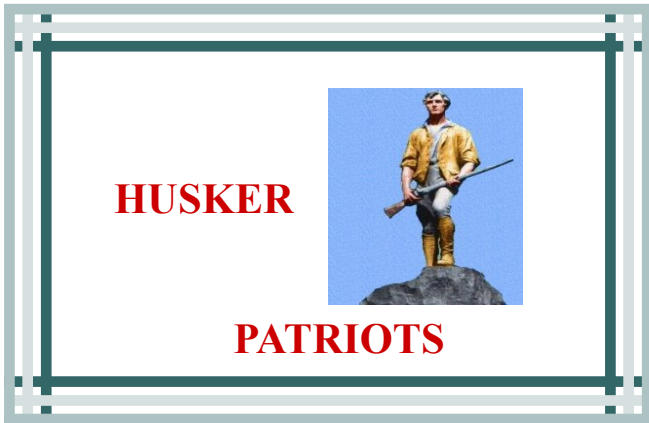
In 1760, tension had begun mounting between Great Britain and the American Colonies. With a series of laws being passed in an attempt to control the colonies, the British government was prepared to gain by control at all costs. With the British army being one of the strongest in the world, a fight with the American colonies was thought to be a joke, considering they had no organized army or navy. However, with Massachusetts leading the colonies in protests, the British decided to take action. In 1775, British troops were sent into Boston. Local militia was in charge of providing their own defenses for their colony. They were not trained and did not have proper ammunition. Although they were not as skilled and prepared as the British forces they had a few advantages, they had greater numbers. In most battles, they could rely on their size to defeat the skilled British

Attacks. Also, with the British being across the Atlantic Ocean, reinforcements and supplies were harder to come by for the red coats. Since the war was being fought in the colonies, the American colonists knew the land and had supplies when they needed them. Through all the turmoil during the Revolutionary War it is believed that a vital part in determining the outcome was not even during a battle, yet through the will of the troops and the leadership capabilities of George Washington. In the fall of 1777, General William Howe and his forces were advancing upon New Jersey in pursuit to overtake the capital of Philadelphia. In a frugal attempt to dismay General Howe, General Washington led his constitutional army to Brandywine, where the two armies clashed on September 11, 1777. The constitutional army was forced to flee after being outmaneuvered by the opposition. General Howe then entered Philadelphia and took control of the city on September 26th. After being defeated again on October 4th at Germantown, George Washington then fell back with his troops to his winter encampment at Valley Forge. The camp was located 20 miles from Philadelphia, on the Schuylkill River. The position was high and easily protected, plus it was close enough to keep pressure on the British. Although the troops started building over 2,000 log huts immediately, the conditions were horrendous. The huts were damp and crowded. In such tight spaces diseases such as typhus, typhoid and pneumonia spread among the men at an alarming rate. Long marches had destroyed the troop's shoes and left thousands shoeless. Clothing was seldom replaced and at one point caused 4,000 men to be unfit for duty. An estimated 2,000 died and the morale of the constitutional army swayed. A group called Regimental Camp Followers, who were wives, children, mothers, and sisters of the soldiers helped support the men as well as keep their spirits high. Although they did not fight, they were in charge of cleaning and making sure the uniforms stayed mended for the soldiers. Even though it wasn't much, the support they provided was very important in such terrible conditions. The Chevalier de Pont-gibaud who had escaped from France and came to America as a volunteer soldier in the Continental Army arrived in Valley Forge in December 1777 wrote his own publication after the war: "Soon I came in sight of the camp. My imagination had pictured an army with uniforms, the glitter of arms, standards, etc., in short, military pomp of all sorts; Instead of the imposing spectacle I expected, I saw grouped together or standing alone, a few minutemen, poorly clad, and for the most part without shoes – many of them badly armed, but all well supplied with provisions, and I noticed that tea and sugar formed part of their rations. I did not then know that this was unusual, and I laughed, for it made me

think of the recruiting sergeants on the Quai de la Ferraille at Paris, who say to the yokels, 'You will want for nothing when you are in the regiment, but if bread should run short you must not mind eating cakes.' Here the soldiers had tea and sugar." Through the tough winter, General George Washington continued to keep the morale of the constitutional soldiers high. Benjamin

Franklin had a great hand in this. In February, Baron von Steuben arrived in camp with a letter of introduction from Ben Franklin. Steuben was once a member of the General Staff in the Prussian army and Franklin thought he might be of some assistance to General Washington. Willingly, Washington wasted no time assigning Baron von Steuben the task of training his army, who was very beat down and dismayed. Although Steuben spoke very little English himself, he succeeded in training and making the constitutional soldiers better suited for battle. Steuben had designed his own training program for the army which allowed them to reload their muskets with precision and fire much more accurately. Along with a distant attack, he also showed soldiers how to fight close combat with bayonets in order to drive the British back. As the long winter came to a close, it brought forth the dawn of a whole new confident, confederate army. A huge victory had been won just surviving and pushing through the winter at Valley Forge. Washington knew his troops were ready for battle again, thanks to Baron von Steuben. In June 1778, the British left Philadelphia and marched back to New York. Not far behind were Washington and his army. The two met again in New Jersey at the battle at Monmouth and although the battle ended in a draw, the confidence and the spirit that the confederates had gained back during the winter at Valley Forge was felt by the British army and continued throughout the following 5 year struggle for American Independence.

Leanna McMillan was the Ebenezer Zane Chapter's Knight Essay Award recipient for 2010. Miss McMillen is from Tippecanoe, Ohio and is a Senior at Indian Valley High School in Gnadenhutten, Ohio



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**Welcome New
NESSAR Members**

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- Stanley D. Wostrel

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- Mark J. Diercks
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- Luther P. Johnson
- Jon W. Louden
- LeRoy J. Louden
- Michael H. Wheeler
- Jordan T. Cash
- Richard D. Ewing
- Charles W. Harmon

Transfers into our Society

- Paul Davis
- Joseph Campbell



Note from the Editor: For all of you out there who yearn to get published. Well, now there is an easy way for you to do just that. All you have to do is write a short story about your Patriot, where he was born and raised, what were the circumstances of his participation in the American Revolution and where he served. Did he participate in battles or did he furnish goods and supplies for the colonies cause. If he fought in any battles, where did they take place and when. Who was the Commander. Was he lucky enough to receive a pension or some land? How many children did he have and did he and his family stay in the area where he enlisted after the war or did they move on to perhaps open up new lands. Consider writing about your Patriot. I guarantee everyone will enjoy reading each and every article that is submitted. Try your hand at it, I know you will enjoy the time you put into it's writing.