

Presidents Newsletter Jan 2026

Greetings to the great members of the NCOAGA from President Schulz in Nebraska. I hope that this finds all of our members feeling well and enjoying the new year. As all of us age we are going through physical changes as well as mental challenges. Personally, I have had some health challenges in the last couple of years, but due to having great doctors and some medication adjustments I am able to continue moving forward with my life. I hope that all of you can do the same.

At our last national meeting all members of the board of directors agreed to sign up for another term in their offices. I have challenged all of them to encourage other members of our association to get involved in our association. As most of our board members are retired and getting older at some point in time we may need to step away from our positions, and someone will have to take over for us. If you are interested in getting more involved in our board, please reach out to me to discuss the issue. I am available almost all the time. Just text me with headline relating to our association.

Since our national meeting the board has met via zoom three times. All of the meeting minutes from those meetings are on our web site. We have been discussing where to have our next national meeting in 2026. Since it our nation's 250th anniversary, we have discussed having the meeting in the Washington DC area. There are pros and cons to that location. Feel free to reach out to us with any suggestions on a location. We are thinking about Sept or Oct time period.

We made some changes to our scholarship program at last years meeting. First, we increased the scholarship amounts for the senior and junior divisions. The details are on our web site as well. Secondly, we are allowing the submitters to choose the topics of their essays from a list of topics that we have provided for them. In the past we chose the topic that they were required to write about. We are hoping with these changes it will be an incentive for more students to apply. So, encourage your children or dependents to apply. Vice President Uthe is the POC for the program. Also, we have not had any applications for the Betty Fearn scholarship which is for a member of our association that is continuing their education. So, members submit your self-talking paper about your progress. There is also a scholarship for a dependent person with demonstrated financial need. That is the Bennie Frick scholarship, and the instructions are listed in the Association Guidance Handbook which is on the web site as well.

In closing I am always available to you if you have any issues or questions about anything. Feel free to reach out to me on my cell phone by text or by email. Our home email is twins68521@yahoo.com and my cell number is 402-875-1205.

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