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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings Compatriots!

2024 marks the 250th anniversary of the First Continental Congress, which is this year's Signature Event of the America 250 program of NSSAR. The America 250 program celebrates "The Decade of the Revolutionary War", highlighting a specific event each year up to 2023. The First Continental Congress is a significant event in our nation's history.

From September 5th to October 26th of 1774, delegates, who were elected either by a vote of the people, a vote of the Colony's legislature, or a vote of the Colony's Committee of Correspondence, gathered at Carpenter's Hall in Philadelphia. Only 12 of the 13 colonies sent delegates. Georgia elected not to since the Loyalist sentiments carried more weight at the time than Patriot views.

The Congressional focus was to open dialog between the Colonies to discuss the British naval blockade of Boston Harbor and Parliament's

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enactment of the punitive Intolerable Act, both of which were a response to the Boston Tea Party the previous December. The first action of the Congress was to pass the "Suffolk Resolves", which was drawn up by several counties in Massachusetts that included a declaration of grievances, called for trade boycott of British goods, and encouraged each colony to set up and train its own militia. They also agreed on a "Declaration and Resolves", which included the "Continental Association", which was a proposal for an embargo on British goods. The delegates also drew up a Petition to the King pleading for a redress for their grievances and repeal of the Intolerable Act. The appeal was unsuccessful, which led the Colonies to convene the Second Continental Congress in 1775 shortly after the Battles of Lexington and Concord.

The significance of the First Continental Congress was a step of establishing compacts between the Colonies to boycott British Goods, a joining together to achieve similar goals. Prior to this, each Colony stood on its own. The boycott worked as British imports dropped 97% in 1775 from the year before. Of course, with the break out of hostilities in Lexington and Concord helped the drop.

Calendar:

April 8, 6pm to 8pm, Oklahoma City Chapter meeting at Johnnie's Hamburgers, 33 East 33rd Street in Edmond. You will want to be there as our guest speaker will be **Assistant Fire Chief Christopher Denton of the Edmond Fire Department**. Also, bring your list of businesses which are flying the American Flag in front!

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▪ Join the **Color Guard** by contacting Commander Joe Sieber at 405.720.1757 or sieberjl@hotmail.com.

▪ **SAR Sentinel** is published monthly except June, July, and August. Article suggestions should be sent to Craig Crow at (405) 834 9401 or CCROW6@gmail.com.

▪ Chapter **meetings** are held on the second Monday of every month except June, July, and August.





April 20, Hillcrest Golf and Country Club, Bartlesville. The Oklahoma SAR State Conference meeting will be held. If you are interested in attending, you will need to pre-register. Let me know and I will resend the registration form to you.

April 27, 6pm-9pm at 415 NE 13th Street at the OCPA Advance Center for Free Enterprise. This is our chapter's 200th Anniversary celebration, and you will not want to miss this. Come be a part of our chapter's history. Dinner will be served, a silent auction of some very excellent items, and we will announce the winners of the musket and quilts raffles. Tickets are \$45 per person. A copy of the party invitation is attached to this newsletter. We do need a volunteer to act as cashier at this event. If you are interested, please contact Mark Reichardt at vette413@gmail.com.

May 13, 6pm-8pm; our final chapter meeting before the summer break. It will be held at Johnnie's Hamburgers, 33 East 33rd Street.

May 16, Color Guard at the Embassy Suites in Norman, Oklahoma State Conference for the DAR at 6pm.

May 20; Color Guard will be participating in the Armed Forces Day Parade, Lawton, Oklahoma

May 25, 26 and 27; Color Guard and any SAR member who would like to attend. Patriot grave markings in Batesville, Arkansas, Ste Genevieve, Missouri, and Maud, Texas.

June 14; Flag Day!

July 4; Independence Day!

See you on **April 8**!

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Craig Crow

President

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