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January 2025

President's Message

Oklahoma City Chapter - January 2025



Greetings Fellow Compatriots and Happy New Year!

As I compose this message, the Holiday Season is winding down and we are entering a new year. I hope that all of you had good times and made some warm and lasting memories with family and friends and that you will have a Happy, Healthy, and purposeful 2025 with good intentions and achievable resolutions.

Some of us remember the days when we rented our telephones from American Telephone and Telegraph Company or "Ma Bell" at it was affectionately known. Most folks didn't have answering machines or a staff to take messages, but we did OK. Going further back in time some 250 to 300 years, imagine this: the fastest mode of transportation on Earth was a horse. No wonder there were stiff penalties for horse stealing. I have read stories about when the first horseless carriages were coming out, folks thought this was

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just a fad, and won't last. I mention all this because the other day I was thinking about how fast technology is advancing these days, and being annoyed that I am required to upgrade every 3 to 4 years just to keep up. During my formative years there was a song by Bob Dylan, "The Times They are a Changin'." And as he so aptly says:

Come gather 'round people
Wherever you roam
And admit that the waters
Around you have grown
For the times they are a-changin'

The pace of change in these days is truly unprecedented, and furthermore here to stay. It helps me to take a broader view of our history, and for good, bad, or indifferent, "the times they are a changin'," and we must be prepared to take advantage of all the opportunities camouflaged in change. To do this we must remain alert and curious about the shifting landscape around us. The good news is that our SAR Mission Statement remains as a timeless spotlight for the investment of our time and energy.

Our Chapter was very active in 2024. Our membership has increased to 167, the Color Guard participated in 44 events during the year, and we have reached out to our local community through service to our Veterans and charitable events. All this has been accomplished through the volunteer spirit and good old fashioned hard work of our Officers and Membership. It is indeed a pleasure to serve with such a team of dedicated and capable men who take our SAR Mission Statement seriously for the betterment of our Chapter, Community, and Nation.

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Attached are thank you notes from the Salvation Army for our Toy Drive in November and from the Mitchell family for our participation in the Gravesite Service held in Shawnee for Corporal Jesse Mitchell, Korean War Veteran. These are just samples from the many thank you notes and remarks we get from family and institutions which we support. I am proud of the services we can provide and it wouldn't be possible without the support and volunteer spirit of our Officers and Membership. My sincere thanks to all of you!

Our next Chapter meeting is January 13 at Johnnie's Charcoal Broiler in Edmond. Meal and social time is from 6:00 to 7:00 PM, with the meeting beginning promptly at 7:00. Compatriot Sean Drake will present a Program about the history of the US Flag folding ceremony and the playing of Taps. Hope to see you there!

In Fraternity,

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December 19, 2024

Sons of the American Revolution, Oklahoma City Chapter
ATTN: Mark Reichardt

Dear Mark & Friends at Sons of the American Revolution, Oklahoma City Chapter,

Thank you for hosting a toy drive for The Salvation Army's 2024 Angel Tree! This program benefits underprivileged families in Central Oklahoma. We serve Canadian, Cleveland, Logan, McClain, and Oklahoma counties.

Through your generosity, we were able to provide Christmas joy for a total of **2,434** angels! This breaks down to **1,820** children and **197** seniors in Canadian, Logan, and Oklahoma counties and **351** children and **29** seniors in Cleveland and McClain counties!

We could not continue our programs that do the most good without the support of sponsors, volunteers, and donors, like you! Please know that everything you have done for us is making a difference and impacting the lives of our Central Oklahoma neighbors in need.

We would like to extend an invitation to you to tour our facilities to see behind the shield. Please contact our Donor Communications Manager, Amanda Lester at 405-246-1109 to schedule or for more information.

Thank you and may God bless you!

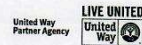
Sincerely,

Majors Russell & Jamie Clay
Area Commanders

** Please keep this letter for your records. No goods or services were provided by The Salvation Army in exchange for this donation. **



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Sorry for the slow response
but we want you all to know
how much you blessed us on
the day of our uncle Jesse
Leroy Mitchell's funeral.
Our prayer was Leroy would
be honored but also all who
have served and given so
much. Thank you seems
such a small response to all
you do. We really appreciate
your contribution. Please keep
up the good work.

May The Lord's Great Love
Bless You This Christmas
and all through the
New Year!

Jeresa Mitchell
Cheryl Eickling
Danny Mitchell

Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us.
EPHESIANS 5:2 NIV

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