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Sons of the American Revolution

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President's Message

Oklahoma City Chapter - Summer Edition 2025

Greetings Fellow Compatriots!

Summer has arrived after a particularly wet Spring and for the first time since 2019 all 77 Oklahoma Counties are finally over the long term drought we have been suffering though. Huzzah!

As I compose this month's newsletter the OKC Thunder are celebrating their first NBA Championship. What a series it was this year, Congrats to the Thunder!

We continue the American 250 Celebration with an important battle in the early stages of the Revolutionary War: **The Battle of Bunker Hill, June 17, 1775.**



By early 1775 tensions between Britain and her colonies had escalated. The colonists began to mobilize for war, while the British Army secured gunpowder and cannon in anticipation of an uprising. On April 19, it all came to a head in the Massachusetts towns of Lexington and Concord.

After that historic engagement, the British retreated to their camp in Boston, and local militias prepared for future British attacks. Militiamen marched to defend Boston, some from as far away as Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, and what is now the state of Vermont.



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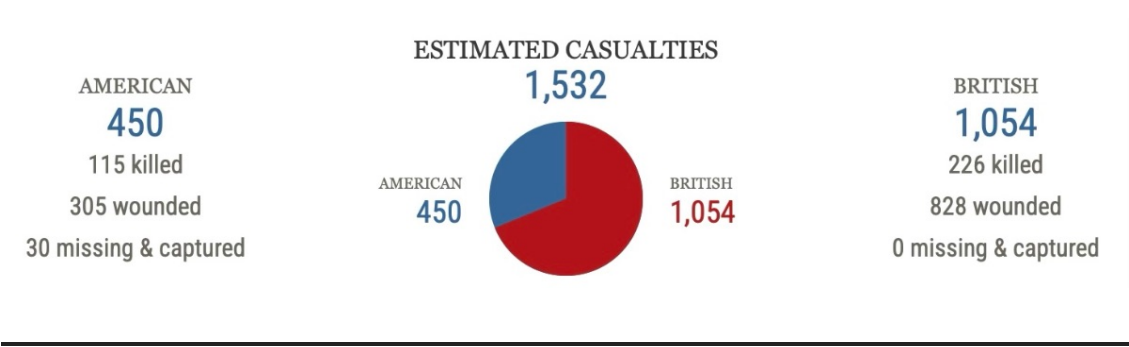
- Chapter **meetings** are held
on the second Monday of
every month except June,
July, and August.



British Commander-in-Chief General Sir Thomas Gage was under pressure to quash the colonial rebellion. By June, he had reinforcements and was ready to implement a new strategy. The British Army planned to launch an attack against the Americans on the heights north and south of Boston. Details of the attack were leaked, however, and a detachment of 1,000 Massachusetts and Connecticut soldiers—more of an armed mob than a military unit—gathered to defend a hill in Charlestown. Among the defenders were several enslaved and free African Americans as well. The violent clash of these forces on what is mistakenly known as “Bunker Hill” signaled that the colonial revolt would not be easily extinguished.

The Battle ended with a British victory. While it was a tactical victory for the British it was a sobering experience. The British sustained twice as many casualties as the Americans and lost many officers. After the engagement, the patriots retreated and returned to their lines outside the perimeter of Boston.

The American patriots were defeated at the Battle of Bunker Hill, but they proved they could hold their own against the superior British Army. The fierce fight confirmed that any reconciliation between England and her American colonies was no longer possible.



Upcoming Activities and Chapter News

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★ CANADIAN VALLEY ★
★ & OKC ★

**JOINT CHAPTER
FISH FRY**

**Saturday,
July 26th**

**7905
NW 48th Street,
Bethany,
OK 73008**



Delicious fish will be provided!
Please bring a side dish or dessert,
along with your own drinks and chairs.

You're invited to a summer evening of great food and fellowship!

Join us for our Joint Chapter Fish Fry hosted by the Canadian Valley and OKC SAR chapters. This is a wonderful chance to enjoy time together with fellow Compatriots and their families.

🏠 Hosted by Compatriot Jim Williams

We're grateful to Compatriot Jim Williams, who has graciously offered to host the event at his home:

7905 NW 48th Street, Bethany, OK 73008

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

- 🧺 What to Bring:
- A side dish or dessert to share
 - Your own drinks
 - Your own lawn chairs

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All SAR members and their families are welcome—come enjoy good food, good company, and patriotic fellowship!

Please RSVP to Mike Williams so we can get a good head count:
mjwilliams1056@yahoo.com

Independence Day events for Color Guard: Bethany Boom Parade, Edmond Liberty Fest Parade, OKC Comets Colors presentation with the National Anthem. We are registered for all the events; please contact me or acting Color Guard Commander Sean Drake for more information if you would like to attend. Last year we covered all three events. The Comets baseball game will include a musket salute!

The OKC Chapter meetings will continue in September. There will be a budget and planning meeting for the Chapter Officers and Committee Chairs on August 18. An invitation will be coming out this week with details.

We have an opening for OKC Chapter Program Committee Chair. If you have an interest in this position please contact me.

Planning is underway for an event on Constitution Day, September 17, at the OK Capitol Building. We will need volunteers to help read the entirety of the US Constitution. Color Guard will need to dress in Continental or Militia uniform. More information will be coming out soon. Please contact me or Terry Handley if you would like to participate.

The 135th Annual Congress is scheduled for July 12-18 and will be held at the Mohegan Sun Resort in Uncasville, CT. Our own OK Society Immediate Past President Phil Hunt will be sworn in as the new SCD VPG. Please join me in Congratulating Phil on this being nominated and elected to this prestigious position....HUZZAH!

Please mark your calendar for the **South Central District Meeting coming up August 22 and 23** to be held in Owasso, OK this year. Program details are pending.

I will close with a quote from General James Doolittle:



Nothing is as strong as the heart of
a volunteer.

— Jimmy Doolittle —

In Fraternity,

Mark Reichardt

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