

SAR Sentinel

Oklahoma City Chapter Sons of the American Revolution



November, 2012

Heading by Megan Sanford

[NEXT MEETING: Monday, Nov.12th, 6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting, Oklahoma BarBQ, 50th & Meridian](#)

Chapter President's Message



Compatriots,

I had the opportunity to work the SAR information booth at the Yukon Czech Festival the first Saturday in October with Quinton Hiebert and Wayne Nash. It was a blustery day, cold and overcast, but we passed out brochures and explained our mission to those interested. Our color guard was there parading the colors in a time honored tradition, doing us proud. I do not expect that our forefathers would have found the crowd much different than we did save for the ubiquitous cell phones at ears having to be imagined as a very hard of hearing populace sporting ear trumpets. Then as now the pickings were lean, those so called long having joined up. However our efforts were rewarded, we obtained several leads, a couple of which I hope will result in new members for the chapter. The recruiting goes on, then as now.

In Patriotism,
Martin Reynolds

THANK YOU VETERANS

November Speaker, by Al Lankford

DR. JAMES G. CASTER, Ph.D.

Subject: Benjamin Franklin

Dr. James G. Caster holds degrees in History and Law from Oklahoma University, Geology from Oklahoma City University and doctorate in History and Political Science from the University of New Mexico. **Dr. Caster** has published many articles and book reviews on varied subjects. He retired as a full Colonel, Judge Advocate General's Corps from the U S Army reserves after serving 21 months during the Korean Conflict. When I searched "books on Benjamin

Franklin" I made over 800 hits many of which have been published in the last 2 years. It is clear that Franklin is the subject of much study and **Dr. Caster** will explore some of the facets of this complex, brilliant and in some ways very human founding father.

Those of you who attended **Dr. Caster's** presentation on Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee last year know you are in for an evening of enlightenment spiced with humor. Do not miss what promises to be an enjoyable evening.



President Martin Reynolds congratulates fellow Compatriots **Michael Byford** (left) and twin brother **Daniel Byford** (right) for earning the rank of Eagle Scout this year, during the October meeting. **Michael & Daniel are the twin sons of fellow Compatriot Dennis Byford, Jr.** The brothers are members of the OKC Chapter of the SAR and are Seniors at Mustang High School. They are members of Boy Scout Troop 389 of Yukon and are members of the Boy Scouts National Honor Society and the Order of the Arrows.

VETERANS DAY, 2012

Our condolences to the family of Compatriot Benjamin Patzkowski who passed away September 30th

For membership roster inquiries please contact OKC/SAR Secretary George Thompson at (405)722-1286; gdt40@cox.net

OKC/SAR Website: <http://okssar.comujo.com>; questions, please contact Glenn Lee @ (405)216-3388

OKC/SAR on facebook: [facebook.com/okcsar](https://www.facebook.com/okcsar); for further information, please contact Michael Sanford @ (405)445-9415

Color Guard Commander Henry Baer III, invites all interested fellow Compatriots to join the **OKC/SAR Color Guard**. Events this fall include: Veterans Day 45th Infantry Museum, Nov. 12; Wreaths Across America, Ft. Reno, December. For further information, please contact Commander Baer at (405)720-2909

Articles, suggestions and news for the OKC/SAR *Sentinel* Newsletter are encouraged and may be submitted to Patrick Cowan, Editor; (405)755-7200, or email to: pcowan@cox.net

God Bless our Veterans who have given us our freedom! In the early morning hours of November 11, 1918, representatives of France, Britain, and Germany met in a railroad car near Compie'gne, France, to sign an armistice ending World War I, or the Great War as it was know at that time. For many years November 11 was knows as Armistice Day to honor those who fought in World War I. In 1954 Congress changed the name to Veterans Day to recognize all American Veterans.

Every November 11th, at 11:00 a.m., the nation pays tribute to its war dead with the laying of a presidential wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery outside Washington, D.C. But Veterans Day honors more than the dead. Memorial Day, observed in May is for remembering soldiers who lost their lives in the service of their country. Veterans Day is set aside to honor and *thank all* who have served in the U.S. armed forces.....particularly our 23 million living veterans.



OKC/SAR Color Guard lead the Czech Festival Parade in Yukon. Color Guard members, left to right, Robert R. Thomas, Commander Henry Baer III, Ron Schrouf and Glenn K. Fast. Thanks to all Color Guard members. We appreciate you. Also participating during the festival & working the OKC/SAR

booth with the Color Guard included fellow Compatriots Quinton Hiebert, Wayne Nash & President Martin Reynolds. Thank You!

REMEMBER TO BRING "BASIC NEEDS" ITEMS FOR OUR VETS TO EACH CHAPTER MEETING. QUESTIONS: Patrick Cowan; 755-7200; Thanks!

HELP YOUR CHAPTER GROW: Do you have a son, grandson, brother or male family member or friend who may be interested in making application for membership in SAR? Contact Robert Thomas, Chapter Registrar (405-737-6181) rbjthomas@sbcglobal.net; and Wayne Nash (405-844-4740) pnwnash@sbcglobal.net, **who are available to assist in the genealogy and locate necessary documents (no charge).**

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