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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE October 2024

Greetings Fellow Compatriots! As I compose my article for this month's Sentinel, I am traveling back from the SAR Fall Leadership Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. This was my first attendance. It was good to get a sense from the various committee meetings what is currently happening within our organization and to meet and connect with the State, Society, and National Leaders of our organization.

I'm leading off this month's Message with a excerpt from George Washington's Farewell Address:

"Citizens by birth or choice, of a common country, that country has a right to concentrate your affections. The name of AMERICAN, which belongs to you, in your national capacity, must always exalt the just pride of Patriotism, more than any appellation derived from local discriminations."

On September 19, 1796, George Washington announced to the world his plans not to seek a third term as President of the United States of



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America. In his farewell address to the Nation, he touched on many social and domestic issues, driving home the fact that the U.S. Constitution was a document that served the People. He urged citizens to feel as though they were part of something larger than themselves and that the country was united as one Nation. In the spirit of this idea of something being larger than ourselves, I would like for us always to remember and keep in mind for all of our endeavors, the SAR Mission Statement:

"The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our Country."

Much more on this will be coming out in future meetings and communications. Our Chapter is growing and active. With increased participation by our members, I believe we can take it to the next level.

Chapter Business

Veterans Affairs Committee: John Schaller reminds us that we need to start looking for Christmas Cards for the veterans at the VA Hospital. Compatriots need to sign them as being from the Oklahoma City Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (not everybody knows what SAR stands for). It is optional if you want to include your name.

Color Guard: We have several events on the CG Calendar. Next event for October is a Gravesite Service on October 14 for WWII Hero Jesse Mitchell in Shawnee. We have more events leading into November and December. Of note is a Patriot Grave Marking in Arkansa on November 2 and events for Veterans Day. If you would like more info and possibly attend these events please

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contact me with an email, phone, text; whatever serves you best. Just a reminder that when I mention the CG Calendar, it is an electronic update I do via Apple and Google Calendar so you can have it on your computer or mobile device and can view it any time. I sent out a tutorial earlier in the year on how to install and use, but if you need another copy, please contact me.

Our Chapter's Color Guard was also featured in the latest release of the SAR Magazine.

Membership: Our Chapter is growing! We had 8 more member applications approved. Thanks to our Chapter and State Registrars for their diligent work.

Americanism: State Chairman Craig Crow has requested that all members keep track of Color Guard activity, Veterans Affairs events, school training, DAR events, etc, and forward this information to him for Chapter recognition.

Next Chapter Meeting: Please make plans to attend our next chapter meeting on October 14, 2024. Meetings are currently held at Johnnie's Charcoal Hamburger Restaurant on 33rd Street in Edmond. Social and meal time 6:00 to 7:00 PM with meeting starting promptly at 7:00 PM. Our speaker will be Rex Ice (US Army, Retired) Past Commander, American Legion Post 111 in Edmond. Rex will give a presentation on the proposed Veterans Memorial planned in Edmond. We will also be swearing in several new members!

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