

SAR Sentinel

Oklahoma City Chapter Sons of the American Revolution



April 2012

Heading by Megan Sanford

Next Meeting: Monday, April 9th, 6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting, Oklahoma BarBQ, 50th & Meridian

April Speaker, by Al Lankford

The Lake Champlain Campaign

When Benedict Arnold Saved the Revolution, by Dr. Stan Adamiak



Professor Stan Adamiak (pictured above) joined the UCO faculty in 1988 to teach early American and military history and has served as departmental chairperson since 2007. He received his undergraduate degree -a history/geography double major- from the University of Vermont and both his Master's and Doctorate from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. In 1999, the United States Military Academy awarded him fellowship to attend the West Point Summer Seminar in Military History.

His research interests include colonial frontier history, the American Revolution, and U.S. naval history. He recently contributed over a dozen articles to the 2008 Encyclopedia of North American Conflict to 1775. Dr. Adamiak is also completing a monograph on the development of the U.S. Navys' logistical system and its effect upon maritime operations and administration from the 1790's to the Civil War. Of special importance, his research centers on supply problems generated by the navys' conversion from sail to steam in the antebellum period.

Try to attend the 107th Oklahoma Society of the Sons of The American Revolution annual Congress at The Oaks County Club in Tulsa, Friday and Saturday, April 13 & 14th. For details: Joe West (918)298-1514: joewest99@att.net; or Wayne Nash (405)844-4740: pnwash@sbcglobal.net;

Chapter President's Report

"Compatriots,



T-Shirts, underwear, shoes & socks, shave cream & razors. Things we take for granted and use everyday are also things in need at the OKC VA Hospital. "IMMEDIATELY" says Richard Maxey of the VA Volunteer Services. At the March meeting, I presented the Chapter the scenario of this shortage and that we can step forward to assist. Since then, Cowan and his team have contacted the VA and confirmed that help is indeed needed with these items.

So what's next? Imagine yourself as one of these patients with nothing and bring any of these items to the next meeting for the OKC SAR Chapter's inaugural monthly donation drive for our veterans' needs at the hospital stay. Additional sponsors are welcome!

Congratulations to Daniel and Michael Byford of Stillwater achieving their Eagle Scout requirements. The Byford family has got to be a proud bunch! We are. See you all at the Monday evening meeting!

In patriotism,

Glenn Fast"

New Members

New Members: by Wayne Nash



Compatriot Sidney Dickey Farrar of Oklahoma City was inducted during the March meeting. His patriot ancestor is Ezekiel Akridge of Georgia.

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

OKC/SAR Website: <http://okssar.comoj.com> :questions please call Glenn Lee @405-608-0371

Color Guard Commander Henry Baer invites fellow Compatriots to join the *OKC/SAR Color Guard* For more 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 emailed to: pcowan@cox.net

BE SURE AND JOIN YOUR FELLOW COMPATRIOTS MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 9th FOR THE MONTHLY MEETING: 6:00 DINNER; 7:00: PROGRAM & BUSINESS MEETING.

FIRE SAFETY COMMENDATION AWARD

President Glenn Fast presents the OKC/SAR Fire Safety Commendation Award to deputy fire Chief Roy Widmann, of the Mustang Fire Department during the March meeting.



Compatriot Al Lankford submits this book review for your enjoyment.

THE WHITES OF THEIR EYES by: Paul Lockhart

It is probably inevitable that such a historic conflict as the Battle of Bunker Hill should be surrounded by Myth and Legend. Paul Lockhart attempts to get past the legends and base his conclusions on available facts. One example is; how is it that Breeds Hill was fortified instead of Bunker Hill? Breeds Hill was clearly a inferior position being within range of British cannons. The British could not allow the Patriots to hold this position as it would directly endanger Boston and therefore must provoke a British attack , an attack for which the patriots were not prepared. The Patriot commander Artemus Ward was furious when he learned that his orders to fortify Bunker Hill had not been followed but it was too late to make a change. Much discussion is presented on this point and you will be left to draw your own conclusions.

Much has been made of the British assault on the Patriot positions it is said to have been based on arrogance and underestimation of patriot will and ability by the British. Lockhart makes the case that advancing in neat rows to within the patriots musket range, about 50 yards, and then commencing an all out bayonet charge was a sound tactic and had been used with much success in Europe. Why did it fail that day and result in such staggering British Casualties ? The answer may surprise you.

Lockhart states,"the creation of the New England army in the spring of 1775 ranks among the most important events of the Revolution". This army had weathered two months of duty, had fought a major pitched battle at Breeds Hill and remained intact through it all. Were it not for the combined efforts of Artemus Ward, Joseph Warren and company, General Washington would have found no army to command, and the Cause would have died at Boston that summer.

*****From the desk of : Robert Thomas, Chapter Registrar; We now have 126 members, with four supplement applications pending.***

******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).***