

# SAR Sentinel

Oklahoma City Chapter Sons of the American Revolution



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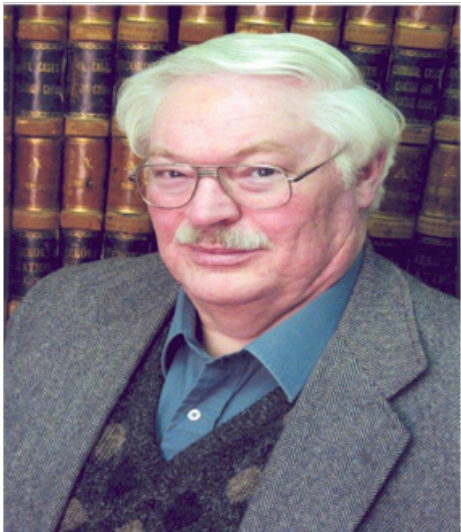
Heading by Megan Sanford

**NEXT MEETING: Monday, April 8th, 6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting, Oklahoma BarBQ, 50th & Meridian**

April Speaker: **William D. Welge**

**Spiro Mounds: Prehistoric Gateway? Present day Enigma**

by Al Lankford



Most of us enjoy a good mystery and there is one in Eastern Oklahoma at the Spiro Mounds. This site is regarded by most archeologists as one of the four most important pre-historic Indian sites east of the Rocky Mountains. When this site is discussed the words enigma, mystery and unknown are frequently used. We are fortunate to have **William D. Welge**, director of the newly created Office of American Indian Cultural

Preservation from the Oklahoma History Center to guide us. Welge states, "For more than 35 Years, I have collected, preserved, and shared American Indian history as part of my duties at the Historical Society and the creation of this new office will allow me to spend all of my time and use all of my contacts to build new bridges of communication and collaboration in Indian Country."

**William D. Welge** is a graduate of Central State University with a Master of Arts and History, Southwestern Studies, Summa Cum Laude. He also holds a degree in journalism from the University of Oklahoma. He has been certified by the Academy of Certified Archivists for many years and has served at the Oklahoma History Center, in a number of capacities.

**William D. Welge** is author, contributor and editor of a number of books and articles and reviews.

## Chapter President's Message



Compatriots,

Our chapter is so very fortunate to have compatriots who are willing participants in the color guard. They proudly present the colors many times during the course of the year. For those who participate, I have been fortunate enough to be able to stand in twice, it is a singularity fulfilling experience.

Representing our forefathers, proudly bearing the colors for our fellow citizens to see, letting all be reminded of the sacrifice of those before them and be inspired by the patriotic regalia on display. Our color guard again distinguished itself by winning First Place in the Oklahoma City Saint Patrick's Day Parade. The Chapter is always in need of compatriots willing to serve the cause of Liberty in any way and the color guard is one such way.

You too can be a participant if you so choose and enjoy the camaraderie of the color guard. Our color guard commander Henry Baer III, is always ready to help any so interested.

In Patriotism,

Martin Reynolds

REMEMBER TO BRING BASIC NEEDS TO THE MONDAY NIGHT MEETING FOR OUR LONG TERM VETERANS PROGRAM. EVERYTHING IS NEEDED AND GREATLY APPRECIATED.

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Color Guard Commander Henry Baer III, invites all interested fellow Compatriots to join the **OKC/SAR Color Guard**. For further information, please contact Commander Baer at (405)720-2909

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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](mailto:pcowan@cox.net)



During the March meeting of the OKC/SAR, retired U.S. Army Maj. Edward J. Pulido is awarded the Wounded Warrior Coin with certificate, War Service Medal with Iraq Bar and certificate and Purple Heart Pin, by President Martin Reynolds. On August 17, 2004, Major Pulido was driving a vehicle through "IED Alley" when his vehicle struck an improvised

explosive device (IED) that exploded underneath, resulting in his suffering a broken leg, arm, knee and pelvis. Fragments lodged in his abdomen and arm were removed; however, one piece of fragment could not be removed which caused an infection eventually requiring amputation of his left leg. Major Pulido was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds suffered. For his service in Iraq he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with "V" for Valor, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal and Joint Service Achievement Medal. Thank you Major Pulido. (Story by William R. Melton)

***Congratulations to OKC/SAR Color Guard for winning 1st place AGAIN at the St. Patrick's Day Parade in downtown Oklahoma City. Color Guard members posing with local beauty queens during the 2012 parade are Commander Henry Baer III, Mike Sanford, and Past President Glenn Fast. Color Guard members who participated in the 2013 St. Patrick's Day Parade and winning 1st place were Commander Henry Baer III, Mike Sanford, Bob Thomas and Ron Schrouf. Other members of our Color Guard include Past President Glenn Fast, Richard Sidwell, Cory Shipman, Wayne Nash, President Martin Reynolds, Howard Ferrell and Al Lankford. Thank you Color Guard Compatriots!***



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***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](mailto:rbjthomas@sbcglobal.net); and Wayne Nash (405-844-4740) [pnwnash@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pnwnash@sbcglobal.net), ***who are available to assist in the genealogy and locate necessary documents (no charge).***

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