

SAR Sentinel

Oklahoma City Chapter Sons of the American Revolution



December, 2012

Heading by Megan Sanford

Next Meeting: Monday, Dec. 10th, 6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting, Oklahoma BarBQ, 50th & Meridian

December Programs: TOYS for TOTS



REMEMBER to bring an unwrapped Christmas present to the Monday night meeting for TOYS FOR TOTS! Pictured, Marine Sergeants Tyler Harrison & John Haywood with Lance Corporal Jeffery Lyles, who at last years December meeting received Toys for Tots from the OKC/SAR.

OKC/SAR- VA Hospital Veterans Basic Needs Program Update

Richard Maxey, Chief of Voluntary Services at the OKC-VA Medical Center will be addressing our meeting about the progress of the OKC/SAR & VA Hospital long term Veterans basic needs program we are jointly working together on. Chief Maxey received his Bachelors in Health Administration from SWOSU, Weatherford, OK, before continuing his education at the OU Health Sciences Center, receiving his Masters degree in Health Administration. Richard Maxey has served in several positions in the Director's Office, last being Associate Director. He has served as the Chief of Voluntary Service the past 6 years and has been blessed to work with a wonderful staff, volunteers and service organizations.

Richard Maxey is from and still lives in Moore with his wife Amber and three young children, Easton, Emersyn and Brooks.

Chapter President's Report

Harvesting Our Heritage!



I had the good luck to be able to spend a weekend in November hunting as our ancestors did for local game. Although I was unsuccessful my son, friend and his son were successful. There are so few things that we today can easily imagine ourselves doing that our ancestors did in like manner. Hunting is one of those few activities we still share with them allowing us to partake in a tradition as old as our revolutionary ancestors, indeed as old as our species. It was a good feeling to tug again in that common thread across the years of that shared tradition of providing for one's family. The time in the woods, alone, listening, waiting for what providence should cross my path with, then waiting some more, then...well I expect it was the same for our ancestors... disappointed again. **Remember to bring unwrapped Toys for Tots & basic needs for our Veterans.**

In Patriotism,
Martin Reynolds

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

Color Guard Commander Henry Baer invites fellow Compatriots to join the **OKC-SAR Color Guard**. Next event, Wreaths Across America, Ft. Reno, Dec. 15th; For more information contact Commander Baer at 405-720-2909.

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

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



Chapter President Martin Reynolds awarded Vietnam Veteran retired Capt. Robert W. Poolaw, U.S. Marine Corps. the Wounded Warrior Project coin/medallion and the War Service Medal with Vietnam Bar & Purple Heart Pin. Poolaw, a member of the Kiowa Tribe and resident of Norman, served two tours in Vietnam as an infantry officer. In April 1967 he was struck in the head and shoulders by fragments from a rocket propelled grenade. He was wounded by AK-47 fire in May, 1969. For his service in Vietnam, he was awarded the Silver Star Medal, Bronze Star Medal and two Purple Hearts. Also pictured on the left is Stewart Cady, President of the Native American Marine Corps Veterans Assoc. Present, but not pictured was his wife, Marti Poolaw.



Fellow Compatriots Colonel William R. 'Bill' Melton, USMC Ret. (left), and OKC/SAR Secretary-Treasurer George Thompson (right) recently were presented the Freedom Foundation Award for their exemplary civic achievements. Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge was founded in 1949, and is a national, not-for-profit, non-partisan, non-sectarian organization. It provides a wide range of educational awards programs for students, teachers and citizens to cultivate a greater awareness of U.S. history, constitutional rights, citizen responsibilities, student entrepreneurship, and youth leadership development.

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).*

Please join your fellow Compatriots in attending the next OKC/SAR meeting on Monday, Dec. 10th: 6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting; Oklahoma BarBQ Station @ 50th & Meridian, OKC. For more info contact Wayne Nash (405)844-4740.