

# SAR Sentinel

Oklahoma City Chapter Sons of the American Revolution



December 2016

Heading by Megan Sanford

Next meeting is Monday, December 12, 6 PM dinner, 7 PM meeting at Rococo's, North Park Mall

**Bring Christmas cards, new toys, and basic needs to December meeting for donation this season**



**Christmas Cards:** Bring signed cards with a note saying "Thank you Veteran for serving our country, May you have a blessed and safe Christmas and holiday season." We'd like to gather 300 cards.

**Unwrapped Toys:** Bring a new toy for any age, except realistic looking guns for donation to Toys for Tots.

**Basic Needs:** Bring Tootsie Rolls, Mint Patties, Peppermints, Famous Amos Chocolate Chip Cookies, and Pringles, along with new or gently used clothing for donation to the veterans.

## President's Dispatch



Compatriots,

Please join me in welcoming the Minutemen Quartet and Members of the US Marines representing Toys for Tots.

Once again our Country has accomplished a peaceful transfer of power. I always appreciate the renewed interest the public has in learning about our Constitution & Fore Fathers during this time. It is truly amazing to think that the Framers were able to create such a living document that still unites our country even during these times of the extreme passions.

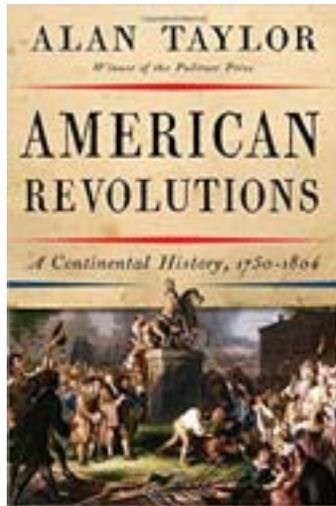
Please be sure to bring unwrapped toys for the Toys for Tots program.

Additionally, any items that can be donated for our Veterans would be appreciated. Compatriot Patrick Cowan takes, clothing,

*(Right) Edmond North HS JROTC, in conjunction with OKC SAR, gathered over 2,000 pairs of socks to be distributed to veterans. The students are under the direction of Compatriot Kenneth Young.*



## What was it like to be in the American colonies prior to the revolution?



It's life or death for America, people tell you, writes Caitlin Fitz in the December issue of *The Atlantic*. Everyone is debating politics and talking about taxes, religion, and race relations. Neighbors eye each other suspiciously. Angry crowds gather, smelling of booze and threatening violence; their leaders wink, confident that the ends justify the means. It's 1775 in Britain's American colonies. Whose side are you on?

Read Alan Taylor's *American Revolutions: A Continental History, 1750-1804*—and you may be surprised to find that you don't know whom you're rooting for. Which is to say, you'll feel like a typical colonist in the revolutionary era, filled with doubt and suspicions of both sides.

(Above) The cover of Alan Taylor's new book on revolutionary times. (At right) Participating in Veterans Day ceremonies last month at 45th Infantry Museum was the Color Guard: Bob Ives, Bob Thomas, Al Langford, Henry Baer, Marty Samwell, and Terry Handley.



### In Memoriam

**JESSE LEROY McCULLAR**  
4 Apr 1929 – 6 Oct 2016

Jesse McCullar was born in Byars, Okla., to Thurman and Myrtle E. (Shaw) McCullar. He worked at Tinker Air Force Base as a Civil Engineer Technician. He also had worked at Lowe's, worked in real estate, and as a minister. He married Mildred Huddleston, who preceded him in death. He later married Melba Ledinski, who survives him. Jesse served in the US Navy. He was a longtime member of Liberty Baptist Church, served on the Tecumseh School Board for over 20 years, was a member of the Elks, S.A.R., V.F.W., American Legion, and he was a founder of "Operation Christmas."

toiletries, or shoes to the VA every month. Also any Christmas Cards you may have with a generic message inside, unsealed, for our Veterans that are hospital bound are especially appreciated during this time of year.

Respect,  
Kyle Reynolds

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▪Chapter **meetings** are held on the second Monday of every month except June, July, and August, at Rococo's, 122nd & North May Ave in the North Park Mall in Oklahoma City. Members and their guests meet at 6 PM to place dinner orders with the business meeting starting at 7 PM.

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