

SAR Sentinel

Oklahoma City Chapter Sons of the American Revolution



February, 2011

Heading by Megan Sanford

Next Meeting: Monday, Feb. 14th, 6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting, Oklahoma BarBQ, 50th & Meridian

February Speaker by Wayne Nash



Shari Carney is a Professor of Political Science at the University of Central Oklahoma. She is actually retired but still teaches part time. She began her association with UCO when she received her Masters Degree in 1976. She also did her Doctoral Work in 1986. She holds membership in numerous Professional Organizations, received numerous Honors and is active in many more organizations. She is married and is the proud grandmother to four grandsons. She is a professional "Historical Recreator" and presents Programs, Reviews, Speeches and stories.

Sheri Carney will portray the character of Sacagawea the Shoshone interpreter, member of the Lewis and Clark expedition. Born around 1788. Much about Sacagawea, the only woman on the Lewis and Clark expedition into the American West, is a mystery. Daughter of a Shoshone chief, it is not known exactly when she was born. Around the age of 12, Sacagawea was captured by Hidatsa Indians, an enemy of the Shoshones. She was then sold to a French-Canadian trapper named Toussaint Charbonneau who made her one of his wives.



SAR War Service Medal *by Bill Melton*



Colonel Pendleton Woods, Oklahoma Army Natl. Guard, Ret., receives the War Service Medal with World War II & Korea Service Bars.



Chief Master Sergeant Robert R. Thomas, USAF Ret., receives the War Service Medal with Viet Nam service bar.

Chapter President's Report

"Reminiscing back to grade school, I remember learning about George Washington's story of his axe and the cherry tree he supposedly chopped down, and that he could not tell a lie. Do they still promote that, I asked myself?



So, through the power of the internet, off I went. I linked into a wonderful site: <http://www.georgewashingtonwired.org/>. Here you can find lots of things about the man and events. You can even get the local grade school a free portrait of George Washington, just by having the school principle submit a letter to the organization.

The month of February is a special time for the NSSAR as we celebrate the first true leader of our nation, and the foundation of our existence. Please take a moment and explore the real risks faced and the impact that George Washington had over his fellow and future countrymen.

In patriotism"

Glenn Fast

Washington: A Life by Ron Chernow

Reviewed by John Priddy

SAR Military Service Medal & Certificate;

by Bill Melton



Jack D. Query, US Army, Specialist 5th Class, Ret.



Charles W. Britton, USAF, 1st Lieutenant, Ret.



Kenneth W. Young, USAF Lt. Colonel, Ret.



Wayne L. Nash, US Army Sergeant, Ret.



George Brownlee, US Army Sergeant, Ret.

SAVE THESE DATES:

Spring Leadership Meeting, March 10-12th, Brown Hotel, Louisville, KY:

106th Annual SAR State Congress; Saturday, April 2nd, Quail Creek County Club, Oklahoma City, OK

OKC-SAR 2011 officers:

Glenn Fast, President

Kenneth Young, Vice President

George Thompson, Secretary

Daryl Nash, Treasurer

Robert R. Thomas, Registrar

I recently purchased and read Ron Chernow's new biography of George Washington, and highly recommend it. According to Chernow, Washington was anything but a simple man. Longevity was not common to men of his family. While aspiring to the status of English gentleman, successful land speculator and wealthy tidewater plantation owner, Washington was repeatedly frustrated in achieving these goals.

His self-esteem and how others viewed him contemporaneously and into the distant future were of unceasing concern to Washington. It isn't an exaggeration to portray his demeanor as formal, even rigid. In addition to the man himself, the author gives us brief but richly drawn portraits of Washington's personal and professional families. Describing domestic life, Chernow examines a surprisingly cool relationship between mother and son. While having an eye for attractive ladies, Chernow records the close and interdependent relationship between Washington and his wife, Martha. Washington's political awareness and maturity are given no less thorough treatment. His inability to gain a regular commission in the British Army and increasingly sensitive to a steady series of political and economic slights underscoring deep British condescension towards the colonies make for very interesting reading.

In developing a portrait of Washington the warrior, the young lieutenant colonel of militia and indispensable commander-in-chief of the nation's war efforts, Chernow sufficiently covers key personalities, strategies and battles. Chernow amply provides details without succumbing to triviality. The author also examines Washington's inner struggle with slavery including intimate portraits of slaves whose service to Washington as General and President are remarkable in and of themselves...

Chernow's research appears impeccable and the book is informative and a pleasure to read. "Washington, A Life," will make a wonderful addition to the personal and professional libraries of those interested in the American Revolution and our founding fathers.

Color Guard Report, by Henry Baer

On Saturday January 8th, four members of the color guard participated in the opening ceremonies for the State Superintendent's Social Studies & Fine Arts Conference at Southmoore High School. This was the fifth year the color guard participated in this event. Participating were Compatriots Henry Baer, Mike Sanford, Bob Thomas and Al Lankford. The color guards next event will be the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Oklahoma City on March 19th. This will be our first appearance in this parade.



January's meeting speakers were from left to right, **Erin Nash** (Swine Week), **Delaney Nash** local John Bray C.A.R. chapter, Vice President; **Swanson Thompson & Wesley Hudson**, grandchildren of George & Nona Thompson who presented "The Flag Code". Our thanks and appreciation to all of you for a great program.

From the desk of : Robert Thomas, Chapter Registrar: *As of February, 2011 we have 102 members, with 17 applications pending.*

Please join your fellow Compatriots in attending the OKC/SAR meeting on Valentines Day, Monday, Feb. 14th, 6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting; Oklahoma BarBQ @ 50th & Meridian, OKC. For more info contact Wayne Nash (405)844-4740.