

# SAR Sentinel

Oklahoma City Chapter Sons of the American Revolution



February, 2013

Heading by Megan Sanford

NEXT MEETING: Monday, Feb. 11th, 6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting, Oklahoma BarBQ, 50th & Meridian

February Speaker, **Billie Stone Fogarty**  
**Bundling, Banns and Bonds: Love and Marriage in early America**  
by Al Lankford



When considering the institution of marriage it would probably be best to look back to a less confused time, the time of our colonial ancestors. Their varied and fascinating practices will be discussed by **Billie Stone Fogarty** at our meeting Monday February 11.

Billie is a professional genealogist and former history teacher with a Bachelors and Masters degree who

devotes her time to infecting others with her love of history. She lectures regularly, teaches genealogy each semester and who is the author of Guidebook to Researching My Family Tree. She is president of the Genealogical Speakers Guild and serves on the Board of Directors of Professional Genealogists, Oklahoma Historical Society and Oklahoma Genealogical Society where she served as President from 2002 to 2009.

Something to keep in mind is that Thursday, February 14th is Valentine's Day so be sure to bring your significant other. This presentation and a dinner might count as a date night, just a suggestion.

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The Oklahoma City chapter of the Sons of The American Revolution gratefully recognizes its sponsors/participants for the **Long Term Basic Needs Program** that serves our local and state Veterans. Participants include Jerry Ward, GM of the Homeland Store at Britton & May Avenue for monthly donations of apples, oranges and bananas to our Veterans; D-Dent, Inc. of Oklahoma & Shirley Harris, executive director for contributing 100 tooth brush's and 100 tubes of tooth paste each month; and the Chesapeake Energy employees & family's for their annual drive of over 3,500 items

## Chapter President's Message



Compatriots,

The week of February 14th is the "National Salute to our Veterans Patients" week where we are called upon to pay tribute and express appreciation to Veterans, increase community awareness of the role of the VA medical center and encourage citizens to visit hospitalized Veterans and to become involved as volunteers. We the ancestors of the first American veterans are especially well poised to add our voices and actions to this special week. We are blessed to have among our number fellow compatriots who have acted upon this spirit of tribute. Past president Glenn Fast who created the vision of our local SAR program and current VA Program chairman Patrick Cowan who has worked so tirelessly to recruit corporate sponsors to deliver on its vision. We also have long had among our number another compatriot who has served our veterans without restraint, Penn Woods, who truly gives meaning to the words "selfless devotion" to those who have served a grateful nation. God bless them all, and may their efforts inspire all of us to action

In Patriotism,

Martin Reynolds

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Color Guard Commander Henry Baer III, invites all interested fellow Compatriots to join the **OKC/SAR Color Guard**. Upcoming events: Feb. 14th, 10:00 VA Medical Center, North entrance, honoring our local Veterans @ media day; St. Patrick's Day parade, March 16th, line up at 11:00am; parade at 1:00; downtown OKC; 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)



Color Guard members stay very busy. Above left, members Bob Thomas and Al Lankford with SAR member Wayne Nash (center) at the State Capitol for Colonial Days; above middle: Color Guard at Wreaths across America at Ft. Reno are left to right, Glenn Fast, Robert Thomas, Al Lankford and Commander Henry Baer III; Above right: Commander Baer with Color Guard members Michael Sanford and Al Lankford at the Oklahoma Historical Center for Colonial Days. Colonial Days program began in 1987 under the direction of the Colonial Dames of America who appointed Catherine Wooten of Chickasha to be Regent. She began by hosting a Bill of Rights Day. The project grew and moved to OKC-Enterprise Square in 1991. In 1995 the Event was moved to the State Capitol and received support from the State Department of Education. Colonial Williamsburg Teacher Institute through its alumni member, Teresa Potter of Moore, OK was a participant in the event. The project is now under the direction of Ms. Potter. Teresa Potter has been a guest speaker in the past years for the OKC/SAR chapter. This past year the event was joined by Brenda Wheeler of the Foundation for Excellence. The two co-sponsored the event at the capitol during the day and a dinner at the Oklahoma History Center Chesapeake room. (Story by Wayne Nash)

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REMEMBER TO BRING "BASIC NEEDS" FOR OUR VETS TO EACH CHAPTER MEETING. QUESTIONS: Patrick Cowan; 755-7200; Thanks!

**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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