

SAR Sentinel

Oklahoma City Chapter Sons of the American Revolution



February 2017

Heading by Megan Sanford

Next meeting is Monday, February 13, 6 PM dinner, 7 PM meeting at Rococo's, North Park Mall

Decorated airman to speak on Black military history from Revolutionary War to World War II



Presenting the February program during Black History Month will be Mahlon Smith. Smith's topic is "Blacks in the United States Military from the Revolution to World War II".

Smith served in Operation Urgent Fury and Iraqi Freedom, retired after twenty-four years of service in 2005, and is president of the local chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.

Smith is currently employed at Tinker Air Force Base as a logistics Manager with the System Program Office for KC-135 Depot Maintenance.

President's Dispatch



Compatriots,

Please join me in welcoming Mahlon Smith, an expert on the Tuskegee Airmen, presenting "Blacks in the United State Military" on Monday, February 13th.

These past two weeks have a living study in the balance of power our Framers put in the federal constitution. As we move forward over the next four years, it will be interesting to see how this balance of power plays out.

Additionally, any items that can be donated for our Veterans would be deeply appreciated. Compatriot Patrick Cowan takes clothing, toiletries, and shoes to the VA each month.

Respectfully,
Kyle Reynolds



Nona Thompson of the John Bray CAR Society presented the January program. Thompson presented slides showing the artifacts that are housed in the national museum.

The 2016-2017 National President's Project is to raise funds for an outdoor artillery and firing station at the new American Revolution Museum at Yorktown, VA.

Oklahoma has six active societies with about 250 members, 35 of which are in the Oklahoma City society.

The NSCAR Museum is housed in the DAR building in Washington, D.C.



Mercer's sword donated to new Philadelphia museum

The St. Andrew's Society of Philadelphia presented General Hugh Mercer's sword recently to the Museum of the American Revolution, which opens April 19 on the anniversary of the opening battles of the Revolutionary War in 1775.

Mercer was mortally wounded at the Battle of Princeton on January 4, 1777. He died nine days after the battle ended in victory for the Continental Army. His body was laid out at Philadelphia's City Tavern the day before his internment so mourners could pay their final respects to the hero.

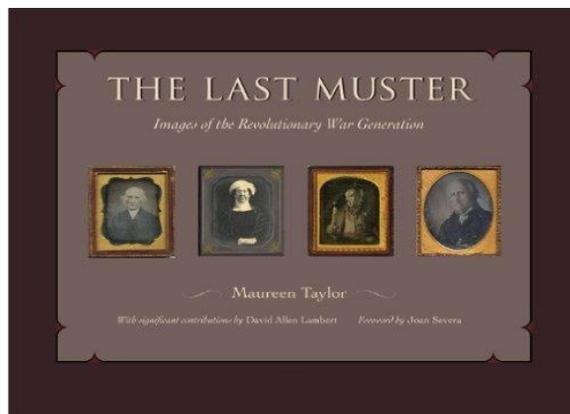
Of note. . .

- Treasurer George Thompson reports that at the end of 2016, the chapter had 135 members. Membership at the close of the 2016 reconciliation process totals 113, plus five New Member applications that have been sent to SAR Headquarters which are awaiting registration. Twenty-three Compatriots were dropped from active chapter membership status for non-payment of 2017 SAR dues.
- 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 either Bob Thomas (405.737.6181, rbjthomas@sbcglobal.net) or Wayne Nash (405.844.4740, pnwnash@sbcglobal.net) who will assist you with locating necessary documents for the admission process.
- Interested in serving as the chair of veteran members? Contact Patrick Cowan, jpatrickcowan@gmail.com, for more information.

Revolutionary biographies and images available

At the time of the invention of photography in 1839, America's Revolutionary generation was quickly passing away. Historians and photographers sought to capture the images and stories of veterans and those who lived through that momentous period.

Author Maureen Taylor's book, *The Last Muster: Images of the Revolutionary War Generation*, compiled over fifty extant nineteenth-century photographs and shares known biographical information for each person. Perhaps your ancestor is included in this wonderful work.



•For **membership** inquiries, contact Secretary George Thompson at 405.722.1286 or gdt40@cox.net. Both Bob Thomas at 405.737.6181 or rbjthomas@sbcglobal.net or Wayne Nash at 405.844.4740 or wnash80128@gmail.com can assist you with locating the necessary documents.

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•Like us on **Facebook** (www.facebook.com/okcsar) which is monitored by Michael Sanford at 405.445.9415.

•Join the **Color Guard** by contacting Commander Terry Handley at 405.285.4933 or thandley1@me.com.

•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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