

SAR Sentinel

Oklahoma City Chapter Sons of the American Revolution



December 2011

Heading by Megan Sanford

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

January Speaker (s) by Wayne Nash

By tradition, we hold a joint meeting in January each year with the John Bray Chapter of the Children of the American Revolution. We grant their Chapter the privilege to bring us the speaker or other items of their choosing. Della Nash, is "Senior Society President" of the local John Bray chapter. After the C.A.R. program, the John Bray Society guests may be excused or all are welcome to stay for the remainder of the business portion of the S.A.R. meeting.



<<<<<<< **Delaney Nash**; Delaney is a Senior at Edmond Memorial High School. She is Vice President of the local John Bray C.A.R. chapter. Delaney is going to give a short talk on her Mission trip.

>>>>>> **Erin Nash**. Erin is going to talk about Swine Week at Edmond Memorial High School where she is a Junior. These young ladies are cousins

and are grand daughters of Della Nash.



SAR Wounded Warrior Award



Bill Melton awards **Marine Sergeant Grady L Rainbow** the SAR Wounded Warrior Coin and Certificate, Rainbow was twice wounded in Viet Nam {hand grenade & AK-47}, with 16 years of military service.

Toys for Tots



Pictured, Marine Sergeants Tyler Harrison & John Haywood with Lance Corporal Jeffery Lyles receiving Toys for Tots; and they spoke on their service to our country.

Chapter President's Report

"2011! I remember growing up watching the Jetson's wondering what it would be



like past 2000. Well, here we are and some of the scenarios are not too far fetched now, huh?

That being said, some things don't change either. This year, the OKC Chapter will again host the Annual Congress and I hope to see a record attendance as we have at the monthly meetings. We will have the usual color guard events, but with the St Patrick's Day Parade as well. For those who missed the Ft Reno event, we will have hopefully a return of our Color Guard.

Whatever your interest is in your involvement in the SAR, be it active or inactive, please let the officers know of improvements we could address in this new year.

Paula and I wish each of you the best in the months ahead!

In patriotism"

Glenn Fast

Fort Reno Military Cemetery Wreaths across America

New Members: by Wayne Nash

Louis Trost, Jr.

Louis and his wife, Charlotte live in Oklahoma City. His Patriot ancestor is John Ford.



Martin Reynolds

Martin and his wife, Rebecca live in Edmond, OK. His Patriot ancestor is John Emery.



Kenneth Young

Kenneth and his wife Karen live in Edmond, OK. His patriot ancestor is Moses Pullen.



OKC-SAR 2011 officers:

Glenn Fast, President

Kenneth Young, Vice President

George Thompson, Secretary

Daryl Nash, Treasurer

Robert R. Thomas, Registrar

Obituary:

Robert "Bob" Russell

82, Hydro, Oklahoma
Robert became a member of the Oklahoma City Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution on November 15, 1991. He is survived by his wife Rita.



Lt. Gov. Jari Askins



Fort Reno decorated cemetery



SAR Color Guard

Photos by Patty Whitecotton

Members of the community joined the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution Fort Reno Chapter at the **Historic Fort Reno Cemetery** (above center) for their second annual wreath laying ceremony Saturday, December 18th.

"Each of us has someone—a father, an uncle, a grandfather, a brother or sister, or a friend—who is immediately thought of when the word veteran is heard," **Lt. Gov. Jari Askins** (above left) said. She urged all to remember our veterans and the country we have because of their sacrifices, to rekindle our patriotism and be proud of our country, and to respond to the needs of our country."

The Lt. Gov. was the keynote speaker at the patriot wreath laying ceremony which included the presentation of U.S. House of Representatives Congressional Citation by Garret King representing Rep. Frank Lucas, an Oklahoma State Senate Citation by Senator Ron Justice, an Oklahoma State House of Representatives Citation by Todd Russ, and reflections by Diane Hammill, Oklahoma State Regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The honor guard of the Oklahoma Sons of the American Revolution Oklahoma City Chapter [shown above right, include Color Guardsman, **Henry Baer, Bob Thomas, Glenn Fast, and Al Lankford**] horsemen and wagonmaster of Fort Reno Living History, and Bugles Across America bugler Clayton Dodds participated in the ceremony emceed by Dr. Jean Steiner of USDA Grazinglands Research Laboratory. Also in attendance was **SAR State President George Thompson**

Organizer Gina Lagaly said she and other members of the Fort Reno Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution wanted to honor the soldiers laid to rest in Canadian County with an official ceremony being at Fort Reno while sending a message to others of the importance of remembering those who served and are serving in the military.

This is a project Lagaly would like to see grow until the more than 3,000 veteran graves in Canadian County have a wreath. "Last year we laid the 70 wreaths at Fort Reno and on veterans memorials throughout the county. This year we added 35 wreaths at Oakland cemetery and placed 80 wreaths on graves at Concho Indian Cemetery with the assistance of some members of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes and their color guard."

She explained the handmade wreaths used Eastern Redcedar harvested on the McNeff and Niemann farms under the direction of Brad Tipton, OSU Extension, and Dr. Craig McKinley, OSU. Members of the community, the 4-H, and the Girl Scouts assisted the chapter in making wreaths and bows. "This is truly a community effort, and we hope to involve more and more people until every veteran who is buried in Canadian County has a wreath," she said. "They deserve that much and more."