

SAR Sentinel

Oklahoma City Chapter Sons of the American Revolution



January, 2014

Heading by Megan Sanford

Next Meeting: Monday, January 13th, 6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting, Rococo's, 122nd & N. May

January Program:

Welcome John Bray Society of the Children of the American Revolution, [C.A.R]. The Society of the Children of the American Revolution developed from the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). This year 2014, is celebrating the 102nd Anniversary of the Children of the American Revolution.



OKC/SAR Color Guard at the Wreaths Across America ceremony at Ft. Sill National Cemetery; OKC members making the trip, L-R are Ron Schrouf, Bill Graham (Tulsa), Wayne Nash, Martin Reynolds and Howard Ferrell. Thank you Color Guard for your dedication and devotion. We all appreciate your time and effort very much! Contact Commander Henry Baer III to join: (405)720-2909.

Welcome Shirley Harris, Executive Director of D-Dent, Inc.,

The Oklahoma City chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution welcomes Shirley Harris, Executive Director of D-Dent, Inc., recognized for their continued support and sponsorship of the OKC/SAR-VA Medical Center long term basic needs program; providing basic dental needs every month to the VA Medical Center. Please remember to bring socks, underwear, shirts, gloves warm winter clothing of all types to the Monday night dinner meeting at Rococo's @ 122nd & N. May; To have items picked up contact Patrick Cowan: 755-7200

Chapter President's Report



I had the good fortune to participate in the "Wreaths Across America" presentation of the colors at the Fort Sill National Cemetery in Elgin, Oklahoma last month, organized by the Lawton chapter of the DAR. The mission of the program is to Remember, Honor, & Teach about the service and sacrifices of our veterans, active military, and their families. There were four of us from the Oklahoma City Chapter, Wayne Nash, Howard Ferrell, Ron Schrouf and myself and three compatriots from Tulsa. It was hand numbing cold that day but we had fine attendance and an excellent presentation. I was honored to be able to participate and count myself lucky to be in an organization that gives me the opportunity to pay tribute in the manner we do. I hope all of the best to all of you this New Year.

In Patriotism,
Martin Reynolds

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1781

The Decisive Year of the Revolutionary War

By: Robert L. Tonsectic

Submitted by OKC/SAR member Al Lankford

The years 1776, 1865 and 1945 were years in which the course of American history changed. Robert Tonsectic makes the case that 1781 should be added to this list after reading his book you will likely agree.

One might argue that 1780 was the low point of the War for Independence almost everything was going wrong. The army had shrunk from nearly 23,000 to 10,000. Disputes about terms of enlistment, shortages of supplies and pay had led to mutinies it was almost impossible to recruit replacements. The civilian population had grown increasingly war weary and apathetic. The French had grown weary of endless loans and material support to the American cause and were promoting negotiations for peace. Charleston had fallen and after the disastrous American defeat at Camden it appeared that the British Southern strategy was working to perfection and the colonies would be cut in half.

This was the situation that greeted our leaders in 1781 and the story of their resolve and daring would serve as a source of inspiration for all generations to come. I would suggest this book to refresh our memory of the price they paid and the example they left for future generations to live up to.

Registrar Robert R. Thomas reports we presently have 122 active members, with 4 applications pending National waiting review.

Has everyone sent in their 2014 membership dues?

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; and Wayne Nash (405-844-4740) pnwnash@sbcglobal.net, who are available to assist in the genealogy, research and locating necessary documents.

Please join your fellow Compatriots in attending the next OKC/SAR dinner meeting on Monday, January 13th: 6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting; Great food, program & company; Rococo's @ 122nd & N. May; North side of North Park Mall.