

# SAR Sentinel

Oklahoma City Chapter Sons of the American Revolution



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Headed by Megan Sanford

Next meeting is Monday, January 8, 6 PM dinner, 7 PM meeting at Rococo's, North Park Mall



Above: At the December meeting, Sergeant Montana Christeson of the 14th Marines accepted toys donated for Toys for Tots by the OKC SAR Chapter. Right: The Bob Ives Barbershop Quartet performed holiday songs at the meeting.



## Featured Program

### Balanced 2018 OK State Budget - Fixed or Fiction?



At the January meeting, Trent England will offer ten specific strategies for delivering state services within a balanced budget.

He serves as VP for Strategic Initiatives at the Oklahoma Council of Public Affairs, where he also is the David and Ann Brown Distinguished Fellow for the Advancement of Liberty and directs the Center for the Constitution & Freedom and Save Our States project. He is an adjunct fellow of the Freedom Foundation.

Trent earned a law degree from The George Mason Univ. School of Law. He lives in Oklahoma City with his wife and their three children and hosts a radio program, The Trent England Show, from 7-9 AM every weekday on Oklahoma's AM 1640, "The Eagle."

## Bitcoin like Continental currency?

[CNBC] Former US Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan in a recent interview compared Bitcoin with Continental currency, arguing that Bitcoin will suffer the same fate as it is not supported by a commodity like gold, either.

Bitcoin is cryptocurrency and has no central bank or administrator, instead using peer-to-peer transactions without an intermediary. Continental currency, issued first in 1775 by the Continental Congress was practically worthless by 1782.



Above: Baron Johann de Kalb, namesake for the city of DeKalb, Illinois, first known as Huntley's Grove.

## Six Foreign-Born Patriots You Should Know

### Baron Johann de Kalb

During a trip to the colonies in 1768 on behalf of France to determine the level of discontent among the colonists, Baron Johann de Kalb gained a respect for the colonists and their quest for independence. He returned to the colonies with the Marquis de Lafayette and was disappointed to learn that although he joined the Continental Army, he would not have the rank of major general.

With the help of Lafayette, however, the Bavarian-born veteran was made a major general. De Kalb went on to command a division during the dreary winter at Valley Forge, often working closely with Lafayette and General Washington.

De Kalb's final campaign unfolded in 1780, when he took command of around 1,200 Maryland and Delaware troops in the war's Southern theater. While serving under General Horatio Gates that August, he participated in the Battle of Camden. De Kalb and his men stood firm before finally being overwhelmed by General Cornwallis. During the melee, the 59-year-old Baron was slashed with a saber, shot three times and repeatedly bayoneted. Taken prisoner by the British, he died three days later, supposedly after uttering the words, "I die the death I always prayed for: the death of a soldier fighting for the rights of man."

### Washington's Medal Displayed



For the first time in over 200 years, a medal owned and worn by General Washington is on display in Philadelphia at the Museum of the American Revolution. The Diamond Eagle is the badge of office of the president general of the Society of the Cincinnati, an organization founded by officers of the Continental Army at the end of the Revolutionary War.

The Diamond Eagle was presented to Washington by officers of the French Navy and designed with nearly 200 diamonds, emeralds and rubies by Pierre L'Enfant.



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▪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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