



This is a special NEWSLETTER

At the last meeting in the spring of 2010 the OKLAHOMA CITY Chapter of SAR elected Compatriot Glenn Fast as their President for the next two years.



Glenn Fast

Glenn has been a member of the Oklahoma City Chapter for a number of years. He has been especially active in the Color Guard. He has served as the Commander of the Oklahoma State Color Guard for a number of years. He resides with his wife Paula in Enid, OK

SPECIAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Message from Glenn

Here's hoping each of you had a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day and its weekend. It's been about a month now since the last meeting, so I'd like to take a moment of your time and share some news and thoughts. I sincerely hope that none of you experienced any damage from the

IMPORTANT programs in the NSSAR. Interested? Please contact me for further details.

Additionally, I am appointing Wayne Nash as Special Advisor to this President. Wayne was, I believe and I would say most all would agree, exceptional in his efforts to gain momentum in the Chapter growth and activities. He was thorough in his efforts, and has expressed his desire to continue spending time in the Chapter's interests. Wayne has accepted the role of the 106th OKSSAR State Congress Chairman to help organize the 2011 Spring event as the OKC Chapter is the host.

This issue of the Newsletter is different from those of the past, and I hope that you will enjoy the new format.

We want to use e-mail in the distribution of our monthly NEWSLETTER. PLEASE send your response, either yes or no to Wayne

Nash at pnwnash@sbcglobal.net also copy me at glennandpaula@suddenlink.net. if you have changed you e-mail recently then send us the new one. Several of you may have spam blockers on you e-mail in-box and that may prevent us from getting you our mail so please make the necessary changes so that we can get into you e-mail.

Those who do not have an email will be sent a copy in the traditional fashion, however, if you see that you

We need to get back into the schools with our Good Citizenship awards. Teachers have enough on their curriculum already, and some times cannot slot their time with poster contest and the like. However, Good Citizenship awards can be on a level that is accessible across the board, and can be recognized by their peers. A sample Certificate could be placed in a prominent place for all to see.

Neighborhood Flag displays are on the rise, and we could ride the wave. Non-Commercial displays need to be commended and we can benefit with this publicity tool.

There are also the returning troops, the VA Hospital, Citizenship Ceremonies we could make more of a presence at.

That's all I have for now, and while they are simple goals, I feel that we need to spend some time and revisit some old cores values.

Some summer events coming up are:

- A planning session on 07 August for the Chapter's monthly meetings. It will be held at the Church of Christ, 2520 West Britton Road from 9-11am. If you want to contribute to the Chapter in a valuable way, come with a list of speakers of programs, etc. that you think would be in the Chapter's interest.
- The South Central District

May 10th hailstorm. If you did, I hope the damage was minor and nobody got hurt.

I'm really excited to announce the following appointments for the next two years in the role of:

- Medals & Awards Chairman – Bill Melton
- CAR & DAR Liaison – George Thompson
- Color Guard Commander – Henry Baer
- Newsletter Editor – Jim Blair
- Recruitment & Member Involvement – Wayne Nash
- Photographer – Ray Meritt
- ROTC/JROTC Coordinator – Howard Hines
- Essay Contest Coordinator – Pen Woods
- Parliamentarian – Charles Britton
- Chapter Meetings Host – Bob Peterson

Most are incumbent and I appreciate their continuation in the Chairman capacity.

The OKC Chapter needs a member to step up and assume the role of Eagle Scout Coordinator. I believe there are a few Boy Scout Councils in our area that could benefit our involvement. If you wish to contribute in a very worthwhile manner, this is one of THE

can help get the word out, please feel free to let Jim Blair know that you can help with the mailing list by letting him know who you will "adopt". This will help defray the Chapter's cost and time in a small, but effective manner.

Ray Meritt has accepted the role of Chapter Photographer, but those of you who are also shutterbugs can submit your photos to Jim as well. Join Ray with your camera and don't be shy.

One of my goals for the Chapter is growth, of course. Please consider visiting your local Library and scan the resources available. I'll bet, in checking the genealogical section, you'll find the NSDAR in abundance, but not much on the NSSAR. The library is really where I started my research, and I doubt that it's changed that much. This is a basic resource and we can easily help as local SAR members. After introducing yourself to the Librarian, ask for permission to make available the SAR brochures and a presentable placard listing the Chapter's contact information. What do you do with your copy of the SAR Magazine? You could donate it to the Library for resource information rather than trash it.

A personal goal of mine is to be a first line sponsor of a new member. If every member could do this, we'd double our ranks in a short time-- guaranteed! What more of a contribution f your spare time than to help out a future members?

Meeting in Little Rock, AR on 20-21 August. All members are invited, and guardsmen are encouraged to suit up. See the OKSSAR website for details.

The monthly meetings begin in September, until then, BE SAFE!

Glenn

The first meeting will be on September 13th.

Our meeting place and time remain the same as last year—The Station BBQ located in the Springdale Shopping Center on the NE corner of 50th and Meridian, Oklahoma City, OK

Come at 6:00pm or shortly thereafter, enjoy a meal of GREAT BBQ. (We welcome visitors and spouses) Our meeting will begin at 7:00pm. We usually are dismissed sometime around 8:30 or so. I look forward to seeing you there

President Glenn Fast

HELP!!!

I know everyone would like to assist the Chapter in saving some money—RIGHT. We need to up-date our data base with you current e-mail. If you have been getting e-mail from members then we have yours. If not—Please send yours to pnwnash@sbcglocal.net also copy glennandpaula@suddenlink.net

JOHN PAUL JONES



"I have not yet begun to fight," and after three more hours of furious fighting it was the Serapis and Countess of Scarborough that surrendered. After the victory, the Americans transferred to the Serapis from the Bonhomme Richard, which sank the following day.

Jones was hailed as a great hero in France, but recognition in the United States was somewhat belated. He continued to serve the United States until 1787 and then served briefly in the Russian navy before moving to France, where he died in 1792 amidst the

devastatingly bloody end at Culloden on April 16, 1746, Mercer returned to Aberdeenshire, where he spent a year in hiding before moving to Pennsylvania in March 1747.

Once in America, Mercer enlisted in the army of the Hanoverian king, George III, whom he had sought to overthrow during the uprising in Scotland. During the Seven Years' War, he first served in General Edward Braddock's disastrous expedition of 1755, in which he was wounded, and then again with Lieutenant Colonel John Armstrong's army at the raid of Kittanning in 1756.

From 1760 to 1775, Mercer worked as an apothecary and practiced medicine in Fredericksburg, Virginia. When the colonies took up

September 23, 1779; John Paul Jones wins in English waters!

During the American Revolution, the U.S. ship Bonhomme Richard, commanded by John Paul Jones, wins a hard-fought engagement against the British ships of war Serapis and Countess of Scarborough, off the eastern coast of England.

Scottish-born John Paul Jones first sailed to America as a cabin boy and lived for a time in Fredericksburg, Virginia, where his brother had a business. He later served on slave and merchant ships and proved an able seaman. After he killed a fellow sailor while suppressing a mutiny, he returned to the American colonies to escape possible British prosecution.

With the outbreak of the American Revolution in 1775, he traveled to Philadelphia and was commissioned a senior lieutenant in the new Continental Navy. He soon distinguished himself in actions against British ships in the Bahamas, the Atlantic Ocean and the English Channel.

In August 1779, Jones took command of the Bonhomme Richard and sailed around the British Isles. On September 23, the Bonhomme Richard engaged the Serapis and the smaller Countess of Scarborough, which were escorting the Baltic merchant fleet. After inflicting considerable damage to the Bonhomme Richard, Richard Pearson, the captain of the Serapis, asked Jones if he had struck his colors, the naval signal indicating surrender. From his disabled ship, Jones replied,

chaos of the French Revolution. He was buried in an unmarked grave. In 1905, his remains were located under the direction of the U.S. ambassador to France and then escorted back to the United States by U.S. warships. His body was later enshrined in a crypt at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

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Brigadier General Hugh Mercer



January 12, 1777

Hugh Mercer dies from wounds received in Battle of Princeton

On this day in 1777, American Brigadier General Hugh Mercer dies from the seven bayonet wounds he received during the Battle of Princeton.

Mercer's military service ranged over two continents and three armies. Born in Rosehearty, Scotland, Mercer studied medicine at the University of Aberdeen and first served as an assistant surgeon in Bonnie Prince Charlie's army of 1745. After the Scots uprising against the British met its

arms against the British, he quickly returned to his rebellious roots. When first commissioned as a captain in the Continental Army, Mercer was charged with leading the Independent Company of the Town of Fredericksburg. He was soon made a lieutenant colonel, commanding a militia battalion. By December 1775, he was a full colonel and the first commander of the 3d Virginia Regiment, with luminaries including James Monroe and John Marshall under his command.

General George Washington personally requested Mercer's promotion to brigadier general in June 1776.

Six months later, Mercer led a brigade during the Battle of Princeton. Although famed medic Benjamin Rush tended to Mercer's seven bayonet wounds, he could not save his medical colleague and fellow Patriot. Mercer died in the Thomas Clarke House on the eastern end of the battlefield, nine days after the battle ended in victory for the Patriots.

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The sketch was said to be made by John Trumbull—a notable artist of that era.

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