

# SAR Sentinel

Oklahoma City Chapter Sons of the American Revolution



July, 2012

Heading by Megan Sanford

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

**HAPPY 236th BIRTHDAY AMERICA !**



OKC/SAR Color Guard members (above) left to right: **Mike Sanford, Bob Thomas, Ron Schrouf, Commander Henry Baer, Al Lankford, Glenn Fast, Richard Sidwell & Cory Shipman.** You're welcome to join the Color Guard, contact Henry Baer 720-2920. Up next: Cheer on the Color Guard at the LibertyFest Parade in Edmond on the 4th of July @ 9:00am; Picture below is from the 2011 LibertyFest 4th of July Parade in Edmond. Thanks to all Color Guard members for your dedication and service to OKC/SAR.



## Chapter President's Message



Compatriots, I want to introduce myself to you and thank you for the honor and opportunity to serve as your President for the next two years.

Our chapter has been growing over the last few years and I will work with the chapter to continue this trend. Membership with a purpose is that for which we should strive I believe. The furthering of our knowledge of the actions of our forefathers and through that our appreciation of what has so graciously been delivered to us, liberty, is one of our goals. Knowledge gained without a purpose though is an opportunity lost.

I wish therefore that we as a chapter should take on service related goals that demonstrate to our community what we stand for through action. What these actions may be remains to be seen but I have learned from experience that leadership is key to achieving service. I ask you therefore for your forbearance and help in the future to better demonstrate our high ideals to the community.

In Patriotism,

Martin Reynolds

For membership roster inquiries please contact OKC/SAR Secretary George Thompson at (405) 722-1286; gdt40@cox.net

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OKC/SAR Website: <http://okssar.comujo.com>: questions, please contact Glenn Lee @ (405)608-0371

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On facebook: facebook.com/okcsar; for further information, please contact Michael Sanford @ (405)445-9415

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Color Guard Commander Henry Baer invites all interested fellow Compatriots to join the **OKC/SAR Color Guard**. For further information, please contact Commander Baer at (405)720-2909

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Articles, suggestions and news for the OKC/SAR *Sentinel* Newsletter are encouraged and may be submitted to Patrick Cowan, Editor; (405)755-7200, or email to: [pcowan@cox.net](mailto:pcowan@cox.net)

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**BE SURE AND JOIN YOUR FELLOW COMPATRIOTS ON MONDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 10th FOR THE MONTHLY MEETING: 6:00 DINNER; 7:00 MEETING.**

Compatriot President Martin Reynolds held an extremely well attended meeting of members who care about and want to be involved with the OKC/SAR future plans, last Monday evening. Those present were Compatriots Henry Baer, Brian Bakeman, Charles Britton, Patrick Cowan, Howard Ferrell, Quinton Hiebert, Peter Keltch, Glenn Lee, Al Lankford, Wayne Nash, President Martin Reynolds, Michael Sanford, Ron Schrouf, George Thompson, & Louis Trost.

Subject matters covered included creating special and standing committees for our chapter by-laws, budget committee, speakers, awards, newsletter, publicity, Color Guard, and a special committee for the Veterans Hospital Basic Needs long term community program. President Reynolds will call a July meeting to review all information and then present those findings to the full membership at the September 10th meeting. President Martin Reynolds welcomes comments at: (405) 740-8223; or email: [ma56reynolds@gmail.com](mailto:ma56reynolds@gmail.com) .

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On July 4, 1776, delegates to the Continental Congress in Philadelphia voted to adopt the Declaration of Independence. The men who issued that famous document realized they were signing their own death warrants, since the British would consider them traitors. Our forefathers came to certain conclusions and decided upon certain courses of action which have been a great blessing to the world. They were people who came under influence of a great spiritual development and acquired a great moral power.

No other theory is adequate to explain or comprehend the Declaration of Independence. It is the product of the spiritual insight of the people. We live in an age of science and abounding accumulation of material things. These did not create our Declaration. Our Declaration created them. The things of the spirit come first. Unless we cling to that, all our material prosperity, overwhelming though it may appear, will turn to a barren scepter in our grasp. If we are to maintain the great heritage which has been bequeathed to us, we must be like-minded as the fathers who created it!

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**\*\* From the desk of: Robert R. Thomas, Chapter Registrar: *We now have 130 members, with two supplement applications pending.***

**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](mailto:rbjthomas@sbcglobal.net); and Wayne Nash (405-844-4740) [pnwnash@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pnwnash@sbcglobal.net), **who are available to assist in the genealogy and locate necessary documents (no charge).**