

SAR Sentinel

Oklahoma City Chapter Sons of the American Revolution



July, 2013

Heading by Megan Sanford

Next Meeting: Monday, Sept. 9th, 6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting, Oklahoma BarBQ, 50th & Meridian

HAPPY 237th 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 @ 8:45am; Picture below is from the 2012 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



Our Forefathers Dream Achieved

The struggle for freedom; against tyranny; to oppose injustice; is a task existing only in the moment for those providence has so deeded it. It is all consuming in it's scope, requiring a total commitment, exclusive of all other concerns. However when the deed is done, the task achieved, the crown of laurels laid aside, is there nothing more than the fight to be remembered? There is indeed.

What do we devote our lives to as parents? What do those as citizen soldiers finally call victory? Peace for our posterity. For all of the troubles we wring our hands about, for all of the failings each of us sees our nation dedicating all of it energies towards, let us remember on this Fourth of July holiday of thanksgiving that those who have so struggled have achieved ,if not peace in their time, then in ours.

May God bless them one and all.

In Patriotism,

Martin Reynolds

**Secretary/Treasurer Report,
by George Thompson**

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

OKC/SAR Website: <http://okssar.com> questions, please contact Glenn Lee @ (405)216-3388

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

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

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

BE SURE AND JOIN YOUR FELLOW COMPATRIOTS ON MONDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 9th FOR THE MONTHLY MEETING: 6:00 DINNER; 7:00 MEETING.

Chapter membership is 123 including three newly approved Compatriots who have not been inducted. There are no new Applications for Membership awaiting registration at headquarters.

Long time member, Judge Peter Michael Keltch, died June 6. Peter served with distinction as Chapter President; Society President; Vice President General, South Central District; and National Chancellor General in addition to serving on many national committees and task force groups. Peter will be missed by us all. Compatriot Dwyer Duncan died May 1. Dwyer was a member of the World War II brigade of the SAR having served in the US Marines. Compatriot James Greenawalt, Jr. died May 14. Our condolences to the Compatriots families.

President Martin Reynolds will lead the Oklahoma City Chapter contingent; Vice President General Charles Britton and National Trustee George Thompson, also will attend the 123rd NSSAR Annual Congress July 6-10, in Kansas City, Missouri. For further information, please see your recent issue of the SAR Magazine.

JULY 4th, 1776

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!

** From the desk of: Robert R. Thomas, Chapter Registrar: *We now have 123 members, with one supplement application 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; and Wayne Nash