

SAR Sentinel

Oklahoma City Chapter Sons of the American Revolution



March, 2011

Heading by Megan Sanford

Next Meeting: Monday, March 14th, 6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting, Oklahoma BarBQ, 50th & Meridian

March Speaker by Wayne Nash

As we go to press with his month's newsletter we do not have a speaker scheduled for March 14 meeting. I was notified a few days ago that the person scheduled had reasons to cancel. I am continuing to search for a speaker and may have one by meeting time.

WANTED! Recommendations for SAR Meeting Speakers

If you know of a person that could bring the Chapter an informative, educational or entertaining subject, please notify Wayne Nash (pnwnash@sbcglobal - 405-844-4740), Al Lankford (allankford@netzero.net - 405-341-4582) or Martin Reynolds (mreynolds@tomhoch - 405-478-2129). We prefer subjects that are related to the Revolutionary War era.

NOTICE!

FROM: Joe Harris, Executive Director
SUBJECT: On-line Merchandise Store

After investigating numerous customer complaints it has been verified that the software supporting the On-line Merchandise Store was invaded by a "shell" or key logger. This in turn compromised the security of the credit card information provided (by customers) during the on-line purchase process. When we discovered the problem we immediately shut down the site. We are working on a solution and when we are confident we can safeguard our members credit card information we will re-open the merchandise store for credit card purchases.

Oklahoma City Chapter, SAR 2011 officers:



Glenn Fast,
President

Kenneth Young,
Vice-President



Chapter President's Report

"Wow, March already! The Spring is in the air and a few things are coming



out of their dormancy. I hope things winter-wise are behind us now, but this is Oklahoma.

Speaking of March(ing) and Spring(ing), the OKC Color Guard is to appear in the St Patrick's Day Parade this month in downtown OKC. Look for further details from Commander Henry Baer, if you plan to join us on March 19th. Don't worry if you think you might "March out of time", we will be happy to have any or all that can make it.

The OKSSAR 106th Annual Congress will be on April 2nd at Quail Springs Country Club, so

look for your reservation form in the mail within the next few weeks. Hope to see you there.

In patriotism"

Glenn Fast

Reviewed By Al Lankford

Oklahoma City Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, 2011 officers, continued:



**George Thompson,
Secretary**



**Daryl Nash,
Treasurer**



**Robert R. Thomas,
Registrar**



**Peter Keltch Nat'l
Trustee**

Additional officers will be in the April issue.

SAVE THESE DATES:

106th Annual SAR State Congress; Saturday, April 2nd, Quail Creek County Club, Oklahoma City, OK

July 8-13th, 121st Annual Congress of SAR: Winston-Salem, NC @Marriott Hotel

In the beginning the American Revolution was about protecting our rights. In time it also became about finding new and idealized forms of government and social arrangements. After the Declaration of Independence, Congress recognized the need for some form of government to replace and suppress the authority which had been exercised by the Crown. Congress recommended that each colonial assembly adopt new governments which drew its power directly from the people but Congress provided no guidelines. Rakove discusses these processes and the persons involved in detail. During this age of experimentation in government Americans had an opportunity to put theories into practice, their ideas are well worth studying because many of them became part of our Constitution.

I found the most interesting parts of the book to be the accounts of how men of very different temperaments and personalities were able to work effectively together. Examples are how John Jay, Benjamin Franklin and John Adams each with distinct and differing concepts of national interest were able to find common ground and negotiate favorable treaties of commerce and alliance in 1778 and the provisional peace agreement with the British in 1782. Many conflicts arose among the framers of our Constitution. Hamilton the realist was frequently at odds with Jefferson the idealist with Washington's cool head keeping the peace.

This book is said to be history for historians many facts and quotations are presented and the reading can become laborious at times. Since many of our SAR members are students of history they might not find this to be a problem. I was concerned about the account of the second battle of Trenton on page 114 it does not agree with other accounts of this remarkable battle I have read and I believe it to be in error. On balance I found the book to be worthwhile, I plan to read it again and can recommend it to others.

Rakove states in his conclusion, "How these unlikely provincial revolutionaries discovered talents they did remains and enduring puzzle of our history, easier to ponder than finally explain, yet one ever worth exploring."



Color Guard Report, by Henry Baer, Commander

The color guards next event will be the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Oklahoma City on March 19th. This will be our first appearance in this parade.



Shari Carney as Sacagawea presented a realistic & historical talk during the February meeting proving to be both extremely interesting, as well as deserving of an academy award for acting. Thank you again Professor Carney for the excellent historical recreation.

From the desk of: Robert R. Thomas, Chapter Registrar: 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 and locate necessary documents (no charge).

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