

SAR Sentinel

Oklahoma City Chapter Sons of the American Revolution



May 2012

Heading by Megan Sanford

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

BUSINESS MEETING MONDAY NIGHT

PRESIDENT MARTIN REYNOLDS (pictured below) will be inducted, along with other officers, Vice President Kenneth Young, Secretary George Thompson, Registrar Robert R. Thomas, National Trustee Peter Keltch.

Other business matters will include discussion on how the Oklahoma City SAR Chapter can assist the OKC VA Hospital with some of the basic needs for our veterans, including t-shirts, tooth brush's, toothpaste, hotel tolietries such as shampoo & conditioner, socks, underwear, sweats, both top & bottoms, athletic/tennis shoes.

Also general discussion/report from the recent 107th Oklahoma Society of the Sons of the American Revolution annual Congress held April 13th & 14th in Tulsa.

So be sure and plan on attending next Monday night meeting. This will be our last meeting until next September 10th. Everyone have a safe and enjoyable summer.



President-Elect Martin Reynolds

Chapter President's Report

"Compatriots,



This message comes to you being my final as your President.

We have continued to grow as a Chapter in so many aspects. Our members continue to serve and be recognized in State and National levels in various offices and committees. Our ranks grow as we pursue those who share our own commitments and pledges that we recite at every meeting. We recognize those who have served the nation in Armed, Fire and Law Enforcement units and have stepped up when the need arose.

I hope our meetings have been informative and pleasurable to all. It was my intention from the beginning for these past two years to be a fun time for all and applaud the program and awards committees. I encourage each of you to get all from your dues you pay. We enjoy each and every one of you being a part of us and want you to participate in any way comfortable. It is my hope and desire that the Chapter continues to grow and that the new President enjoys the same support and compassion that I have had the pleasure to participate with. You all have been the best!

In patriotism

Glenn Fast"

April 28th, 1758, James Monroe, 5th President of the United States is born in Westmoreland County, Virginia

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

OKC/SAR Website: <http://okssar.comoj.com> :questions please call Glenn Lee @405-608-0371

Color Guard Commander Henry Baer invites fellow Compatriots to join the *OKC/SAR Color Guard* For more 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 emailed to: pcowan@cox.net

BE SURE AND JOIN YOUR FELLOW COMPATRIOTS MONDAY EVENING, May 14th FOR THE MONTHLY MEETING: 6:00 DINNER; 7:00: PROGRAM & BUSINESS MEETING.

May 5, 1749, George Washington receives his surveyor's license from the College of William and Mary.



Receiving Certificates of Appreciation during the April meeting, from President Glenn Fast, in recognition of contribution to the Oklahoma City Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution , from left to right, Kenneth W. Young, George D. Thompson and Charles W. Britton.

Jamestown, Virginia

On April 26, 1607, three small ships from England named the Susan Constant, Godspeed, and Discovery sailed into the Chesapeake Bay in what is now Virginia. On board were 104 colonists who came ashore, erected a wooden cross, and gave thanks to God for their passage across the Atlantic. In the following days they ventured inland along a wide river they named the James, after their king, and established themselves on a low island sixty miles from the bay's mouth. Jamestown would turn out to be the first permanent English settlement in North America— the very beginning of what would become the United States. That the colony survived comes close to being a miracle. The land the settlers chose was swampy and mosquito infested. The drinking water was bad. Malaria, typhoid, and dysentery took their toll, as did clashes with the Indians. Some of the colonists were ill prepared for frontier life. At times they spent more energy looking for gold than trying to stay alive. During the first summer, fifty died.

More ships arrived with more colonists and supplies, but still it was tough going. During the winter of 1609–1610, a siege by the Indians brought the “starving time.” One settler remembered that “many times three or four [died] in a night; in the morning their bodies trailed out of their cabins like dogs to be buried.” Out of about 214 colonists, only 60 survived. They decided to go back to England but had sailed only a few miles downriver when they met a new governor arriving with yet more settlers, so they turned around. Jamestown endured partly due to the discovery of tobacco—a crop as good as gold—but largely because of dogged perseverance. By 1619 the colony had grown enough to elect its own House of Burgesses—the first representative legislative assembly in the Western Hemisphere.

****From the desk of : Robert Thomas, Chapter Registrar; We now have 126 members, with four 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; and Wayne Nash (405-844-4740) pnwnash@sbcglobal.net, who are available to assist in the genealogy and locate necessary documents (no charge).**