

SAR Sentinel

Oklahoma City Chapter Sons of the American Revolution



May, 2014

Heading by Megan Sanford

Next Meeting: Monday, May 12th, 6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting, Rococo's, 122nd & N. May

Attending the 109th Annual Congress of the Oklahoma Society of the Sons of the American Revolution on April 26th, in Norman, OK; were President Martin Reynolds, Past President Glenn Fast, Secretary-Treasurer George Thompson and wife Nona Thompson, and OKC/SAR member Howard Hines.

President Reynolds reported to the OSSAR, the members of the Oklahoma chapter have contributed in many ways to the local, state and national patriotic endeavors. Including the DAR Wreaths Across America, Law Enforcement & Fire Safety; Junior ROTC/ROTC Endowment Fund; the John Bray chapter of the Children of the American Revolution; as well as the long term basic needs program for our local and state Veterans.

Membership attendance has risen to an average of 30 per meeting including members, member guest and speakers. The OKC/SAR Color Guard, which has now grown to 10 active members, was very busy over the past year, participating in the Memorial Day at the 45th Infantry Museum, Liberty Fest 4th of July Parade in Edmond, South Central District Meeting, Wester Days Parade in Mustang, Czech Festival Parade in Yukon, Veterans Day at the 45th Infantry Museum, Colonial Days at the State Capitol, Wreaths Across America Ceremony at Ft. Reno, Veterans Day at the State Capitol and the State Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). Thank you Color Guard members. Robert Ashley Ives

The OKC/SAR-OKC-VA Medical Center long term basic needs program for our local and state Veterans is continually moving forward to reach its goals and objectives. With corporate sponsors of Chesapeake Energy, D-Dent, and Homeland Grocery Store @ May & Britton combined with all the chapter membership giving donations monthly.

New officers for the next two years were elected during the April meeting with the following results. President, Patrick Cowan, Vice President, Kyle Reynolds, Secretary-Treasurer George Thompson, Registrar, Robert R. Thomas, Trustee, Martin Reynolds. All members are invited and encouraged to take an active role in the OKC/SAR through its various standing committees which are Color Guard, Program/Speakers, Veterans, Publicity, Oversight, Service, and Awards committees. For further information on how to be involved with your local chapter, please contact any of the officers or contacts listed on page two of your newsletter. **Next fall meeting will be Monday, September 8th.**

Chapter President Martin Reynolds

I have come to the end of my two year term as president of our chapter this



month. I wish to thank all of you for your forbearance and equanimity as I have muddled through at your expense. I have of course gotten the best end of the bargain by getting to know many of you so much better as well as come to know the structure and dynamics of our organization at the chapter, state and national level. I have only scratched the surface at the state and national level but plan to better acquaint myself in those areas in the future. My plans at the chapter level are to assist president elect Cowan in any way he needs as well as apply myself to the VA program that he has so ardently advanced as chairman. I am so proud to have been able to induct my two sons and elder brother into the chapter, a rare privilege indeed. In closing I want to especially thank my two main mentors Wayne Nash and George Thompson without whom I would have been without rudder or sail. Thank you all for giving me this opportunity to serve.

Membership Roster, **DUES Payment & inquiries**, contact Secretary George Thompson. (405) 722-1286; gdt40@cox.net

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

OKC-SAR Color Guard Commander Henry Baer III, invites members to join the Color Guard. For more information contact Commander Baer at 405-720-2909.

OKC/SAR on Facebook: [facebook.com/okcsar](https://www.facebook.com/okcsar); for more information: Michael Sanford @ (405) 445-9415

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

During the April meeting, President Reynolds presents the Fire Safety Commendation Award to Captain Steve Davis of the Del City Fire Department. Also pictured is Captain Davis' wife, Dana.



The NSSAR Staff Registrar has registered the transfer IN of John Edward Knight, Lawton, OK, from the Colorado Society, effective 2/10/2014. Patriot Ancestor is Jesse Knight (NC). Also new members to be inducted to the OKC/SAR chapter are Robert Laurence Goodwill, OKC, Patriot Ancestor is Mosias Maupin (VA); and Robert Ashley Ives, OKC, Patriot Ancestor is Elisha Ashley (VT). Welcome all new members.

Color Guard commander Henry Baer III, reports the OKC/SAR Color Guard has received a new Betsy Ross flag which will debut on Memorial Day at the 45th Infantry Museum at 10:00am. The Color Guard wish's to express their appreciation to the chapter for the new flag, flag pole & storage bags. The Color Guard will also appear in the Liberty Fest parade on the 4th of July in Edmond. The Edmond Liberty Fest parade is one of the largest Independence Day parades in the United States.

Registrar Robert R. Thomas reports we presently have 114 active members; this leaves the OKC chapter with two new member applications being processed.

ALL MEMBERS ARE REMINDED TO BRING AT LEAST A PAIR OF NEW OR USED SOCKS, or other basic needs, ETC. TO THE LONG TERM BASIC NEEDS PROGRAM FOR OUR LOCAL & STATE VETERANS. PLEASE CONTACT COMPATRIOT PATRICK COWAN (755-7200) FOR BASIC NEED PICK-UP'S DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS.

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, research and locating necessary documents.

Please join your fellow Compatriots in attending the next OKC/SAR dinner meeting on Monday, May 12th: 6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting; Great food, excellent program & the best of Compatriots company! Rococo's @ 122nd & N. May; North side of North Park Mall.