

SAR Sentinel

Oklahoma City Chapter Sons of the American Revolution



November 2010

Heading by Megan Sanford

Next Meeting: Monday, Nov. 8th, 6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting, Oklahoma BarBQ, 50th & Meridian

November Speaker, by Al Langford



Billie Stone Fogarty is a professional genealogist and former history teacher with Bachelor's and Master's Degrees who now devotes her time to infecting others with her love for history up close and personal – family history! She lectures regularly, teaches genealogy each semester and is the author of Guidebook to Researching My Family Tree. She is President of Genealogical Speakers Guild and serves on the Board of Directors for Association of Professional Genealogists, Oklahoma Historical Society, and Oklahoma Genealogical Society which she served as President from 2002 to 2009.



Community Service Award by Wm Melton

Brian Murraray

Firefighter Bethany OK Fire Dept. He is recognized for his professionalism, dedication to improvements and past military service.

George Washington Endowment Fund

Pictured, James Blair, Glenn Fast and Frank Appl. "Frank Appl, Norman Oklahoma Chapter SAR, presented a Certificate and Pin recognizing Glenn Fast and James Blair as new members of "The George Washington Endowment Fund.



Chapter President's Report

I grew up in Winfield, Ks. Nice small town with limestone buildings, farming



and the normal local businesses. The State Hospital was there, northeast of town on a hill. It closed several years back, but later the State reopened it as a minimum security prison. That was the last I had heard.

While back there a few weeks ago for a funeral, Paula and I took a detour out that way, only to find that there is also now a Veteran's home, as well as a very fine National Cemetery in place. It's very picturesque and just flows with the surroundings. There are numerous stones being placed in the Northwest portion and they are the absolute pattern of perfection, it appears.

I wonder and do hope that the graves match the names carved, not like what is being discovered in Arlington. Our Veterans deserve the best we can give, and this scenario shouldn't even be.

Did you do your part this Veteran's Day?

In patriotism,

Glenn Fast

New Members

New Members: by Wayne Nash

Randall Scott

Randall lives in Ardmore, OK with his wife Adela. His Patriot ancestor is John (Smyre) Smyars. Randall is now a member of the new SAR chapter established in Ardmore.



Gerald Suddath Jr



Gerald lives Choctaw, OK with his wife Brenda. His Patriot ancestor is Benjamine Suddath Jr.

James E. Whinnery

James lives in Oklahoma City with his wife Angela His Patriot ancestor is Isaac Alexander Eoff



Chance T. Whinnery



Chance makes his home with his parents James and Angela. He is a student at OU. His Patriot ancestor is Issac Alexander Eoff.



Nathanael Greene finds fortification at Steele's Tavern

On February 2, 1781, American General Nathanael Greene received two bags of specie (coin as opposed to paper currency) from Elizabeth Maxwell Steele at her tavern in Salisbury, North Carolina--an incident later memorialized in a painting by Alonzo Chappel.

General Greene spent the night of February 1 until midnight awaiting the remaining militia from the previous

day's encounter at Cowan's Ford in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. But the militia never arrived at the appointed meeting spot, David Carr's house on the road to the town of Salisbury, and General Greene soon learned of Brigadier General William Davidson's death at Cowan's Ford the previous day. He also learned that British Lieutenant Colonel Banastre Tarleton's Dragoons had launched a surprise attack on Davidson's remaining forces gathered at Tarrant's (or Torrence's) Tavern six miles south of Carr's, killing between 10 and 50 men. The battle-weary militia took significant casualties before alighting on horseback.

Greene rode overnight and arrived at Steele's Tavern for breakfast on the morning of February 2. Once there, Greene told his physician, who was also at the tavern, that he was hungry and penniless. After overhearing their conversation, Mrs. Steele saw first to Greene's hunger with breakfast and then gave him the much-needed money to supply both him and his army.

With his mood boosted, Greene inscribed the back of Mrs. Steele's portrait of George III, "O George, Hide thy face and mourn," before turning it to face the wall. The picture and inscription remain at the Thyatira Presbyterian Church Museum, in Salisbury, North Carolina.

Greene's circumstances improved greatly while in Salisbury. First, he garnered Mrs. Steele's aid. Second, he discovered a collection of more than 1,700 Continental arms stashed away for the militia. In writing Baron von Steuben the following day, Greene happily observed that the Patriot's "distribution of publick stores is enough to ruin a nation." www.history.net

Our Color Guard : by Henry Baer

The color guard will be participating in the Veteran's Day ceremony on Thursday, November 11 at 10 am at the 45th Infantry Museum. Even if you are not a member of the color guard, plan to attend and honor our veterans. On Saturday November 20 from 1pm to 4:30 there will be a wreath making workshop at the Kirkpatrick 4-H Farm in Yukon. You need to bring your own pruning shears. You will be asked to make two wreaths, one for the wreath laying ceremony and one for you to bring home. This event is open to everyone in preparation for the laying of the wreaths on Saturday December 18th at 1pm at the Ft Reno Cemetery. This project is part of the Wreaths Across America project sponsored by DAR and SAR as well as other civic organizations.

From the desk of : Robert Thomas, Chapter Registrar

We are holding at 109 members. There is one supplement at National and one on it's way (and it's not mine). Four regular applications are making their way through the audit chain. There are also six more waiting applicant signatures.

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