

# SAR Sentinel

Oklahoma City Chapter Sons of the American Revolution



November, 2011

Heading by Megan Sanford

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

## November Speaker by Martin Reynolds TIPTOE THROUGH THE TOMBSTONES



**Carolyn B. Leonard**, author of the popular book, "Who's Your Daddy? – A Guide to Genealogy from Start to Finish," says that finding your family's place in history is a life-changing experience and helping others do that is her passion. An avid genealogist who has been researching family history for years, she shows others how to do the research and get those stories written down so they are not lost. "Most of all," she says, "I just love tramping through old cemeteries, cleaning up and repairing the stones, and copying the epitaphs. I will show you photos

of some of the really funny ones." Carolyn Leonard and her husband, Jon Heavener, are both volunteers for the [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com) website.

She compiles a monthly e-zine, *Writers Reminder*, which is published on her website: [www.CarolynBLeonard.com](http://www.CarolynBLeonard.com) along with her blog, book reviews, travel journal, and various heritage pages including English, German, and Low Dutch. One page is all about sod houses, one photo page, *OK Photos*, is about her favorite state, and another about her favorite animal, the American bison or buffalo.

**Carolyn B. Leonard** serves on the Oklahoma Genealogical Society (OGS) board as program chair and as chairperson of the annual Family Story Writing contest. She is also a member of Edmond Genealogical Society, several state historical organizations and lineage associations such as DAR and Daughters of 1812, First Families of Twin Territories, and coordinator for the national organization of Dutch Cousins biennial gathering in Kentucky. She has been recognized by the Kentucky Society, Sons of American Revolution for locating and marking graves of patriots. Past President of Writers of the Purple Sage, OKC Writers and the OK Writers Federation, she remains a commissioned writer for *Persimmon Hill*, magazine of the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum. Just this Fall, she helped compile a book of memorials for Low Dutch Veterans of the Revolutionary War buried in Kentucky.

## Chapter President's Report



"November again and too soon, it seems. This month we, along with fellow citizens, continue to recognize our Veterans on the 11th. Please reserve time to honor them by attending the local ceremonies. I will be assisting the Enid DAR by appearing at a local assisted living facility by posting the Colors for their program.

The OKC Chapter Color guardsmen, who plan to attend this month's meeting, are requested to suit up as we will honor one of their own, Bob Thomas, who will be awarded the Bronze Color guard Medal and Certificate.

Please join them in this special event and congratulate Bob in his achievement.

In patriotism  
Glenn Fast"

**New Members**  
by Wayne Nash

Corrections: In the October issue of the Sentinel the name of new members Curtice Edgar Holland, Jr., of Charleston, SC and John Curtice Holland of Roundrock, TX; with Patriot Ancestor for both being John Welty, were misspelled. Their names are corrected as they appear above.

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**MEETING DINNER @  
BarBQ Station COUPONS:**

Buy 1 meal, get the next one for \$2.99 are in the 'free' OKC Gazette which goes out on Wednesdays.

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[Pictures of new member Compatriots will be published as they become available.]

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

*Book Review, by Al Lankford*

**THE WAR OF THE REVOLUTION : BY CHISTOPHER WARD**

**EDITED BY JOHN RICHARD ALDEN**

*While on an antiquing trip with my wife this Summer I ran across a hardcover two volume boxed set of the above book in good condition. The price was \$24.00 so I bought it and have just finished reading it. I would like to recommend it to others as I found it to be a comprehensive and very readable. In the preface the author states; " This book is not a history of the American Revolution. It is a history of the war that was caused by the Revolution. The revolution was in the minds of the people and the union of the colonies". Such insights are found throughout the book.*

*The two volumes are close to 1000 pages allowing great detail. One example is an analysis of the number of shots fired at Lexington and Concord as compared to the number of casualties and the conclusions drawn from the data. The usually overlooked involvement of American Indians in the conflict is also presented in some detail. Most of the second volume is devoted to the much overlooked war in the Southern Colonies. I found the account of the race to the Dan to be very enlightening. Cornwallis was in close pursuit of Nathaniel Green and what was left of the patriot army if he could catch and destroy him before he crossed the Dan River between North Carolina and Virginia the war in the south would be over, Green in his foresight had prepositioned boats at the Dan if he could reach it in time. If Nathaniel Green could win the race he would have a chance to resupply and reinforce and fight another day it was clear what was at stake and the world watched at least as far as was possible in that day. The two armies were never far apart with "Light Horse Harry Lee" providing the rear guard it was touch and go all the way, the account makes for gripping reading.*

*I would have appreciated more maps but for a book published in 1952 it is to be expected. John Richard Alden is a noted historian but I have found little about Christopher Ward and I would appreciate additional information. Several copies of the book are available on e bay and range in price from \$10.00 to \$80.00 depending on condition or you might get lucky and find a copy while antiquing.*

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**\*\*From the desk of: Robert R. Thomas, Chapter Registrar: We now have 125 members, with 2 new 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](mailto:rbjthomas@sbcglobal.net); and Wayne Nash (405-844-4740) [pnwnash@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pnwnash@sbcglobal.net), **who are available to assist in the genealogy and locate necessary documents (no charge).**

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