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Oklahoma City Chapter Sons of the American Revolution



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Heading by Megan Sanford

Next meeting is Monday, November 13, 6 PM dinner, 7 PM meeting at Rococo's, North Park Mall

Chapter color guard escorted winners at Liberty Fest parade in July



In a proud annual tradition, the Oklahoma City Chapter presented the colors on the annual Liberty Fest Parade Float in Edmond last July. The guardsmen were privileged to escort the annual winners of the Miss Liberty Fest, Miss Teen Liberty Fest, and Teen Representative to Miss Oklahoma's Outstanding Teen competitions. Guardsmen were Bob Ives, Martin Reynolds, Henry Baer III [State Color Guard Commander], Marty Samwell, Cory Shipman, Al Lankford, Ken Young, and Robert Thomas.

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Featured Program Women in the Military



Women's flying heritage is filled with dynamic personalities who have charted the course to modern aviation.

Amy Johnson, above, was a pioneer English aviatrix who was born in 1903. She was the first female to solo fly from England to Australia in 1930. During World War II, Johnson joined the ATA in ferrying planes around England. She died while on a transport assignment in 1941.

Denise Neil-Binion, museum executive director, will focus on women in World War II up to today. If you watch "War Stories" with Lt. Col. Oliver North, U.S. Marine Corps Aviation (Ret), you may have seen the episode that prompted this program.

Gen. Rita Aragon and Aviatrix Jerrie Cobb are invited.

Welcome compatriot Peter Dobelbower!



Six Foreign-Born Patriots

2. Casimir Pulaski

Polish-born Casimir Pulaski spent his brief life fighting as a revolutionary on two separate continents. The man later called the “Father of the American Cavalry” first distinguished himself as a leader of the Bar Confederation, a band of nobles who fought against foreign domination of Poland.

After being exiled from his homeland in the early 1770s, he made his way to France and came into contact with Benjamin Franklin. Mindful that England had recommended that Poland be partitioned by her hostile neighbors in 1772, Pulaski enthusiastically responded to Franklin's plea for assistance.

The dashing young officer immediately proved his value in his first engagement at September 1777's Battle of Brandywine, where he led a rearguard action that helped cover General George Washington's retreat.



In 1895, the removal of a Confederate statue in Charlotte, Virginia, sparked a torch-light rally by white nationalists resulting in a fire at the University of Virginia campus, destroying a collection of library books which were initially collected from a list of 7,000 books drafted by President Jefferson. A law librarian at the university, 40 years ago, started re-creating the collection of legal texts Jefferson recommended. Since then, the university has collected 336 of the 375 tomes and will soon be publishing the collection online for free access.



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▪Chapter **meetings** are held on the second Monday of every month except June, July, and August, at Rococo's, 122nd & North May Ave in the North Park Mall in Oklahoma City. Members and their guests meet at 6 PM to place dinner orders with the business meeting starting at 7 PM.

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