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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE NOVEMBER 2023



Greetings Compatriots!

Well, it has been a year since last November's Sentinel went out regarding the little shadow box in my kitchen. We have had many new members since, so I thought I would just do a quick recap!

A small shadow box appeared on the kitchen counter one day last year. I happened to notice as I was needing to score some points with Kerri and was doing the dishes. It caused me to think about this time of the year. Fall is my favorite time. Cool nights and sunny days. The sunrise in the morning is at times breath-taking. As we approach the holiday season, our thoughts may turn to what this time of year means. You see, the small shadow box simply states "I still remember praying for the things I have now".

This has been a good year. Our chapter has accomplished a great deal, and we have some

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exciting things coming on the horizon. For example, four years of inquiry (and begging) for the Color Guard to do an Oklahoma City Thunder game has finally come to fruition. We will be there Wednesday, November 8 for the game against the Cleveland Cavaliers. It also happens to be Military Appreciation Night, which means this is quite an honor for the Thunder to allow us to participate.

Some of us went to Mount Vernon to stand vigil at George Washington's Tomb as part of the Mount Vernon Colonial Days and Faire. What an honor to stand with Compatriot Reichardt as we were on guard for the Wreath Laying Ceremony for the day. I stood proud with Compatriots Sieber, Young, Reichardt, and with State Color Guard Commander Scott Bruton for an Oklahoma proud photo in front of George and Martha's Tomb. My own Mom said "you certainly are getting to do some terrific things with this organization". (Speaking of being thankful, I still have Mom!)

On a personal note, life throws us all curves. Health, family issues, and the uncertainty of tomorrow lays its heavy hand when we least expect it. As I get older, "stuff" is less important to me. Experiences with my family and friends mean so much more. I certainly do remember praying for the things I have now, but the memories of the prayers for the "stuff" fade with age, and I think now more on the prayers for my family and friends. I feel privileged to say a prayer on behalf of my son's job situation, my brother's health, or my friend who is carrying a burden because his daughter's family is having a very tough time. Thanksgiving is about such things. We have busy lives, but let's make sure we remember to be thankful for what we have!

Our Chapter Meeting speaker will be Cherie

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Lawson, Elder, Oklahoma Society of Mayflower Descendants. She will be talking about the Mayflower mission and the hardships the passengers and crew encountered on the voyage and that first year in Plymouth. Make sure you join us timely presentation! We arrive at Johnnie's beginning at 6pm for food and fellowship, and the meeting will start at 6:45pm.

You have probably received your dues notice from Henry by now. The National Society raised our annual dues by \$15, now a total of \$80. Our dues are needing to be in by December 31st. Don't be late or an additional charge will have to be applied!

I hope you noticed a line was added to the dues statement for donations to the chapter's Wounded Warrior recognition project. I hope you will consider donating to this program to honor our wounded warriors! John Schaller has done a wonderful job with our Veterans Program!

Upcoming Calendar:

- November 4, 2023, 10am and 1pm - **Patriot Grave Markings, Van Buren, Arkansas**
- November 8, 2023, 7pm - **Color Guard at the Oklahoma City Thunder Game**
- November 10, 2023, 5:30pm - **Flames of Memory Veterans event, Territorial Museum, Guthrie**
- November 11, 2023, 10am - **Massing of the Flags Veterans Day event, 45th Infantry Museum**
- November 13, 2023, **Chapter Meeting, Johnnie's Hamburgers, 33 East 33rd, Edmond**
- November 18, 2023, 2pm-4pm, **Salvation Army SAR/DAR Angel Tree Toy Donation Program**
- November 24, 2023, **Happy Thanksgiving!!!**

- December 2, 2023, **Patriot Grave Marking, Little Rock, Arkansas**
- December 2, 2023, 2pm, **Color Guard, Cushing DAR Chapter 100th Anniversary celebration**
- December 9, 2023, 11am, **Norman Chapter meeting**
- December 11, 2023, **Chapter Meeting, Johnnie's Hamburgers, 33 East 33rd, Edmond**
- December 16, 2023, 11am, **Wreaths Across America, Civil War Cemetery, 36th & ML King**
- December 16, 2023, 1pm, **Wreaths Across America, Fort Reno Post Cemetery**
- December 16, 2023 2pm, **Wreaths Across America, IOOF Cemetery, Arcadia**

See you soon!

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