

SAR Sentinel

Oklahoma City Chapter Sons of the American Revolution



October, 2015

Heading by Megan Sanford

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

October 12th Program The Purple Heart

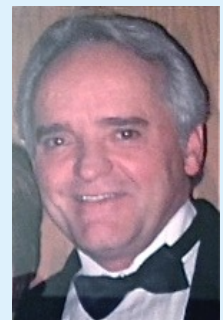


LTC Russell A. Smith's military career began in 1980 when he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. He served in Company B, 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division. Then-Major Smith was medically evacuated to Walter Reed Army Hospital and recovered from wounds he received in action against the enemy while stationed in Baghdad, Iraq. He served as Editor for the Purple Heart Magazine from August 2010 to August 2014. He has held numerous staff positions including a tour on the Army National Guard

Desert Storm. He was assigned to the Pentagon where he served in Department of the Army, Department of Defense and Joint Chiefs of Staff level staff assignments. LTC Smith military education includes the U.S. Marine Corps Boot Camp, Infantry School, Marine Corps NCO Academy and Marine Corps Guerilla Warfare Course. Military Awards and Decorations include: Purple Heart Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Army Commendation Medal 3rd Award, Army Achievement Medal 3rd Award, Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Citation 3rd Award, Meritorious Unit Citation, NATO Training Mission Iraq Medal, California Legion of Merit, Basic Parachutist Badge, Combat Action Badge and other federal awards and decorations.

LTC Smith graduated from California State University, Sacramento with a BA in Government/Legislative Analysis and earned his Masters Degree in Education Admin. from UCO, Edmond, OK. While in Sacramento, he was a 4 year Varsity Letterman & 3 year All-American Swimmer, and was undefeated in league competition for four years. LTC Russell A. Smith and his wife reside in Oklahoma City and have two daughters.

Chapter President's Message



Greetings fellow Compatriots.

Please join me in welcoming LTC Russell A. Smith to our October OKC/SAR meeting. What an interesting and great program. Many thanks to program Chairman Ron Schrouf, who also volunteers on the Color Guard. Many thanks Ron.

Welcome new members: Michael Birdsong, Charles Burgess, Gary Cone, Michael Robert English, Cory Homes and Paul Pendleton Woods. Your fellow Compatriots invite you to be as actively involved with your OKC chapter as time permits for each and everyone. Any questions concerning active committees, please don't hesitate to visit with me.

With thankfulness of our Past and Faith in our Future. Hope to see you Monday evening.

In Patriotism,
Patrick Cowan

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Clockwise, left to right, State President Martin Reynolds presents State Historian Glenn Fast the OSSAR certification of participation in the Eagle Scout Scholarship Program. OKC/SAR President Patrick Cowan presents the War Medal & Certificate to Jon R. Meek for his service to our country during the Viet Nam war. Next, President Cowan presenting Wayne Nash and Bob Thomas the Liberty Medal for their dedication in assisting and recruiting new members, and President Cowan presenting OKC/SAR Secretary/Treasurer George Thompson the Certificate of Appreciation for serving as NSSAR, Vice President General, South Central District.

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. We now have 128 members.

REMEMBER our Veterans; please bring basic needs items, socks, shirts, snacks and winter clothes to our dinner meeting.

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