

SAR Sentinel

Oklahoma City Chapter Sons of the American Revolution



October 2017

Heading by Megan Sanford

Next meeting is Monday, October 9, 6 PM dinner, 7 PM meeting at Rococo's, North Park Mall

With flags flying this June, OKC SAR presented colors at the "OKC Mile" Flat Track Race



Appearing for the second annual "OKC Mile" Flat Track Race at Remington Park in Oklahoma City in June, the Oklahoma City Chapter Color Guard has become part of the Father's Day weekend tradition. The men presented the colors to an enthusiastic race crowd on a typical Great Plains windy day.

Above: Al Lankford, OKC Chapter Commander Terry Handley, Martin Reynolds, State Color Guard Commander Henry Baer III, and Bob Ives. Right: Dog training at Azani Pro.

Featured Program Service Dog Training by Azani Pro Training



Maddy Schell has been training dogs for 15 years, rescuing dogs and training service dogs. Maddy studied under leading trainers in Texas, California, and Oklahoma, creating a positive reinforcement training style based on psychology and personal experience. Maddy is a proud Canine Good Citizen Evaluator (CGC) through American Kennel Club (AKC).



Oklahoma delegates attend national convention in July



Six Foreign-Born Patriots

1. Baron Friedrich Von Steuben



Above: Attending the National Congress in July were National Trustee Martin Reynolds, Past National Trustee Darrell Hefley, Ardmore Chapter President Zane Hefley, George Thompson, Nona Thompson, State President Ron Painter and Frank Appl.

Baron Friedrich Von Steuben (1730-1794) was a German officer who served with the Continental Army by training the forces stationed at Valley Forge during the winter of 1777-1778.

Taking the Continental Army, which had a reputation for being disorganized, undisciplined, and poorly drilled, Baron Von Steuben introduced new sanitation measures, and began training the

troops in 18th century military tactics that included bayonet combat and more effective techniques for firing and reloading muskets.

The Baron was a former Prussian military officer who had once served on the staff of Frederick the Great. Though prone to exaggeration—he wore flashy uniforms and styled himself a lieutenant general even though he had never risen above the rank of captain—he possessed a keen military mind.

The Baron's successes saw him appointed inspector general of the Continental Army in May 1778, and over the next two years, his drill methods helped transform the patriot forces into an accomplished fighting force. He also penned the first military manual for the American army, "Regulations for the Order and Discipline of the Troops of the United States." This "Blue Book", as it was known, remained the bible of the American armed forces until the War of 1812.



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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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