

# SAR Sentinel

Oklahoma City Chapter Sons of the American Revolution



September,

Heading by Martin Sanford

[NEXT MEETING: Monday, Sept. 10th, 6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting, Oklahoma BarBQ, 50th & Meridian](#)



Pictured during the 2012 LibertyFest 4th of July Parade in Edmond are left to right Mike Sanford, Al Lankford, Miss Liberty Fest Alex Eppler, President Martin Reynolds & Cory Shipman. Thanks to all Color Guard members for your dedication and service to OKC/SAR. Your welcome to join the patriotic fun of the OKC/SAR Color Guard by contacting Henry Baer III, at (405)720-2920.

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Attending the 122nd NSSAR Congress in Phoenix, AZ from left to right is OKC/SAR Sec/Treas. & C.A.R. Liaison Committee Chairman, George Thompson with Greg Thorne, N.S.C.A.R. Natl. President, Steven Leishman, NSSAR President General 1012-1013, and Hans Jackson, N.S.C.A.R. Senior National President, during the Youth Awards Luncheon.

## Chapter President's Message



Compatriots,

Please join fellow members Monday, September 10th, 6:00 for dinner & our business meeting starts promptly at 7:00 at the Oklahoma BarBQ Station at 50th & Meridian, and inaugurates a new year for our chapter meetings.

I am pleased to report that during the summer months, many of our fellow compatriots joined me in addressing the needs of our chapter. By-laws were written, submitted and adopted by your chapter fellow compatriots. Committees for support of our gallant veterans, our monthly meeting speakers program, chapter activity publicity, service to the chapter, oversight of our internet presence and budget reviews, have all met during the summer months, were active and will report at our September meeting of all their progress. I hope that all of you can find the time to join us at our monthly meetings for the excellent presentations of our Revolutionary heritage and compatriot fellowship.

In Patriotism,

Martin Reynolds

## Victory on Sullivan's Island

By: David Lee Russell

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Color Guard Commander Henry Baer invites all interested fellow Compatriots to join the **OKC/SAR Color Guard**. Events this fall include: Mustang Western Days, Sept. 8; Czech Fest. Parade, Yukon, Oct. 6; Veterans Day 45th Infantry Museum, Nov. 12; Wreaths Across America, Ft. Reno, December. For further information, please contact Commander Baer at (405)720-2909

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As dawn came to the east coast on June 28, 1776 it shown on a force of 2200 British regulars on Long Island (present day Isle of Palms) and a naval fleet with a total of 270 naval guns prepared for the assault on the tiny patriot fort on Sullivan's island. It must have been a magnificent or terrifying sight depending on which end of the guns you found yourself. This vital piece of land controlled the entrance to the port of Charleston, South Carolina the largest port in the South. When the planned naval bombardment started, the land assault was to commence across the shallow strait between Long Island and Sullivan Island thought to be only 18 inches deep at low tide. The plan seemed to assure a swift and certain victory.

The fort on Sullivan's Island was a hastily constructed affair consisting of palmetto logs with sand for filler; two sides were incomplete on the day of battle. The patriot commander General Charles Lee had inspected the fort and pronounced it a "slaughter pen" and ordered the withdrawal of the defenders to the mainland. The forts commander Colonel William Moultrie obstructed the execution of that order to the best of his ability.

At the end of the day the soundly defeated British withdrew their wrecked fleet to a distance of safety. The British force on Long Island had been unable to take any part in the battle for a number of reasons. The story of the battle and its heroes is told in detail by David Lee Russell in his book and is a story that deserves retelling.

After reading this account every time I see a South Carolina flag with the Palmetto tree in the center, placed there in memory of this battle, I render a salute in recognition of the patriots who served so ably that day. You may find yourself doing so as well.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Lankford



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**From the desk of: Robert R. Thomas, Chapter Registrar: *We now have 133 members, with no 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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