

SAR Sentinel

Oklahoma City Chapter Sons of the American Revolution



September, 2013

Heading by Megan Sanford

Next Meeting: Monday, Sept. 9th, 6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting, Oklahoma BarBQ, 50th & Meridian



OKC/SAR Color Guard members (above and below) left to right: back row: **Mike Sanford, Ron Schroff & Cory Shipman**; next row: **Past President Wayne Nash & Harold Ferrell**; Front row: **President Martin Reynolds, Al Lankford, Miss Teen Oklahoma Ashton Vincent, Miss Edmond LibertyFest Teen, Joei Whisenant, Miss Edmond LibertyFest Queen, Veronica Wisniewski, Commander Henry Baer III, Past President Glen Fast**; You're welcome to join the Color Guard, contact Henry Baer 720-2920. Next: Western Days in Mustang, Sept. 7; & Czech Festival on Oct. 5th. Volunteers need to work our booth at each event. Contact Quinton Hiebert (405)324-8612 to volunteer. Thanks to all Color Guard members for your dedication, service publicity and honor you bring to the Oklahoma City society of the Sons of the American Revolution.



Chapter President's Message



I had the pleasure to attend the NSSAR national congress in Kansas City this July. I was impressed with the ceremonies, level of activity and the friendliness of everyone I met. The wide array of personal stories of those I met ranged from a man who is an engineer who helped build the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, another who is the editor of our national SAR magazine and still another who is our Librarian General. Their personal stories intertwined with the knowledge of their ancestors gave me an appreciation of that heritage of my own ancestors that I have not pursued myself. Wayne Nash and George Thompson both have impressed me with their pursuit of that link to the past of which I am only dimly aware; perhaps this journey as President will motivate me to finally travel to where I never really expected to go, into the past to find the present.

In Patriotism,

Martin Reynolds

Secretary/Treasurer Report, by George Thompson

For membership roster inquiries please contact OKC/SAR Secretary George Thompson at (405)722-1286; gdt40@cox.net

OKC/SAR Website: <http://okssar.com>; questions, please contact Glenn Lee @ (405)216-3388

On facebook: facebook.com/okcsar; for further information, please contact Michael Sanford @ (405)445-9415

Color Guard Commander Henry Baer invites all interested fellow Compatriots to join the **OKC/SAR Color Guard**. For further information, please contact Commander Baer at (405)720-2909

Articles, suggestions and news for the OKC/SAR *Sentinel* Newsletter are encouraged and may be submitted to Patrick Cowan, Editor; (405)755-7200, or email to: pcowan@cox.net

BE SURE AND JOIN YOUR FELLOW COMPATRIOTS ON MONDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 9th FOR THE MONTHLY MEETING: 6:00 DINNER; 7:00 MEETING.

President Martin Reynolds lead the Oklahoma City Chapter contingent of Vice President General Charles Britton and National Trustee George Thompson, at the the 123rd NSSAR Annual Congress July 6-10, in Kansas City, Missouri. President Reynolds served as a teller for the election to select members for Council of State Presidents to serve on the SAR National Nominating Committee. President Reynolds continues the tradition of Oklahoma Compatriots taking as active part in the affairs of the National Society. For full details about the 123rd Congress, please see your recent issue of the *SAR Magazine*.

Next Monday, September 9th, will be a business meeting with no speaker. Hopefully, i will be presenting the changes to our Bylaws to come into compliance with the Sabannes-Oxley Federal law that makes changes in how non-profits govern themselves. President Reynolds will be reporting on the summer planning committee meeting and its recommendations. Also a report will be made on the South Central District meeting held recently in Tulsa.

Our condolences to the families of Compatriot Cleo Junior Byford of Duncan who passed away July 24, 2013, and the family of Pen Woods in the passing of Pen's wife, Robin Woods on August 5, 2013; and the family of Curtice Edgar Holland of Yukon who passed away August 27.

Compatriot Patrick Cowan, chairman of the OKC/SAR-VA Medical Center long term basic needs program, invites and encourages all members to bring tee shirts, underwear, socks, shoes, clothing of any kind, snack crackers, cookies, chips etc., to the September meeting. Invite your family and friends to join the effort in assisting our very deserving Veterans. *Our Veterans are in dire need of all these basic type of items.* If you are unable to attend the meeting, you are welcome to mail basic needs to: Richard Maxey, Chief of Voluntary Services (405)456-5162, or drop off basic needs at the VA Medical Center at 921 NE 13th Street, OKC, OK. You may also call Patrick Cowan (405-755-7200) and coordinate a pick up or drop off, or if you have any questions and need additional information feel free to contact Patrick.

From the desk of: Robert R. Thomas, Chapter Registrar: *We now have 123 members; two new membership applications, with one supplement application 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; and Wayne Nash (405-844-4740) pnwnash@sbcglobal.net, who are available to assist in the genealogy and locate necessary documents (no charge).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: *Compatriot Quinton L. Hiebert reminds all members of the Mustang Western Days, Saturday September 7th, and the Czech Festival in Yukon, October 5th. We need volunteers to man our SAR booth for both dates. Please call Quinton (405)324-8612; qlhiebert@quintcpa.com, and volunteer. Our color guard will be present for both events.*