



Heading by Megan Sanford

**November 2025**

## President's Message

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### ***Greetings Fellow Compatriots!***

*Leading off this month with a summary of upcoming events and opportunities for November.*

**November 6:** The DAR is sponsoring a flag placing at the Oklahoma Veterans Cemetery (formerly Union Veterans Cemetery) on Thursday, November 6th at 10:00 AM. This is a good time to honor our veterans and gain some points. No ceremony, just flag placement. Come as you are to remember our Veterans!

**November 8:** Salvation Army Toy Drive at the OCPA Center. Start time: 6:00 PM. Color Guard please arrive at 5:00 PM for brief practice. Please bring two unwrapped toys (one for boy, one for girl). Set up for the

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▪ Like us on **Facebook** ([www.facebook.com/okcsar](http://www.facebook.com/okcsar)) which is monitored by Terry Handley at [thandley1@me.com](mailto:thandley1@me.com).

▪ Join the **Color Guard** by contacting Mark Reichardt at 405.850.0067

event will be on Friday November 7 at 2:00 PM.

**November 10:** OKC Chapter meeting at Johnnie's in Edmond. Social and meal time 6:00 -7:00 PM, meeting starting promptly at 7:00 PM.

**November 11:** Veteran's Celebration at Stephens Park in Edmond at 4:00 PM. Color Guard please arrive at 3:00 PM for practice. Musket salute and Taps to be performed.

**November 13:** The Oklahoma City Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution is partnering with Senator James Lankford to host a Veterans History Project Event. This is an opportunity for a veteran to make a 30 minute video recounting their experiences while serving in the United States military. After the interview, the veteran will be given a copy of the video. The video will also be submitted to the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. to be preserved for future generations to be able to view.

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- Our **Chaplain** for the OKC Chapter is Tom Rupert at 405.213.5423 or [ruperttom529@gmail.com](mailto:ruperttom529@gmail.com).

- **SAR Sentinel** is published monthly except June, July, and August. Article suggestions should be sent to Mark Reichardt at 405.850.0067 or [Vette413@gmail.com](mailto:Vette413@gmail.com).

- Chapter **meetings** are held on the second Monday of every month except June, July, and August.



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Below are the details on how to register as well as the date and location of the event. A time slot will be assigned when the veteran registers. Registration can also be done by calling Senator Lankford's office **918-581-7651**.

Thank you for considering to participate in the Veterans History Project.

— **John Schaller**

Chairman, SAR Veterans Service Committee

**When:** Thursday, November 13, 2025

**Where:** Williams Church of the Nazarene at 6900 NW 50th Street  
Bethany, OK 73008

**Veterans sign-up:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/veteran-history-project-interviews-with-the-sons-of-the-american-revolution-tickets-1513974130379?aff=oddttdtcreator>

**Volunteer sign-up:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/volunteers-for-veteran-history-project-in-bethany-ok-tickets-1519707348589?aff=oddttdtcreator>

**November 15:** AQHA Rodeo Event at the OK State Fairgrounds. Color Guard will be presenting Colors and performing a musket solute. Details being finalized at publish time; please contact Color Guard Commander Sean Drake for more information.

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***We continue our America 250 Celebration by recounting the events of November 1775.***

**On November 9,** a British foraging party of 9 infantry companies and 100 grenadiers landed at Lechmere's Point at high tide. They were to seize cattle needed for the British garrison.

The American commanders in the area thought that this might be more than just a typical foraging party. Col. William Thompson and his Pennsylvania riflemen were ordered to make a counterattack. To support his operation, Col. Benjamin Woodbridge and part of his and part of Col. John Patterson's regiment were sent for support. The water all around the point was icy. Despite 2 feet of the icy water, the American force advanced against the British, who soon withdrew with 10 head of cattle. The Americans suffered 2 wounded.

***Conclusion: American Victory***

**On November 19,** the Patriot forces blocking the St. Lawrence River near Sorel captured 3 armed British ships and 8 smaller crafts with their crews and cargoes, and the British garrison from Montreal.

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**On November 29**, George Washington and the Continental Army were besieging British held Boston at the time. The British troops were trapped in the city and the only way to receive food and supplies was by sea. Washington wanted to harass and capture as many ships bringing supplies to the troops in Boston as possible, so he formed a small squadron of ships, outfitted at his own expense, for the task.

Captain John Manley was given command of a schooner named the USS Lee, after General Charles Lee. The schooner was chartered from Thomas Stevens of Marblehead, Massachusetts and was previously called the Two Brothers. Captain Manley set out from Marblehead on October 28.

He captured a small British sloop called the Polly, carrying turnips to the soldiers in Boston on November 27th, but on the 29th, he ran into the brigantine Nancy, a massive 250 ton British ship bringing supplies to Boston. Unknown to Captain Manley and the crew of the USS Lee, the ship was carrying tons of ammunition and weapons.

After capturing the Polly, Manley searched the waters off of Boston. When the Nancy saw the Lee, it was mistaken for a British pilot boat which would lead them into Boston. The Nancy then gave a series of signal flags, alerting the Lee that her intentions had not yet been discovered.

Captain Manley sent a boat of men to the Nancy with their arms concealed. As soon as they boarded the ship, they pulled their weapons on the crew and the ship was surrendered without a fight.

The Nancy turned out to be one of the most valuable captures of the American Revolution. It contained 2,000 muskets, 8,000 fuses, 31 tons of musket balls, 3,000 solid shot for 12-pounders (cannon balls), one 13 inch cannon, 100,000 flints and other types of ammunition and supplies. The Nancy was sailed into Beverly, Massachusetts, where the supplies were loaded onto wagons and hauled to Cambridge, George Washington's headquarters outside Boston.

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## Chapter News

**Membership Dues are due!** The payment forms have been mailed out to all those Compatriots that have not yet paid. Please take a moment to complete the form and send in with payment to our Secretary / Treasurer Compatriot Terry Handley, or bring to the November meeting. Payments received after December 15 with require an additional reinstatement fee.

**Just a bit of advance notice:** Chapter Officer and Committee Chair positions will be coming up for nominations and election at the May Chapter Meeting. If you have been thinking about taking on leadership or Committee work we would be glad to visit with you.

**December events:** There will be Wreaths Across America events coming up for the Color Guard in December. These events will be on the Calendar soon. It will be much like last year at the Oklahoma Veterans and IOOF Cemeteries, and the Veterans Memorial near the Capitol. Get your muskets in good working condition!

Attached for your convenience is the October meeting minutes to review prior to the November meeting.

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**“Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.”**

— Thomas Edison

In Fraternity,

**Mark Reichardt**

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