



Heading by Megan Sanford

**September 2025**

## President's Message

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Greetings Fellow Compatriots,

As I compose this message we are having some unseasonably cool and rainy weather in Oklahoma. A high in the 60's being cooler than the normal lows for this time of year is a real treat and the rain brings much needed relief!

The Oklahoma Society hosted the 2025 South Central District Annual Conference this past weekend. The event was held at the new Folds of Honor Headquarters in Owasso, OK. There was just over 100 Compatriots and Guests in attendance. President General Michael Elston presented the Keynote address and discussed his Strategic and Operational Plan; more will be coming out on this soon (a link to his inaugural speech is provided below.) A ceremony was held on Saturday morning with musket salute to dedicate a Liberty Tree and SAR bench as permanent monuments on the beautiful grounds of the FOH headquarters. Thanks to the organizers

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and FOH for providing the venue! And special thanks to our sisters in the Ladies Auxiliary, NSSAR for their efforts in making this a memorable and enjoyable conference!



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- **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.



State President's Project

Also in attendance at the SCD Conference was Kristen Meilahn, President of the C.A.R. who brought Greetings and a message about her fundraising project for the Folds of Honor. Please scan the QR code (or use the link below) for more information on this important project.

<https://my.onecause.com/fundraiser/organizations/eca60a74-1a46-4e61-b343-a3548b19b228/fundraisers/fundraiser:df6c5701-3496-454b-badf-feb1b86ef8d6>

Inauguration speech of PG Michael J. Elston.



### **Continuing in our decade of the America 250 Celebration**

It is September 1775 and many Americans, including members of Congress, are hoping for a peaceful resolution to the current hostilities. However, the war escalated in Canada at Fort St. John and Montreal, while the British Navy harassed towns on the coast. Meanwhile, Patriot forces clashed with Loyalists in Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. At the end of the month, rumors spread that Britain was hiring European mercenaries to send to America.

King George III refused to receive the Olive Branch Petition from the Continental Congress. The Olive Branch Petition was a final attempt by the Second Continental Congress in July 1775 to reconcile with Britain and avoid a full-scale war. Written largely by John Dickinson, it declared colonial loyalty to King George III while requesting an end to hostilities. The petition was rejected by the King, who soon declared the colonies in rebellion, which pushed Congress toward declaring independence.



September 2 — General George Washington chartered the 78-ton schooner, Hannah, out of Beverly, Massachusetts, under Captain Nicholas Broughton, to attack British transports and supply vessels off Boston Harbor. Some consider the Hannah to be the first warship in the American Navy.

September 11 — General Washington convened a Council of War to discuss the possibility of a direct attack upon Boston. After a lengthy discussion, the officers decided it was impractical to attack without artillery support.

September 19 (Philadelphia) — Congress appointed the Secret Committee of Congress, led by Thomas Willing and Robert Morris, to secretly conduct trade with foreign nations for military arms and supplies.

September 26 — In Boston, General Thomas Gage, disliked by his soldiers, who called him “Granny” due to lack of action, was relieved of command and ordered to return to Britain. General William Howe replaced him as Commander-in-Chief.

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## Chapter News

We begin our Chapter meetings for the 2025-26 season on Monday **September 8**. We will be gathering at Johnnie’s Restaurant in Edmond. Social and meal time 6:00 - 7:00 pm with meeting starting at 7:00 pm.

**We will be installing Compatriot Sean Drake as OKC Chapter Color Guard Commander, Compatriot Owen Broyles as 1LT, and**

**Compatriot Raphael Wall as 1SGT. Color Guard members please wear your Continental or Minute Man attire in support!**

I will be presenting the Chapter 2025-2026 budget for approval by the membership, and we have a number of members to swear-in, so hope to see you there!

**Upcoming events:**

**September 17:** Constitution Day. We will be meeting at 9:00 am on the South Plaza of the Capitol Building to read the US Constitution and hand out Constitution booklets. Program starts at 10:00. Period clothes and Continental uniforms recommended but not required.

**September 26:** End of WW2 commemoration (DAR event). Flag presentation with musket salute at the Oklahoma Veterans Memorial near the Capitol building. Event time 11:00 am; arrival time 10:00 for setup and run-through.

**October 2-4:** NSSAR Leadership Conference in Louisville, KY. Details on the SAR website.

**November 8:** Salvation Army Toy Drive (see attached flyer for details - PLEASE NOTE: THE RSVP DATE HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO SEPTEMBER 15).

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There are many quotes attributed to our Founding Fathers from the American Revolutionary times. One of my favorites is from Thomas Jefferson:





If you have read this far, my thanks. Wishing you a safe and productive day.

In Fraternity,

**Mark Reichardt**

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*You are Cordially Invited to the  
4th Annual Salvation Army Toy Drive.  
Sponsored by the OKC SAR Chapter,  
Capital District DAR  
and LACKSSAR*

*Join us  
Saturday, November 8, 2025,  
6:00-9:00 P.M.*

*At the  
CCPA Advance Center for Free Enterprise,  
415 N.E. 13th Street  
Oklahoma City, OK*

*Refreshments will be served.*

*Please RSVP to Karla Killinger,  
kkillin@hotmail.com  
No later than September 1, 2025*

*Admission is a toy for a child. Please do not wrap.*



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