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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Chapter News

It's been a rather toasty summer; however, we shall soon be moving to a less toasty fall (fingers crossed). We have moved our meetings to new abodes at the American Legion Hall in Edmond, Oklahoma and therefore have much more room to spread our feet. Our Color Guard for both the Oklahoma City Chapter and our fellow Canadian Valley Chapter have been very busy over the summer and shall be led to further exposure by our own Compatriot Terry McClain.

On Friday, July 31st the OKC and Canadian Valley Chapters participated once again in the Naturalization Ceremony at the Oklahoma City Federal Court House and welcomed approximately 95 new citizens to the United States. The Color Guard is always welcomed by the court and the new citizens always want their pictures taken with the color guard. You don't have to be in uniform and can help welcome the newest citizens who have studied hard to be included into our society.

- For **membership** inquiries, contact Phil Cook, at 4cooksinoke@cox.net, who can assist you in locating the necessary documents.

- For **website** (<http://okssar.com>) inquiries, contact Glenn Lee at 405.313.9947 or gleedmond@gmail.com.

- Like us on **Facebook** (www.facebook.com/okcsar) which is monitored by Terry Handley at thandley1@me.com.

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

Lest we forget, the above picture of our Color Guard this year for Armed Forces Day this year, exhibits why our presence and manner inspires the new citizens.



We had a very busy summer for the Color Guard and there will be pictures at the September meeting. Below is a gathering of Color Guard at the South Central District Meeting in Richardson.

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- Our **Chaplain** for the OKC Chapter is Tom Rupert at 405.213.5423 or ruperttom529@gmail.com.

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





September 4th, the Color Guard of both OKC and CV presented a 250th Flag to Mission BBQ in Edmond. We had many other events through the summer and will undoubtedly share them at the upcoming meeting. We have had an excellent chapter photographer in the guise of Sarah Moser. The SAR OKC Chapter is in need of a “Dedicated Photographer” as well.

Upcoming Events

Please plan on attending the **Chapter meeting on September 14th** as we have many new members to welcome and as the first meeting of the fall, allows us all to re-acquaint ourselves with each other as well as meet new friends.

Remember the **new meeting venue is at the American Legion Post 111 in Edmond. Meeting will start at 7:00 PM.** If you can make it a little early, we will need volunteers to help set up.

Please peruse the attached 2026/2027 Budget as we will need to vote on it at the September 14th meeting.

September 19: Color Guard to journey to Mt. Vernon, VA to stand guard at the tombs of George and Martha Washington for the day.

Last but certainly not least, also attached is an **Annual Dues form** and if you have not yet sent in your Annual Dues form with money, we would appreciate your money at the meeting or as soon as possible.

In this year of the USA's 250th Birthday, we continue our coverage of the events of 1776.

As we celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States of America, the future still has a bright path for our History that has yet to be written. Mount McKinley again, Gulf of America, Lake America all things created in our lifetime! We celebrate our past, but know but little of it. Let me highlight a few of the events of September 1776. Some of this I had in elementary school, I doubt it is still being taught now. So, let me revisit it again for your benefit and entertainment. These are the Top 5 items. First, for you Navy types,, The "Turtle"! While the Ancients had used primitive Diving Bells long ago It was an American that made and used the first attack submersible against an enemy warship fighting America! This revolutionary idea would be seen again in the American Civil War in the "Hunley", but the "submarine" would become a global weapon 50 years later. All this due to modern American creativeness and genius. Second, is the American Family of "Trumbull." Never heard of them? Not a surprise. They were Americans First even though they were born British.

Jonathan was the Royal Governor of the Connecticut Colony, When British General Howe asked him for help to put down the Rebellion, Jonathan told General Howe that he refused, He supported the Americans and became Connecticut's First State Governor. Talk about Courage! His brother John, painted scenes of the War and painted a picture of George Washington and Thomas Jefferson whom he was friends of. Jonathan's grandson John was Aide-de-Camp to George Washington. Only the Lee's of Virginia were personally this close to Washington! Third, is George Washington's First Battlefield Victory! Harlem Heights in New York City. George Washington had been in Wars and Battles, but this was his first Battlefield Victory that he was the leader of! Fourth, is the mysterious burning of one third of New York City! On the evening of September 20th and well into the following morning a third of New York City was burnt to the ground. This is equal to every third house or business being destroyed in the largest city in America. And Fifth, on September 22nd In New York City, the British hung a convicted American Spy named Nathan Hale. This is the American who uttered the now famous sentence: "I regret that I have but one life to give for my Country!"

I knew this like I did "Now is the time for all Good Men to come to the Aid of their Country." ah, typing class,,,

Lest we Forget!

That is all; Carry On!

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