

EAST FORK TRINITY CHAPTER

TEXAS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

April 2016



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Walt Thomas, Bruce Joiner, Gary Snowden, Gregory Stevens, Larry Stevens and Bill Watts

Presentation of Heroism Medal to Garland Police Officer Gregory Stevens and Garland Independent School District Security Officer Bruce Joiner.



On May 3, 2015, Garland ISD Security Officer Bruce Joiner and Garland Police Officer Gregory Stevens were providing security at the main entrance of the Curtis Cullwell Center in Garland, Texas where a controversial event was in progress. They were intercepting cars as they approached, verifying their identity and redirecting them when necessary. Because of the nature of the event and attacks by radical groups worldwide, Joiner and Stevens were on

heightened alert. As yet another auto approached, Security Officer Joiner approached to assist them. Two male individuals exited the vehicle and started firing with assault rifles hitting Joiner in the leg. Joiner went down and Officer Stevens returned fire with his service Glock, taking down both individuals. The Garland Swat Team, already at the Center, responded to the gun fire and quickly took control at the site.

Based on worldwide mass murder events by terrorist groups, if the two individuals had been allowed to enter the Center, there would have likely been a high loss of life inside. We owe a great deal to these two first-responders and their actions on that day.

We are here today to honor both men because of their heroic actions on that day.

It is my honor and privilege to award Police Officer



Bruice Joiner and Gregory Stevens

Gregory Stevens and Garland Security Officer Bruce Joiner the Medal for Heroism from the East Fork Trinity Chapter of the Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

The Sons of the American Revolution are honored by your presence here today and we thank you for your dedicated service to your community, our state and our nation.



Gary Snowden presenting the Awards



Texas SAR President, Larry Stevens presenting Challenge Coins to Officer Gregory Stevens and Security Officer Bruce Joiner at the Awards Presentation



Bill Watts

Vice - President

This month we will have Laura Simmons a Texas Ranger as our guest speaker.

The line-up for the next few months is as follows;

May 12 **Montie Monzingo**

My Favorite Revolutionary War Flags and the stories behind them

June 9 **John Greer**

Timothy Murphy "Best Shot in the Revolutionary War

July 14 **Diane Johnson**

Betsy Ross

If you have any program ideas or want to provide a program please contact me via email.



Dave Powell

The Registrar's Corner

1. Robert Vickers II's application was approved on 16 Feb 2016. Rob's Patriot is Dr. John Taliaferro. Awaiting Induction.
2. Dr. Bob Sparks' application was approved on 29 Feb 2016. Dr. Sparks' Patriot is Walter Sparks. Awaiting Induction.
3. Tab Dupree's application was approved on 29 Feb 2016. Tab Dupree's Patriot is Zachariah Landrum. Awaiting Induction.
4. Garrett Dupree's application was approved at National on 29 Feb 2016. Garrett Dupree's Patriot is Zachariah Landrum. (Garrett is Tab Dupree's son). Awaiting Induction.
5. Prospective Member Jason Gray's application made it through the State Registrar's review and was received at National on 16 Feb 2016. Jason's Patriot is Ballenger Wade.
6. Chase Rediger's application as a Junior Member was completed and sent to the State Registrar for review. Chase's Patriot is Silas Benedict. Chase is the son of David Rediger.
7. Connor Rediger's Application as a Junior Member was completed and sent to the State Registrar for review. Connor's Patriot is Silas Benedict. Connor is the son of David Rediger.
8. Prospective Member David Permenter has completed his application and is in the process of asking several other family members to join on the SAR Family Plan. We should have these applications completed soon. They all will be joining under Patriot Light Townsend. Under the Family Membership Plan the Primary applicant will pay \$175.00, the second family member (18 years & over) will pay \$125.00. A junior family member (under 18 years old) will pay \$73.00.

Registrar's Note:**Proof of the Maternal Bloodline.**

If the bloodline goes through the maternal side, there must be acceptable evidence of the connection between the woman and her parents, as well as between the woman and her child. A Will or Bible record explicitly describing the relationship is of course preferred. By themselves census records usually will not suffice, unless a census record shows the father and/or mother living in the married daughter's household, but other indirect evidence may establish the linkage. If a Will, Deed, or Court Record is used to show her maiden name but doesn't indicate her married name ("to my daughter Mary"), more proof is required to show the marriage and establish both her married and maiden names.

The burden of proof is met if a father's Will list his daughter by her married name, for example: Mary Jones (maiden name) marries George Smith and Mary's father lists her as Mary Smith in his Will.

Memorial Applications

Did you know that a deceased male person can join the SAR? Proof documents are still required just like a Regular Application and the cost of a Memorial Application is \$418.00.



Rev. Ken Morrill
Chaplain

From the Desk of the Chaplain**WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF YOU & ME?**

► Certain dates on the calendar need no explanation and demand no commentary. Several of them are anxiously anticipated and warmly welcomed:

1. January 1st – New Year
2. July 4th – Independence Day
3. December 25th – Christmas

► Other dates, however, prompt a much more solemn response...especially these dates:

1. September 11th – Terrorist Attack on the World Trade Center Towers
2. November 22nd – President John F. Kennedy Assassinated
3. December 7th – Pearl Harbor / War in the Pacific Began

► None of these dates require anything of us, but that's not the case with another date. It needs no elaboration, but it is different because it requires specific action on our part...APRIL 15TH!! On that date each year, we are required to pay Uncle Sam for the privilege of living in the United States of America. And if we don't pay our taxes, we will pay penalties instead. (Remember the Fram commercials – "Pay me now or pay me later")

► God is rich in mercy and full of grace for all of us, yet He requires certain things of us who are citizens of His kingdom. Sometimes we think that because our sins are forgiven, it really doesn't matter how we live. His Holy Word tells a different story and our lives (and our country) will be blessed if we trust and obey His commands. Here are just a few to consider:

1. *Micah 6:6 – "And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God"*

2. 2 Chronicles 7:14 – “If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and will heal their land (country)” I don’t know about you but our country needs healing. Pray for our country and its leadership!!!)

3. 1 Corinthians 6:19 – “Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you?” God calls each of us to a life of purity – to purity of mind, purity of motives, and purity of morals. Our bodies are God’s temple, the place where His Holy Spirit has come to dwell. God requires us to glorify Him with our bodies as well as our spirits. They all belong to Him...and like not paying our taxes, there are consequences for not following His requirements...for us and our country.



Walt Thomas

April Color Guard News

I would like to welcome Paul Price and David Rediger, our newest members of the East Fork Color Guard. Paul participated with us at the recent SAR State Convention in his new continental uniform. David participated in the Heroism Medal Award Ceremony for Bruce Joiner and Gregory Stevens. Good to have both of you aboard.

In other Color Guard news, Dan Reed recently retired as Northern Texas Color Guard Commander and Bill Watts has been appointed to replace him.

Congratulations to Bill.



Drake Peddie awarding Bill Watts Color Guardsman of the Year

Recent Events

On March 12 we joined with other NTX chapters to recognize two past TXSSAR presidents at the Arlington City Cemetery. Benton C. Colins was TXSSAR president in 1942 and Dr. Valin Woodward was TXSSAR president in 1935.

On March 31, we helped raise the Texas SAR flag over the Hyatt North Hotel in Richardson to start the 2016 SAR State Convention. On April 1, Bill Watts was awarded the Gold

Medal for Color Guardsman of the year. We joined with other Texas SAR chapters to present the Colors at the opening ceremony of the convention. On April 2, we joined with other Texas SAR chapters to present the Colors at the convention banquet. On April 3, we retrieved the Colors at the close of the 2016 State Convention.

Upcoming Events

On Saturday April 16, 2016, we will dedicate an SAR marker for compatriot Jack Gunnels at the Pecan Grove Cemetery in McKinney. The event is scheduled for 10:00 AM. All chapter members and other friends are welcome and encouraged to participate. Betty Gunnels and other family members from out of the area will be participating. We have approval to fire our flintlocks for an honorary volley. Car pools are encouraged.

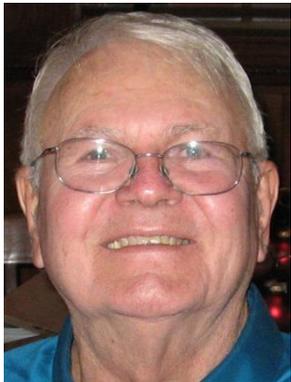
On Saturday May 28, 2016, we will march in the Ennis Polka Parade at 10:00 AM. We will be mustering in Ennis at 9:00 AM. Car pools are recommended.

On Saturday June 11, we have been asked to join with the Dallas Chapter in a Flag Retirement Ceremony; it is likely in the afternoon but details to be determined.

On Saturday June 18, 2016, we will march in the Audie Murphy Day parade in Farmersville Texas. Event normally starts at 10:00 AM. A car pool will be organized. Details will be available at a later time.

Regards,

Walt Thomas, EFT Color Guard Commander



John Greer

Veterans Report

We have a list of things that are needed by veterans. They are as follows;

Reading Glasses (no prescription)

Envelopes, Large-Brown 9 1/2 X 12 inch

Hotel/Motel vouchers

Bath Gell large bottles (no Bar Soap)

Baby powder

Boxers in all sizes from small to 3XL

T-Shirts in sizes Large to 4XL

Suitcase/Luggage

Adult Coloring Books

Postage Stamps

Spiral Notebooks

Shave Gel

Deodorant

Foot Powder

Denture Adhesive

Denture Cleaner

Backpacks

Please keep a list of materials that you supply to the VA and give the list to Gary Snowden and John Greer at the end of the year for our Chapter Reports.

Thank you for your support of your VA!

John Greer, Veterans Chairman



Bill Watts

Education Chairman

I've received nominations for the Citizenship Awards that East Fork Trinity gives each year and at our chapter meeting I would like you to sign up to present the awards. I will provide you with your award, speech the email contact information and letters to use to contact the school. In otherwords you will receive everything you need to make a successful presentation. Please help, I passed out 6 last year several on the same day. HELP ME!

I've been in contact with a school that is interested in our poster, essay and brochure contest. We need to prepare for these events in 2017 when we will need a committee to judge the entrants for these contests. Let me know if you are interested by emailing me at bill_watts@att.net.

REMEMBER THIS:

"It is our attitude at the beginning of a difficult undertaking which, more than anything else, will determine its successful outcome." – William James



Barbara Thomas

Ladies Tour ~ April 1, 2016

For some of us, the Texas SAR Ladies Tour to the George W. Bush Presidential Library was memorable, to say the least. Bill Watts had arranged for a large bus to take the ladies to the library. Because the large bus broke down the day before, we were sent two smaller buses to use.

After meeting in the lobby of the hotel, we went outside to board the buses. The first group of us went to the bus that was first in line. It seemed a little dark going up the steps, even though it was 10:30 in the morning. I then

noticed the black wall that separated the driver from the rest of the bus. After finding a seat, I realized that this bus was a little different. The seating area was U-shaped around the sides and back of the bus. Behind the seats was a narrow ledge holding champagne glasses. But Bill hadn't provided anything to put in them. Music played through speakers in the ceiling. And then there was the pink neon lighting and flashing green disco lights. All this made for an interesting ride down the highway to SMU. The ladies on the other, regular, bus missed a lot of fun.



After arriving at our destination, we went to Café 43 for lunch. The ladies were seated, eight to a table, in various parts of the room. Nearing the end of our lunch, someone special walked behind me



heading to a table in the corner. It was Laura Bush, meeting for lunch with daughter Jenna and several others.

After lunch, we went through Security to enter the museum. The center of the building has a 360°, 20-ft. tall video screen at the top of the high walls. Also in this area are exhibited some of the beautiful gifts that were given to the President and First Lady from countries all over the world.

To the right is the entrance to the temporary exhibit galleries. The current exhibit, “The Path to the Presidency”, is an interactive history of campaigns and elections in the

United States.

The other side of the building is the permanent exhibit gallery. This area has artifacts, documents, and videos pertaining to President Bush’s years in office. There is a large piece of steel from the World Trade Center in New York City. It is called “impact steel” because it was struck directly by one of the hijacked planes.

Some of Laura’s beautiful dresses are displayed in this area. At the end of the gallery is a full-size reproduction of the Oval Office. According to the docent, this is the only Oval Office reproduction where visitors are allowed to sit on the sofas and even at the President’s desk.

After touring the museum there was time for shopping at the museum store. And then...back to the party bus for the fun ride back to the hotel!

Barbara Thomas





State Convention Color Guard Picture

As a member of the East Fork Trinity Chapter I believe that we as a Chapter had more members participate than any other Chapter in the State of Texas. Take a look Harmon Adair, Bill Watts, Montie Monzingo, Paul Price, David Rediger, Gary Lovell, David Powell, Walt Thomas, and John Greer. Not pictures but men who attended the convention are Glenn Atterberry, Leslie Anderson, Ken Morrill, Paul Ridenour and Gary Snowden. I think that is all. If I missed anyone I apologize but I think this is all of the men who attended the 2016 Texas State Convention from East Fork Trinity Chapter of the Texas Sons of the American Revolution. PAT OURSELVES ON THE BACK!

Ashlee Martin, East Fork Trinity Chapter's Entry to the CAR Essay Contest is presented With her check and certificate.





Charles Jackson received his certificate of recognition for attending the New Member Program. Bob Vickers and David Powell received their certificates for the Military Service Veterans Corps.



On March 10th members of the Plano, East Fork Trinity and Edmund Terrell Chapters of the SAR made a Flag Presentation to members of the Bonham VA. We had over 35 guests attend the presentation.



On March 12th the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Graveside Dedications at the Arlington Cemetery for Dr. Valin Woodward, Sr. and Hon. Benton Collins former Texas State Presidents were honored. In attendance were John Anderson, TX SAR Arlington Chapter President, Geraldine Mills, Fielder House Museum Executive Director, Roger Wehr, Arlington Landmark Preservation Commission Chairman, and many others.



Presenting the Colors at the Naturalization Ceremony on March 14, 2016



Bill Watts

Ink Spot

I enjoy publishing the East Fork Trinity Newsletter and I hope you are enjoying it as well. I am trying to keep the newsletter full of up-to-date information about our last meeting, future meetings and other information concerning EFT. But sometimes I forget to mention some important information.

Therefore I want to ask YOU the reader for help. If you have something that you think should be in the Newsletter please send it to me. If you have suggestions (I may or may not always use them) please send them to me.

If you have an article that you want to publish (1-3 pages) please send it to me with pictures. I may have to edit it to fit but I welcome any article that fits the newsletter and EFT's interests. I will need a head shot picture to put in the Newsletter as part of your writing.

If you have participated in activities that are related to SAR, DAR, CAR, military, or civic that is related to our chapter please send it to me with pictures. I want to make this Newsletter reflect the Chapter's interests.

If you are a New Member, please contact me so we can put you in the Newsletter. You are an important part of East Fork Trinity and we want you to introduce yourself to US!

Last but not least this is your Newsletter as well as mine. I want it to reflect our Chapter so please let me know how I can make it better. Let's work together to keep this Newsletter fresh, informative and fun!

The **Eisemann – Collin County** concerts for the 5th graders conducted by Maestro Hector Guzman the Plano Symphony Orchestra. There were 5 concerts that were served by the Color Guard. Left to right are; Dan Reed, Hector Guzman, Don Babbs, Bill Watts and Don Sielert.

