

# EAST FORK TRINITY CHAPTER

## TEXAS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

July 2016



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John Greer told EFT about Timothy Murphy the best shot in the Revolutionary War.

Tom Whitelock introduced two new members Tab and Garrett Dupree. Tab was represented by his mother Stacy Dupree.





Bill Watts

## Vice – President of Programs

This month we will have Diane Johnson as Betsy Ross.

August 11

September 8

October 13

**Mike Radcliff**, President Texas SAR

**Paul Ridenour**, “Cleaning and Repair of Markers”

**Dan Reed**,

If you have any program ideas or want to provide a program please contact me via email at [bill\\_watts@att.net](mailto:bill_watts@att.net)

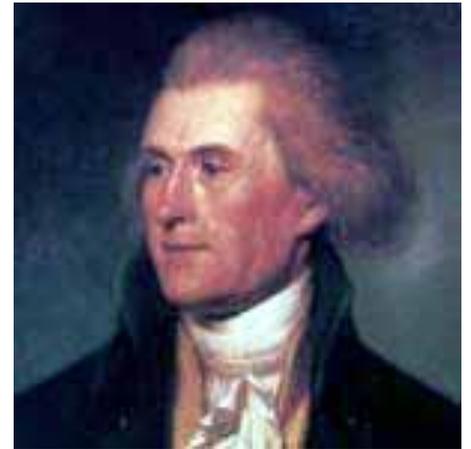


Bob Vickers

## Secretary

### Thomas Jefferson

His Portrait is on the Two  
“\$2.00” Dollar Bill. This is amazing. There  
are two parts. Be sure to read the 2nd part



in **RED**.

Thomas Jefferson was a very remarkable man who started learning very early in life and never stopped. At 5, began studying under his cousin's tutor, at 9, studied Latin, Greek and French, at 14, studied classical literature and additional languages, at 16, and entered the College of William and Mary. He could write in Greek with one hand while writing the same in Latin with the other.

At 19, he studied Law for 5 years starting under George Wythe, at 23, started his own law practice, at 25, was elected to the Virginia House of Burgesses, at 31, wrote the widely circulated "Summary View of the Rights of British America " And retired from his law practice.

When he was 32, was a delegate to the Second Continental Congress, at 33, he wrote the Declaration of Independence, at 33, took three years to revise Virginia's legal code and wrote a Public Education bill and a statute for Religious Freedom and at 36, was elected the second Governor of Virginia succeeding Patrick Henry.



At 40, served in Congress for two years, At 41 was the American minister to France and negotiated commercial treaties with European nations along with Ben Franklin and John Adams.

At 46, served as the first Secretary of State under George Washington, at 53, served as Vice President and was elected president of the American Philosophical Society.

At 55, drafted the Kentucky Resolutions and became the active head of Republican Party. At 57, was elected the third president of the United States, at 60, obtained the Louisiana Purchase doubling the nation's size, at 61, was elected to a second term as President, at 65, retired to Monticello, at 80, helped President Monroe shape the Monroe Doctrine, at 81, almost single-handedly created the University of Virginia and served as its first president, and when he was 83, he died on the 50th anniversary of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence along with John Adams.

Thomas Jefferson knew because he himself studied the previous failed attempts at government. He understood actual history, the nature of God, His laws and the nature of man. That happens to be way more than what most understand today.

Jefferson really knew his stuff, a voice from the past to lead us in the future: John F. Kennedy held a dinner in the White House for a group of the brightest minds in the nation at that time. He made this statement: "This is perhaps the assembly of the most intelligence ever to gather at one time in the White House with the exception of when Thomas Jefferson dined alone."

Thomas Jefferson leaves us with the following thoughts;

"When we get piled upon one another in large cities, as in Europe, we shall become as corrupt as Europe",

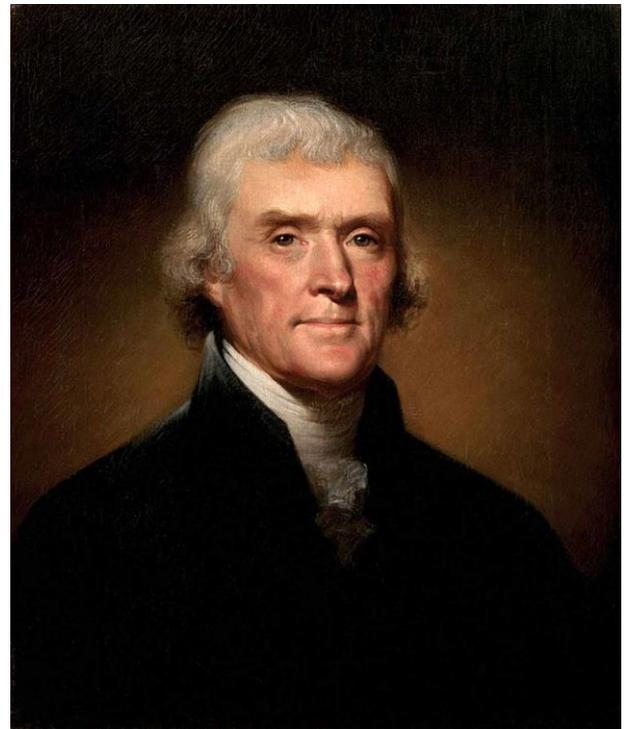
"The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not".

"It is incumbent on every generation to pay its own debts as it goes. A principle which if acted on would save one-half the wars of the world."

"I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them".

"My reading of history convinces me that most bad government results from too much government".

"No free man shall ever be debarred the use of arms".



"The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government".

"The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants".

"To compel a man to subsidize with his taxes the propagation of ideas which he disbelieves And abhors is sinful and tyrannical".

Thomas Jefferson said in 1802: "I believe that banking institutions are more dangerous to our liberties than standing armies. If the American people ever allow private banks to control the issue of their currency, first by inflation, then by deflation, the banks and corporations that will grow up around the banks, will deprive the people of all property - until their children wake-up homeless on the continent their fathers conquered."

I wish we could get this out to every American! I'm doing my part. Please do yours.



Dave Powell

## The Registrar's Corner

### NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

1. Tab and Garrett Dupree were inducted at the June meeting. Congratulations.
2. Prospective Member Jason Gray's application was approved on 25 Apr 2016. Jason's induction should take place at the July meeting. Jason's Patriot is Ballenger Wade.
3. Chase Rediger's application as a Junior Member has been approved at National and he is scheduled to be inducted at the July meeting. Chase's Patriot is Silas Benedict. Chase is the son of David Rediger.
4. Connor Rediger's application as a Junior Member has been approved at National and he is scheduled to be inducted at the July meeting. Connor's Patriot is Silas Benedict. Connor is the son of David Rediger.
5. Prospective Member David Permenter and three of his family members are joining under the SAR Family Plan. They family members are: John Permenter (David's half-brother). Grant Permenter (John's son) and Richard Anderson who is David's Sister's son. Their applications were submitted but returned from State for some additional information including an expanded Proof Argument. We expect to have these applications back to the State Registrar in the next few days. All of the Permenter men will be joining under Patriot Light Townsend.
6. Prospective Member Doyle Maston Jr's application has made it through State and was received at National on 6 May 2016. Doyle is the brother of Sandra (Sandy) Maston Poore, a DAR member here in Rockwall. Doyle Maston's Patriot is Thomas Bradford Jr.
7. Prospective Junior Member Brady Pidgeon's application has made it through State and is now

at National. Brady is the Grandson of Dave Powell and their Patriot is Captain Lucius Tuttle, Connecticut Militia.

### SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATIONS

1. EFT Member Glenn Atterberry submitted a new Supplemental Application and it was received at National on 23 Apr 2016.
2. EFT Member Leslie Anderson is currently working on two new Supplemental Applications.

### PROSPECTS:

We have two new Prospects: **Duane Lites** and **Cordell Reedy**.

### Registrar's Note:

**Annotations:** Do not make any annotations to documents submitted since documents must be taken at face value as written. Only a reference to identify the generation by number should appear in the margins and the pertinent text underlined in RED fine-tip pen or pencil. Extraneous annotations by others on records are not generally acceptable. This includes such things as annotations listing the family with a photo or transcription of a tombstone record.



Rev. Ken Morrill  
Chaplain

### From the Desk of the Chaplain

♥ *"Give me liberty or give me death" ... Patrick Henry*

♥ *"Freedom in America isn't really free... We often pay a price to keep our liberty" ... Joanna Fuchs*

### ♥ George Washington's Prayer for Our

Country... *"Almighty God, we make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection, that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to the government and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States of America at large. And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of The Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen"*



♥ *Free In the USA* (poem)

*On the Fourth of July, I raised the flag, As I spoke with love and pride: "I'm blessed to be an American," I said, to two friends who stood by my side.*

*One was my neighbor, who lives next door, he's a citizen, like me. The other, a visitor from a hard, oppressed land far across the sea.*

*My flag stays in it box this year, said my neighbor, boiling mad. The terrible shape this country is in and the future looks nothing but bad.*

*Taxes, scandal, indifference and crime, on our land like a giant stain. My visitor said, "We have all that and worse but it's against the law to complain".*

*My neighbor looked startled but not subdued. Then he started in on the Press. "There's nothing but bad news, the headlines are always bleak...and it gets me down, too, I confess".*

*"Our news is all good," said my visitor friend. "It's just how you'd like it to be. We know what our government wants us to know for our press is controlled, you see".*

*My neighbor spun 'round and marched toward his house and here is the end of my story. The next time we saw him, he was out in his yard...Proudly raising Old Glory.*



Bill Watts

## Ed Chairman's Report

There is so much to cover and I hope I don't forget anything.

The June 25<sup>th</sup> "Meet the Sons of the American

Revolution" that was sponsored by the Plano Chapter was a big success. We had 170 people come to the Haggard Library to see the exhibit.

We had Jack Hughes, Dan Reed, Howard Roach, Don and Ann Sielert from the Plano Chapter. Jerry Pinkerton and Tom Whitelock represented the



Dallas Chapter. Ted Wilson and Terry Holden drove down from the Edmund Terrell Chapter. Bill Watts, Leslie and Margaret Anderson were there from East Fork Trinity and Rock Wall DAR.



Plano's cannon was a huge success with many children getting their pictures taken with the cannon. Leslie Anderson took pictures of the



event and discussed individual items with people who attended.

## Education



## Clothing

## Food

## Weapons



I received many positive comments about the presentation and I would like to provide something similar with the members of East Fork Trinity Chapter acting as docents to our community. Several Rock Wall DAR members are interested in participating with us. There are many areas that may be of interest to you, Education, Clothing – men and women, Food and Cooking, Weapons – bullet making, Games that the men played, Music, Camping Equipment, and many other areas that I haven't thought about.

One comment that Margaret Anderson made stuck with me because it was a very obvious but forgotten part of the event – “We missed an opportunity to talk about Genealogy.” We could have gotten some interest from the attendees concerning membership in the DAR or SAR. Therefore, when we provide an event we will have some advertising and genealogy charts.

August will be her soon and I need to know if the chapter wants to continue the Good Citizenship Awards for 2017. I also need to know if the chapter will support the various contests that are available. Such as the poster contest, oration, essay etc.... Please let Gary Snowden our president know what you want our chapter to be involved in and the amount of support you will provide. Nothing can be done without the members being involved in the activities. All of these programs begin in August.



I have been providing a portion of something that the Plano Chapter calls a “Flag Program”. The program is presented to retirement centers, other chapter meetings, different clubs and where ever a program is needed. I've always presented my Charlesville Musket and at the last presentation I did something new “What's in a Soldiers Pocket?” There is a lot of talent in EFT. I believe it's not being used in our communities. Is there anyone interested in joining me in developing a program?

Make sure you keep up with events that you participate in so Gary Snowden can put them on his end of year report. The report is long and involved and needs your input!

Last but not least are the new safety rules for muskets used in the various events that we participate. The National Color Guard Committee requires flash guards and frizzen covers on black-powder guns used at National SAR events. This is also a standard reenactor requirement. Please add these two pieces of safety equipment to your gun. If you shoot a black-powder gun at any State, District or National SAR event please be advised that your weapon will be inspected for these two items.



Walt Thomas

## Color Guard Report

We have just celebrated our Independence Day on July 4th. During all the BBQ, fireworks, pool parties and boating, I hope everyone paused to remember the sacrifices our ancestors made to establish the United States as a free and independent nation. We are the recipients of the freedom from their legacy. We also want to remember our military men and women who have fought, were sometimes wounded or died to keep us free.

On June 18<sup>th</sup>, several color guard members traveled to Farmersville to march in the Audie Murphy parade.

On July 3<sup>rd</sup>, Harmon Adair, Montie Monzingo, Bill Watts and Walt Thomas presented the Colors at the Sunnyvale First Baptist Church. The flags were posted after the pledge to the flag and singing of our national anthem.





A great 4<sup>th</sup> of July for the EFT chapter.

On July 4<sup>th</sup>, we marched or rode in the Rockwall 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. The Rock Wall Chapter of the DAR joined us in the parade. Dave had his truck equipped with sound so that we would have fife and drum music to put everyone in the spirit and may have even kept us in step. Gary Lovell provided a trailer to allow those not wanting to march, a comfortable ride. After the parade, we enjoyed food and conversation at the Lovell ranch in Chisholm.



Montie Monzingo

## The Web-Master's Domain

For better or worse:

The “News” tab on the main menu (Dallas Chapter’s and East Fork Trinity Chapter’s) leads to a list of things that the software designer, John Anderson, added. The space can be used for many things. Tom Whitelock came up with an interesting use; this pertains to the Dallas Chapter website. Occasionally there are times when it is necessary to alert the members for some reason; as Tom did recently (alerting the Dallas Chapter members of the death of one of its members). Tom and I discussed the idea, and decided to use the “News” tab for such occasions, and to make the tab blink when there was an important announcement. I plan to do likewise with our chapter’s website.



John Greer

## Veterans Chairman

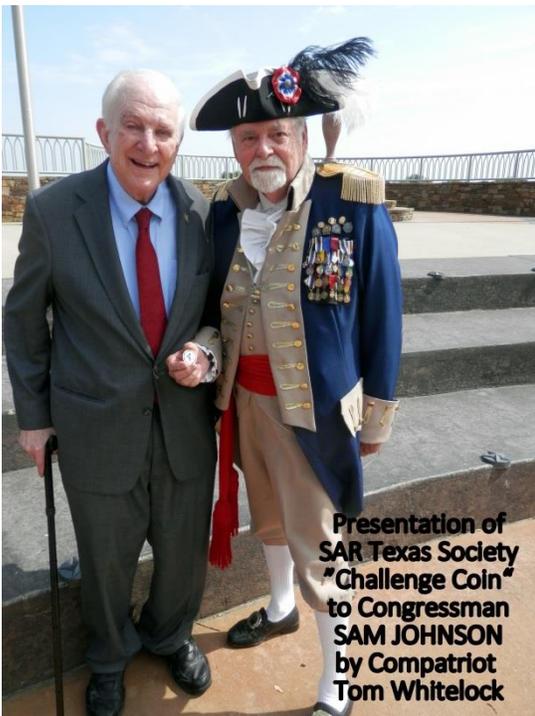
For many years I’ve asked the members of East Fork Trinity to complete the Veterans Worksheet for me so I can report how many hours we have contributed to the Veterans either at the VA Hospital in Bonham, Texas or at other veteran’s events. Members of the SAR can receive the Service to Veterans Medal called the USS Stark Award. I urge all of the members who have provided service to veterans keep track of your time and apply for this medal. Make sure to give your results to me so I can add them to my report at the end of the year for Gary.





The Audie Murphy parade in Farmersville was a huge success. The marchers are at in the left pictures and the riders are in the picture below left. A fun time for all involved.

Terry Holden, Ted Wilson, Montie Monzingo, Paul Ridenour, Bill Watts, David Temple, George Ramphrey, Bob Kittrell, Alan Johnson



Presentation of SAR Texas Society "Challenge Coin" to Congressman SAM JOHNSON by Compatriot Tom Whitelock



Don Sielert, Wendle Edwards, Don Babbs, Howard Roach, Dan Reed



**Congressman Sam Johnson's Flag Retirement Ceremony on June 18, 2016.**

**“Meet the SAR” at the Haggard Library 6/25/16--SAR, DAR, CAR! had a great time with the canon outside, and inside-a great display by Bill Watts--all kinds of replicas needed while fighting the Revolutionary War! Dan Reed, Howard Roach, Don Sielert, Bill Watts, Terry Holden, Montie Monzingo, Jack Hughes, Tom Whitelock, Julie Avedikian and son--representing DAR and CAR, Leslie Anderson, and Jerry Pinkerton. There was a great turn out inside and while I was outside, the kids were MOST interested in the canon and wanted to ride it!!! NOT! Also thought it would be great to shoot! -Ann Sielert**



Front row; Jack Hughes, Montie Monzingo, Don Sielert, Ted Wilson  
Back; Dan Reed, Howard Roach, Jerry Pinkerton, Bill Watts, Terry Holden  
Not pictured; Leslie Anderson, Margaret Anderson, Tom Whitelock, Ann Sielert

June 28, 2016

I hereby waive all claims to monetary benefits for services rendered as a volunteer worker on a "without comp" applies only to compensation for specific services rendered in the VA Voluntary Service (VAVS) Program at benefits to which I may be entitled.

**PLEASE PRINT**

NAME	ORGANIZATION
John Greer	SAR
T. L. Holden	SAR
Leslie Anderson	SAR
Margaret Anderson	DAR
ANN CORDERO	BLUE STAR MOTHERS
<del>Margaret Anderson</del>	<del>TEA</del>
Tom Whitelock	SAR DALLAS
CHARLIE PIERCE	AMVETS #47
Mark Thomson	Post 231 Am Legion
JACK Hughes	SAR
Steve Seachord	SAR - Plano
Chadler Seachord	SAR - Plano
JW Bair	AL Post 29
Phyllis Bain	ALA Post 29
CECL SCOTT	MORT



Mine All Mine

Jack Hughes



Margaret Anderson and Terry Holden



Leslie Anderson and John Greer



The July 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the Declaration of Independence by the Gainesville Bar Association with the presentation of Colors by the North Texas Sons of the American Revolution.



The reading of the Declaration of Independence

Color Guard at rest during reading



Alan Johnson, Howard Roach, Don Sielert, Don Babbs, Terry Holden, John Greer, Ted Wilson, Wendle Edwards, Jerry Pinkerton and Bill Watts

**Naturalization Ceremony** in Irving- July 8, 2016! 131 new citizens were sworn in during the ceremony. Present: Don Sielert, Howard Roach, Bill Watts, Don Babbs, Alan Johnson, John Greer, Terry Holden, Wendell Edwards, Jerry Pinkerton, Dallas, and Ted Wilson, Sherman.

Ann Sielert--  
Photographer--Plano SAR

**Masonic 101<sup>st</sup>. Annual Installation of Officers**, July 9, 2016 in Richardson. Taking part are Drake Peddie, Alan Johnson, Don Sielert, Don Babbs and Bill Watts. Someone forgot his hat and Gloves at home. Ann Sielert –  
Photographer - Plano SAR

