

EAST FORK TRINITY CHAPTER

TEXAS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

March 2016



Ned LaRowe

Spies of the American Revolution

Our Guest speaker is receiving his Certificate of Appreciation from Gary Snowden the President of East Fork Trinity Chapter.

2016 Officers

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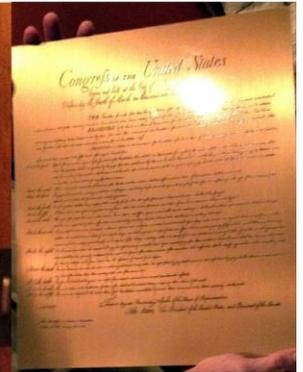
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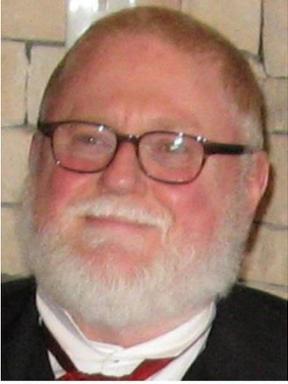


Door prize Metal copy of Articles of the Bill of Rights presented to

David Rediger from Gary Lovell



New Member Training Certificates presented to Bill Watts, Paul Price, John Greer and David Rediger



Gary Snowden

President East Fork Trinity Chapter

I have appointed the following men to the following positions;
 Color Guard Commander – Walt Thomas
 Sergeant At Arms – Glenn Atterberry
 Education Chairman – Bill Watts
 Newsletter Chairman – Bill Watts
 Web Master – Montie Monzingo



Bill Watts

Vice - President

This month we will have our CAR Essay Winner, Ashlee Martin reading her essay "*Winter at Valley Forge: the Trying Times*".

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

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| April 14 | Laura Simmons
Texas Ranger |
| 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.



Bob Vickers

From the Secretary of East Fork Trinity

A Prayer

Dear Beloved God in Heaven:

Please give us a president that loves this country and everything it stands for.
 Please give us a president who respects you as the one true God.
 Please give us a president who will, with your help, restore this nation to its former glory, the way you created her.
 Please help us to respect what you have given to us, and not take anything for granted ever again.
 Please God, weaken the evil and strengthen the good, both within and without. May our eyes be opened.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

God Bless America



Dave Powell

The Registrar's Corner

LATEST MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

1. Prospective Member Robert Vickers II's application was pended at National last year. We have submitted a substitute Patriot last month and Rob's Application has been un-pended and was approved on 16 Feb 2016. Rob's Patriot is Dr. John Taliaferro.

2. Prospective Member Dr. Bob Sparks' application's Genealogy was approved on 19 Feb 2016 Dr. Sparks' Patriot is Walter Sparks.

3. Prospective Member Tab Dupree's application is at National waiting to be reviewed. Tab Dupree's Patriot is Zachariah Landrum.

4. Prospective Member Garrett Dupree's application is at National waiting to be reviewed. Tab Dupree's Patriot is Zachariah Landrum. (Garrett is Tab Dupree's son).

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 getting several other family members to join on the SAR Family Plan. We should have these applications completed soon. They will all be joining under Patriot Light Townsend.

Registrar's Note:

The Sons of the American Revolution is a heritage society. It is not a genealogical society that requires proof of every name, place and event listed on the application, but it does require sound proof of the bloodline to the Patriot ancestor and of the service rendered by that ancestor. By "sound proof" we mean adequate documentation of each parent/child link in the line, and differentiation of people with similar names living near one another at the same time.

The SAR does not require proof of data concerning non-bloodline spouses. It does require that all such known data be included in the Lineage section on page 1 of the application. The distinction is that, while not needed for the immediate purpose of proving the lineage claimed on the application, added data contributes to verifying the bloodline, and may be of use to future applicants who share common lineage.

So what is the bottom-line: The SAR genealogist reviewing the application is going to check that the bloodline to the Patriot ancestor is proven and the Patriot has Proof-of-Service. They will put check marks on the ancestors in the bloodline but will not normally put check marks on the non-bloodline ancestors. This may become a problem if you use a SAR Record Copy as proof for another society like The National Society Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims (NSSDP). You may have to provide proofs for non-bloodline ancestors that are not checked on your SAR Record Copy.



Rev. Ken Morrill
Chaplain

From the Desk of the Chaplain

EASTER (Sunday 3-27-2016)

✠ The Resurrection – At the tomb of a good friend (Lazarus), Jesus spoke this astonishing claim: *“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die”* (John 11:25-26). Then Jesus looked into the faces there...just as He looks into our hearts today...and asked life’s bottom-line question: *“Do you believe this?”* (verse 26). The resurrection is what sets our Lord apart from a thousand other gurus and self-proclaimed prophets who have come along

through the centuries. The question, *“Do you believe this?”* is what drives any one of us to either accept or reject the Christian faith. My prayer for our chapter members (and their families) is that confronted with this bottom-line question of life, may we all answer with Martha’s response from the Scriptures: *“Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who has come into the world”* (verse 27).

✠ *“HE LIVES”* – (Easter Hymn written in 1933) – *“I serve a risen Savior, He’s in the world today // I know that He is living whatever men may say. I see His hand of mercy // I hear His voice of cheer. And just the time I need Him, // He’s always near. Chorus: “He lives!! // He lives!! // Christ Jesus lives today!! // He walks with me and talks with me along life’s narrow way. He lives. He lives...Salvation to impart!! You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart!!”*
“Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian // Lift up your voice and sing. Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!! The Hope of all who seek Him, // the Help of all who find. None other is so loving, so good and kind. Chorus: “He lives!! // He lives!! // Salvation to impart!! You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart!!”

✠ Easter Traditions: You won’t find them in the Bible, but many cherished Easter traditions have been around for centuries. The most prominent secular symbol of the Christian holiday, the Easter bunny reportedly was introduced to America by the German immigrants who brought over their stories of an egg-laying hare. The decoration of eggs is believed to date back to at least the 13th century, while the rite of the Easter parade has even older roots. Other traditions, such as the consumption of Easter candy are among the modern additions to the celebration of this early springtime holiday.

HAPPY EASTER !!!



Walt Thomas

Color Guard Commander

The EFT Color Guard will be participating as a chapter in the following scheduled events.

March 12, 2016 Saturday – Join with other NTX chapters to recognize two past TXSSAR presidents at the Arlington City Cemetery at 2:00 PM.

April 1, 2016 Friday - Join with other TXSSAR chapters to present the Colors at the opening ceremony of the TXSSAR State Convention. The State Convention will be at the Hyatt.

April 9, 2016 Saturday – Join with other chapters to march in the Gainesville Medal of Honor parade at 10:00 AM. A car pool will be arranged at a later time.

April 16, 2016 Saturday – Dedication of 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 are encouraged to participate. A car pool will be organized.

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

I encourage all Color Guard members to document your participation in the EFT Color Guard and other Color Guard events. This will be useful for our annual chapter report and for Color Guard recognition.



Montie Monzingo

The Web-Master's Domain

I have finished the Dallas website, and well into the EF-T website. In the meantime, I started work on our website, also using the TXSSAR template. There aren't as many items on the dropdown menu. The items are: Home, About Us, Docs, Membership, News, and Speakers. Much of the About Us and Membership is already filled with information about NSSAR, TXSSAR, and the SAR, in general. Lots of links are to organizations such as the DAR and the CAR. Membership contains links to our officers and our committee chairs, along with information concerned with joining the SAR. I have added links to the things relating to our chapter, such as the Color Guard and Vendors. The template has some restrictions, such as the size of the menu, as I mentioned, but the template will allow the website to fit screens of all sizes since it is design essentially to fold up in places to make it fit (not to have a fit). Compatriot John Anderson, member of the Arlington Chapter, designed the template, and to me it is an absolute work of art, far beyond my meager capabilities.



Dan Reed

Silent Auction & Raffle Chairman

Plano & East Fork Trinity SARs needs your help at the 2016 Texas SAR Convention. Volunteers are needed to help with the Silent Auction & Raffle. You do not have to register for the Convention to help your Chapter. Please, if you can help for a couple of hours, e-mail me.

Thank You

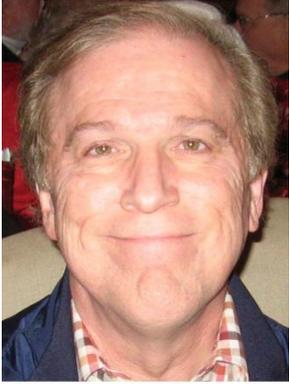
Dan Reed

Silent Auction & Raffle Chairman

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The Texas Sons of the American Revolution State Convention needs your help. If you have some time and would like to donate it to the cause please contact Bill Watts at bill_watts@att.net

WE NEED YOU!



Drake Peddie

State Convention Chairman

Registration for the 2016 Texas SAR Annual Conference, March 31 (Thursday) thru April 3, 2016 (Sunday), is open and available on the Texas SAR website.

HOTEL INFORMATION:

Registration for the meeting does NOT reserve a hotel room for you. The hotel for the meeting is the Hyatt Regency North Dallas; 701 East Campbell Road, Richardson, TX 75081. The room block is limited and the group rate expires on March 9th. You must identify yourself as being affiliated with the "Texas Society SAR" and request the special rate in order to obtain the discounted rate of \$105.00 per night plus taxes (single or double occupancy). Hotel reservations can be made by telephone - Call Hyatt Regency North Dallas at 1-972-619-1234 or via the direct link to the Hyatt Regency North Dallas on the Texas SAR registration webpage from the Texas SAR website www.TexasSAR.org under "Events" - "2016 Convention" - "Convention Hotel Registration". Parking at the hotel is FREE for the duration of the conference.

MEETING REGISTRATION:

You may register for the conference via PDF form to mail in or online registration using PayPal. To Register via the PDF form (complete, print, and mail with your check):

http://www.txssar.org/cgi-bin/dada/mail.cgi/r/memb/934907017425/bill_watts/att.net/

The online registration form with payment by PayPal (credit card) is shown below:

http://www.txssar.org/cgi-bin/dada/mail.cgi/r/memb/577510187512/bill_watts/att.net/

No online payments will be accepted after 11pm, Wednesday, March 30. You will need to complete a form and register at the conference when you arrive. To do this, the Registration fee will be \$45 when you register at the conference.

LADIES TOUR:

We have arranged a wonderful tour event for the Ladies Auxiliary for Friday, April 1. For one all-inclusive price, the ladies get a Field Trip to the George W. Bush Presidential Library on the Southern Methodist University Campus about 20 minutes away from the Hyatt. The single price ticket includes; first class coach bus transportation for the entire group to the Library, entrance to the Library and Lunch at the Library Cafe itself. Sign up is available on the Registration form and more details are available at:

http://www.txssar.org/cgi-bin/dada/mail.cgi/r/memb/721744573119/bill_watts/att.net/

SILENT (PATRIOT FUND) AUCTION:

As always, there will be a Silent Auction with all proceeds going to the Texas Society Patriot Fund. We are asking that each Chapter donate at least one item for the auction. Individual item donations are more than welcome as well. For detailed instructions on the Texas SAR website, please visit:

http://www.txssar.org/cgi-bin/dada/mail.cgi/r/memb/191018324578/bill_watts/att.net/

RAFFLE:

We have an exceptional set of raffle items for you. **FIRST PRIZE** is a 1768 Reproduction Charleville - fully functional and valued at over \$600. **SECOND PRIZE** is a USA Flag that flew over the US Congress on the Anniversary of the National SAR. **THIRD PRIZE** is a Texas Flag that flew over the Texas State Capital in Austin on the Anniversary of the Texas SAR. Three great items. Tickets are \$5.00 each and you can buy 5 tickets for \$20. Tickets are available on your registration form early or when you get to the conference up till the drawing on Saturday night. Detailed description is available at:

http://www.txssar.org/cgi-bin/dada/mail.cgi/r/memb/391985505298/bill_watts/att.net/

All the meals will be prepared by the Hyatt staff lead by 5-star Executive Chef Ty Thorin - formerly of the Gaylord Texan. Our committee members have had sample tasting and were excited with the great food that awaits our Convention.

We hope you will join us and look forward to seeing you in Richardson!

Best Regards,

Compatriot Drake Peddie

Host Committee Chairman (Plano Chapter #37 / East Fork Trinity Chapter #43)

District 6 VP - Texas SAR

Send replies to dmpeddie@aol.com



Bill Watts

Education Chairman

I've started sending out the letters to the High Schools and Jr. High Schools asking for nominations for the Citizenship Awards. Please think about volunteering to present an award to a school during the May – June graduation season.

I also encourage you to participate in the upcoming State Convention for the SAR. You can learn about your SAR and maybe discover a place where you can participate. I also encourage you to think about volunteering in the other

activities with YOUR SAR.

REMBER THIS:

The right brain is the source of inspiration, the left brain the seat of reason. That's why inspired people always think they're right and reasonable people get left out in the cold.

AND

Birthdays are good for you – the more you have the longer you live.



John Anderson

The Arlington Chapter was discussing how to mark the graves of our former chapter members when we learned of Texas Sons of the American Revolution Compatriot John Greer's ambition to mark all deceased TX SAR Past Presidents graves with Commemorative markers. The Arlington Chapter quickly joined in. We have two TX SAR Past Presidents and both are buried in the Arlington City Cemetery.

We want to invite the East Fork Trinity Chapter of the TX SAR to participate in this dedication. This invitation is given to all members



of East Fork Trinity Chapter, their wives and anyone who would like to honor the memory of these two men.

There will be an Honor Guard, a Musket Salute and Civic Dignitaries to commemorate these former TX SAR Past Presidents.

As a TX SAR DFW Motorplex area Compatriot, we especially welcome your attendance and are in hopes you will assist us "getting the word out" to other in your area. We realize the distance may be great for some, but we truly are in hopes you can join us as we honor these two men.

The attached flyer has all the information that you will need to find your way.

If you plan to join in at the Reception please RSVP to me as soon as possible.

Texas SAR Arlington Chapter #7 & Arlington Landmark Preservation Commission

Invite you to join them for a reception and graveside ceremony with Honorary Musket Salute on **Saturday, March 12th, 2016.**

SAR graveside markers will be dedicated for two Texas Society State Past Presidents from Arlington.

- Compatriot **Hon. Benton C. Collins**, 1893 - 1972, TX SAR President 1942
- Compatriot **Dr. Valin R. Woodward**, 1890 - 1969, TX SAR President 1935



The former Woodward residence located at 400 E. First Street has been designated as an Arlington Local Landmark by the Landmark Preservation Commission and City Council. *It is now a private residence and not open to the public.*

Please join us in this commemoration. Family, city dignitaries, SAR, DAR, CAR, Genealogy & Historical Societies, JROTC, BSA troops and the general public are invited and welcome.

The **Texas SAR Arlington** Chapter and Arlington's *Your History Connection* will hold a reception prior to the graveside ceremony.

**Reception at Noon
at the Fielder House Museum**
1616 West Abram
Arlington, TX 76013
(intersection at South Fielder Rd.)

**Joint ceremony at 2:00 pm
at the Arlington Cemetery**
801 South Mary St.
Arlington, TX 76010
(intersection at East Mitchell St.)

For more information, contact John Anderson at janders981@sbcglobal.net 817-483-2214
www.texassar.org/Arlington



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!

Bill Watts, Terry Holden and John Greer are sorting Valentines for the Veterans at the Veterans Hospital in Bonham, Texas. Each year the

hospital receives hundreds of Valentines for our Veterans and volunteers sort the Valentines and once they are sorted volunteers

deliver the cards throughout the hospital. This year there were 15 volunteers who gave candy, cookies, and other goodies to the estimated 250 veterans at the hospital. The volunteers also gave cards, candy, cookies and other goodies to the staff as well. After delivering the cards the volunteers ate a meal with the staff in the volunteer meeting room. It was a fun filled event. Please

V is for Valiant Veteran.

A is for Always remembered and Appreciated

L is for Living in freedom.

E is for your heroic Efforts.

N is for Never to be forgotten.

T is for Treasured friend.

I is for Impressive

N is for the Numerous ways we appreciate you.

E is for thanks for Everything!

S is for the Sacrifices you made for our country.



At the Lizeman Theatre in Richardson, Texas
Concert for the Elementary School Children



Larry Melton, Alan Johnson, Don Sielert, Dan Reed, Bill Watts and Don Babbs



Students stand and salute the American flag while singing the “National Anthem” at the beginning of the concert.



George Washington Birthday Parade Laredo, Texas 2016



John Greer and Bill Watts at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School on George Washington's Birthday



NATURALIZATION CEREMONY - Irving, Texas February 24, 2016
Howard Roach, Larry Melton, Don Babbs, John Greer,
Don Sielert, Bill Watts, Alan Johnston, T L Holden



NATURALIZATION CEREMONY Irving, Texas February 24, 2016
Alan Johnson, Bill Watts, Christine Nowak, U.S. Magistrate, Howard Roach, Don Sielert