



Edmund Terrill News

Edmund Terrill Chapter #34

March---April

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From the Editor: For those of you who missed our last meeting here is a recap of our January 18th meeting. Michael J. Radcliff, President of the TSSAR gave a most interesting talk about “The Pledge of Allegiance and its Strange history.” Also, our President Dr. Wade Graves set forth his goals for the Edmund Terrill Chapter in 2017. They are as follows:

- Expand Color Guard membership by two(2)
- Recognize all Eagle Scouts in Texoma Valley
- Rededicate George Washington grandnephews grave stone
- Recruit four (4) new members
- Reactivate one (1) former member
- Present at least twelve (12) flag certificates
- Enter newsletter and scrapbook at the State competition
- Issue one (1) scholarship
- Jim Hill's grave dedication as past TSSAR President
- Submit articles to state newspaper and SAR magazine
- 100% dues paid in 2017

The chapter has already begun working on a number of these goals. If you would like to work or help on one let President Graves know. Together we can accomplish all of them.

Dr. Wade Graves, President:

Compatriots

I am very impressed with how you have responded to our chapter goals for 2017! During our last meeting you nominated over 30 different businesses and individuals to receive flag certificates. Additionally, many of you have told me you will go out and recruit a new member. A few of you have expressed interest in the Color Guard! I am extremely grateful for your overwhelming response to these goals! Let's continue to grow our chapter and let folks know we are around by talking about what we are doing with our friends and neighbors. Just this past weekend at church, I was speaking to a gentleman I have known 35 years. He was surprised to find there is a local SAR chapter and I think he will get his paperwork together and join us soon!

Plans for the re-dedication ceremony of Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Washington's gravestones continue to progress as of this writing. The City of Denison is very happy we choose April 29th at 9:30am for this re-dedication ceremony since it will be one of the first items on the agenda for the Doc Holliday festival that day. More news on our activity will be available at our meeting on Wednesday, March 15th. I think it will be a great event and I hope you will mark your calendars and plan to attend!

For Doc Holliday festival events go to Denison Facebook page.

Attention—Edmund Terrill Chapter State Convention Delegates

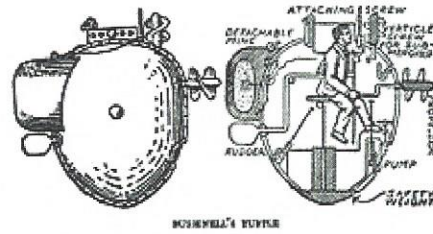
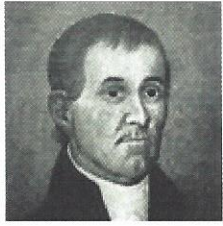
The Edmund Terrill Chapter has received notice that we have slots for 5 voting members to the State Convention. If you are planning to attend the SAR State Convention in San Antonio, please contact Wade Graves so he can add you to the official delegates list. This will give you the right to represent the chapter on any votes that occur during the General Session.

Speaker for our March Meeting:

Our guest speaker will be Thomas (Tom) Brown who is currently responsible for Planning and Personnel for Sherman Fire-Rescue at the rank of Division Chief. He also serves as the Emergency Management Coordinator for the City of Sherman since 2015. He serves as an active leader in the Van Alstyne Boy Scouts of America programs with Van Alstyne Cub Pack 6, Troop 4, and Crew 44. He is a member of the Order of the Arrow as well.



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The Turtle

When we read this title, we think it's a story about snapping turtles fresh water or sea turtles. In fact, we are not talking about them at all. We are referring to the first submerging and raising submarine built in 1775 by David Bushnell. It resembled two conjoined turtle shells thus the name "Turtle." It was built entirely of oak beams and bound by heavy wrought iron hoops and was equipped with a lighting system called "foxfire" – a luminescent blue-green fungus often found in decaying wood. He was able to attach ballast to the outside and inside to help stabilize weight. A treadle and a hand crank with propellers were used to move it forward. A vertical propeller on top assisted with ascent. These two propellers were his greatest contribution to future marine development and to his submarine.

While Bushnell was a student at York College he experimented with gunpowder and found it could be detonated under water as well as using a timer to trigger the explosion. What better place to put everything together than on the Connecticut River and Long Island Sound. When Bushnell graduated in 1775, the Revolutionary War was just beginning. The British naval ships had blockaded the port of New York City. What better way to break the blockade than to damage Admiral Howe's flagship HMS Eagle.

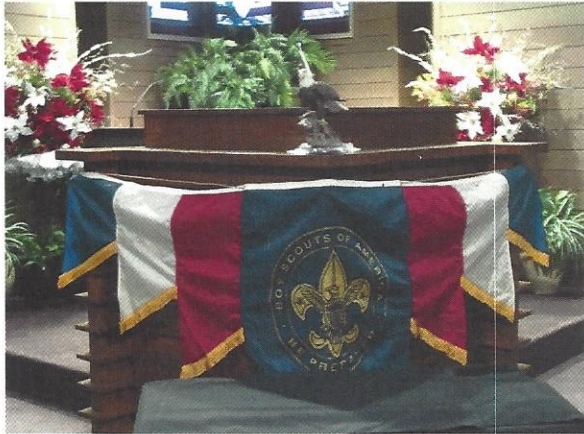
On September 6, 1776, Sergeant Ezra Lee of the Continental Army set out to attack the HMS Eagle. He had one water tight wooden keg packed with gun powder, a fuse, and a timing device. Under darkness Lee was able to reach the HMS Eagle, but not able to attach the explosive to the ship; however, he was able to detonate the charge. This event did convince British Admiral Howe to move his ship further away from the coast.

There were two more unsuccessful attempts using the "Turtle." At least Bushnell knew it would not sink, but felt that whoever was at the controls needed more time to learn how to operate it. Thus he turned his attention to setting mines afloat in Black Bay hoping one would find a British ship. One did detonate when it hit and killed four people. This checked the dominance of the Royal navy.

To learn more about David Bushnell and the "turtle" google his name or go to ConnecticutHistory.org. Also check out The SAR Magazine Vol. 109, No. 2 for a picture of a monument to him.

Eagle Scouts of Texoma Valley District

On January 14, 2017, at the Recognition Reception held at Western Heights Church of Christ for the previous year Eagle Scouts; there was a total of thirty-six (36) Scouts in the Class of 2016. They were introduced by Jessica Duce from First United Bank. Each received a plaque, a certificate, and a gift card; and from the Sons of the American Revolution an Eagle Scout Certificate and a numbered, limited edition eagle statue. In attendance from the Edmund Terrill Chapter were President Dr. Wade Graves, T. L. Holden, and Ted Wilson.



Valentine Day at Bonham VA

Around 9:00 am on February 14th the following Sons of the American Revolution gathered at the Bonham VA to distribute valentines. T. L. Holden of Edmund Terrill Chapter. John Greer, Bill Watts, Leslie Anderson and David Powell all from the East Fork Trinity Chapter in Garland. Wendell Edwards and his wife Linda (DAR) from the Ambassador Fletcher Warren Chapter in Greenville.

Registrar News from T. L. Holden

Prospective member Ken Leach's application is at National awaiting review.

Prospective member Robert R. Hastings application is at TXSSAR.

Prospective member Reynolds Ansley, Jr., application is in work.

Prospective member Jon B. Allen, application is in work.

Prospective member Jon L. Allen, application is in work.

Prospective member William R. Allen, application is in work.

Prospective member Glen A. Townsend, application is in work.

Prospective member William T. Huskinson, application is in work.

Prospective member William T. Huskinson, Jr., application is in work.

Prospective member Benjamin B. Huskinson., application is in work.

Prospective member Andrew W. Huskinson, application is in work.

March 4, 1789—First Congress meets in New York's Federal Hall.
Proceedings are started on the Bill of Rights.

Schedule of Upcoming Events

March 2nd thur 4th is the Spring Leadership Trustee Meeting in Louisville, KY.

March 30th thur April 2nd is the 123rd Annual Texas Convention at El Tropicana Hotel, in San Antonio, TX

Color Guard News

March 16, 2017, Thursday – Post and Retrieve colors at the 118th TXDAR Conference; Hyatt Regency Reunion Boulevard, 300 Reunion in Dallas, TX.

March 24, 2017, Friday – Present, post and retrieve the colors at judicial Naturalization Ceremony at 10:00 AM. Please muster by 9:30 AM. Judge Mazzant presiding.

March 30, 2017, Thursday – 123rd Annual Texas SAR Convention in San Antonio.

April 8, 2017, Saturday – Medal of Honor Parade in Gainesville, TX.

April 29, 2017, Saturday – Grave rededication in Denison, TX with TSSAR Color Guard at 9:30 AM. May shoot our weapons.

A Day in Our Country's History from WW II



On February 23, 1945, during the battle for Iwo Jima, US Marines raised a flag atop Mount Suribachi. It was taken down, and a second flag was raised. Associated Press photographer Joe Rosenthal captured this second flag-raising. It is one of the most famous war photographs in U.S. History, and it rallied a nation to victory in WWII. Three Marines depicted in the photograph, Harlon Block, Franklin Sousley, and Michael Strank, were killed in action over the the next few days. The Three surviving flag-raisers were Marines Rene Gagnon, Ira Hayes, and Navy Corpsman John Bradley.

THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER. Your Comments, Pictures, and Stories are welcomed.

MEETING NOTICE:

The next meeting of the Edmund Terrill Chapter SAR will be Wednesday March 15, 2017, at the **Denison Country Club**, Denison, Texas. At 11:30 we will meet for a Dutch-treat lunch and the meeting will be called to order at 12:00.

Directions: Take Hwy 75 North thur Denison to just past the railroad overpass (Exit 70), go left on FM 84. The Country Club will be on the left about 1.5 miles. Please make a special effort to attend and bring your wives, guests and prospective members, they are always welcomed.

Don't forget to look over the table with displays before or after the meeting.

MARK YOUR CALANDERS: We need to have a good representation of our membership attending the rededication of the gravestones for Lawrence and Martha Washington. He is the greatnephew of President George Washington. The date is Saturday, April 29, 2017, at the Oakwood Cemetery in Denison. The North Texas SAR Color Guard will be in attendance.

