



Edmund Terrill News

Edmund Terrill Chapter #34

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY---SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

We were organized on **April 30, 1889**, and will be 128 years old. Each of us should be proud to a part of this group. Invite others to join us in this celebration.

Our meeting in March began by the presenting of the Colors by members of the North Texas SAR Color Guard. These were T. L. Holden, John Greer, Ted Wilson, and Bill Watts, Commander of the North Texas Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard. Yours truly was also appointed Adjutant to Bill Watts with the rank of Lieutenant.



Ted Wilson and Bill Watts



Wade, Thomas, T. L., Bill, John, and Ted

Our speaker was Thomas Brown who is currently responsible for planning and personal for Sherman Fire-Rescue as the rank of Division Chief. He also serves as the Emergency Management Coordinator for the City of Sherman since 2015. He gave a very interesting talk about the history of the Sherman Fire Department from its establishment in 1873 to present. It was first known as Sam Houston Steam Fire Company. Their moto is "When Duty Calls 'tis Ours to obey". Longtime residents of Sherman should remember two or three locations for the Central Fire Station. And, Yes; they still have the 1951 Mack Firetruck and use it for parade and other special occasions.

Thomas Brown was presented a Fire and Safety Certificate and Commendation Medal plus a flag Certificate for the Fire Department.



From Wade Graves, President:

Thanks to everyone who came out to Oakwood Cemetery in Denison on April 29th for our historical marker and grave re-dedication ceremony! There were forty people who attended this event and they were representing several groups. In addition to the SAR Color Guard from six different Chapters and our own members, we had representatives of two different DAR groups, the Colonial Dames, Oakwood Association, the City of Denison, and Boy Scout Troop 605 with us. Donna Hunt was very surprised and pleased to receive the Bronze Good Citizen Metal during the ceremony. We also received some great news coverage (even if my on camera interview wasn't the best). It is nice to see the chapter receive some publicity. Donna's article in the Wednesday, May 3, 2017, Herald Democrat was very nice as well. In addition to giving the SAR some good publicity it might also give us a new member or two. I had some inquiries both at the cemetery as well as inquiries via email since then.

Congratulations also to T.L. Holden for receiving the Silver Good Citizen medal at the State Convention in April. We appreciate his help, support, and guidance as an active chapter member!

With the re-dedication ceremony behind us, it's time to move forward with our flag certificate presentations. We have your nominations processed and your flag certificates are ready to be picked up for presentation at your convenience. All we need to know is the date you presented them.

Does anyone have any other projects you would like to see us complete this year?

Wade

From T.L. Holden, Registrar:

New Member Applications

Ken Leach papers were approved April 21st and his National number is 202309. We will induct him at the May 17th meeting. His patriot is John Norman.

Waiting Approval:

Robert Hastings papers are at NSSAR waiting approval. His patriot is Peter Shafor.
Glen Townsend papers are at TXSSAR being reviewed. His patriot is Alexander McDonald.
Jon L. Allen papers are at TXSSAR being reviewed. His patriot is William Buster.
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Cameron T. Allen papers are at TXSSAR being reviewed. His patriot is William Buster.
William R. Allen papers are at TXSSAR being reviewed. His patriot is William Buster.

Waiting on individuals to return signed applications:

William T. Huskinson, Sr.	His patriot is John Baldrige.
William T. Huskinson, Jr.	His patriot is John Baldrige.
Benjamin T. Huskinson	His patriot is John Baldrige.
Andrew Huskinson	His patriot is John Baldrige.
Rick Carver	His patriot is William Carver.
William Leach	His patriot is Basil Hayden, Sr.
Doug Leach	His patriot is Basil Hayden, Sr.

Other applications being worked or researched:

Reynolds Ansley, Jr.	His patriot is Thomas Trammel, Sr.
Jim Osborne	His patriot is Jonathan Osborne
Billy Blount	His patriot is James Tarrant.
Randy Adams	His patriot is Thomas Tinall

Bill Hurst is working on application for Dr. Mark Koone who's patriot is James Ownbey.

HISTORY:

1775

May 10th Ethan Allen and his Green Mountain Boys seize Fort Ticonderoga.

June 15th Congress elects Washington to Command Continental Army.

Veterans at Bonham VA:

On February 14, 2017, T. L. Holden went to Bonham and joined John Greer, Bill Watts, Leslie Anderson, and David Powell all from the East Fork Trinity Chapter. Wendell Edwards and his wife Linda (DAR) from the Ambassador Fletcher Chapter in Greenville joined them. They distributed a number of valentines to our veterans there.

Speaking about our veterans, continue to bring books and magazines and other personal effects. Gift Cards are always welcomed. Do you have any old suite cases or carry cases you no longer use or want? They all can be reused at the Bonham VA. I have a list of wants/needs items for the VA. Ask or pick up a copy at our next meeting. If you cannot go shopping and want to give cash, it will be acceptable as someone can do the shopping for you. We can also pool our money and get some of the larger needed items. And, if you want to donate but cannot make it to the meeting – call and we will come by to pick it up and visit.

T. L. Holden recently made a trip to the VA and took a number of magazine and took shampoo, toothpaste, etc.

Other Events In Bonham:

ARMED FORCES DAY, Saturday, May 20th, 2017, there will be a free veterans dinner at 7:00 pm at the Fannin County Multi-purpose complex (Hwy 56) West of Bonham. The speaker will be S Sgt Jason Morgan severely injured in Central America—Special Operations Aviation Regiment. The DAR will be presenting the yearly High School scholarships at the meeting.

The annual **JULY 4th** cookout for the veterans at the Bonham VA will be Tuesday, June 27th (VA Park/Harper Hall at 11:00 am to 1:00 pm). Plan to help cook and serve for this event. Let us know if you want to help or need transportation.

KOREAN WAR:

For those of you who are history buffs or interested in the Korean War, there will be a program Sunday, July 30, 2017 at 2:30 pm at the Dallas VA/Atrium.

They always need volunteers at the Bonham VA.

DAR/SAR

The Daughters of the American Revolution held their 118th TXDAR Conference at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dallas on March 15th-19th, 2017. As in the past, the Texas SAR Color Guard presented the Colors on March 16th. They were led in by Mike Radcliff (State President SAR) and Ron Walcik (State Color Guard Commander) and were followed by other color guardsmen from across the state. This included Bill Watts (Northern Commander), Walt Thomas, Gary Lovell, John Greer, and Monte Monzingo, all from East Fork Trinity Chapter. T. L. Holden and Ted Wilson from the Edmund Terrill Chapter. Tom Whitelock, George Ramphrey and Robert Kittrell of the Dallas Chapter. Others were Sam Massey, Houston; Jerry Cope, Arlington Chapter; Dan Reed of the Plano Chapter; Tom Rearden, from Brazos Valley Chapter; John Kenton Thompson, from the Freedom Chapter; Tom Green from the Alexander Hedge Chapter; and Bob Cohen from Independence Chapter.



Mike Radcliff



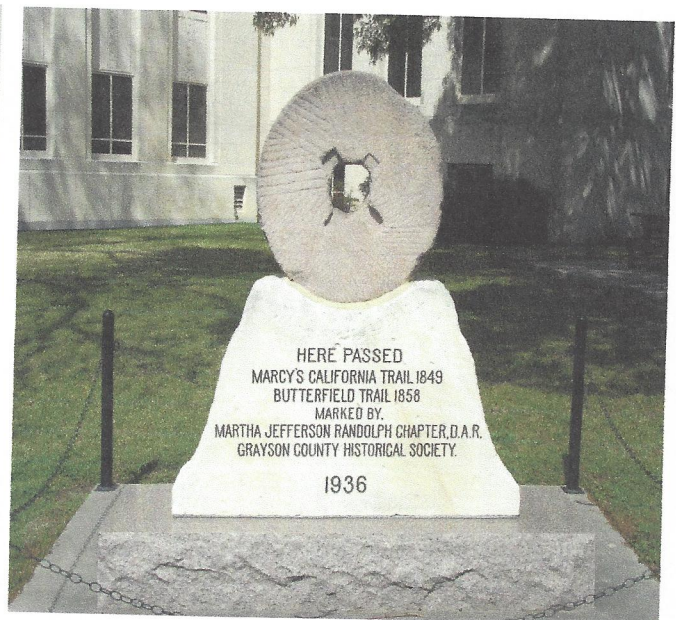
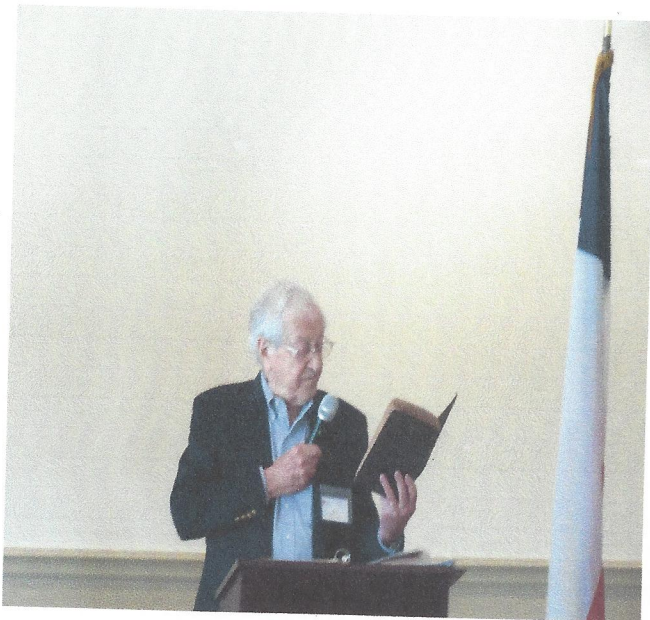
T. L. Holden



Tom Whitelock, Ted Wilson and Jerry Cope

If you attended the February 16, 2017 meeting of the Martha Jefferson Randolph Chapter of the DAR you will know that they honored seven (7) Vietnam Veterans with the Congressional Vietnam Veterans pin. They were Ken Durbin, Russell Green, Roy Hernandez, Phil Hunter, Robert Kroeger, Mickey Mickelson, and Ivill Thompson.

At their March 23, 2017, meeting their speaker was Ivert Mayhugh, owner of "A Touch of Class Antique Mall" in Sherman. He is interested in preserving Sherman's historic legacy and is deeply involved with efforts to revitalize the old downtown district. His talk focused on Capt. Randolph Marcy's 1852 survey expeditions in Texas and finding the source(s) of the Red River. He also talked about why Capt. Marcy was ordered by the U.S. Government to do this. It is believed that he may have been the first to record in writing, the basic vocabulary of the Comanche and Wichita languages. The book you see Mr. Mayhugh holding was written for congress. The rock is on the square in Sherman.

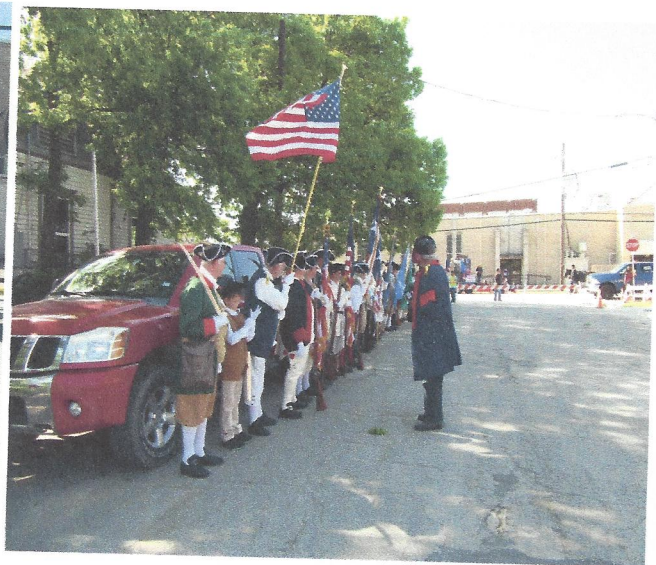


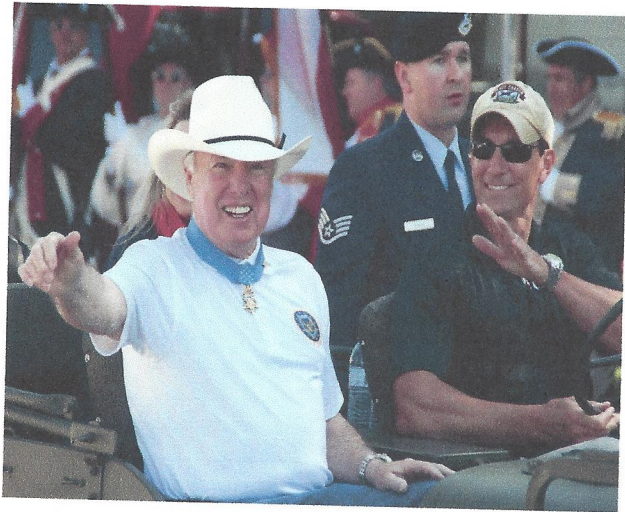
COLOR GUARD EVENTS:

METAL OF HONOR PARADE IN GAINESVILLE

April 8, 2017, was a great day for a parade. The Texas Sons of the America Revolution Color Guard were number 31 out of approx. 80 entries; each and everyone was paying respect to these great heroes and numerous other veterans and organizations. There were twenty (20) Color Guardsmen from the Northern Region and one from the Southern Region, Jim Clements of the Patrick Henry Chapter. It had been decided that the Texas SAR Color Guard would march the parade route and break away at the end in order to salute the Medal Of Honor individuals who had come to Gainesville. Prior to the beginning of the parade we were to assemble at the intersection of Broadway and Denton when word was received that the Medal of Honor personal would be ahead of us in the parade. However; luck was on our side as they were lined up on Denton Street and would be passing us as they turned onto Broadway. Adjustments were made and we lined up single file down Denton Street on their left and were able to salute them as they passed. Once passed, we quickly reassembled on Broadway to get into our proper place in the parade. This year the new Northern Commander, Ted Wilson was joined by Marshall Cope (our youngest SAR member) to lead the Texas SAR Color Guard. We were well received and cheered by those who had lined Main Street to watch the parade. Those who followed the commander were:

From Edmund Terrill Chapter T.L. Holden and Ted Wilson; From Arlington Chapter, Jerry Cope and Marshall Cope; From Plano Chapter Drake Peddie and Alan Johnson; From East Fork Trinity Chapter Gary Lovell, John Greer, Montie Monzingo; From Brazos Valley Chapter Ron Wheelen, Bob Mearns, and Charles Gillespie; From Maj. K M Van Zandt Chapter Gerry Gieger and James Alderman; From Dallas Chapter Michael Petridis, Jerry Pinkerton, George Ramphrey, Bob Kittrell, and Tom Whitelock; and From Patrick Henry Chapter Jim Clements. All under the leadership of Bill Watts the State Commander of the Texas SAR Color Guard from the East Fork trinity Chapter.





Naturalization:

On the rainy morning of March 24th, five Color Guard members gathered to help 114 people celebrate their new citizenship. The rain did not dampen their spirit one bit, because all of them had worked long and hard to become citizens of a free country. Those who attended were Alan Johnson, Howard Roach, Larry Melton, Ted Wilson and Dan Reed.

On April 14th, Howard Roach, T. L. Holden, Jerry Cope, and Dave Friels gathered at the Dallas Field Office of Naturalization ceremony in Irving, TX to present the Colors and later retrieval of the Colors. It was a great day for all.

Grave Dedication:

After the Metal of Honor Parade on April 8th, a small group went to the Fairview Cemetery in Gainesville to mark the grave of James Clements the father of Jim Clements from the Patrick Henry Chapter. Bill Watts, T. L. Holden, John Greer, Ted Wilson, Alan Johnson, and Drake Pettie and Jim Clements were present. Both Alan and Drake fired muskets in tribute to him.

PATRIOT BALL:

This Ball was held at the Hyatt Regency downtown Dallas. It was a formal affair, mess dress for military and back tie for other guests. Proceeds from the Ball will be distributed to military relief agencies. The North Texas SAR Color Guard consisted of a militia uniform, a hunters uniform, a regular soldier uniform and a continental uniform, two flags (United States and Texas) and two muskets. This group was led in by the Northern Commander of the Texas SAR Color Guard. A group of young cadets, called the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets, brought in the Military Colors (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard) Color Guardsmen were Ted Wilson, Mike Petridis, James Alderman, Jim Hanlon, and Gary Lovell.



Ted, Gary, James, Jim, and Mike



U.S. Naval Sea Cadets

Oakwood Cemetery in Denison, TX, was the setting for a re-dedication of head stones for Dr. Lawrence Washington and his wife Martha. Him being the grand nephew of President George Washington. As noted earlier in the newsletter there were several who attended. The Edmund terrill Chapter has gone to great efforts to get these repairs done. Everything came together on April 29, 2017. The North Texas SAR Color Guard along with musket bearers arrived. Color Guardsmen were Bill Watts, John Greer, Dave Davidson, and Tom Whitelock. Guardsmen with muskets to fire were William Covington, Jerry Cope, Alan Johnson, and Drake Peddie. Their commander was Ted Wilson.



Wade Graves Donna Hunt



William, Jerry, Alan, Drake, Ted, and Bill



SAR Members and Troop 605



Bill Hurst and Dale Rideout

Upcoming Color Guard events:

May 15, 2017 Monday – Present a Flag program at the Texas State Veterans Home in Bonham at 10:00 am. Located at 1300 Seven Oaks Road, Bonham, TX 54518 (this is directly north of the VA Hospital). Contact is Carolyn Hackier at 903-840-8387 Ext 109. Volunteers: Sielerts, Greer, Reed, Babbs, and Roach.

June 10, 2017 Saturday – Flag Retirement Ceremony at 1st United Methodist Church at 10:00 am. Located at Spring Creek and Parker Road in Plano. Joint ceremony with EFT and Dallas Chapters. Volunteers: Johnson, Reed, Sielerts, Whitelock, Melton, LaRowe, Cope, and Marshall.

June 17, 2017, Saturday – Ride in the annual Farmersville Audie Murphy Day parade at 10:00 am. Located in downtown Farmersville, TX, and will probably take the old U-shaped route through downtown. Please muster before 9:30 am. Howard will pull the cannon and trailer. Volunteers needed: thus far have Roach, Johnson, Babbs, Holden, Monzingo, Cope, and Marshall.

May 29, 2017 – Sherman and Denison At the West Hill Cemetery in Sherman and Fairview Cemetery in Denison at 11:00 simultaneously in each location. Either will be worth attending. For more information on other schedule events in the area go to Memorial Day activities. Denison's Parade will begin at 1:00 pm and is title "Always Honor, Never Forget". On Saturday May 27, 2017 – Texoma Patriots will hold a tribute to fallen heroes at Waterloo park on Waterloo Lake off West Crawford in Denison, TX from 11 am to 3 pm. You are encouraged to attend some event somewhere.

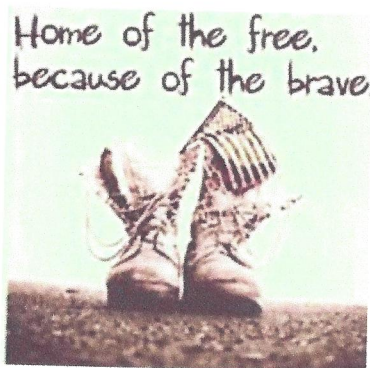
There are a lot more activities going on than are listed here. May, June and July are months that have a lot of things happening.

JULY

We have the 127th NSSAR Congress taking place in Knoxville, TN. The dates will be July 7 thur 12, 2017.

On July 11, 2017, Tuesday – Austin, TX – The Association of Texas Professional Educators will hold its annual convention. They have asked the Texas SAR Color Guard to post Colors for this event. If possible we would like to have 2 muskets, 2 flag bearers, and a commander with a sword. If you would like to participate contact State Commander Bill Watts.

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE MAY 17, 2017 at 11:30 am for Dutch Treat lunch and meeting beginning at 12:30 pm. Your speaker will be yours truly. Hope to see all of you there.



MEMORIAL DAY – MAY 29, 2017