



## Edmund Terrill News Chapter #34

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November – December

2018

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September began with the INS – Naturalization Ceremony in Irving, Texas, with the swearing in of new citizens by the Honorable Amos L. Mazzant, III, U.S. District Judge. This one was different in that the new citizens could change their names.



T. L. Holden, Dan Reed, Jerry Cope, Tom Whitelock, Ted Wilson,  
Howard Roach, Tom Van Fossen, Jerry Pinkerton

Constitution week September 17 – 23, and the Color Guard of Don Babbs, T. L. Holden, and Ted Wilson posted the colors in the west courtroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, of the Courthouse in Sherman for the Preston Trail DAR Chapter. Other SAR members present were Bill Hurst, Charles Hilbert, and Michael Hutchins of the Arlington Chapter. Beginning at 1:30 pm the public read sections of the “Constitution of Independence” and at 3:00 pm went to the North steps of the Courthouse to ring bells.



Our Chapter meeting was on September 19, 2018, at the Denison Country Club at 12:30 pm with our speaker being Dr. Darrell C. Hartley, VFW District 1 Chaplain. He works with Veterans at Grayson College and the Bonham VA who have problems. Harvey Davis, President, got to swear in five new members into the Chapter. Other items covered were upcoming Color Guard activities at Grayson College for Veterans plus events in Bonham at the VA for Veterans Day and Christmas in December. The upcoming BOM meeting was discussed.



Harvey Davis, Jim Osborne, Dr. Mark Koone, Gary Barker, John Cole, Jr.



Dr. Darrell C. Hartley

September brought a lot of Color Guard activity involving events for Veterans attending Grayson College. On the 15<sup>th</sup> a military Ball called "Boots to Books" was held at the Katy Depot in Denison and would be a fund raiser for scholarships to be given to Veterans. This was the first fund raiser of this type. The meal would be prepared by the Colleges Culinary students. Rear Admiral William "Bill" Retz, U. S. Navy (Retired) spoke briefly about the newly formed scholarship foundation. After dinner the guest were entertained by comedian Jose Sarduy (Air Force). Color Guard members were Don Babbs, T. L. Holden, and Ted Wilson.



T.L. Holden, Ted Wilson, Don Babbs



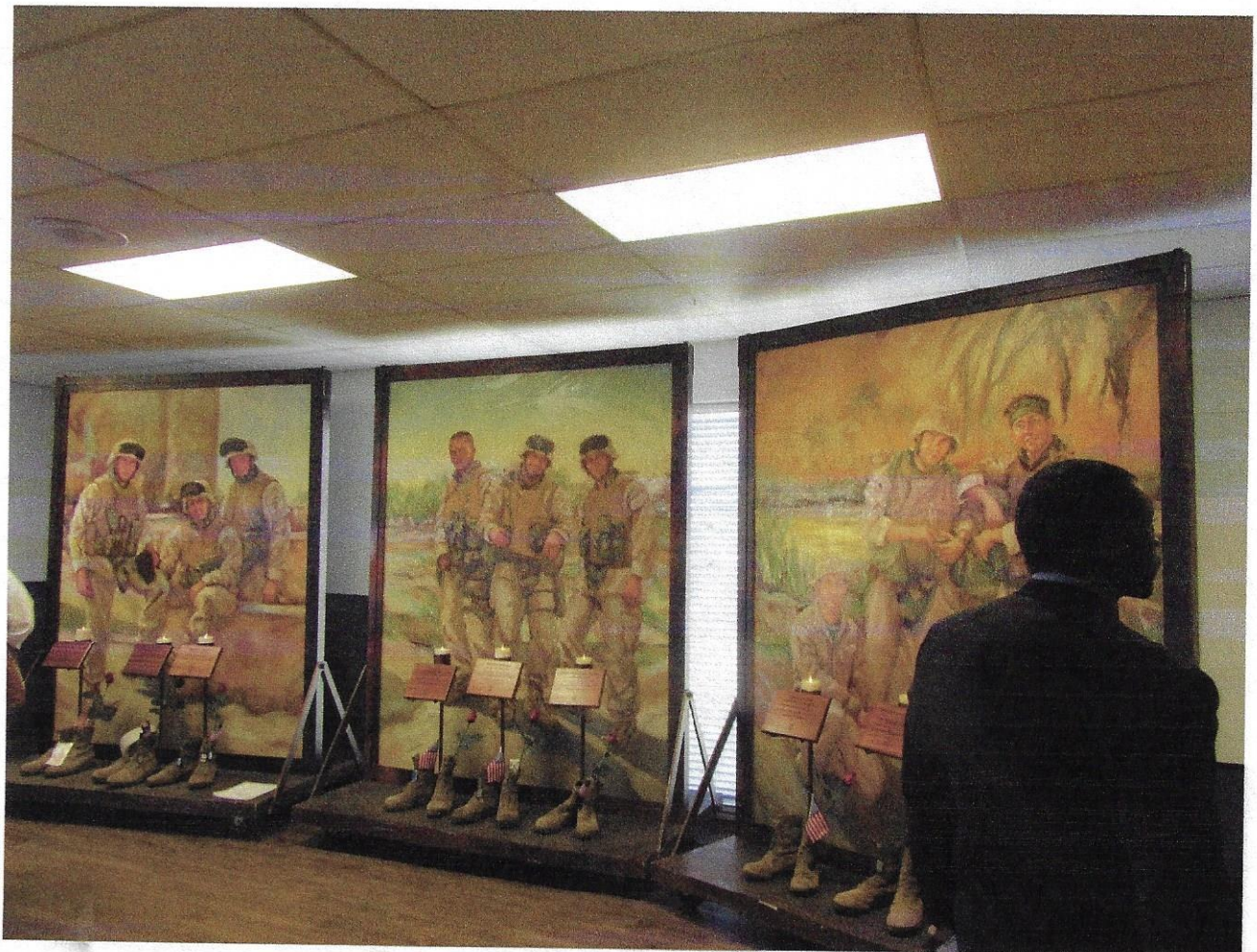
Jose Sarduy

A Texas welcome was given to the traveling "Eyes of Freedom" Memorial at the Texas Tourist Information Center on highway 75, and again at Grayson College. A police escort of approximately fifteen cars and nine patriot riders accompanied them to Grayson College where they were met by a cheering crowd and a band. This was the first time for this memorial to be in Texas. Prior to this it had traveled through thirty-two states. It is made up of eight life-size panels of the men from Lima company, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 25<sup>th</sup> Regiment, who had died in service to their country while deployed to Iraq. All total twenty-two marines and one Navy Corpsman. Their vehicles were struck by two very large roadside bombs.

These panels are the work of Anita Miller, an acclaimed Ohio artist. Along with each person pictured on a panel are a pair of their combat boots displayed below them. Once you visit this memorial you will know why it is called "Eyes of Freedom," Cpl Mike Strahle, a Purple Heart combat vet who served alongside the fallen, is the spokesman for the memorial and gives a detailed account of what happened. He tells about the bronze statue kneeling looking over dog tags (also by anita Miller).

Our Color Guard group was John Greer, Don Babbs, T.L. Holden, and Ted Wilson.

This is a must see memorial as is the Viet Nam Wall.





T. I. Holden, Don Babbs, Mark Strahle, Ted Wilson, John Greer

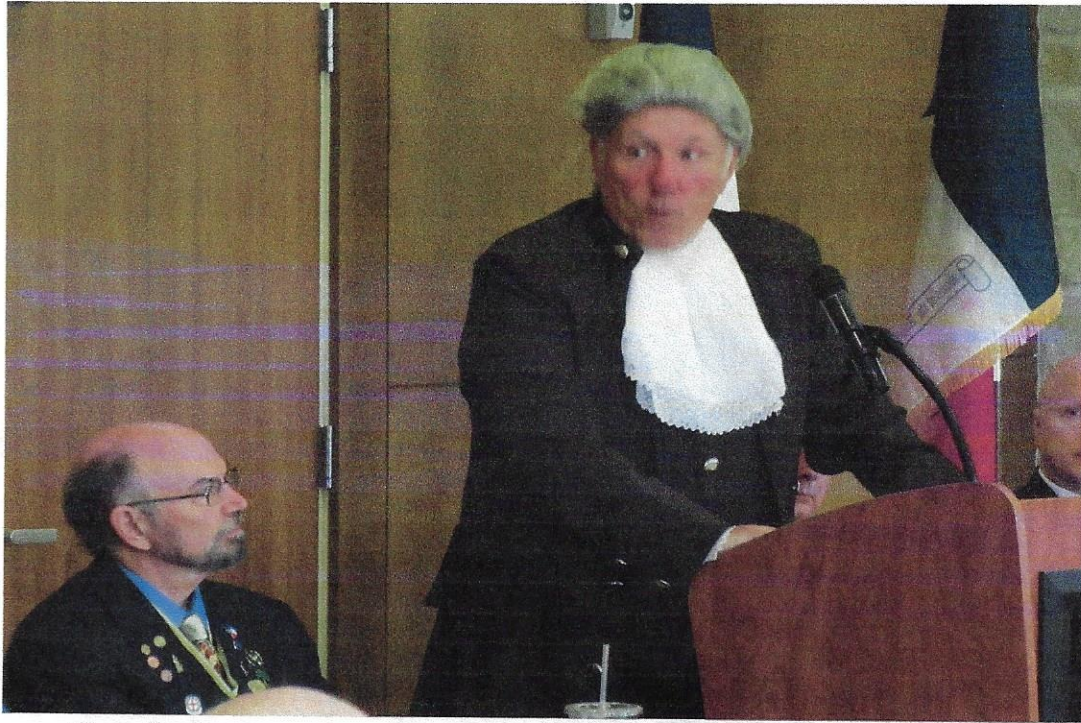
Our last event at the college was for the opening of the 2018 Texoma Veterans Resources Expo. There were over fifty Exhibitors and Resources on display and plenty of people to converse with. Wade Graves, one of Edmund Terrill members also teaches at the college and often asked if the SAR Color Guard is available for these functions.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> of October, we lost Dave Davidson of the Van Zandt Chapter in Ft Worth. He was an active member of the Color Guard and was always present with his musket and ready to serve in any way he could. He was buried on October 8, 2018, at the DFW National Cemetery. He will be missed.



Ron Turner, John Greer, Bob Grisham, Jerry Cope, Gerry Gieger,  
Tom Van Fossen, Montie Monzingo, Ted Wilson, Tom Whitelock

The Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution fall BOM Meeting occurred October 12 -14 in New Braunfels, Texas. On Friday night we had some Germany food and entertainment at Krause's Germany Restaurant. Saturday began with the raising of the Texas SAR flag/banner. After that numerous meetings were held until 12:00 am when lunch was served accompanied with German music. Our speaker was Carl "Sandy" Clauss who talked about the Quakers and the Revolutionary War. The afternoon started off with meetings and a full assembly beginning at 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The evening was occupied with dinner which began at 7:00 pm with the posting of the Colors followed with a meal. Our speaker was Jesus F. de la Teja, Ph. D, who spoke on "Spain and the American Revolution." The BOM ended Sunday morning with the general meeting finishing up all other details. These details included the approval of the new Chapter in Vernon, Texas, and changes to the Color Guard handbook.



Tom Jackson

Carl Clauss

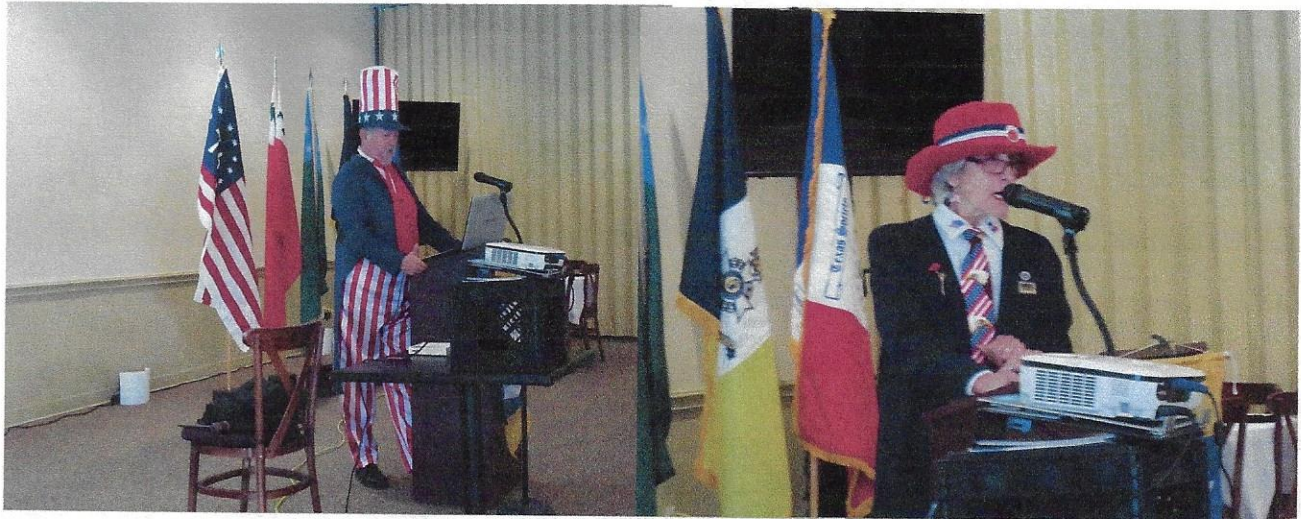


Good Looking Color Guard

Our Chapter meeting was held on October 17, 2018, at the Denison Country Club with our speaker being Mark Thomson aka 'Uncle Sam' who gave a little history of the 1876 signing of the "Declaration of Independence" which he read. Mark and his wife Nancy are active members in the American Legion; both are VAVS representatives and volunteer at the Bonham VA Clinic. Later Bill Hurst was presented with two supplementals.

It was also brought up that the establishment of a new chapter in Vernon, Texas, has been approved. It will be known as Quannah Parker chapter #67. This will occur on December 15, 2018, and everyone is invited to attend and celebrate the new chapters beginning.

Speaking of celebrations EDMUND TERRILL Chapter #34, will be celebrating its 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on January 23, 2019. Mark your calander, we would like to have all members to make an effort to attend. If you have any history or other items please bring them.



Mark

Nancy





On October 20, 2018, a tribute was paid to Moses Mahan at the Pike Cemetery for his service in the "War of 1812." Paul Ridenour presided over the event. A number of the present day family members were on hand for the occasion. A musket salute was done by Walt Thomas, Montie Monzingo, T. L. Holden, with Ted Wilson as their commander. Stephen Johnson gave the invocation.



The year 2021 will be here sooner than you think and Texas Society wants to celebrate its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in a big way. One of the major projects is to design a very special medal for all Compatriot members to acquire and be authorized to wear. In order to obtain a proper design and sufficient time to cast & assemble this badge of honor, we need your input as soon as possible for what the image should contain and what verbiage is to be inscribed.

# GIVE US YOUR OPINION OF THESE 1<sup>st</sup> DRAFT SUGGESTIONS (USING OTHER MEDALS AS SAMPLES)

Here is the one NSSAR issued back in 2014 for their >>> 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Medal



Texas Society celebrated their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by issuing this set >>>>



Do we want or need to have an image of 1<sup>st</sup> Pres. Ira Hobart Evans ?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_



If you wish for our Society to offer more than just the single medal, please place an " X " in the  space

- Reg. Medal & Ribbon
- Small Ribbon & Medal
- Large Medallion/neck drape
- Lapel Pin
- Challenge Coin

