



THE PATRIOT SEARCHER

NEWS FROM THE EDMUND TERRILL CHAPTER

Half of 2022 has passed and many of us wonder what did I do. It's was like only yesterday that I did that. Like so many of you my time flew by. There was plenty of things for me to do. So let's reminisce the past six months and see what did occur. It all started in Atlanta; that's in Texas ya'll know. Some of the first families to settle in Texas did so in that area and many of them thought they should have their own SAR chapter and wanted to call it Ark-la-tex. That date was January 15th with a cool wind and low temperatures. There was a large gathering of the North Texas Color Guards man to join in on the celebration along with local DAR Chapters. Texas SAR President Drake Peddie had the honor of swearing in the new chapter officers and establishing the new chapter by presenting their new framed chapter papers. After other speakers were heard, we were served refreshments and soon it was time to go. A chill had entered the

air and as we were traveling back and getting near Paris a light snow was falling. No, we were not in France, but you would have thought that via the route GPS had taken us. Texas is big but we never left it to get to our destinations.



This is the 5th Anniversary year for the Vietnam Memorial lapel pins being given out to both the Veterans and Gold Star wives. John Greer and T. L. Holden have had a lot to do with presenting these pins. One such occasion was at the Audie Murphy Cotton Museum in Greenville, Texas, on March 1, 2022, where 12 Veterans received the lapel pins and a Gold Star wife received one.



Dennis, Bill Watts, T. L. Holden, Bob Johns, Steve Driver, Gary Barker, Bob Kubin, and Ted Wilson seated John Greer, Dan Hamileton, Tom Milton, and Tom Whitelock



Again at the Audie Murphy Day Parade on June 18, 2022, in Farmersville another 20 pens were given out to the Veterans who attended that morning breakfast before the parade.

Talking about those who have served in the various Armed Services of the United States, let's not forget those who have received the Nations highest award; "The Medal of Honor". On March 29, 2022, ground breaking occurred in Arlington, Texas for a new Medal of Honor Museum, hopefully to be opened in 2026 as we celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the Constitution of the United States of America.

Gainesville, Texas has honored these men and women with a parade know as the "Medal of Honor Parade" usually held on a Saturday in April of each year. It is a walk and ride event and is now a National Parade thanks to the work put forth by the Texas SAR Colorguardman.



Getting everyone in a proper placement before the big show.



A ride for the those who cannot walk the full distance.

New officers for SAR Chapter, Texas SAR Society, and the Society of the War of 1812, all have been elected and installed. Have you gone to the various web sites to see who they might be and how to contact them? During the months of July and August the various state committees will hold Zoom meeting to help prepare for the Texas State BOM meeting in October. This year it will be in McKinney on October 21 -23. It is also the time to set in on a meeting or find one that perks your interest to how you might get involved and help.

The Texas Color Guard is the most recognized part of the society in Texas. The number of events they create and attend throughout the year are numerous plus there are the unexpected ones they try to attend. Many groups request presenting of the colors and retirement of the colors for their events. They are expected to present colors at a number of state and national events and to be in parades. Uniforms do not have to be expensive and most members will make suggestions as to where to find what you might be looking for.

A number of these events allow the firing of muskets. This too requires training for proper loading and firing. There are those who will be glad to give you a helping hand on getting this accomplished. If you are interested in acquiring a musket for the time period contact those who have one about what to look for before you make a purchase, also how to clean it, and the proper way to carry it in a parades, etc...



You may have noticed that the newsletter has a new look and name. As the editor, I am always looking for stories and events to cover. A good example is the upcoming grave marking for James Carter buried in the Russell Family Cemetery in Bonham, on September 11, 2022, at 2:00. This will be a National Event. Watch your email for more details on what you can do or help with. There are a number things you can do to help.

We hope to mark other Revolutionary War Patriots buried in Texas whose graves have not yet been marked. There is another one in the north Texas area we can mark. These are in conjunction with the 250th Anniversary of the United State Constitution. The Texas SAR Society has joined forces with the New Jersey SAR Society to help celebrate this occasion. They are offering a special ten day tour beginning on December 25th thru January 3rd. It will include wreaths laying plus General Washington crossing of the Delaware River. Go to their web site <NJSSAR.org> for more information.

The Edmund Terrill Chapter has two members who have connections with New Jersey during the Revolutionary War. Can you name them? We also have a Patriot from there who is buried here in Texas and his grave is already marked do you know his name?

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