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A Salute to Veterans

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Our Veteran's Day Celebration broke new ground as the Robert Rankin Chapter held a joint meeting with the VFW Post 9182 out of Katy, Texas. The VFW program, open to the public, was in three parts that included an overview of the VFW and then remembrances from veterans of WWII and Korea.



Pictured above, Steve Tanner (l) and Col. Mike (r)

Retired Col. Michael Mastrangelo, Commander of Katy VFW Post 9182, noted that the goals of the VFW are fraternal, patriotic, historical, and educational.

Specifically this includes a charge to strengthen comradeship among its members and to assist comrades. It is also to honor our dead and to assist their widows and orphans. Included as well is ongoing service to the community, educating the public and advocating the welfare of the U.S. military.

(Editor note: VFW Post 9182, a friend of the Chapter since inception, and the Rankin Chapter share members David Jones and Steve Tanner. President General David Sympson reminds us to honor and recognize our WWII veterans.)



E.D. Christensen, a Lieutenant Colonel in the Army and in the photo below, served as a pilot of the P-38 Lightning fighter-bomber, shown left.



Ed was a member of the 367th fighter group which was stationed out of Goxhill, England. Christensen flew over 70 missions in his P-38, nicknamed Fighting Badger. His missions included flying sub patrol, fighter sweeps, dive-bombing missions, and top cover for bombers.

"I flew top cover for bombers that attacked ball-bearing plants, synthetic oil refineries, and the aircraft factories." Christensen was credited with destroying 3 ½ aircrafts and had more that were unconfirmed, as well as hundreds of tanks, trucks, locomotives and other structures.



Todd Spiller, a veteran of America's forgotten war and pictured on the left, tells of some of the trials and tribulations of veterans. Todd Spiller was the first elected Commander of American Legion, Post 164.

Each of the three speakers were thanked for their service to our country and received both a Speaker Certificate of Appreciation and a SAR coffee mug.

New Member Welcomed

Robert Rankin's newest member, Terry Richardson, was welcomed into the Chapter receiving not only his membership pin and NSSAR brochure but also a Flag Certificate. Terry routinely flies the Betsy Ross flag.



Terry is to the left of Tom Jackson in the photo above and to the right of Rankin President Bobby Smith in the photo below.



Editor's note: Terry's biographical sketch appears on page four of the newsletter. Terry is descended from the Presidential lines of Taylor and Madison!



In the photo above, from left to right are Tom Jackson, Nancy McBride and Patrick Kerr. Patrick and Sylvia Kerr assembled door prizes for the BOM and there was one left which Patrick brought to the meeting. The winner of the last door prize is Nancy!



Rankin mainstays, Patrick Kerr (L) and Fred Jackson (R) deliver "This Day in History" and "Ancestor Remembrance", respectively, during the November meeting.



Compatriot Tom Jackson (L) receives from Bobby Smith (R) four supplemental stars, three for his son Ash and one for himself. Tom's recently approved ancestor was Colonel John Hollis while Ash had three more Acadians recognized: Francois Poche, Pierre Dugas, and Simon Brouillard.

November Flag Shows



On November 16th our traveling non singing minstrels arrived at Stanley Elementary where they presented a Flag Certificate to the Fourth Grade Flag Detail as shown in the photo above featuring Virginia Evans as Betsy Ross and Ed Raines. In the below photo David Jones is holding the Columbus Expeditionary Flag (1492) featuring the crowned initials of the first names of Ferdinand and Isabella. (Did they need spell check in the 1400's?)



CAR news:

The CAR National Theme is Magnificent Valor.

Mrs. Kathy Pritchett is the current Senior Society President of the James Bates Society.

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Thanks to all!

Musings

Why do we have this banner? Why do we use this name? These are both simple questions that were asked of the editor, but there is meaning embodied within answers to each.

Newsletters editors are encouraged to display both the NSSAR and state logos. The newer state logo, which is now displayed, depicts the militiamen looking inward or to the left, as compared to the earlier logo, which depicted the militiamen looking to the right. The national logo is merely one of a number of different approved logos. Most periodicals number the issue within each year. This was not done because the number of issues change from year to year thus numbering them sequentially makes for easier reference.

The name of the newsletter is a different matter. Some would argue that the name should not be stodgy, dull, traditional, and boring, but rather modern, clever and catchy. National suggests that the name be reflective of the intent of the editor. The decision was made that the newsletter reflect the chapter meetings as well as activities in which members participated. (The newsletter editor's way of saying thank you!) The newsletter would register what was accomplished in lieu of trumpeting events yet to occur. Both national and state SAR representatives urge that the newsletters document activities of the chapter to accompany annual reporting if requested. Since the Rankin Chapter competes at both levels, this approach resonates deeply.

Upcoming Events:

No Chapter meeting in December
Jan 12 Chapter Meeting

Check State Website

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Member Spotlight



Terry Richardson Robert Rankin Chapter

Personal: Terry was born in Cambridge, Nebraska just before the 1940's. He has been married to his wife Lynda for fifty years and they have two sons, Eric and Brad, and six grandchildren. Both sons and grandsons, Taylor and Trevor, have submitted their applications to the SAR.

Education:

Terry graduated from Indianola Public High School in Indianola, Nebraska, in 1958. He earned a B.A. and M.S. Degree from Kearney State College, Kearney, Nebraska, in 1962 and 1966, respectively. He did graduate study at Ohio State University, Kent State University, Pittsburg State University, during 1968, 1969, and 1970, respectively. He earned his Ed.S. from Pittsburg State University in 1971 and his Ph.D. from Kansas State University in 1976. He concluded postgraduate studies at the University of Minnesota in 1987 and 1988.

Additional Academic or Professional Development:

Workshop: National certification and curriculum development for Plastics Technicians and Engineers, Pennsylvania State University, 1977

Certificate: AMATROL Technical Training Institute, Automated Systems (CIM), Indiana, 1990 and 1991

Certified: Senior Industrial Technologist, National Association of Industrial Technology, 1994

Career:

Terry's career of nearly forty years was split in two major areas, teaching and consulting. His teaching started in the public school sector at Shickley Public Schools where he was from 1962-1965 and where he taught Biology for a year before becoming Principal for the remainder of the term.

He was a Teaching Assistant at Kearney State College from 1965-1966 while he completed his Master's Degree. Upon completion of his Ph.D., he taught and was the Department Chair at Northern State University from 1979 until 1994. Courses that he taught included Applied Physics, Computer Integrated Manufacturing (CIM), Statistics,

Engineering Materials, Metric Measurement, Plastics/Composites, Plastics Technology, and Total Quality Management (TQM). He was the Chairman of the Northern State University Faculty Senate in 1986.

Terry earned approximately \$700,000 in grants for research from 1989 to 1996.

Terry was an entrepreneur and consultant from 1986 until his retirement in 2007. He was President of Dakota Driving School in Aberdeen from 1986 until 2007.

He was a consultant for United Defense from 1990 until 2001, principally in the area of total quality management. His clients in the area of instrumentation and calibration included 3-M Aberdeen, Perfectseal Inc, Mankato, Horton Industries, Britton SD, and Safeguard Industries as well as expert witness testimony working the same area, among other clients.

Books Published:

Terry has published numerous articles and ten books during his career. The books include

Autobody: Repairing and Refinishing (2000),

Total Quality Management (1997,)

Industrial Plastics: Theory and Application (1997,)

Metric Vendor List (1992), *The Freeman List* (1991),

Secondary Plastics and Related Review (1988),

Composites: A Design Guide (1987),

Plastic (1983), *Modern Industrial Plastics* (1979),

Hobbies and other activities:

When Terry is not writing books he enjoys woodworking, auto-body, gun smithing, radio controlled air planes, and oil painting, just to name a few. He was the Chair of Absolutely! Aberdeen, Inc. from 2001 to 2005 and was Secretary of the Aberdeen Development Board from 1999 through 2005. He was a member of the Aberdeen Area Chamber of Commerce Industrial Development Board of Directors (Term 2001) and chaired the Aberdeen Planning Commission from 1990 until 1995.

Honors and Awards:

Awarded: Emeritus Professor of Industrial Technologies, 1966-2001

Listed: *Who's Who in Polymers and Plastics*, 1999

Listed: *Who's Who in Science and Engineering*, 1997

Listed: *Two Thousand Notable Americans*, 1986

Genealogy:

Terry's qualifying ancestor is Col. James Taylor, who was with Washington in Winchester and was twice county Treasurer.