

East Fork-Trinity Chapter Newsletter

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Sons of the American Revolution

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Special Interest

East Fork Trinity
Chapter Charter
Member
Delora Lewis
Died on December 3,
2011

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Compatriot Walt Thomas was elected Chapter President at the January meeting

January 12, 2012

Fellow Compatriots:

We have just completed a very successful year in the life of the East Fork Trinity Chapter. Now the challenge is to build on that success by continuing to grow our membership numbers and to take an even more active role in our communities, schools, and our SAR organization. As we move into the new chapter year, it will take a team to move our chapter forward and I feel we have the dedicated team to work toward our common objectives of remembering

Message from President Walt Thomas

how our nation came to be and supporting those that continue to defend our freedoms today. We need to be thankful that God has blessed our great nation, but we should never take our freedom for granted.

I consider the opportunity to serve as your president for 2012 as a privilege and a responsibility. I want to thank President Paul Ridenour for his leadership during 2011 and I hope that I will be able to measure up to the high bar he has set. It was a privilege to work with Compatriots Allen Christian and Harmon Adair on the leadership team. Their knowledge of our chapter history and the SAR organization has kept us on track. Thank you for the opportunity to serve with such a great group. I would encourage our new members to seek out a place that you can actively serve and you will find that you will be supported. Whether you want your SAR experience to be one of leadership or just to attend our SAR meetings and enjoy

the food, we encourage you to tell your friends and family members that we welcome all men who can show a direct lineage to a supporter of our nation's birth.

As we move forward, my goals include finding new members for our chapter, a closer association with our Rockwall and Mesquite DAR chapters, finding new opportunities to serve our veterans and communities, increasing our chapter's visibility locally and within the TXSSAR organization, identifying new chapter leadership for the future, and enjoying every step along the way. My hope is that when 2012 comes to a close, we will have made significant progress in these areas. If you have any constructive criticism or just out right complaints, my door is always open.

Walt Thomas

President 2012



Compatriots,

It is my sad duty to report to you the death of past president Delora Lewis. Delora passed away on Saturday morning, December 3rd, 2011, at 8:20 AM at his home. He had been suffering with Cancer which had invaded his body through a Melanoma in his sinus cavity.

Delora was a charter member of the East Fork-Trinity chapter and served as its President many times. For many years Delora participated in the SAR Poster Contest and he actively presented JROTC and Good Citizenship medals to students within our service area. He will sorely be missed.

Allen Christian

Alton Delora Lewis

February 23, 1930 - December 3, 2011

Alton Delora Lewis passed away Dec. 3, 2011 at his home in Garland, Texas. Born Feb. 23, 1930, in Grand Saline, Texas, to Alton and Lorine Rhines Lewis. Delora attended Van and Dallas schools, graduating from Crozier Tech High School in Jan. 1949. He proudly served in the U.S. Air Force - 15th RSM Security Service during the Korean War. Employed with Texas Instruments for 33 years. Retiring in 1991, as a Machine Designer. Served as Garland City Councilman for 4 terms in the 70's, Historian of the Dal-tech Alumni Assoc., Founding member of East Fork Trinity Sons of the American Revolution, and as President of 15th RSM Reunion for 7 years. Survived by his wife of 57 years, Christine, of Garland, Texas, sons; David of Flower Mound, Texas., Gary and Doobie of Rowlett, Texas, and Kevin and Stephanie of Colleyville, Texas; grandchildren, Hayden and Hannah of Colleyville, Texas, brothers; Billy and Donna of Wylie, Texas, Richard and Linda of Blue Ridge, Texas, and Gregory and Sandra of Lubbock, Texas. He was preceded by his parents, brother; Charles "Buddy", and Daughter-in-Law, Terri Lewis. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Wounded Soldier Fund or Dal-Tech Alumni, P.O. Box 140765, Dallas, Texas. 75214-0765



SAR Chapter Presentations in 2011 (From the 2011 Minutes)

In February

Christine Lewis, wife of Delora Lewis, made the Americanism presentation on the history of our national holidays. Delora Lewis brought the main program for the evening with a very interesting presentation on the Republic of Texas from declaration of independence in 1836 until Texas joined the United States in 1845.



In March

Compatriot Allen Christian made the Americanism presentation on “An Irishman in the Revolutionary War”. Compatriot Paul Ridenour brought the main presentation on his new line to patriot Silas Bent who may have been at the Boston Tea Party.



In April

An interesting program consisted of the presenting of the essay contest winners. They each presented their essay on Paul Revere.

In May

Vivian Monzingo made the Americanism presentation on events that happened after the Civil War in 1868. By the end of the presentation it was revealed that one of the characters in the presentation was an ancestor of Vivian. Montie Monzingo brought the main presentation from the book “This Infernal War”. The presentation was mostly about the letters written home during the Civil War. Montie tied some of the characters in the book to his ancestors.



In June

As the Americanism presentation, Jane Christian shared many items she and Allen had collected from the Civil War and the Revolution War. For the main program, Allen Christian gave an interesting presentation on Quantrill's raiders.



In September

The program for the meeting was presented by District 6 VP Harmon Adair. The presentation was about a World War II veteran as depicted in the book "All The Way To Berlin".



In October

Barbara Thomas gave the Americanism presentation about her family's visit to Mount Vernon during a recent visit to Washington DC. Compatriot Walt Thomas gave a presentation on how Y-chromosome DNA testing could help with a man's genealogy search when normal search of historical documents and oral sources has been exhausted.



In November

The Americanism presentation was made by Martha Bellomy on the "Rules of Civility" in colonial times. Bill Bellomy then made a presentation on how the Betsy Ross flag came to be.



Inductions conducted during 2011

On October 13th, Montie Monzingo was inducted. His patriot ancestor was Peter Bozeman.



On November 10th, three new members were inducted; Gary Lovell, Hunter Hall (represented by his mother), and Jess Lovell. Their patriot ancestor was John Ham.

On December 8th, Frank Roberts was inducted. His patriot ancestor was Curtis Alderson.



Minutes from the January 2012 Meeting of the East Fork-Trinity Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution

The January 12, 2012 meeting of the East Fork-Trinity Chapter of the SAR was called to order at 7:20 by President Paul Ridenour, at the Texas Land and Cattle Co. in Garland.

Ten members were in attendance: Bill Bellomy, Allen Christian, Montie Monzingo, David Noe, Paul Ridenour, Tom Whitelock, Frank Roberts, Walt Thomas, Robert Vickers, and Harmon Adair.

And, nine guests were in attendance: Martha Bellomy, Jane Christian, Vivian Dennis-Monzingo, Linda Noe, Michael Noe, Jane Roberts, Barbara Thomas, Gary Snowden, and Joyce Adair.

Chaplain Allen Christian opened the meeting with prayer. Compatriot Montie Monzingo led the pledge of allegiance to the US flag. Compatriot Bill Bellomy led the pledge to the Texas flag. Compatriot Tom Whitelock led the pledge to the SAR.

Secretary Walt Thomas presented the minutes, which were approved as posted.

President Paul Ridenour gave an account of the awards presented to local schools and organizations. These awards were presented by Compatriots Delora Lewis, Harmon Adair, Allen Christian, and Paul Ridenour.

President Paul Ridenour presented Compatriots Allen Christian and Walt Thomas with certificates of appreciation for their services to the chapter.

District 6 VP Harmon Adair discussed the Maltese cross on the SAR badge, explaining the significance of the various parts of the cross.



District 6 VP Harmon Adair inducted David Noe into the East Fork-Trinity Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. David Noe was presented with a membership certificate, a rosette, and a certified copy of his application. Compatriot Noe spoke briefly about his Revolutionary War ancestor, William Allred.

Robert Vickers joined the chapter; he had been a member of a New Mexico chapter. Compatriot Vickers spoke briefly about his Revolutionary War ancestor, Richard Caswell.



Officers for the coming year were elected; (Left to Right) Secretary Montie Monzingo President Walt Thomas, Registrar Allen Christian, Vice President Paul Ridenour, Historian Tom Whitelock, Chaplain Bill Bellomy, Treasurer Harmon Adair.



Compatriot Tom Whitelock conducted a drawing for two doors prizes, won by Barbara Thomas and David Noe.

Compatriot Bill Bellomy led the closing.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01.

Respectfully submitted,

Montie Monzingo, Secretary

Note: The Chapter's next meeting is on February 9, 2012 at the Texas Land & Cattle Co.

Pictures from the December and January Meetings



Allen and Jane Christian



David, Linda, and Michael Noe



Frank and Jane Roberts



Bill and Martha Bellomy



Gary Snowden



Tom Whitelock



Paul Ridenour



Vivian and Montie Monzingo



Walt and Barbara Thomas



Joyce and Harmon Adair



Robert Vickers

Odds and Ends



On October 13, President Paul Ridenour received a supplemental lineage certificate; his patriot ancestor was Silas Bent.



On November 10, Compatriot Walt Thomas received the War Service Medal for his service in Vietnam.

Compatriots Tom Whitelock, Montie Monzingo, and Allen Christian at the Rockwall Courthouse Dedication



Fellows, are you in the SAR?

Did he say something about the war?

He said, I don't see my car.

I agree, I'd like a candy bar.