

EAST FORK TRINITY CHAPTER

TEXAS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

December 2016



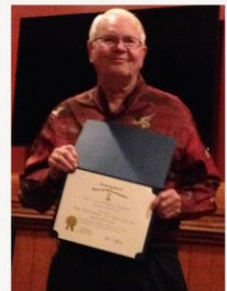
EFT November 10, 2016

Drake Peddie inducted new member Brady Cole Pidgeon David Powell's grandson whose Patriot is Lucius Tuttle.



Our speaker First Lt. Mary Kay Starnes of the Lakeshore Civil Air Patrol presented "Wreaths Across America" a program that EFT will participate in along with Rest Haven Memorial Park in Rockwall, TX.

President Gary Snowden presented the "Patriots in Patriotism" award which was accepted on behalf of the Chapter by Compatriot John Greer.



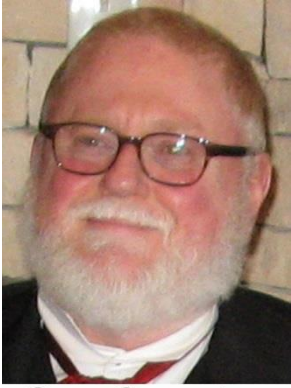
Bob Vickers received his 55 year Membership Award.



David Powell received the Liberty Medal for his work in bringing ten new members into EFT.



- 2016 Officers**
- President – Gary Snowden
 - Vice-President – Bill Watts
 - Secretary – Robert Vickers
 - Treasurer – Harmon Adair
 - Registrar – David Powell
 - Historian – Leslie Anderson
 - Chaplain – Ken Morrill
 - Website Manager – Dr. Montie Monzingo
 - Color Guard Commander – Walt Thomas
 - Sargeant At Arms – Glenn Atterberry
 - Education Chairman – Bill Watts
 - Quartermaster – Walt Thomas



Gary Snowden

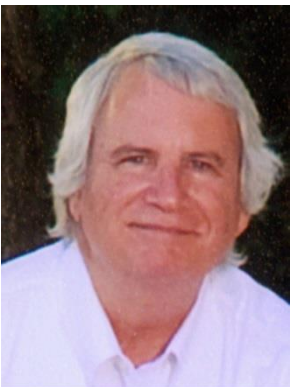
President

Now that what I call silly season (election campaign season) is over and we've celebrated Thanksgiving Day, another year is drawing to a close. As we wrap up 2016 and in our SAR chapter there are several items I would like to share with you.

Our next meeting which is coming up on December 8 will be a Christmas party with just a small amount of business. One of the fun items that will take place at the Christmas party will be a white elephant gift exchange. If you would like to participate in the white elephant gift exchange, then you need to bring a white elephant. If you don't bring a white elephant and you will not be participating. The white elephant gifts should be of a value no greater than \$10. In the case of something used that you have at the house like perhaps a singing bass plaque in pristine condition you be the judge as to the value. This year in the interest of time and to make things more interesting each item will only change hands three times including the person who initially chooses the item.

Also at our December meeting I would ask that everyone bring their veterans worksheet and a list of activities that they participated in throughout the year. This will make a more accurate annual report possible by recognizing the work that the chapter actually participates in. Also on this list of activities if you could indicate if you were in uniform, period clothing or civilian clothes that would be greatly appreciated.

In closing I would like to wish each and every one of you my most heartfelt thanks for making 2016 a very gratifying and successful year for the East Fork Trinity chapter. It has been my pleasure serving as your president this year and I am especially grateful to each of you for putting up with my on-the-job training in the process.



Bill Watts

Vice President

I am very happy to report that our efforts to provide wreaths for our veterans in Rockwall have been very successful. "Wreaths across America" has received donations from the members of the East Fork Trinity Chapter SAR and the Rock Wall Chapter DAR for 127 wreaths for our local veterans in Rest Haven Memorial Park. The residents of Rockwall have donated 498 wreaths that bring the total number of wreaths for our veterans to 625 wreaths. Although the goal of 813 wreaths was not reached this year we far exceeded the number given last year. As we all celebrate Christmas please remember that our freedom came with a price and that price was paid by the veterans, their families and everyone who contributes to the cause of American freedom.



Dave Powell

Registrar's Corner

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

1. David Permenter's application was approved and registered at National on 22 Nov 2016. David's Patriot is Light Townsend.
2. John Permenter's application was approved and registered at National on 22 Nov 2016. John's Patriot is Light Townsend.
3. Grant Permenter's application was approved and registered at National on 22 Nov 2016. John's Patriot is Light Townsend.
4. Richard Anderson's application was approved and registered at National on 22 Nov 2016. David's Patriot is Light Townsend.
5. Prospective Junior Member Cordell Reedy's application is at National awaiting review. Cordell's Patriot is James Cunningham.
6. Prospective Junior Member Logan David Edwards' application is at National awaiting review. Logan's Patriot is Lucius Tuttle.
7. Prospective Member Father Loyd Dean Morris completed his Regular Member Application and it was sent to the State Registrar on 21 Nov 2016.
8. Prospective Member Matthew Morrill's application is complete and awaiting signatures. It should be mailed to the State Registrar soon.

TRANSFERS

1. Transfer Member Dr. Bob Sparks transfer was completed in Feb 2016.
2. Prospective Regular Member Duane Lites' application is at National waiting to be reviewed. Because of a mix-up by the Registrar at the Dallas Chapter, Duane will initially join through Dallas and then transfer to EFT.
3. Transfer Member John Speer's transfer request has been mailed to the Texas State Secretary and should be approved soon.
4. Transfer Member Lucas Speer's transfer request has been mailed to the Texas State Secretary and should be approved soon.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATIONS

1. EFT Member Leslie Anderson has completed a Supplemental application for his Patriot Henry Perkins. His application is at National awaiting review.
2. EFT Member Bob Vickers has completed a Supplemental application for his Patriot ancestor Patriot William Lingo. Currently, his application is at National awaiting review.
3. EFT Member Rob Vickers II has completed a Supplemental application for his Patriot ancestor Richard Caswell. This application has been mailed to the State Registrar.

4. EFT Member Walt Thomas has completed a Supplemental application for his Patriot ancestor Evan Thomas. Currently, his application is at National awaiting review.

2016 SUMMARY (as of 27 Nov 2016)

New Regular Members: 10

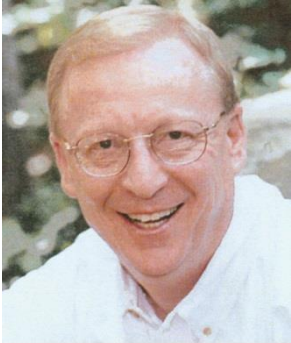
New Junior Members: 3

Transfers: 4

New Supplementals: 1

Completed Applications awaiting review at State or National: 5

Completed Applications awaiting review at EFT: 1



Rev. Ken Morrill
Chaplain

From the Desk of the Chaplain

MERRY CHRISTMAS & A BLESSED NEW YEAR

♥ **Isaiah 9:6** – *“For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace”*

♥ **Helen Steiner Rice** (Poem) – *“Was It Really So?”* – *A star in the sky, an angel’s voice / Telling the world – Rejoice !! Rejoice!! But that was centuries and centuries ago, And we ask today / Was it really so? Was the Christ Child born in a manger bed / Without a pillow to rest His head? Did He walk on earth and live and die / And return to God to dwell on high?*

We were not there to hear or see, But our hopes and dreams of eternity / Are centered around that Holy story / When God sent us His Son in glory / And life on earth has not been the same / Regardless of what the skeptics claim / For no event ever left behind / A transformation of this kind. So question and search and doubt, if you will / But the story of Christmas is living still.

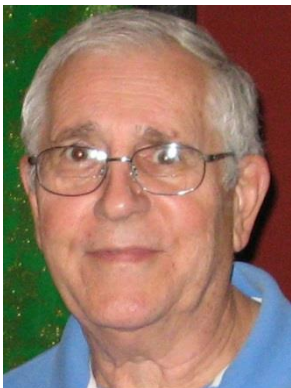
♥ **“Mary, Did You Know?”** (Song) – *Mary did you know that your baby boy would one day walk on water? / Mary did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters? / Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new? / This Child that you’ve delivered will soon deliver you.*

Mary did you know that your baby boy would give sight to the blind man? / Mary did you know that your baby boy would calm the storm with His hand? / Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod? / And when you kiss your baby you’ve kissed the face of God?

Mary did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation? / Mary did you know that your baby boy will one day rule the nations? / Did you know that your baby boy is heaven’s perfect Lamb / And the sleeping Child you’re holding is the great I AM!!

♥ **Helen Steiner Rice** (Poem) – *“A Christmas Blessing for You”* -- *May Jesus, our Savior / Who was born on Christmas Day / Bless you at this season in a very special way. / May the beauty and the promise of that silent, holy night / Fill your heart with peace and happiness and make your New Year bright!!*

Joy to the World, He has come!!!



Leslie Anderson

Historians Perspective

I am working on the yearbook. If you have any changes, pictures or input please send them to me as soon as possible. I hope to have the yearbook completed by the January Meeting for review.

I want to thank everyone for their cooperation in my efforts to prepare the East Fork Trinity Chapter yearbook. As a treat I will have pictures showing on the television screen of East Fork Trinity's events during 2016!



Walt Thomas

Trinity Color Guard Report

I thank everyone who contributed in any way to the Color Guard this year. I believe that Color Guard participation represents the best of SAR and is the face of our chapter to Rockwall and the surrounding communities. I will be stepping down as the Color Guard Commander at the end of this year to make an opportunity for someone to experience leading the EFT Color Guard. I look forward to supporting the new commander and helping in any way possible.

Our final event for 2016 was to be the Rockwall Christmas parade; however the weather caused the event to be cancelled and did not allow us to march/ride with Daughters of the American Revolution in the parade. As with our forefathers, the weather sometimes changes the best of plans.

Thank you for your support during 2016 and I look forward to participating with our Color Guard next year.



Bill Watts

Education Chairman

I have enjoyed the year and I hope that you have enjoyed 2016 as I have. Please remember to let me know if you would like to help establish an education program here at East Fork Trinity Chapter. As members of the SAR it is our duty to remember those who gave us our freedom and teach children the value of that freedom. Too often our children don't know the value of Freedom.

November 10, 2016 Regional Veterans Day Observance



The picture above is the North Texas Color Guard with the North Texas Patriot Guard Riders. The NTPGR provide many different services for our fallen veterans. It is an honor to be with them as we honored our veterans.

Don Sielert and Larry Melton can be seen among our members greeting the children who will be participating in this event. We helped pass out flags and programs.



Here are the members of the NTCG at the Veterans Day event to honor all who served.

Ted Wilson, Larry Melton, Don Babbs, Don Sielert, Bill Watts, Terry Holden and John Greer

Veterans Day Parade in Dallas November 11, 2016



North Texas Color Guard

Bill Watts, Drake Peddie, Dennis Vierling, George Ramphrey,
Bob Kittrell, Mike Petridis, and Alan Johnson



The USA Cheerleaders wanted a picture with the NTCG. They are a part of a team of cheerleaders who participate in events to support our veterans. Who said that marching is too much trouble when you get to look good with a group of Cheerleaders!



The Heroes, Cops & Kids organization joined us in a friendly picture. The organization helps the police force with outreach to children.

Bill Watts, Sophia Hurley (Wonder Woman), Dennis Verling, Rachel Vargas (Super Woman), Drake Peddie, Milly Ann Russell (Black Widow) and Alan Johnson at the Veterans Day Parade in Dallas



Christy Elementary November 18, 2018
Howard Roach, Bill Watts, Don Babbs, Larry Melton and Alan Johnson



Our Group posing with the teachers at Christy Elementary School in Plano

This program is provided by the Plano Chapter to schools in their area. The Plano Chapter "Flag Presentation" has reached many schools and retirement centers in the area. It is my pleasure to be a part of the program.

Veterans Gift Program



Leslie Anderson, Margaret Anderson, Jane Roberts and Bill Watts participated in this wonderful veterans program that provides gifts at no cost to our veterans who are at the Bonham Veterans Hospital to send to their loved ones at Christmas. We served over 250 veterans.



The EFT Photographer
Leslie Anderson at work!

The “Ribbon Cutting” at the start of the gift program. Notice the young lady with the white baseball cap, she’s Dot and she’s 90 years young.

These are the workers. They are members of various groups who come to the VA often and work to aid our veterans. This year their efforts served over 250 veterans at the Bonham Veterans Hospital.





Naturalization Ceremony Dallas Field Office, Irving, Texas
December 2, 2016

Terry Holden, Howard Roach, Dan Reed, Jerry Cope, Bill Watts,
Alan Johnson, and Ted Wilson



Bill Watts

Ink Spot (I didn't get any response so I'm trying again)

I enjoy publishing the East Fork Trinity Newsletter and I hope you are enjoying it as well. I am trying to keep the newsletter full of up-to-date information about our last meeting, future meetings and other information concerning EFT. But sometimes I forget to mention some important information.

Therefore I want to ask YOU the reader for help. If you have something that you think should be in the Newsletter please send it to me. If you have suggestions (I may or may not always use them) please send them to me.

If you have an article that you want to publish (1-3 pages) please send it to me with pictures. I may have to edit it to fit but I welcome any article that fits the newsletter and EFT's interests. I will need a head shot picture to put in the Newsletter as part of your writing.

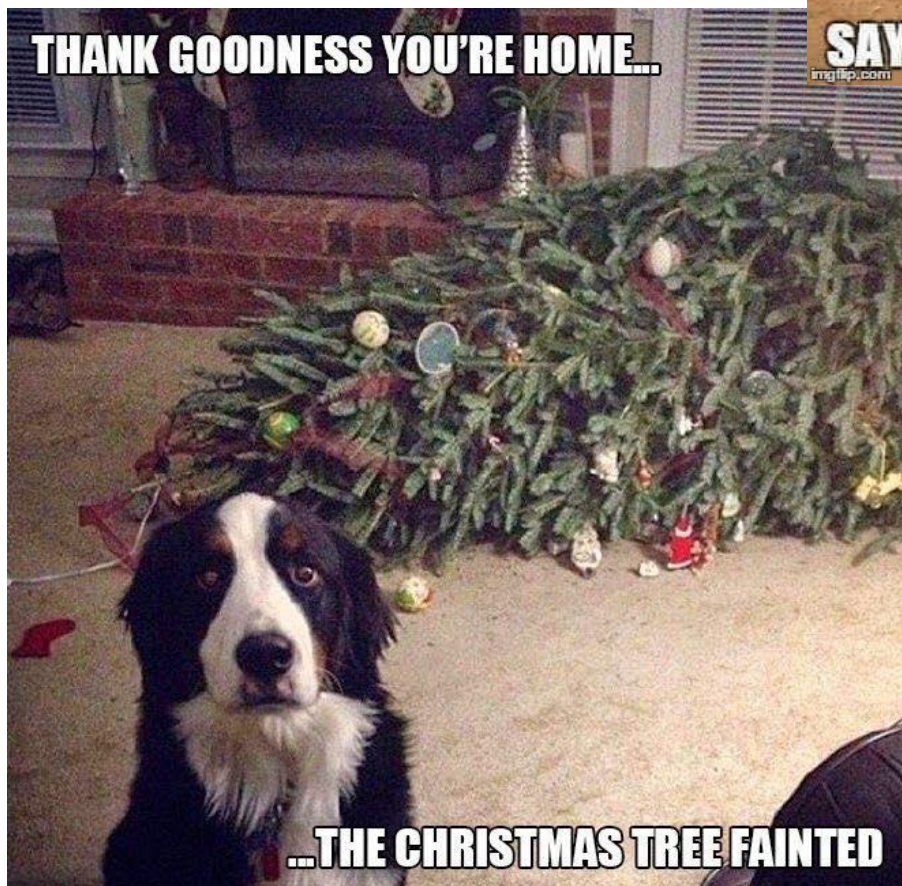
If you have participated in activities that are related to SAR, DAR, CAR, military, or civic that is related to our chapter please send it to me with pictures. I want to make this Newsletter reflect the Chapter's interests.

If you are a New Member, please contact me so we can put you in the Newsletter. You are an important part of East Fork Trinity and we want you to introduce yourself to US!

Last but not least this is your Newsletter as well as mine. I want it to reflect our Chapter so please let me know how I can make it better. Let's work together to keep this Newsletter fresh, informative and fun!

I'm ending the year with remembrance of those who serve ▶

and



◀ Those that bring us joy!

**Have a very Merry
Christmas!**

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Happy New Year!