

EAST FORK TRINITY CHAPTER

TEXAS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

February 2016



Compatriot Alan Johnson



Group Discussion



On January 20th a familiarization meeting for new members of the Texas Sons of the American Revolution was hosted by the Plano Chapter of the SAR. East Fork Trinity, Edmund Terrell, Dallas and Plano Chapters attended the meeting. The meeting was organized by Compatriot Alan Johnson. There were seventeen participants at the meeting. The point of the meeting was to give an overview of the SAR goals and a review of the organization and structure of the SAR. Participants were given a chance to directly interface with current SAR members active in the Color Guard, VA, Community Actions, and Chapter activities.

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Bill Watts

V. P. Programs

We have some great programs coming to East Fork Trinity. I have listed the next three that are going to be presented in 2016.

February 11	Ned LaRowe Spies of the American Revolution
March 10	Ashlee Martin C.A.R Essay Participant
April 14	Laura Simmons Texas Ranger



Dave Powell

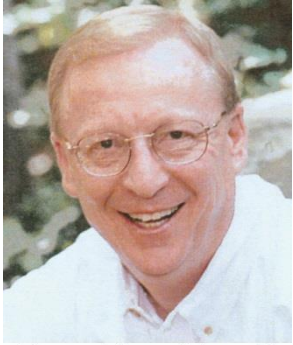
The Registrar's Corner

LATEST MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

1. Prospective Member Robert Vickers II's application was pended at National last year. We have submitted a substitute Patriot to get Rob's application un-pended. The application was submitted to the State Registrar last month and now we are waiting to hear back from State or see Robert's application show up on the Application Status Report at National. Robert's new Patriot is Dr. John Taliaferro.
2. Prospective Member Dr. Bob Sparks' application is waiting to be reviewed at National. Dr. Sparks' Patriot is Walter Sparks.
3. Prospective Member Tab Dupree's application is at National waiting to be reviewed. Tab Dupree's Patriot is Zachariah Landrum.
4. Prospective Member Garrett Dupree's application is at National waiting to be reviewed. Tab Dupree's Patriot is Zachariah Landrum. (Garrett is Tab Dupree's son).
5. Prospective Member Jason Gray's application has been completed and sent to the State Registrar. Jason's Patriot is Ballenger Wade.
6. Prospective Member David Permenter is working on his application. It looks like a Proof Argument will be needed to sort out one generation.

Registrar's Note:

Documentation of applicant's lineage is required. The SAR used to only accept a birth certificate. The SAR will now accept "other" documents as proof of the applicants lineage; however, the SAR still prefers a birth certificate as evidence of the applicant's link to his parent in the lineage.



Rev. Ken Morrill
Chaplain

From the Desk of the Chaplain

“HAPPY COLONIAL VALENTINE’S DAY” !!!

Holidays were very different during the colonial era. Most of the holidays that we enjoy today were hardly even recognized by the first generation of Americans - due to the fact that they had a very

different set of social and cultural norms. As far as **Valentine’s Day** is concerned, the differences are almost night and day. First off, colonial America did not celebrate Valentine’s Day with chocolates and cards. This does not mean, however, that they were void of celebration. Instead of Valentine’s Day, many colonial Americans joined in celebrating festivities like:

- 1. The Roman holiday of Lupercalia** - which was a holiday to commemorate both Romulus & Remus, the two fabled founders of Rome. During Lupercalia men would chase women around in goat-skinned clothing, hoping to be able to catch a virgin. The women were also lightly whipped with leaves as they were chased
- 2. In addition to these festivities, young colonial women** were known to have regularly pinned five bay leaves to their pillow (four leaves on each corner and one leaf in the middle). The belief was that the leaves would inspire the dreams of the young damsel, who would recognize her true valentine in her dreams. Young women also wrote the names of the village men on pieces of paper, which were then rolled into clay. The clays were then dropped into a vessel of water, where the women would wait for the first clay piece to rise to water’s surface. It was believed that the first clay piece to rise to the top was the young woman’s true valentine
- 3. Early Dutch settlers** in the American colonies also celebrated a few Valentine’s Day customs as well. The most popular tradition of young Dutch women was the belief that the first man she laid eyes upon on Valentine’s Day was to be her future spouse. As a result, many young women would arise in the morning, keeping their eyes shut until a friend or family member advised them to open their eyes. It was usually planned by the family to have a pleasing male awaiting the young woman’s first gaze. One can only imagine how much fun it would have been to play a practical joke on these poor young ladies.

Things may have changed today but one truth from God’s Word still holds true: *“But now abide in faith, hope, and love...these three but the greatest of these in love” (1 Corinthians 13:13)*

Happy Birthday, George !!!!! We also celebrate the birthday of George Washington this month on 2/22nd. Henry “Lighthorse” Lee (Robert E. Lee’s Father) stated at George Washington’s funeral service... *“He was the first in war, the first in peace, and the first in the hearts of his countrymen”.*





Montie Monzingo

The Web-Master's Domain

I was asked, and have agreed, to step in as the webmaster for the Dallas Chapter. Their website was behind in minutes and newsletters by a few years. I have sorted things together, and had the old website linked into TXSSAR's server. Our website is currently linked there. One advantage is that it's free. I also plan to redo the Dallas website using a responsive template from TXSSAR. Now, why am I not doing the same for the East Fork-Trinity website? Good question; I'm glad that I asked. Well, the Dallas website really doesn't have a lot on it. No info on color guard activities, no places to purchase clothing, etc., and very few links. So, it will/should be much easier to experiment on the Dallas website first. If all goes well, the number of items in the template's drop-down menu can be expanded to what we need on the EF-T website, and I can convert our setup over to a responsive template. At this point, many thanks for the assistance from Ray Cox and John Anderson.



Walt Thomas

Color Guard Commander

EFT Color Guard Happenings

The EFT Color Guard will be participating as a chapter in the following scheduled events. Additional events will be added at a later time. The Plano chapter has events almost weekly and I encourage individual participation in any or all of their events. If you do not receive their schedule, contact Howard Roach (watkins7@aol.com) to be added to their distribution list or to let Howard know when you can participate.

March 12, 2016 Saturday – Join with other NTX chapters to recognize two past TXSSAR presidents at the Arlington City Cemetery at 2:00 PM. Benton C. Colins was TXSSAR president in 1942 and Dr. Valin Woodward was TXSSAR president in 1935.

April 1, 2016 Friday - Join with other TXSSAR chapters to present the Colors at the opening ceremony of the TXSSAR State Convention. The State Convention will be at the Hyatt Regency located at Campbell and Hwy 75 in Richardson.

April 2, 2016 Saturday – Join with other TXSSAR chapters to present the Colors at the State Convention evening banquet.

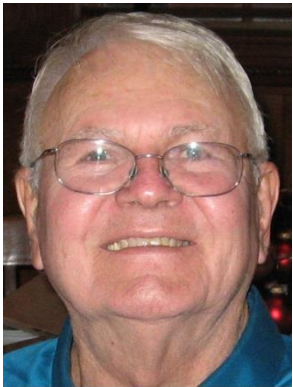
April 3, 2016 Sunday - Retrieve the Colors at the close of the State Convention at approximately 10:00 AM.

April 9, 2016 Saturday – Join with other chapters to march in the Gainesville Medal of Honor parade at 10:00 AM. A car pool will be arranged at a later time.

April 16, 2016 Saturday – Dedication of an SAR marker for compatriot Jack Gunnels at the Pecan Grove Cemetery in McKinney. The event is scheduled for 10:00 AM. All chapter members are encouraged to participate. A car pool will be organized.

June 18, 2016 Saturday – March in the Audie Murphy Day parade in Farmersville Texas. Event normally starts at 10:00 AM. A car pool will be organized. Detail will be available at a later time.

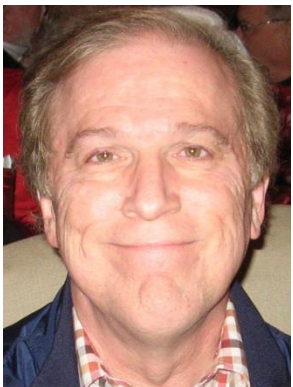
I encourage all Color Guard members to document your participation in the EFT Color Guard and other Color Guard events. This will be useful for our annual chapter report and for Color Guard recognition.



John Greer

Veterans Chairman

The VA in Bonham is going to have a Salute to Hospitalized Veterans on February 12th. Last year East Fork Trinity provided several bags of goodies for our veterans. Please consider giving to our veterans and if you want to join us to pass out Valentines please let me know. It's a very rewarding time with OUR Veterans at the VA Hospital.



Drake Peddie

District 6 Vice President

This is to advise you that the online registration forms for the 121st Annual Texas State Convention are online and active at <http://www.txssar.org/index.htm> - **under Events**. For those of you who have received registration notifications before, you will receive them via your usual email addresses.



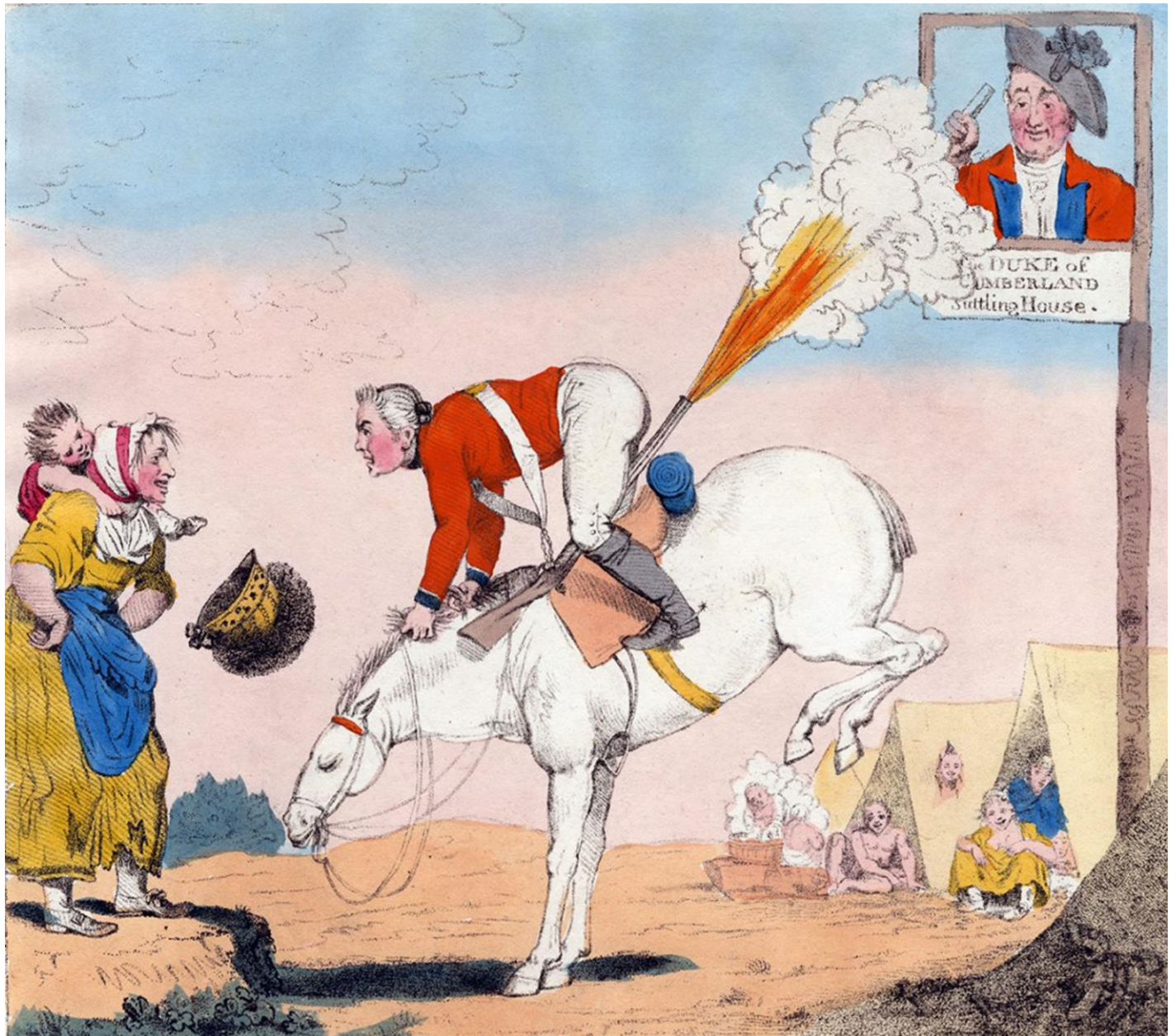
Bill Watts

Education Chairman

We have a C.A.R Essay Contest Winner to present at State! Her name is Ashlee Martin and we will meet her next month. Good job Ashlee!!!!

Next month I'll start sending out the letters to the High Schools and Jr. High Schools asking for nominations for the Citizenship Awards. Please think about volunteering to present an award to a school during the May – June graduation season.

There are many web pages that promote America and the American Revolution and I discovered this Revolutionary Cartoon that I thought everyone would get a “laugh out loud” from it!



HOW TO MAKE A FRENCH STYLE MUSKET CARTRIDGE

MATERIALS NEEDED:

Proper size cartridge paper

Former: round end for blanks; concave for ball.

Musket balls if loading live rounds

Clear stationery glue. One brand is UHU which comes with a handy applicator

Black powder

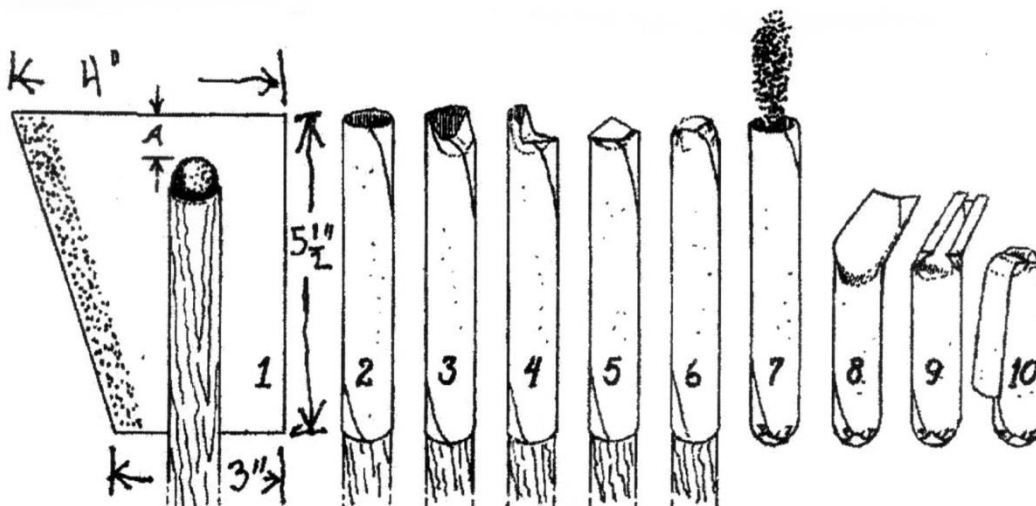
Powder measure

If using a dip type measure, pour powder in a small bowl to dip from.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1 Lay former on paper as shown. Glue should be put on slanted edge (dotted area). Use rounded end of former for blank cartridges. Distance *A* should be about $\frac{5}{8}$ inches. Roll paper around former, starting with straight edge of the paper. Insure that paper is rolled tightly and edge is glued securely.
- 2 This is how a properly rolled cartridge should appear at this point.
- 3 Fold top of paper at the seam, over the ball or former. Put a small dab of glue on top of the seam. Too much glue may stick paper to former or ball.
- 4 Fold edge over and stick to glue. Press momentarily with your finger to insure it is firmly stuck.
- 5 Fold final portion over and press together, holding momentarily.
- 6 Press edges over ball or former to achieve rounded appearance. Insure that glue is firmly set, then slowly remove former with a twisting motion.
- 7 Load open end with desired charge of powder.
- 8 Flatten top portion of paper and fold over at a 90 degree angle, forming a trough over the powder.
- 9 Fold both edges of the "tail" toward the center.
- 10 Bring the tail toward the front and fold alongside the powder charge. Do not glue, as the tail is needed to pull cartridges from the cartridge box.

NOTE: Some folks have eliminated the glue when loading blanks by using the concave end and pressing the folded end into the cavity.



Sources for Clothing and Supplies

C & D Jarnagin	http://www.jarnaginco.com/
G. Gedney Godwin	http://gggodwin.com/
James Townsend	http://jas-townsend.com/
Smoke & Fire	http://www.smoke-fire.com/Default.htm
Smiling Fox Forge	http://www.smilingfoxforgellc.com/index.asp
American Heritage Clothing	http://www.colonialuniforms.com/
Quartermaster General	http://www.thequartermastergeneral.com/
Village Green Clothier	http://villagegreenclothier.com/welcome.html
Cooperstown Trading Post	http://cooperstowntradingpost.com/
Thread Bare Stitchery	http://threadbarestitchery.com/
Crazy Cow Trading Co.	http://www.crazycrow.com/onlinestore
Avalon Forge	http://home.comcast.net/~avalonforge/index.html
American Duchess	http://www.american-duchess.com/shoes-18th-century
Patterns	
Harper House	http://www.longago.com/
J. P. Ryan	http://jpryan.com/
Rocking Horse Farm	http://rockinghorse-farm.com/?mainURL=/store/category/8n20/Colonial.html
Old Time Patterns	http://www.oldtimepatterns.com/PP041.html
Burnley & Trobridge	http://www.burnleyandtrobridge.com/index.aspx
Fabric	
Carolina Calicoes	http://www.carolinacalicoes.com/
Trim Fabric	http://www.trimfabric.com/index.html
Wm. Booth Draper	http://www.wmboothdraper.com/
Fur Hat	
F & T Fur Trading Post	http://www.fntpost.com/index.php?page=62
Buttons and other things	
Roy and Debra Najecki	http://www.najecki.com/repro/reproindex.html
Veteran Arms LLC.html	http://www.veteranarms.com/ReproductionMuzzleloadersandFlintlocks/Veteran-Arms-LLC.html
Middlesex Village Trading	http://www.middlesexvillagetrading.com/
Guns and Swords	http://www.gunsandswords.com/
The Possible Shop	http://possibleshop.com/rifle-kit.html
Cash Manufacturing Co.	http://www.tdcmfg.com/about.php
Cherry's	http://www.cherrys.com/ped_prep.htm
Dixie Gun Works	http://dixiegunworks.com/
Flintlock Sales	http://www.flintlockrepair.com/
Tack of the Wolf, Inc	http://www.trackofthewolf.com/index.aspx
Jedediah Starr Trading	http://www.jedediah-starr.com/thumbnail.asp?offset=0&deep=2&cid=44
Cabin Creek Muzzleloading	http://cabincreek.net/
Buffalo Arms	http://www.buffaloarms.com/default.aspx
Kits	
1 st Virginia, Quartermaster	http://1varegiment.com/quartermaster-2/
Taylor Rose	http://www.taylor-rosehistorical.com/
Weeping Heart	http://www.revwarssupplier.com/
Yesteryear	http://www.yesteryear.net/
FT. Downing Trading	http://www.fortdowning.com/

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