

# EAST FORK TRINITY CHAPTER

## TEXAS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

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## Remember their Sacrifices!



### Myra Castillo, East Fork Trinity's Essay Winner for 2016

I was born in Lawton, Oklahoma, when my dad was stationed at Ft. Sill Army Base. As a military child, I lived in Germany and traveled throughout Europe and South Korea. My memories are few, so I've got a strong desire to return and travel the world. I moved to Texas in 1st grade, and that's when I found a love for art. In middle school, Mrs. Martin

influenced me in my first art class. My greatest artistic accomplishment is winning the Congressional Art Competition of District 5 and representing Jeb Hensarling in 2014. My winning art piece hung in the US Capitol for a year. Now, art is still my passion and I'm attending Abilene Christian University in the fall of 2016 to major in Interior Design. My biggest support comes from my parents and my 4 siblings. God is good and He's blessed me with a great life. As I near graduation, I can't wait to see where He'll lead me to next!

### Harmon Adair presenting the JROTC Medals at Forney High School



Cadet Captain Samuel Clark

Cadet Major Logan Barajas



Bill Watts

### Vice – President of Programs

This month we will have Montie Monzingo, “AMERICAN CEMETERIES ON FOREIGN SOIL”

June 9

**John Greer**

Timothy Murphy “Best Shot in the Revolutionary War

July 14

**Diane Johnson**

Betsy Ross

If you have any program ideas or want to provide a program please contact me via email at [bill\\_watts@att.net](mailto:bill_watts@att.net)



Dave Powell

## The Registrar's Corner

### NEW MEMBERS AND PROSPECTS

1. Robert Vickers II's was inducted at the March meeting. Congratulations Rob. Rob's Patriot is Dr. John Taliaferro.
2. Dr. Bob Sparks' was inducted at the March meeting. Congratulations Bob. Dr. Sparks' Patriot is Walter Sparks.
3. Tab Dupree's application was approved on 29 Feb 2016. Tab Dupree's Patriot is Zachariah Landrum. Awaiting Induction.
4. Garrett Dupree's application was approved at National on 29 Feb 2016. Garrett Dupree's Patriot is Zachariah Landrum. (Garrett is Tab Dupree's son). Awaiting Induction.
5. Prospective Member Jason Gray's application made it through the State Registrar's review and was received at National on 16 Feb 2016. Jason's Patriot is Ballenger Wade.
6. Chase Rediger's application as a Junior Member made it through the State Registrar's review and was received at National on 28 Mar 2016. Chase's Patriot is Silas Benedict. Chase is the son of David Rediger.
7. Connor Rediger's Application as a Junior Member made it through the State Registrar's review and was received at National on 28 Mar 2016. Connor's Patriot is Silas Benedict. Connor is the son of David Rediger.
8. Prospective Member David Permenter has completed his application and is in the process of arranging for several other family members to join on the SAR Family Membership Plan. David will be the **Primary Applicant** and his family members joining under the SAR Family Plan are: John Permenter (David's half-brother). Grant Permenter (John's son) and Richard Anderson who is David's Sister's son. Additionally, David's son Drew Permenter and Richard Anderson's son Leonardo Anderson will be joining the SAR under the Junior Membership plan. That's a total of six new Prospective Members from this family. We should have these applications completed soon. They all will be joining under Patriot Light Townsend.
9. Prospective Member Doyle Maston Jr. signed his Regular Member Application on 23 Apr 2016 and it has been mailed to the State Registrar. Doyle is the brother of Sandra (Sandy) Maston Poore, a recently approved and registered DAR member here in Rockwall. After Doyle's SAR application gets approved, we will be submitting a Memorial Application for Doyle's Brother Darrell Maston who passed away in 2014.

### SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATIONS

1. EFT Member Glenn Atterberry submitted a new Supplemental Application for Patriot Philemon Lacey. Good Luck Glenn.

We are having another good year for new memberships, prospects and supplemental applications.

**Registrar's Note: Memorial Memberships Explained.**

A Memorial Application can be submitted for a male who is a deceased close relative (within two generations) of an SAR member and whose application is based on (most of) the same lineage as that SAR member. There are no dues and a portion of the application fee goes to the Society's Permanent Fund. The filing of Memorial Memberships is only available to active SAR members. The PDF Application found on the NSSAR website has the capability to prepare a Memorial Application. The Memorial Application would be filled out and signed by the submitter who is the close relative within the required two degrees of kinship using his own contact information. The rest of the application would be filled out just as if it were a Regular Membership application with every name, place shown on the obverse. The References section on the reverse side of the form would list the supporting SAR application (SAR RC # xxxxxx-Patriot) for all of those generations that are in common with the previously approved application. A copy of the birth and death certificate for the memorialized applicant as well as any other necessary proof documents to link the application to the previously approved application would also be required. The fee for a Memorial Application differs from the fees for Regular Membership and the NSSAR, State, and Chapter fees for a Memorial Application. In the EFT Chapter, Texas Branch, the cost is \$418.00. \$380.00 goes to National, \$32.00 goes to State and \$6.00 goes to the Chapter.

**Do you have a deceased brother, father or grandfather who was a Patriotic American and deserves to be recognized as an SAR Member with his own National Number and headstone marker? Give me a call, we can make it happen. SAR Headstone markers are available through the SAR National website. <https://store.sar.org/product/small-patriot-grave-marker-lug>**



Rev. Ken Morrill  
Chaplain

### From the Desk of the Chaplain

“THE MONTH TO REMEMBER”

- May 5<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) – National Day of Prayer – Philippians 4:6—“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God”

- May 8<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) – Mothers' Day – May we always remember the love & sacrifices of these incredible ladies for each of us. Our lives and the well-being of this great country are better for them.

· May 21<sup>st</sup> (Saturday) – Armed Forces Day – The first Armed Forces Day was celebrated on Saturday (5/20/1950). It was then and is today an opportunity to pay tribute to all the men and women who are serving in the United States Armed Forces today.

· May 30<sup>th</sup> (Monday) – Memorial Day – A day we remember and honor all Americans who died while serving in our country's armed forces. Memorial Day is not to be confused with Veterans Day. Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving, while Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U. S. military veterans. On Memorial Day, the flag of the United States is raised briskly to the top of the staff and then solemnly lowered to the half-staff position, where it remains only until noon. It is then raised to full-staff for the remainder of the day. The half-staff position of the flag remembers the more than one million men and women who gave their lives in service of their country. At noon, their memory is raised by the living, who resolves not to let their sacrifice be in vain, but to rise up in their stead and continue the fight for liberty and justice for all. May the SAR and our chapter always be proud of those who serve to protect our "God Given" rights and freedoms.



Bill Watts

## Ed Chairman's Report

This month we begin presenting the Good Citizenship Awards to 14 local schools. This is something that I enjoy because we recognize Good Citizens among the Junior and Senior High School students in our area. The awarding of the Good Citizen is based on honor, service, courage, leadership and patriotism. It's not something that a student can earn like a scholarship but is given as an award for being a good student no matter what grades the student has earned. East Fork Trinity Chapter has been giving this award for many years and I've

enjoyed presenting the award. I have been complemented many times by students, teachers, and others in the school staff. Last year a counselor told me that the winner at their school was honored to receive the award.

East Fork Trinity to my knowledge hasn't participated in the many Educational Contests that the Sons of the American Revolution offer. They are; the Knight Essay Contest, American History Teacher, Rumbaugh Oration Contest, Children of the American Revolution Essay, Americanism Poster Contest, and the Eagle Scout Essay Contest.

I've been encouraged to get EFT involved in these contests. To that end we have two schools participating in these contests next year. Fulton Academy and Heritage Christian Academy have shown interest in participating next year. I will need your support in this endeavor.

We had an entry this year in the Children of the American Revolution Essay Contest and she came in second place in the state. Way to go Ashlee!

This month we are honoring Myra Castillo for her essay. Please welcome Myra at this month's meeting.



Montie Monzingo

## The Web-Master's Domain

Due to its ability to fit various screen sizes, the template that I am using is very sensitive to changes. For example, the previous webpage that I designed allowed for more items in the menu. Adding more items, or even using longer item names, with the new template creates problems (such as having a solid blue screen). So, I used the new template, as was designed. John Anderson, the template designer, encourages users to modify the template. I added

several things to the new template (minutes and newsletters, Color Guard info, chapter history, vendors list); however, I haven't been pleased with their location (under "docs") on the website. So, I added more links to the "About Us" dropdown menu, and moved the things listed above to that portion of the menu. As a result, searching should be much easier.

And, rather than having to update the time for our next meeting, John Anderson wrote a piece of hypertext that does it for me, "Look mom, no hands!"



Bill Watts

## Ink Spot

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 at [bill\\_watts@att.net](mailto:bill_watts@att.net) 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 and 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!



## Reminder from Alan Johnson, Plano Chapter

**“Shot heard round the world” and Don’t fire until you see the whites of their eyes”**

On April 19, of 1775, General Thomas Gage, royal military governor of Massachusetts, dispatched a force of 700 British Army regulars under Lieutenant Colonel Francis Smith with secret orders to arrest Boston Tea Party leader Samuel Adams, Massachusetts Provincial Congress President John Hancock and merchant fleet owner Jeremiah Lee.

But what most directly ties these orders to the enumeration in our Constitution that "the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed" is that Gage ordered his Redcoats to capture and destroy arms and supplies stored by the Massachusetts militia in the town of Concord. Indeed, the first shots of the eight-year struggle for American independence were in response to the government's attempt to disarm the people.

It was just after dawn on April 19th at the Lexington town green that the British killed eight of Captain John Parker's militiamen as they were dispersing. Later that day, after searching for powder and weapons in Concord, British light infantry companies faced rapidly growing ranks of militia and Minutemen at Concord's Old North Bridge. From depositions on both sides, the British fired first on the militia, killing two and wounding four.

But this time, militia commander John Buttrick yelled the order, "Fire, for God's sake, fellow soldiers, fire!" And fire they did, commencing with "the shot heard round the world" immortalized in poet Ralph Waldo Emerson's "Concord Hymn."

With that shot, farmers and laborers, landowners and statesmen alike brought upon themselves the sentence of death for treason against the Crown. In the ensuing firefight, the British took heavy casualties and in discord retreated to Concord village for reinforcements, and then retreated back toward Lexington.

In retreat to Lexington, British regulars took additional casualties, including those suffered in an ambush by the reassembled ranks of John Parker's militia — "Parker's Revenge" as it became known. The English were reinforced with 1,000 troops in Lexington, but the King's men were no match for the militiamen, who inflicted heavy casualties upon the Redcoats along their 20-mile tactical retreat to Boston.

And thus began the American Revolution in support of Liberty — not just for the Massachusetts militia, but for all mankind.

## Vietnam Veterans Day



On March 29 at the Plano Memorial Park Alan Johnson, Bill Watts, Don Sielert, Bill Neisel, Larry Melton, and Terry Holden presented and post Colors at the Vietnam Veterans Day that was sponsored by the Mary Shirley McGuire DAR chapter.

## Jack Gunnels' Grave Marker Dedication Ceremony

March 16 Montie Monzingo, Gary Lovell, Harmon Adair, Dave Powell, John Greer, Walt Thomas, Tom Whitelock and Drake Peddie presented the Colors at Jack Gunnel's Grave Marker Dedication Ceremony.



Betty Gunnel is presented a Challenge Coin by Drake Peddie and Gary Snowden removing the Flag to present the marker to Betty Gunnel.





Flag presentation at the Sister Grove Chapter of the NSDAR in Van Alstyne, Texas on April 28 by Bill Watts, Don Sielert, Laura Cooper, Regent, Terry Holden, Don Babbs, and Larry Melton



## Celebrating 40 years

The Mary Shirley McGuire Chapter 1975 – 2015 NSDAR was presented a Certificate of Congratulations for all their work in the community by Mike Radcliff, President of the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Drake Peddie, Terry Holden, Alan Johnson and Bill Watts presented the Colors.

## Grave Marker Dedication Ceremony Collin McKinney

On April 23 members of the Society of the War of 1812 Craig Austin Rowley Chapter dedicated a grave marker for Collin McKinney a member of the Kentucky Militia during the War of 1812 and a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence. Walt Thomas, Paul Ridenour and Drake Peddie placed the markers prior to the ceremony.

