

EAST FORK TRINITY CHAPTER

TEXAS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

November 2016



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Our October 13, 2016 Meeting



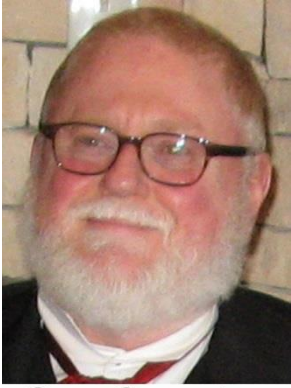
Leslie Anderson receiving the Military Service Veterans Corps Award from President Gary Snowden



Glenn Atterberry receiving a star for a Supplemental Patriot and the Ten Year Membership Award from President Gary Snowden



Quilt introduced for DAR raffle. Looking good!



Gary Snowden

President

As we prepare for the next year we need to emphasize the need to have your dues paid as soon as possible. This will give the Chapter an idea of what we need to budget for the 2017 calendar year.

The Chapter Christmas party will be at the Texas Land and Cattle restaurant and will be held during our regular meeting in December. We will continue the "White Elephant" gift program limiting the amount to no more than \$10.00.



Bill Watts

Vice President

We will have as our guest speaker will be 1st Lt Mary Kay Starnes, CAP Texas Wing Group 2 Search and Rescue Officer Lakeshore Composite Squadron Emergency Services Officer U.S. Air Force Auxiliary talking to us about Wreaths across America and how we can help.

Rest Haven Memorial Park and Lakeshore Civil Air Patrol has placed wreaths on veteran's graves as a part of Wreaths across America, (an SAR National event.) It is my hope that East Fork Trinity Chapter will join with them this year to provide wreaths to our veterans in Rockwall, Texas.

A wreath across America is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to: **Remember our fallen U.S. veterans; Honor those who serve; and teach children the value of freedom.**

I became aware of the program last year but discovered too late to do anything and I had forgotten until I was reminded by Dan and Ann Sielert about the program. While thinking about how I could get involved I discovered that Rest Haven was a designated cemetery and several people that I know have loved ones in Rest Haven. As I researched the involvement I got in contact with Mary Starnes and with the approval of the Executive Committee have East Fork Trinity signed up as a sponsor for Rest Haven.

We are East Fork Trinity Chapter **TX0375** and our wreaths go to Rest Haven Memorial Park **TXRRHV**. Rest Haven Memorial Park has 813 veterans and last year over 100 veterans graves received a wreath. You may request a specific grave to receive your wreath.

If you purchase two wreaths using East Fork Trinity Chapter **TX0375** a third wreath will be given to a veteran's grave for free.

Laura and I have two active members in the Air Force and many family members who have served. We gave a wreath for all the veterans in our families plus one for each of our Revolutionary Patriot Ancestors; SAR and DAR. It's a small thing we can do to honor the veterans in our family.

<http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/>

* Instructions on how to donate a wreath are at the end of the newsletter



Dave Powell

Registrar's Corner

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

1. Prospective Regular Member David Permenter's application is at National and has been reviewed and is awaiting final approval. David's Patriot is Light Townsend.
2. Prospective Regular Member John Permenter's application is at National and has been reviewed. National genealogists found some dates that were not in the standard format so we are correcting those dates and reprinting and resigning the application. This application should be in the mail soon. John's Patriot is Light Townsend.
3. Prospective Regular Member Grant Permenter's application is at National and has been reviewed. National genealogists found some dates that were not in the standard format so we are correcting those dates and reprinting and resigning the application. This application should be in the mail soon. John's Patriot is Light Townsend.
4. Prospective Regular Member Richard Anderson's application is at National and has been reviewed and is awaiting final approval. David's Patriot is Light Townsend.
5. Doyle Maston Jr's application has been approved at National. Congratulations. Doyle should be inducted soon. Doyle Maston's Patriot is Thomas Bradford Jr.
6. Prospective Junior Member Brady Pidgeon's application has been approved at National. Brady should be inducted soon. Brady's Patriot is Lucius Tuttle.
7. Prospective Junior Member Cordell Reedy's application is at National awaiting review. Cordell's Patriot is James Cunningham.
8. Prospective Junior Member Logan David Edwards' application is at National awaiting review. Logan's Patriot is Lucius Tuttle.
9. Prospective Regular Member Ted Slinger was referred to EFT by the State Communications Secretary and we have sent him a Welcome-to-EFT Email with info about our chapter. We hope to hear from Ted in the near future. Ted's 1st cousin is a DAR member.

TRANSFERS

1. 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.
2. Prospective Transfer Member John Speer has Emailed EFT and requested a transfer form. John moved to Rockwall from Kansas so we are using SAR Form 0919 to get him and his son transferred to Texas.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATIONS

1. EFT Member Leslie Anderson has completed a Supplemental application for Patriot Henry Perkins. His application is at National awaiting review. Good luck Leslie.
2. EFT Member Bob Vickers has completed a Supplemental application for his ancestor Patriot William Lingo. Currently, his application is at National awaiting review. Good Luck Bob.
3. EFT Member Rob Vickers II is working on a Supplemental for his ancestor Richard Caswell. This application should be mailed soon.

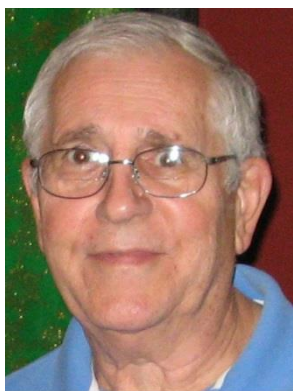
TEXAS STATE FAIR

The State fair yielded 26 Prospective Members (PM). All PMs have been emailed with information about EFT except for two who did not provide an Email address. Three of these new PMs have responded: Howard Mims, Chris King, and Loyd Morris. Hopefully we will get some new members from our effort at the State Fair. Special thanks to Bill Watts who served 12 days at the Fair.

REGISTRAR'S NOTE

Chapter Registrars received Email #23 from TXSSAR which transmitted a message from NSSAR Genealogist General John Sinks. Here is an interesting excerpt from that Email concerning application processing times at National:

“Application Processing Status. New member applications are currently being examined about 11 1/2 weeks and supplemental applications about 20 1/2 weeks after they are received, compared to about 4 1/2 weeks and about 14 weeks a year ago and about 11 weeks and 16 weeks on 21 August. Staff have informed me that President General Tomme and Executive Director Shaw decided to assign a supplemental genealogist to work a day or two per week reviewing new member applications.”

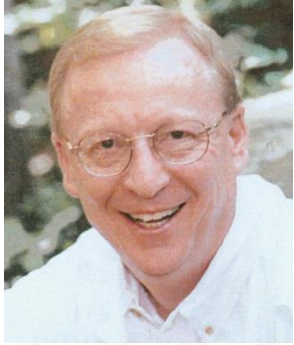


Leslie Anderson

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.



From the Desk of the Chaplain

MONTH OF THANKFULNESS

Rev. Ken Morrill
Chaplain

♥ **JESUS CALLING** (By Sarah Young) – “Let thankfulness rule in your heart. As you thank Me for the blessings in your life, a marvelous thing happens. It is as if “*scales fall off our eyes*”, enabling us to see more and more of His glorious riches. “*Hallelujahs*” are the language of heaven and they can become the language of our hearts. A life of praise and thankfulness becomes a life filled with miracles. Enjoy abundant life by overflowing with praise and thankfulness”

♥ **Colossians 3:15** – “*Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts...And be thankful*”

♥ **Psalms 100:4** – “*Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and Praise His name*”

♥ **Philippians 4:6-7** – “*Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus*”

♥ **No matter how the elections turned out for you...always remember Who is in control of our lives and our country. Praise His Holy Name!!!**

♥ **Max Lucado quote:** “*I know exactly what November 9 will bring. Another day of God’s perfect sovereignty. He will still be in charge. His throne will still be occupied. He will still manage the affairs of the world*”

GOD BLESS AMERICA



Web-Master

New to our website is a list of our patriot ancestors:

<http://www.txssar.org/EastForkTrinity/ancestors.htm>. As you will see, the list contains our patriot ancestors’ Name, Service, and State. Later, if agreed to by our chapter, the list might include the compatriots’ name, state and national number. Also, the list might be made interactive so that the list can be sorted according to service, state, etc. At this time, I’m exploring software that will allow interactive sorting; I don’t believe that the current software will do so.

Montie Monzingo



John Greer

Veterans Chairman Report

Please bring to the November meeting any Christmas Cards for distribution at the Christmas Party in December. The VA party will be before our Dec meeting.

Write: Thank You for your Service East Fork Trinity Chapter Sons of the American Revolution.

I will need your activity report at the December meeting. My deadline to send in our report is December 15th.

The Rockwall DAR will set up a Christmas store at the Bonham VA. The store is provided for the patients to pick out gifts and have the gifts wrapped enabling them to be able to give family and friends Christmas presents at no charge.

Comfort Items

Travel Size and Regular **NEW ONLY**

- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
(Single pack)
- Denture Adhesive
- Denture Cleaner
- Shower Gel/Wash
(No bars)
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Lotion
- Powder
- Medicated Powder
- Razors
(No single edge)
- Manicure Sets
- Hairbrushes
- Combs
- Hair Clips/Pony Tail
Holders
- Feminine Products
- Shower Shoes
- Lip Balm
- Hair Gel/Mousse

Clothing *New or Gently Worn*

- Jackets
- Winter Coats

- Pants/Slacks
- Jeans
- Shirts
- Sweat Suits
- Skirts/Dresses
- House Shoes (New)
- Gloves (New)
- Winter Caps (New)
- Blouses

Undergarments

Men & Women NEW ONLY

- Underwear/Boxers
(Variety of sizes needed)
- Panties and Sports Bras
(Variety of sizes needed)
- Men's White T-Shirts
(Variety of sizes needed)
- Socks

Patient Needs- Other

- Phone Cards
- Envelopes #10
- Small Writing Tablets
and Pen/Pencils
- Gas/Gift Cards
for Patients
- Reading Glasses (Variety
of strengths)
- Canteen Books

- Puzzle Books
- DART/TRE Passes/Taxi
Transportation Tickets
- US Postage Stamps
- Lap Robes
- Wheelchair Bags
- Books
- Magazines
(Issues over six months
old will not be accepted)
- DVDs (For all ages)
- Assorted Greeting Cards

Fisher House General Post Fund & Operating Supplies

- Laundry Items
- Batteries
- Linens
- First Aid Supplies
- Hotel Vouchers
- Assorted Gift Wrap and
Gift Bags
- Diapers/ Pull-ups
(All sizes)
- Toys (New only)
- Kitchen Utensils
(Stainless steel)
- PC Compatible Copier

*The Rock Wall Chapter
Daughters of the American Revolution*

*Cordially Invite You to Attend Our
National Defense Luncheon*

On November 12, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Rockwall County Library, Community Room.

Special Guest Speaker

*Ret. Lt. Col. Jerrold "Jerry" Grodin, M.D.
"A Doctor's Calling"*



Jerry (left) with his nephew



*Reciting the Pledge of
Allegiance with his wife, Julee, and fellow doctors.*

\$16 per person

*Make your payment with Carol Skoglund a.s.a.p.
(972) 816-6024 or email her carolskoglund@charter.net*

COLOR GUARD EVENTS

November 10, 2016 Thursday – Hand out flags and programs at the Regional VA Veterans program at 8:00 AM at the Bonham High School Football Stadium. We will probably dine on BBQ around 11:00 AM in downtown Bonham. Volunteers needed.

November 11, 2016 Friday – March in Dallas Veterans Day Parade at 9:00 AM. Volunteers needed.

November 12, 2016 Saturday – DAR National Defense Luncheon Color Guard will present Colors

December 3, 2016 Saturday – Rockwall Christmas Parade. Volunteers Needed.

December 8, 2016 Thursday – East Fork Trinity Christmas Party

December 17, 2016 Saturday – Wreaths across America, Join East Fork Trinity Color Guard as we honor our veterans by placing wreaths on the graves of our veterans at Rest Haven Memorial Gardens at 11:00 AM.



Bill Watts

Education Chairman

During the BOM in Austin we were introduced to several programs from our National Society. Most of what they want to accomplish is in line with what I've been trying to do here in Texas as the State Education Chairman.

With the help of the membership of East Fork Trinity Chapter I want to create an Outreach Program that we can present to schools in our area. Montie, Jerry and I have already made one presentation at the Fulton Academy. The

following is information from our National Society;

Educational Outreach

An important part of SAR mission is *patriotic education* and therefore it is our responsibility to share our knowledge of the founding of this country and the struggles of our forefathers and ancestors. That is why my first initiative is ***Education Outreach***. To enhance our Educational Outreach beyond the borders of Louisville, KY, this new Educational Outreach Team initiative will extend this mission into our chapters and reach out to the children in their schools, scout organizations, civil groups, religious institutions, and other patriotic societies.

The long range goal of this initiative is to develop and share educational program presentations by SAR members. These presentations could be ***Colonial Living History*** (era before or during the American Revolution), a discussion about or founding documents, presentations on battles or personalities, or other appropriate patriotic programs targeted for children. **The long term goal is to have a NSSAR data base of all Educational Outreach Teams and their programs.** This would

allow educators a data base of our nationwide programs including contact information and scripts and/or videos.

Each Chapter Educational Outreach Team will provide a list of presenters and a ***Presenter Information*** sheet for each presenter to their state Education Committee chair and to Colleen Wilson at NSSAR. The Presenter Information sheet will include the following information: contact information (mailing address, email address, phone number, chapter), presentation description (topic(s), length of program, target age group, etc.) logistical information (how far the presenter would travel, equipment needed, fees (if applicable), and other pertinent information). A photo of the presenter should be included. ***A sample of this form will be located on the NSSAR website to assist presenters in developing their sheets.***

In order to be included in the NSSAR national education data base, presenters are encouraged to provide their ***Presentation Information*** sheet including a description of program(s), (title, length, target audience), documentation and references to the **NSSAR Education Director and the Education Committee** before presenting their program. This would include a script or detailed outline of the presentation. This review would allow for suggestions and guidance and ensure historically accurate information.

A copy of the reviewed final scripts would be stored on the NSSAR website and available for use by other chapters (**if not copyrighted**). If possible, a video of the presentation will also be stored on the website.

Communication methods of today require online access. Therefore, links should be provided on your chapter and state websites to include these outreach presentations. This would allow all local schools to locate Educational Outreach Teams that may be able to provide relevant presentations to enhance their teaching. A link should be provided to the NSSAR website as well.

New Educational Outreach Teams

This part of the initiative is directed to those *chapters* who have **NEVER** had an Educational Outreach Team. Each chapter that completes this initiative and starts a **New Educational Outreach Team** between 14 July 2016 and 31 May 2017 and ***starts presenting their program(s)*** would qualify for a streamer. In order to be considered for streamer all Educational Outreach Program materials are **due to the Education Director and Education Committee by e-mail on or before 31 May 2017.**

Existing Educational Outreach Teams

Chapters which ***already have educational outreach programs in place*** will be required to complete the ***Presenter Information*** and ***Presentation*** sheets for all programs currently in place and submit it to the NSSAR Education Director and Education Committee for inclusion in the web data base. The chapter must also submit a list of schools/groups to whom they have presented their

programs in the past. *A chapter submitting their information shouldn't view this as a stumbling block to presenting but a building block that will benefit all developing programs on a particular subject.*

Should a chapter create a new program, they will be required to complete a Presenter Information and Presentation sheets to the NSSAR Education Director and Education Committee for review.

NOTE; Don't forget to complete your Volunteer Form and give it to one of the Chapter Officers!

Wreaths across America

To make your Donation please follow these instructions;

Go to: <http://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/>

Scroll down to Search Groups – type in **East Fork Trinity** and when our name pops up click on it.

If you purchase two wreaths East Fork Trinity will receive one for free. Each wreath will cost \$15.00. That is three wreaths for \$30.00. Not a bad deal I say!

Laura and I have already purchased our wreaths. Now it's your turn.



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 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've done my best to make sure the Newsletter is accurate but this month my proof-reader is absent therefore, if there is mistakes please forgive me!

BOM Pictures



Walt Thomas, Terry Holden, Stu Hoyt, Texas State Senator Honorable Donna Campbell, Jim Clements and Drake Peddie



Tristan Ferguson, winner of the 2016 TXSSAR Oration Contest with President Michael Radcliff

Texas State Senator Honorable Donna Campbell, MD gave a wonderful speech concerning American values.