

# EAST FORK TRINITY CHAPTER

## TEXAS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

October 2016



### Paul Ridenour Receiving a Certificate from President Gary Snowden for Program on “Cleaning and Repair of Markers”

Paul making a point during  
his presentation on marker



cleaning on a clean marker that  
he and Drake Peddie had finished  
several months ago. Drake added  
information on how to make  
repairs on markers.

#### 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

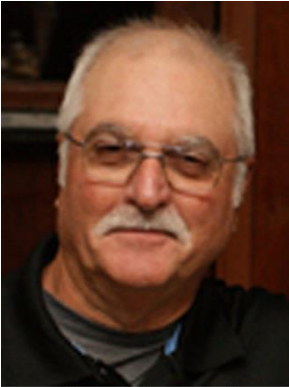
Education Chairman –  
Bill Watts

Quartermaster –  
Walt Thomas

Past President Gary Lovell,  
Jess Lovell and Mindy  
Lovell representing Haden  
Lovell received their  
5 year award. The next  
10 years will go by just as  
fast as the first 5.



## Report on Constitution and By-Laws



Gary Lovell



Montie Monzingo



Bill Watts

Early this year Gary Snowden asked Gary Lovell to chair a committee to update the Constitution and By-Laws of East Fork Trinity Chapter number 47. Gary Lovell asked Montie Monzingo and Bill Watts to help with the update. They have been working this year on the update.

Every member with a valid email address should have received a copy of the proposed changes. The membership will vote on the proposed changes during the October 13, 2016 meeting of the East Fork Trinity Chapter.



Bill Watts

### Vice – President of Programs

This month we will have Dan Reed, “Firearms of the American Revolution”

November 10

Walt Thomas and Bill Watts “A Program that EFT Can Provide to School, Churches, DAR, Rotary or Any other Group.”





Dave Powell

## Registrar's Corner

### NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

1. Prospective Regular Member David Permenter's application has made it through State and is now at National awaiting review. David's Patriot is Light Townsend.

2. Prospective Regular Member John Permenter's application has made it through State and is now at National awaiting review. John's Patriot is Light Townsend.

3. Prospective Regular Member Grant Permenter's application has made it through State and is now at National awaiting review. Grant's Patriot is Light Townsend.
4. Prospective Regular Member Richard Anderson's application has made it through State and is now at National awaiting review. Richard'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. We are waiting for his paperwork to get back to Texas. Brady's Patriot is Lucius Tuttle.
7. Prospective Junior Member Cordell Reedy's application is at National waiting for review. Cordell's Patriot is James Cunningham.
8. Prospective Junior Member Logan David Edwards' application is at State waiting for review. Logan's Patriot is Lucius Tuttle.
9. Prospective Regular Member Duane Lites' application is at State 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.
10. 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 1<sup>st</sup> cousin is a DAR member.
11. Barbara Thomas is working on a new member application for a friend.
12. Mindy Lovell is working on a new member application for family member Stuart O'Connor.

### SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATIONS

1. EFT Member Glenn Atterberry submitted a new Supplemental Application. Glenn's genealogy was approved at National on 27 Jul 2016. Congratulations Glenn.
2. EFT Member Leslie Anderson has completed a Supplemental application for Patriot Henry Perkins. This application has made it through State and was received at National on 23 August 2016. Good luck Leslie.
3. EFT Member Frank Roberts is currently working on a new Supplemental Application. Good Luck Frank.
4. EFT Member Bob Vickers is working on a Supplemental for his ancestor and Patriot William Lingo.



Rev. Ken Morrill  
Chaplain

## From the Desk of the Chaplain

### THEY TOOK A VOTE

▶ *“Valor is a gift. Those having it never know for sure whether they have it until the test comes”* Carl Sandburg

▶ The strength of a country comes from its people. It always has and always will. No matter what pomp and bravado a government shows, the solidity of the nation is directly determined by that of the individual citizens. The cowards who killed our sisters and brothers, our mothers and fathers, our sons and daughters should know what happened on the flight they unsuccessfully tried to turn into a bomb over Pennsylvania on 9/11/2001. So should the rest of us. In the history of this country of freedom, there has never been an event more emblematic of the values and heroism of the United States of America. American Airlines (Flight #93) had been hijacked and was being turned around to be used against innocent citizens at some unknown target in Washington, DC. After some hurried cell phone calls to their loved ones, passengers learned of the World Trade Center attacks. They considered the consequences, then they took a vote together.

▶ In that instant, they validated the great experiment of the United States of America. They voted!!! They affirmed the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, our entire history of freedom, and gave meaning to every soldier who’s ever died in the service of this country. Faced with all of the threats that this country stands against and in their own last hour, these Americans determined their path with a simple act of democracy...of freedom. They voted!!! They voted to give their lives to save the innocent people for which the plane was headed.

▶ September 11, 2001, is a date, as was said of Pearl Harbor, that will live in infamy. Thousands perished at the hands of cowards. We should never forget, however, that it was also the day that a few heroic patriots thousands of feet above Pennsylvania farmland sent a message to the entire world...”our commitment to freedom and democracy in the United States of America is not wavering / it is not shaken / and it cannot be taken away from us by any single act of terror”.

**AMERICA STANDS FOR FREEDOM...PLEASE SHOW  
YOUR SUPPORT...WITH YOUR VOTE!!!**

## DO YOU REMEMBER OUR APRIL NEWSLETTER?



Walt Thomas, Bruce Joiner, Gary Snowden, Gregory Stevens, Larry Stevens and Bill Watts



Presentation of Heroism Medal to Garland Police Officer Gregory Stevens and Garland Independent School District Security Officer Bruce Joiner.

**Sent: Tue, Oct 4, 2016 8:57 pm**

**Subject: Garland Police Officer Gregory Stevens**

The Military Officers of World Wars meets in Dallas each month for lunch. I am a member of this organization in addition to my membership in SAR. At today's meeting, the Dallas Chapter awarded the highest honor it can bestow, the Silver "Patrick Henry" medal to officer Gregory Stevens.

Following the meeting I met with officer Stevens and noted that I was very pleased to see him receive this honor in addition to the honor that the Sons of the American Revolution had awarded to him at our State Convention in April.

His response was heartwarming. He told me that the SAR award was the first recognition that he had received after the action he took to protect lives at the Garland Culwell Center. He said that even before the President's staff had contacted him, or any other organization had recognized him and his associate for their work, SAR had stepped forward and reached out to recognize them.

He noted (as tears welled up in his eyes) that he had not really read the SAR certificate of award when he took it home. The next day his son asked him what he had received and only then did the two of them read the certificate together. He was overwhelmed with the sentiment of the award. He then thanked me again and asked that I pass on to SAR just how much he and Officer Bruce Joiner appreciated that early and public recognition from SAR.

Job well done EFT !

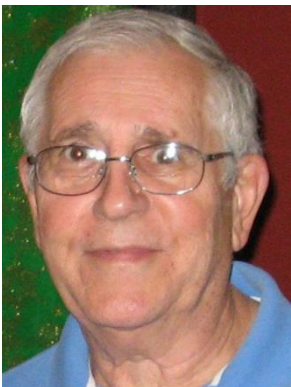
Alan Johnson, Plano Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution



John Greer

### Veterans Chairman Report

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. Thank you East Fork Trinity Chapter for donating \$120.00 to the Rock Wall DAR for the booth at the VA.

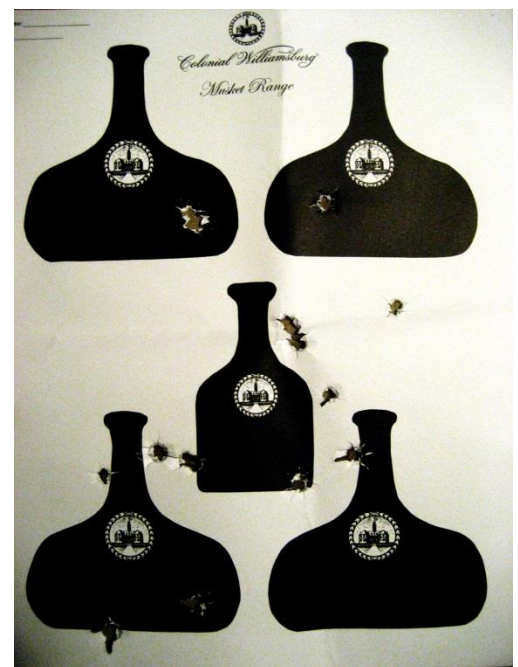


Leslie Anderson

While I was at Colonial Williamsburg I had a lot of fun shooting the Brown Bess and the Fowler at the gun range. Attached is a photo of my target. Somehow I hit all 5 bottles. My instructor said the very few people hit all the bottles the first time they shoot black power flintlock. The class size was only 3 adults. I shot about 17 rounds. Hit the target 15 time and 2 shots was just below the target. I got my certificate

showing I shot there.

We ran across a man at the Appomattox that did not know about being able to shoot at Williamsburg. He was going to look into it the next time he goes there.



Jane Douglas Chapter



STATE FAIR OF TEXAS

SEPT. 30 - OCT. 23, 2016 FAIR PARK • DALLAS



During the Annual Texas State Fair (Sept. 30- Oct. 23) the Jane Douglas Chapter of NSDAR is kind enough to invite the SAR to have a recruitment table in their "Continental DAR House". Compatriot volunteers share 3 to 4 hour shifts in manning the table visit with and sign up prospective new members (from all over the State). Some of us dress in our colonial attire or color guard uniforms since we usually have a number of photo requests. Various north Texas chapters take the opportunity to participate in this "fun" event. Contact George Ramphrey at gramphrey@yahoo.com to sign up or gather more information.



Rivercrest Elementary Class sang Patriotic songs for the DAR House



# Constitution Day Celebration at Faith Lutheran School




Jerry Cope, Barbara & Walt Thomas, Vivian & Montie Monzingo Bill Watts


Don't forget to make arrangements to attend the National Defense Luncheon on Saturday, November 12, 2016!

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*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

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# East Fork Trinity Chapter #47

## SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

### Welcome Compatriot,

We are honored to have you join the Society and membership in our Chapter. As is our tradition, we ask all new members to review a list of the many options of service programs and volunteer positions that you may have an interest in and can contribute your talents to help us succeed in our basic mission of providing Patriotism, Education, and History to the community, the youth of our country and forever remembered. Please review the various positions and categories listed below and select one (or more) that you have a desire to assist or help us develop in the year(s) ahead. Return this form to the Chapter Secretary and feel free to ask any Officer, Committee Chairman or your Sponsor, if you have any questions.

#### OFFICERS: (serve as **A** or assist **B**)

- \_\_\_\_\_ **President**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Vice Pres. /Programs**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Secretary/Meeting Minutes & Records**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Treasurer/Financial**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Registrar/Membership Records/Applications**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Chaplain/Minister to Membership**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Historian/Each Year's Scrapbook of Activities**

#### COMMITTEES: (Chair **A** or assist **B**)

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Education**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Newsletter Editor/Monthly Publication**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Chapter Color Guard Commander**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Veterans Chairman**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Community Service**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Quartermaster**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **DAR Liaison**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **DAR Liaison**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Sargeant-at-Arms/Maintenance & Placement Of Chapter Flags/Banners**

Please look on the back of this page for a description of each position. See the Chapter By-Laws for a complete description.

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Webmaster**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Member of our Color Guard**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Speaker's (presentations) Bureau**

Name _____
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Phone _____
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Email _____
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## **Elected Positions**

**President** - The President will be the official executive officer of the Chapter, and will have the following duties: calling and conducting all Chapter meetings; appointing the Committee Chairman and Committee members; serve as an ex-officio member of all committees; overseeing the creation of any amendments to the Chapter budget; representing the Chapter in public forums; presiding at meetings of the Chapter Executive Committee; maintaining general supervision over the affairs and business of the Chapter; and securing all assets of the Chapter.

**Vice-President** - The Vice-President shall, in the absence of the President, assume the duties of the President and shall be the Program Chairman. He shall be responsible for arrangements for all programs at all regular monthly meetings of the Chapter. In the absence of the President and the Treasurer, the Vice President may sign checks for the Chapter. The Vice-President shall be the Chairman of the Budget Committee.

**Secretary** - The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the official records of the Chapter; recording the minutes of all meetings in a neat and legible manner; keeping the register of all members and advising TXSSAR/NSSAR of the Chapter membership; notifying the Chapter membership of all meetings; and conducting all correspondence matters for the Chapter and in the absence of the President and Vice-President, presiding over Chapter meetings.

**Treasurer** - The Treasurer shall collect, safe keep, and deposit all funds of the Chapter; disburse funds only with the prior approval of the President; file the required state and/or federal tax reportings; maintain the financial records in ready form for an audit at any time. A financial statement listing the cost of goods or services purchased by each check issued and the current bank balance reflecting such checks will be made available to the membership at least once each quarter. An annual financial report will be given at the February meeting.

**Registrar** - The Registrar shall receive all new applications for membership, examine each application for completeness and accuracy and approve them before forwarding the required copies and related documentation to the TXSSAR Registrar.

**Historian** - The Historian is responsible for capturing in picture and prints all the chapter meetings, events and publicity during the year. A yearbook should be prepared suitable for submission and judging at the TXSSAR state convention.

**Chaplain** - The Chaplain shall assist in meetings by being prepared to offer an invocation and a benediction, proper on such occasions; serve as the “friendship” Chairman of the Chapter, making every effort to stay informed of the health, illness, birthday, wedding anniversary, hospitalization, death or misfortunes of Chapter members and their families; respond with appropriate expressions that will evidence the Chapter’s concern; prepare and dispatch all memorial resolutions and letters of condolence on behalf of the chapter; preside over any necrology service at the December meeting; and report any chapter death to the state Chaplain.

# APPOINTED POSITIONS

**Education Chairman** - The role of the education officer is to serve as liaison between the chapter and local ISDs.

**Quartermaster** - The Quartermaster shall: maintain in an orderly fashion a supply of medallions, pins, certificates, etc. to satisfy the needs of the chapter as required. In the event that some non-stored items are required by the chapter, the quartermaster is authorized to make the necessary purchases.

**Sergeant At Arms** - The Sergeant at Arms is responsible for placement of all flags, podium, and other items in preparation of meetings. He is also responsible for order at chapter meetings, subject to the direction of the President.

**Color Guard Commander** - The Color Guard Commander maintains a list of chapter compatriots who have a continental style uniform, minuteman style clothing, back country style hunting frock, or other colonial style clothing worn during the Revolutionary War. He determines the compatriot's willingness to serve by participating in parades, presentation of the Colors or other appropriate events.

**Community Service Chairman** - The main role of the Community Service Chairman is to supply the local media with information concerning the Chapter, such as meetings, speakers, and certificate and media presentations.

**Veterans Chairman** - Coordinate all Veterans activities for the chapter.

**Newsletter Chairman** - Provides a monthly Chapter Newsletter.

**Webmaster** - A Webmaster is responsible for the creation, maintenance and optimization of websites for EFT Chapter 47.

**DAR Liaison** - Acts as the coordinator with the Daughters of the American Revolution to improve relations and work together for the good of each chapter.

East Fork Trinity Chapter needs your support. If you are interested in one or more of this position, now or in the future please give a copy of this form to one of our officers. Thank you for agreeing to help the East Fork Trinity Chapter.



Bill Watts

## Education Chairman

As the Education Chairman I suggest that East Fork Trinity Chapter use the volunteer form above as a way to interest the existing members and new members in the different ways to serve our chapter. I will bring copies to the October chapter meeting for discussion.