

# EAST FORK TRINITY CHAPTER

## TEXAS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

September 2016

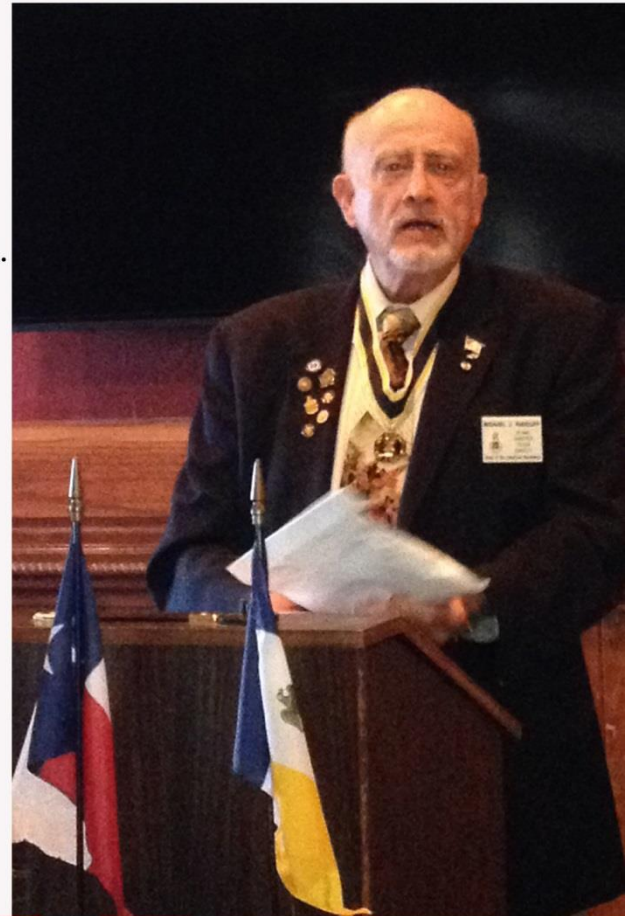


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- Education Chairman – Bill Watts
- Quartermaster – Walt Thomas

### 2016 Texas SAR President Michael Radcliff

Mike talked about Jim Dougherty the Texas SAR Newsletter Chairman and the importance of new applications to TXSSAR. He also talked about auto-renewal and early billing to help retain members. He also wants the members to look at what we do and how can we do it better. A chapter should not try to do everything but find what we are good at and focus on the areas where we do our best work.

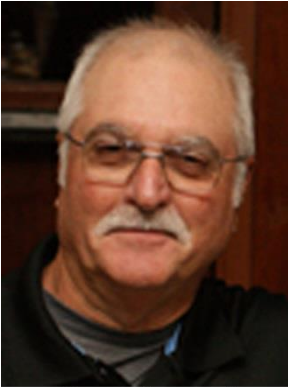


Montie Monzingo receiving his Five Year Certificate from Gary Snowden, EFT President

Mike Radcliff receiving Certificate of Appreciation from Gary Snowden, EFT President



## 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. The three of us have been working this year on the update.

While working on the update there have been some Articles that needed to be reworked such as officers and duties as well as presidential appointed positions. One of the problems was that appointed positions were listed with elected positions and several appointed positions were not in our By-Laws.

Another problem was our Chapter Executive Committee. The Texas SAR has a Board of Managers or an Executive Board. Therefore, a name change is due.

Under the authority of the Chapter Executive Committee is a budget committee.

According to our By-Laws **“The Chapter Executive shall be the custodian of all chapter assets and shall be responsible for the proper management of all business and business affairs of the Chapter; shall approve a budget to allocate monies for desired programs and activities for the calendar year; shall present the budget to the membership for approval at the February meeting; and be responsible for subsequent Chapter performance as related to that budget.”**

February is too late for a budget because the National and State year-end is December. Any changes to dues have to be reported before September 1<sup>st</sup>. Therefore, our By-Laws do not conform to what actually takes place in our organization. The power to change the amount of dues that are paid by members isn't anywhere in the Constitution or By-Laws.

So we will need a Budget Chairman appointed at the beginning of the year to prepare a budget for the next year. The budget should be presented to the Chapter no later than August of that same year that would include any due increase. The Budget Chairman should be the Vice-President and this duty would be added to the duties of the Vice-President.

We noted that Article IX – Insignia does not allow the purchase of medals for our members. The Chapter has been ignoring the part of the article that states; **“All insignia shall be purchased by the member and shall not be for the Chapter's account except for the SAR rosette which is given to each new member as part of the ceremony welcoming him into the Chapter membership.”** We should remove this section from the Article.

We also need to add the following statement in Article XI; **Money gathered at a meeting for special projects, “called pass the hat”, such as the Flag Retirement Ceremony or the DAR VA Project shall be given to the Treasurer and a check for the amount gathered will be written to the organization sponsoring the project.**

There are other small changes that will be presented to the chapter in the near future.

If you have any comments or want to help please contact Gary Lovell, Montie Monzingo or Bill Watts via email with your suggestion or comments.



Bill Watts

## Vice – President of Programs

This month we will have Paul Ridenour “Cleaning and Repair of Markers” as our guest speaker.

October 13

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 at the September meeting. Doyle Maston’s Patriot is Thomas Bradford Jr.
6. Prospective Junior Member Brady Pidgeon’s application has made it through State and is now at National awaiting review. Brady’s Patriot is Lucius Tuttle.
7. Prospective Junior Member Cordell Reedy’s application is at State waiting for review. Cordell’s Patriot is James Cunningham.
8. Prospective Junior Member Logan David Edwards’ application has been completed, signed and mailed to the State Registrar. Logan’s Patriot is Lucius Tuttle.



9. Prospective Regular Member Duane Lites' application has been mailed to the State Registrar. 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. Good Luck Barbara.

### 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. Bob Vickers is submitting a new Supplemental Application tomorrow for his Patriot William Lingo. It should be a slam dunk with DAR Record Copies covering every generation.



Rev. Ken Morrill  
Chaplain

## From the Desk of the Chaplain

### ONE NATION UNDER GOD

► **Patrick Henry** (Leader of the American Revolution) – *“It cannot be emphasized too strongly nor too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians, not on religions, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ”*

► **George Washington** (His 1<sup>st</sup> Presidential Inaugural Address) – *“It would be peculiarly improper to omit in this first official act, my fervent supplications to that Almighty Being...No people can be bound to acknowledge and adore the invisible hand which conducts the affairs of men more than the people of the United States...We ought to be no less persuaded that the propitious smiles of Heaven, can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right, which Heaven itself has ordained.”*

► **John Adams** (2<sup>nd</sup> U. S. President) – *“The general principles on which the fathers achieved independence were...the general Principles of Christianity...I will avow that I then believed and now believe, that those general Principles of Christianity are as eternal and immutable as the existence and attributes of God; and that those Principles of Liberty, are as unalterable as human nature.”*

► **John Quincy Adams** (6<sup>th</sup> U.S. President) – *“The highest glory of the American Revolution was this; it connected, in one indissoluble bond, the principles of civil government and the principles of Christianity.”*

### POLITICAL CORRECTNESS THEN & NOW !!!



Walt Thomas

#### Color Guard News for September 2016

There isn't a lot of Color Guard news this month. This is a good time to remind everyone in the Color Guard to log all their activities during the year including distance traveled. This will document your progress toward Color Guard medals and will assist the EFT President at the end of the year in preparing the chapter annual report. Since the chapter is a 501(c)3 non-profit, don't forget that the mileage traveling to Color Guard events may be deductible on your tax return.

I understand Bob Kubin has completed his uniform and should be joining us in future events. If the pictures are accurate, he should stand out in a crowd. Hope to see you in uniform soon.

We will be presenting the colors for the Faith Lutheran School for Constitution Day on September 16. I hope to see a large turnout for this event. We will likely carpool to the school, so let me know if you are interested in a ride.

Some in the Color Guard will be traveling to Austin on October 14 for the Texas SAR Board of Managers meeting. We will be joining with other guardsmen from across the state to present the colors for the meetings.

### Up Coming North Texas Color Guard Events

September 16, 2016 Thursday Present the colors at Faith Lutheran School of Plano is hosting a Constitution Day ceremony on September 16 beginning at 10 a.m. We have been blessed to have the Sons of the American Revolution present the colors at this event in the past and are hoping that you might be available again this year. Faith Lutheran School of Plano is located at 1701 E. Park Blvd Plano. Volunteers needed. So far, Walt Thomas and Bill Watts

September 21, 2016 Wednesday – Post and retrieve Colors at Immigration Service Naturalization Ceremony at 10:00AM. Located at George Bush and HWY 114 in Irving. Volunteers needed; thus far have: Roach, Melton, A. Johnson, Sielerts, & Holden.

September 30 – October 23, 2016 – State Fair of Texas join us to man a table for prospective new members. Contact George Ramphrey at [gramphrey@yahoo.com](mailto:gramphrey@yahoo.com) to sign up or gather more information. This is a fun way to give back to your chapter and your compatriots.

October 1, 2016 Saturday – Present the Colors onstage at the International Festival at 11:00 AM at the band platform at Haggard Park in downtown Plano. There will be an Immigration Ceremony wherein 30 – 50 new citizens will be sworn in. Please muster at 10:45 AM. Contact is T. J. Johnson at 214-659-8715. Volunteers needed. Peddie and Watts

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. Please plan to carpool from Outback Steak House at 7:00 AM. Will probably dine on BBQ around 11:00 AM in downtown Bonham. Volunteers needed, thus far have Roach, Melton, Sielerts (drive direct), & Holden.

November 11, 2016 Friday – March in Dallas Veterans Day Parade at 9:00 AM. More details later. Volunteers needed, thus far have: Peddie, Watts & A. Johnson.

December 2016 – Rockwall Christmas Parade



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. The Rockwall DAR supports EFT all through the year and a cash (or check) donation from EFT will help them buy gifts for the Veterans.



## Merchandise Director

Susan Griffin provided an update on the new Shipping policy. Policy starting February 1, 2016 was flat rate shipping of \$5.99 for any order. For orders processed on-line (with no intervention by the SAR Merchandise Department Staff), the shipping charges would be waived.

John Greer ordered a miniature medal on the SAR site and was not charged any shipping.



## Post and retrieve Colors at Immigration Service Naturalization Ceremony



Pictured are Howard Roach, Alan Roach, Don Babbs, Dan Reed, John Greer, Jerry Cope, Tom Whitelock and Bill Watts

