



# East Fork Trinity Chapter

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President Gary Snowden presents Denise Slosar from the Rockwall Genealogical Society with a Certificate of Appreciation for her presentation to the chapter.



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**Gary Snowden**

## Presidential Ramblings

I'm looking forward to our meeting coming up on April 13 so we can hear about the recently concluded state convention. East Fork Trinity chapter did quite well in the things that it entered.

It sounds like our program on the civil air patrol should be quite interesting I hope all you're planning on being there.

We will be voting on some proposed changes to our Constitution and Bylaws. They should be posted on the website if you have not had a chance to look at the changes I would encourage you to do so that way you will be fully informed when you vote on the changes.

I would also like to thank Leslie Anderson and Joyce Adair for the photography used in this issue of the newsletter. A special thank you goes out to all those who contributed articles for this month's newsletter.

See you at a meeting on April 13th!

**Walt Thomas**

## Vice-President's Report

### State Convention

I have just returned from a very successful Texas SAR Convention in San Antonio. I will have more to say about the convention at our April meeting, but here are some highlights from an East Fork Trinity perspective. Gary Lovell was elected as our District 6 Vice-President. We have to show him more respect now. Bill Watts assumed command of the Texas SAR Color Guard in a Change of Command ceremony. And he did this with only one arm. Congratulations to Bill. Leslie Anderson submitted our 2016 Yearbook, a video version of the Yearbook, and three months of our newsletters for judging. All three of these were awarded "first place". Leslie developed a memorial video of all Texas compatriots who died in 2016 and this was presented at the Memorial Service. There was talk of taking Leslie's concept to the National Congress. Leslie acted as the official photographer for the convention. Leslie did an outstanding job representing East Fork Trinity Chapter. Congratulations to Leslie for a job well done. Our chapter received various certificate awards and I will be talking about them at our April meeting.

## Chapter Meetings

Our speaker for our April will be Mary Kay Starnes from the Civil Air Patrol. Bill Watts will be presenting the Americanism on Thomas Jefferson. In May, Bill Watts will be talking about his new

role as State Color Guard Commander. I'm working on several future programs and I will announce them as they are confirmed. I have invited the new Texas SAR President to speak at one of our meetings. I'm still working on a date with President Beard and hope to have a date confirmed soon.



Vice-President Walt Thomas being presented with the Patriot Medal at the 2017 Texas SAR Convention in San Antonio.



Dave Powell

## The Registrar's Corner

### NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

Prospective Member Byron McKnight's application was approved at National on 17 Feb 2017. Byron's Patriot is Joshua Singleton.

Prospective Junior Member Preston Nottingham's application was approved at National on 17 Feb 2017. Preston's Patriot is Lucius Tuttle.

Prospective Member Father Loyd Dean Morris's application was approved at National on 10 Mar 2017. Father Morris's Patriot is Peter Huxford.

Prospective Member Matthew Morrill's application was approved at National on 31 Mar 2017. Matthew's Patriot is William Morrill.

Prospective Member David Routh's application was approved at State and was received at National on 27 Feb 2017. David's Patriot is William Anderson.

Prospective Member Howard Mims application was signed on 20 Mar 2017 and mailed to State on 21 Mar 2017. Howard's Patriot is Thomas Hash.

Prospective Member Darrell Maston. Darrell is the deceased brother of recently approved member Doyle Maston and his sister (DAR Member) Sandy Poore. Sandy is heading the effort to get Darrell a Memorial Membership in the SAR. We have completed the application and awaiting



**District 6 VP Tom Whitelock presents new member Duane Lites with his membership certificate as his wife Ann looks on.**

signatures. Darrell's Patriot is Thomas Bradford Jr.

Prospective Member Gary Hughey was recently referred to EFT by Sam Massey, TXSSAR Communications Secretary. We are working on Gary's lineage.

Prospective Member David Skelton's application is awaiting Gens 1 & 2 documents and then it will be ready for signatures. David's Patriot is George Sorrell.

Prospective Member Jamison Forer was referred to EFT by the State Communications Secretary, Sam

Massey, and Jamison has been sent our welcome Email with EFT attachments. Jamison lives in Royce City and we are waiting for his response.

Prospective Member Dan Wood was referred to EFT by the State Communications Secretary, Sam Massey, and we have sent our welcome Email with EFT attachments. Dan lives in Terrell, TX.

Prospective Member Patrick McCully contacted the State Communications Secretary, Sam Massey, and was referred to EFT; he lives in Rowlett. We will prepare and send him a welcome Email with some EFT attachments so he will know who we are.

The State Secretary, Sam Massey, referred DAR Member Brandi Neville to EFT. She is the Aunt for a nephew who is turning 18 years old in April. We are waiting for further information so his application can be started. Brandi's Nephew lives in Rockwall.

#### NEW SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATIONS

EFT Member Bob Vickers has completed a Supplemental application for his Patriot ancestor Patriot William Lingo. His application has been approved and the paperwork is back in Texas. Bob should receive his certificate at the next meeting.

EFT Member Rob Vickers II has resubmitted his Supplemental application for his Patriot ancestor Richard Caswell. His application was returned from State Registrar needing additional proof which was provided along with a Proof Summary. The resubmitted application has made it through the State Registrar's review and was received at National on 20 Mar 2017.

EFT Member Walt Thomas's Supplemental application status for his Patriot ancestor Evan Thomas is "Genealogy Approved" on 9 Feb 2017 at National but it has not been Registered so we have written and Email to the State Registrar to find out what is going on.

Registrar's Note: What about Tombstones?

Tombstones used as supporting evidence must be contemporaneous to the time of the subject's death and include a readable photograph of the marker. New Stones containing information about events that occurred years ago are not recognized. Copies of inscriptions from Tombstones erected in the time period of the death of the ancestor, with notation of the name and location of the cemetery (city/county/state), shall be accepted as evidence. Readable photographs are strongly preferred to transcriptions and abstracts.

How about Find-A-Grave? Generally speaking, there are only two things that can be used from a Find-A-Grave page: 1. A readable photograph of the Tombstone. 2. The name and location of the cemetery. Normally, only the text on the Tombstone is accepted as evidence. However, other information on the Find-A-Grave page may be accepted. Some pages include vital record references or photos of vital records and Obituaries can be considered by the SAR if they provide the newspaper name, place published, and date of publication.

At our March meeting State Secretary Drake Peddie shows poster to be entered by EFT at Texas SAR Convention.



President Gary Snowden and Registrar David Powell present each other with their five year membership certificate.





Rev. Ken Morrill  
Chaplain

## From the Desk of the Chaplain

"HE IS NOT HERE, HE HAS RISEN"

(Luke 24:6)

The sight of a cross causes me to consider what Jesus endured for you and me. Before being crucified, He was flogged and spit on. The soldiers hit Him in the head with sticks and got down on their knees in

mock worship. They tried to make Him carry His own cross to the place where He would die, but He was too weak from the brutal flogging. At Golgotha (Calvary), they hammered nails through His flesh to keep Him on the cross when they turned it upright. Those wounds bore the weight of His

body as He hung there. Six hours later, Jesus took His final breath (Mark 15:37). A Roman centurion who witnessed Jesus's death declared, "Surely this man was the Son of God!!" (Mark 15:39)

"I GO AND PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU"

(John 14:3)



Some of the EFT members in attendance at the 2017 Texas SAR State Convention.



Bob and Darlene Kubin



Leslie and Margaret Anderson



Harmon and Joyce Adair

Walt and Barbara Thomas



Gary and Mindy Lovell







Bill Watts

## Color Guard News

April 8, 2017 Saturday – March in the Medal of Honor Parade at 10:00 AM in Gainesville, Texas. Please muster at the Gainesville Civic Center, located at 311 South Weaver Street; their website recommends mustering there at 8:30 AM (why that early I cannot imagine).

April 29, 2017 Saturday – Grave re-dedication in Dennison with TXSSAR Color Guard. May shoot our weapons.



**Bill Watts assumed command as Texas SAR Color Guard Commander.**



Tom Whitelock and Gary Lovell looking for prospective SAR members at the 2017 Texas State DAR convention in Dallas on March 17.



## Historical Dates to Ponder...

April 13, 1743 Thomas Jefferson's Birthday

### 1775

April 18 Paul Revere and William Dawes ride from Charleston to Lexington warning the "regulars are coming!"

April 19 American Revolution begins - Lexington Common, shot "heard round the world"

April 19 New England militiamen begin the siege of Boston, hemming in the British army garrison.

April 19 Paul Revere, William Dawes and Samuel Prescott are captured by British troops riding from Lexington to Concord, Prescott escapes to warn Concord.

### 1776

April 3 George Washington receives honorary LL.D. degree from Harvard College.

April 7 Captain John Barry and the USS Lexington captures the Edward.

April 12 Halifax resolution for independence adopted by North Carolina.

### 1777

April 26 Sybil Ludington, 16, rode from NY to CT rallying her fathers militia.

### 1778

April 1 New Orleans businessman Oliver Pollock creates the "\$" symbol.