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Chapter President Gary Snowden presents a flag certificate to Elvia Reeves branch manager and two of her employees of the Inwood National Bank in Rowlett as Treasurer Bob Vickers, Secretary Gary Lovell and Registrar David Powell look on.

East Fork Trinity Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution is participating with Lakeshore Civil Air Patrol and Rest Haven Memorial Park to honor veterans in the Rockwall area by placing wreaths on veterans' graves. This annual event will take place on Saturday, December 16, 2017 at 11:00 am. There are over 800 veterans' graves in Rest Haven Memorial Park and we need your help.



**Gary Snowden**

Presidential Ramblings

As our chapter closes out 2017 I would like to say heartfelt thank you to everyone for your support and allowing me to be your president these past two years. As we move on to 2018 I am excited about the future for our chapter. We will again be cohosting the state convention this spring and I'm looking forward to this and hope everyone else is to. It will be an opportunity for everyone to volunteer for different tasks and duties that must be done during the convention. I feel confident

that our membership is more than up to the task.

I would also like to thank all the chapter members who participated at the information table at the State Fair of Texas. I would especially like to thank Bill Watts who was there practically every day except for the days when he had other pressing SAR business at the BOM in Galveston. Thanks a bunch Bill.

I've also been asked to say a few words about our Christmas party and the white elephant gift exchange. I have included below rules for the White Elephant gift exchange with one addition. You should bring something that you already have at your home and not spend money just for this purpose. If you do spend money for this please limited to \$10 maximum cost.

In a White Elephant gift exchange each participant brings a wrapped, unmarked gift and places it in a designated area. Guests are given numbers as they arrive, or their names are randomly drawn, and they select gifts in that order — with a twist.

On the first turn, the person assigned with #1 picks out a gift and opens it so all can see what it is. On the second turn, the person assigned with #2 gets the choice of "stealing" #1's unwrapped gift or choosing a wrapped one from the pile. If #2 steals #1's gift, then #1 must choose and open a wrapped gift.

As subsequent players take their turns, they either select a new gift or take any already opened gift from any of the other players. Have any player who has a gift taken away either choose a new gift or take an already-opened gift from another player.

The game continues with the following rules:

- If someone steals your gift, you can steal someone else's gift or choose and open a wrapped one.
- Continue until everyone has had a turn for a gift. A turn is ended when an unopened gift has been opened.
- A gift can only be "stolen" once during a turn. If a gift is taken from someone during one round, she cannot take



it back during that same round. She can, however, take it back in a later round if she is in a position to select a gift.

- A gift cannot be immediately stolen back from the player who just stole it.
- Once a gift has 3 “owners”, the 3rd owner of a gift gets to keep it – it is retired and can’t be stolen again.
- The gift exchange ends when the last wrapped gift is chosen and opened.



Chapter members who participated at the information booth at the State Fair of Texas.



Chapter members Ken Morrill, Harmon Adair and Bob Kubin presented the colors at the Richard Bard chapter of the DAR in Mesquite on Veterans Day.



Chapter members Dennis Vierling, John Greer and Bill Watts present the colors at the Rock Wall chapter of the DAR.





Vice-President's Report

Thank each of you for your thoughts and prayers during my recovery from a fall. I'm making slow but sure progress toward a full recovery.

Walt Thomas

I want to thank Harmon Adair and Bob Kubin for presenting the colors during the Veterans Day program for the Mesquite DAR chapter. I was scheduled to participate but it would have been difficult to present colors from a wheel chair. Harmon and Bob stepped up and represented EFT well. That same day, Harmon and Bob presented the colors for the City of Mesquite's Veterans Day celebration held to honor those who have served and to help raise funds for a Mesquite Veterans Memorial.

Our chapter continues to grow and the new officers will find challenges and opportunities during 2018. We will be the co-host for the 2018 Texas SAR State Convention. There will be opportunities for each to assist with the convention and our chapter should make some money from the effort.

Here's wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Walt Thomas





Dave Powell

The Registrar's Corner

MEMBER APPLICATIONS

1. New Member Howard Mims application was approved at National on 6/23/17. Howard's Patriot is Thomas Hash. We Emailed Howard to let him know we are anxious to induct him. Certificate Mailed
2. New Member Darrell Maston. Darrell's application was approved at National on 9/22/17. Darrell's Patriot is Thomas Bradford Jr. Certificate Mailed.
3. New Member Gil Pier. Gil's application was approved National on 9/22/17. Gil's Patriot is Robert Bradford. Inducted
4. New Member Stuart O'Connor's application has been approved at National on 10/20/17. Stuart's Patriot is Reuben Johnson. Inducted
5. New Member Stephen Johnson's application has been approved at National on 10/20/17. Stephen's Patriot is Charles Mattox. Awaiting Induction
6. Prospective Member Zach Morrow's application has been completed and it is at State. Zach's Patriot is Stephen Peabody. Awaiting State Review.
7. Prospective Member Forrest Shields lives in New Zealand and his application was mailed to State on 10/23/17. His Patriot is John Gibbs. Awaiting State Review
8. Prospective Member Greg Flowers' application was mailed to State 9/25/17. Greg's Patriot is Rowland Flowers, Awaiting State Review.
9. Prospective Member Tim Durrett's application was mailed to state on 11/7/17. Tim's Patriot is William Durrett. Awaiting State Review
10. Prospective Member Michael Goode's application has been completed and mailed to State on 11/9/17. Michael's Patriot is Charles Hutchins. Awaiting State Review
11. Prospective Member John Stacy. John contacted EFT on 6/20/17 and he is working on his lineage. Awaiting Lineage and Documents.
12. Prospective Member Patrick McCully. Applicant working on lineage.
13. Prospective Member Dan Wood. Applicant working on lineage.
14. Prospective Member Chris Djerf. Applicant working on lineage.

15. Prospective Member Gary Hughey. Applicant working on lineage.

16. Prospective Member Bryan Cluck contacted. Applicant Responded.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATIONS

1. EFT Member Bob Vickers Supplemental Application is at National. Bob's new Patriot is Bayne Smallwood.
Awaiting National Review
2. EFT Member Leslie Anderson is working on a new Supplemental for John Cardwell.



Clockwise from upper left: registrar David Powell presents an informative program on the application process. Margaret O'Connor pins a rosette on her husband's collar, new member Stuart O'Connor as new member Gil Pier looks on. Area 6 vice president Gary Lovell inducts presents Gil Pier with his membership certificate as Stuart O'Connor looks on. Area 6 VP Gary Lovell presents treasurer Bob Vickers with a supplemental patriot certificate.





Rev. Ken Morrill
Chaplain

From the Desk of the Chaplain

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Luke 2:11 -- "For unto us is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (KJV)

"Was It Really So?" (Helen Steiner Rice) -- "A star in the sky, an angel's voice / Telling the world -- Rejoice!! Rejoice!! // But that was centuries and centuries ago and we ask today / Was it really so?? / Was the Christ Child born in a manger bed without a pillow to rest His head? / Did He walk on earth and live and die / And return to God to dwell on high? // We were not there to hear or see but our hopes and dreams of eternity / Are centered around that holy story when God sent us His Son in glory / And life on earth has not been the same regardless of what the skeptics claim / For no event ever left behind a transformation of this kind / So question and search and doubt if you will / But the story of Christmas is living still"

"A Christmas Blessing for You" (Helen Steiner Rice) -- "May Jesus, our Savior, Who was born on Christmas Day / Bless you at this season in a very special way / May the beauty and the promise of that silent, holy night / Fill your heart with peace and happiness / And make your new year bright!!"

Jeremiah 29:11 -- "For I know the plans that I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (NIV)

GOD BLESS, AMERICA!!!!





Bill Watts

Color Guard Report

The color guard has been busy this month with the presenting of the colors with the Boy and Girl Scouts at Faith Lutheran's School Veterans program. The event was attended by over 100 people from the community as they honored our veterans.



On Saturday Walt Thomas, Harmon Adair, Ken Morrill and Bob Kubin presented the colors at the Mesquite DAR Chapter. While they were busy in Mesquite Dennis Vierling, John Greer and I presented the Colors at the Rock Wall DAR Chapter.

To end the day Gary Lovell and I went to the American Airlines terminal where the planes are repaired. The reason we went to the terminal was to join Ted Wilson, Bill Covington and Dave Davidson at the American Airlines

Sky Ball Gala. When we arrived the Beach Boys were in rehearsal. Our group along with 4 military color guards presented the colors. It was a fun night for all of us.

The next day, Sunday we met in Ft Worth for the Massing of the Colors. We had permission to bring Revolutionary Flags to the event. There were over 300 flags at the event.

On Monday, I met some members of the Plano Chapter to present the colors at McCall Elementary School's Veterans Day program.



UP COMING COLOR GUARD ACTIVITIES

- December 2, 2017, we will muster at 7:30AM at the Rockwall County Library located at 1215 E. Yellowjacket Lane, Rockwall TX at the back of the library near the paper recycling containers. We will carpool from there to the staging area. We will meet at the library at 7:30AM.
- December 2, 2017 Saturday – Dickens on the Strand Parade in Galveston, TX. We will meet at the Galveston Historical House on 15th and Post Office Street at 11:00 a.m. (change from a brochure at BOM). Lunch will be BBQ, Beans, Potato Salad and dessert. If you are coming for lunch, please RSVP to John Loper at jloper@lopergroup.com RSVP by November 29th. To participate in the Parade you must be in period dress or uniform. We have rented two carriages which will hold ten ladies or older gentlemen. We only have three or four spots left on the carriage.
- December 5 - 8 Tuesday + Bonham Veterans - We need volunteers to pack, wrap and carry presents purchased by the men at the Hospital. Contact John Greer at johnlgreer@juno.com for more information.

- December 9, 2017 Saturday - Plano Early Lions Club annual Christmas Parade. Please muster by 8:30 AM at the PISD Administration Building, a quarter mile east of the intersection of Independence and 15th Street, and immediately west of Vines High School. Howard Roach will pull the 16' trailer with the Chapter's cannon mounted on it. Six can ride on the trailer, four in the bed of the pickup, and another four inside the cab.
- December 15, 2017 Friday – Christmas for our Veterans at the VA in Bonham. Contact John Greer for more information
- December 16, 2017 Saturday – Wreaths across America We will lay wreaths on the graves of the Veterans. Muster will be at Rest Haven Funeral Home & Memorial Park 2500 State Hwy 66 E Rockwall, TX 75087 at 11:15AM at the west entrance.
- February 17, 2018 Saturday – Washington’s Birthday Parade in Laredo, TX. Contact Tom Green for more information.
- March 2, 2018 – Present and post Colors at Colonial Dames of Texas State Conference at Hyatt Regency in Richardson at 7:00 PM. Located at Campbell and U. S. 75. Please muster by 6:30 PM. Can retire the Colors after they say the pledges, so should be done by 7:30 PM. Volunteers needed; thus far have Melton.
- April 5 – 8, 2018 Thursday – Sunday – Texas Society State Convention in Richardson, TX
- April 7, 2018 Saturday – Medal of Honor Parade in Gainesville, TX We are carpooling from the State Convention.
- June 16, 2018 – Saturday Audie Murphy Parade in Farmersville, TX
- July 4, 2018 Wednesday – Parade in Rockwall, TX
- July 12 – 19, 2018 Thursday – Thursday – National Sons of the American Revolution Congress in Houston, TX





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