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Mary Kay Starnes delivers an interesting program on the Civil Air Patrol at the April meeting.



Gary Snowden

Presidential Ramblings

My ramblings in this issue of the newsletter will be limited because of lack of space, which is a good thing to have. We have had so many activities this past month that the newsletter has expanded to 14 pages. I placed the photograph below in my section of the newsletter because it emphasizes something that we need to concentrate on. Compatriot Harmon Adair has just finished presenting the last of the



Texas SAR Compatriot Harmon L. Adair Jr., (Major USAF Retired) presenting a Bronze JROTC medal to Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Karla Rocha a member of the North Forney HS TX-20081 Air Force JROTC Group on the evening of April 26, 2017.

JROTC medals that we will be presenting this year. We will be presenting Good Citizenship pins in our local schools so if you are asked to make a presentation be sure to follow our Compatriot Harmon's example.

See you on May 11th.



Walt Thomas

Vice-President's Report

Just a heads up on upcoming SAR programs that I have lined up.

For May, Bill Watts will be talking about the Texas SAR Color Guard where he is currently serving as commander.

For June, we will have Larry Johnson and the Heritage Fife and Drum Corps. Larry will bring some fife and drum musicians and he will be talking about the history of music in colonial America.

For July, we will have Tom Crowe who will be talking about land records and how they can be used in genealogy research.



Dave Powell

The Registrar's Corner

MEMBER APPLICATIONS

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

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

New Member Father Loyd Dean Morris's was Inducted at the April meeting . Father Morris's Patriot is Peter Huxford.



District 6 VP Gary Lovell presents Father Loyd Morris with his membership certificate.

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

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. Darrell's application is at State awaiting review. 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 has responded and we will be working on his lineage in May. 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 have sent him a welcome Email with EFT attachments so he will know who we are. Awaiting his response.

Prospective Member The State Communications 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. Awaiting her response.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATIONS

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. We believe

several applications at National are being re-reviewed and that has caused a delay.

EFT Member Leslie Anderson has two Supplemental applications at National; both were received at National on 27 Feb 2017. Leslie's Patriots are: William Ferebee and Robert Winsett.

REGISTRAR'S NOTE:

Sources of information as to Revolutionary Service

Published Revolutionary Records of the various Colonies.

Unpublished Records (e.g. Muster Rolls and Payrolls) residing in State Archives, Adjutant General's Offices, State Libraries, and the National Archives.

Minutes of Town Meetings and similar records of State and County Governments, listing those who were appointed to various Committees of Safety, other government positions during the War, those who took the Oath of Allegiance, etc.

Account books of State, County and Town Treasurers, showing payment for various services directly connected with the Revolutionary War effort.

Contemporary newspapers, broadsides, letters, or other correspondence.



Chapter Treasurer
Bob Vickers receives
a Supplemental
Patriot Certificate
from District 6 VP
Gary Lovell.



Rev. Ken Morrill
Chaplain

From the Desk of the Chaplain

MOTHERS' DAY TRIBUTE

Even though society did not easily permit women (Mothers) to participate in the American Revolutionary War, these incredible patriots gave to their country in many different ways. So their husbands did not have to manage homesteads, these ladies supported them by working farms, managing the Indians & Redcoats, frontier environment, and caring for the sick so their families could stay together while their husbands were either fighting, creating, or rallying the nation. These Patriots endured hardships only they could understand. Many times these amazing mothers uprooted entire families to follow their husbands or left their children behind to be raised by friends and family, enduring the unwritten history of living life then, the day in and day out hardships of survival. The women and children that followed endured the same living conditions and suffered the same privations as the soldiers in the Continental Army, which many times included a lack of food, clothing, and shelter.

These women (Mothers) were steadfast, dependable and assisted in every way imaginable, many even risking their own lives and fearing for their personal safety. They raised money through female-run organizations, refusing to buy British made products and even were involved in spying. Too often the souls and passions of these incredible ladies went unrecorded. Their selfless actions allowed their men to take up arms and create a new nation!!! Without them, our country may not have survived.

Although too numerous to mention in our newsletter space, several amazing women of the American Revolution War time were:

(1) Martha Custis Washington -- (General George Washington's wife) -- As the men were hungry and cold at Valley Forge, Martha arrived on the scene with supplies from Mount Vernon. She set up a sewing circle of officers' wives, including Kitty Greene and Lucy Knox, who both left their children at home and joined their husbands there. Mrs. Washington became indispensable as a nurse and an encouragement to Washington and his men.

(2) Abigail Adams -- (John Adam's Wife of 54 Years) -- Although women at that time did not normally handle business affairs, Abigail traded livestock, hired help, bought land, oversaw construction, and supervised the planting and harvesting, allowing her husband to become the

statesman and leading advocate of American independence. Throughout his career, Abigail had served as unofficial advisor to John. Their letters show him seeking her counsel on many issues, including his presidential aspirations. She also saw the creation of a new form of government as a chance to make the legal status of women equal to that of men.

(3) Catherine Moore Barry -- (Captain Andrew Barry's Wife) -- Known as the "Heroine of the Battle of Cowpens", Catherine (Kate) Barry volunteered as a scout for the American forces. Familiar with every trail and shortcut around her plantation in South Carolina and being an excellent horsewoman, Kate was crucial in warning the militia of the approaching British. Thanks to the bravery of women like Catherine Barry, the Battle of Cowpens was a decisive victory by Continental army forces in the Southern campaign of the American Revolutionary War.

(4) Nancy Hart -- (Benjamin Hart's Wife) -- Here is a woman known to have a hot temper, fearless spirit and no hesitation to deliver revenge if she felt herself or any member of her family had been harmed or was in danger. Six British soldiers (Tories) forced their way into her home demanding that she feed them & provide her best wine. As Hart served her unwelcome visitors, she and her daughters began secretly removing the soldiers rifles from the house and warning the neighbors that the Tories were in the cabin. When the soldiers noticed what she was doing, they rushed to try and retrieve what weapons were left. She gave them one warning that she would shoot the next man that moved. Ignoring her warning, one man made the deadly mistake of approaching her. She shot him and held the rest off until her husband and others arrived. She insisted on hanging all of them.

(5) Margaret Cochran Corbin -- (Known as Captain Molly) -- On November 16, 1776, while they were stationed in Fort Mifflin, the fort was attacked by British and Hessian troops. Margaret's husband (John) was assisting a gunner who was ultimately killed during the battle. John then took over as gunner until he was killed. Margaret had no time to mourn and continued firing the cannon alone until she was wounded, severely injuring her shoulder and chest and mangling her jaw. She never fully recovered from the wounds and was left without the use of her left arm for the rest of her life.

THANK THE LORD FOR OUR PATRIOT LADIES!!!!



Bob Vickers

THE MEANING OF THE 13 FOLDS OF THE FLAG

The American Legion states on its website that the meaning of the flag folding ceremony is based on religious principles. It references the U.S. Armed Forces ceremony of retreat at night when the American flag is lowered and the ceremony of reveille that is performed when the American flag is raised the morning as symbol of the resurrection of the body.

Symbols for the Folds of the Flag According to the American Legion

The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.

The second fold is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.

The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veteran departing our ranks, and who gave a portion of his or her life for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.

The fourth fold represents our weaker nature; as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace, as well as in times of war, for His divine guidance.

The fifth fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right, but it is still our country, right or wrong."

The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The seventh fold is a tribute to our armed forces, for it is through the armed forces that we protect our country and our flag against all enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor our mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.

The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood, for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great have been molded.

The 10th fold is a tribute to father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since he or she was first born.

The 11th fold, in the eyes of Hebrew citizens, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David

and King Solomon and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The 12th fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost.

Summary

Although there is some evidence that the religious script in Example 2 originated from the United States Air Force, according to the air force protocol chief, Lt. Col. Samuel Hudspath, there are no acts in Congress or any federal laws that assigned meaning to the individual folds made when the American flag is folded during ceremonial occasions.

There is a tradition that scripts can be requested when flags are folded at retirement ceremonies. Hudspath further stated that, while there is no shortage of scripts available, but they should not be attributed to the U.S. Air force. This is true of other arms of the U.S. Armed Forces.



Bill Watts

Color Guard News

May 29, 2017 Monday – March/ride in Spring Creek Memorial Day Parade and Picnic at 10:00 AM. Located at Spring Creek Elementary School, 7667 Roundrock Road, Dallas, Texas 75248. Howard will pull the cannon. Contact is Tricia McFarland at riciamcfarland@gmail.com Volunteers needed.

June 10, 2017 Saturday - Flag Retirement Ceremony at 1st United Methodist Church at 10:00 AM. Located at Spring Creek and Parker Road in Plano. Joint ceremony with EFT and Dallas Chapters. Volunteers needed.

June 17, 2017 Saturday – Ride in the annual Farmersville Audie Murphy Day parade at 10:00 AM. Located in downtown Farmersville, TX, and will probably take the old U-shaped route through downtown. Please muster before 9:30 AM. Howard will pull the cannon and trailer. Volunteers needed.



MEDAL OF HONOR PARADE IN GAINESVILLE

April 8, 2017, was a great day for a parade. The Texas Sons of the America Revolution Color Guard were number 31 out of approx. 80 entries; each and every one was paying respect to these great heroes and numerous other veterans and organizations. There were twenty (20) Color Guardsmen from the Northern Region and one from the Southern Region, Jim Clements of the Patrick Henry Chapter. It had been decided that the Texas SAR Color Guard would march the parade route and break away at the end in order to salute the Medal of Honor individuals who had come to Gainesville. Prior to the beginning of the parade we were to assemble at the intersection of Broadway and Denton when word was received that the Medal of Honor personal would be ahead of us in the parade. However; luck was on our side as they we lined up on Denton Street and would be passing us as they turned onto Broadway. Adjustments were made and we lined up single file down Denton Street on their left and were able to salute them as they passed. Once passed, we quickly reassembled on Broadway to get into our proper place in the parade. This year the new Northern Commander, Ted Wilson was joined by Marshall Cope (our youngest SAR member) to lead the Texas SAR Color Guard. We were well received and cheered by those who had lined Main Street to watch the parade. Those who followed the commander were:

From Edmund Terrill Chapter T.L. Holden and Ted Wilson; From Arlington Chapter, Jerry Cope and Marshall Cope; From Plano Chapter Drake Peddie and Alan Johnson; From East Fork Trinity Chapter Gary Lovell, John Greer, Bill Watts and Montie Monzingo; From Brazos Valley Chapter Ron Wheelen, Bob Mearns, and Charles Gillespie; From Maj. K M Van Zandt Chapter Gerry Gieger and James Alderman; From Dallas Chapter Michael Petridis, Jerry Pinkerton, George Ramphrey, Bob Kittrell, and Tom Whitelock; and From Patrick Henry Chapter Jim Clements.



PATRIOTS BALL

On April 22, 2017 Ted Wilson the Northern Commander of the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution led our members at the Patriots Ball at the Hyatt Regency downtown Dallas,



TX. Gary Lovell represented East Fork Trinity, Mike Petridis from Dallas, Bob Mearns from Brazos Valley and James Alderman were all present at the Ball.

RE-DEDICATION OF LAWRENCE A. WASHINGTON HEADSTONE

On April 29, 2017 members of the Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution were present at the re-dedication

of the headstones for Lawrence and Martha Washington. Lawrence is the grand-nephew of George Washington. The Edmund Terrill Chapter provided funds to repair the original grave markers. Members who attended were Bill Covington, Jerry Cope, Ted Wilson, Terry Holden, John Greer Alan Johnson, Drake Peddie and Tom Whitelock.



STATE CONVENTION FOLLOW-UP



Chapter president Gary Snowden receives the outstanding chapter award for chapters with memberships between 40 and 100 members. I have it on good authority that the chapter president was actually excited about receiving this award in spite of what the picture may look like!

Thank you very much to Walt Thomas for picking these awards up at the state convention in San Antonio.

Chapter registrar David Powell was awarded the Hartzell O. Stephens Award at our recently concluded state convention. This award is given in honor of Compatriot Hartzell O. Stephens for his long and dedicated service to our Texas Society in the recruitment of new members and in his untiring efforts to establish new Chapters. It is awarded annually to the individual who sponsors the most new members in the TXSSAR during the past year based on membership statistics maintained by the TXSSAR Registrar.



Congratulations David and thank you for all your hard work that you do for our chapter. I cannot



Chapter registrar David Powell was also awarded the Col. Karl E. Wallace Award at the state convention.

This award is given by the TXSSAR in honor of the Past President of our Society, Col. Karl E. Wallace. It is given annually at the State Conference to the Chapter which has had the largest percentage membership increase during the past year. Calculations are made through 1 March each year.

Chapter webmaster Montie Monzingo received a certificate of appreciation from the Texas Society for his outstanding service as a chapter webmaster. Montie does a tremendous job for our chapter in this capacity. Thank you very much for a job well done.





Texas Society Ladies Auxiliary

**Sons of the American Revolution
2016-2018 PATRIOT FUNDRAISER**



The Ladies Auxiliary is pleased to announce its newest Fundraiser

A \$2,000.00 Gift Certificate

for item(s) of your choice from

Clint Orms Silversmiths & Engravers - Ingram, Texas

<http://clintorms.com>

This Fundraiser supports the TXSSAR Patriot Fund

for the following TXSSAR Youth Contests & Scholarships:

Eagle Scout & Knight Essay Contests Rumbaugh Oration Contest,

JROTC and Sea Cadets Scholarships C.A.R. Essay Contest

Outstanding American History Teacher Award

Buy your tickets and support these wonderful youth programs.

Tickets are for sale at \$5 each from Ladies Auxiliary representatives

in each of the TXSSAR Chapters or from:

Gloria Gibson

For tickets phone 703-622-1910 or email gibsongp@me.com

1 ticket for \$5 or 5 for \$20

Please make all checks payable to LATXSSAR

Winning ticket will be drawn at the TXSSAR State meeting in April, 2018



Margaret Anderson shown here, is promoting the Texas Society Ladies Auxiliary 2016-2018 Patriot fundraiser.