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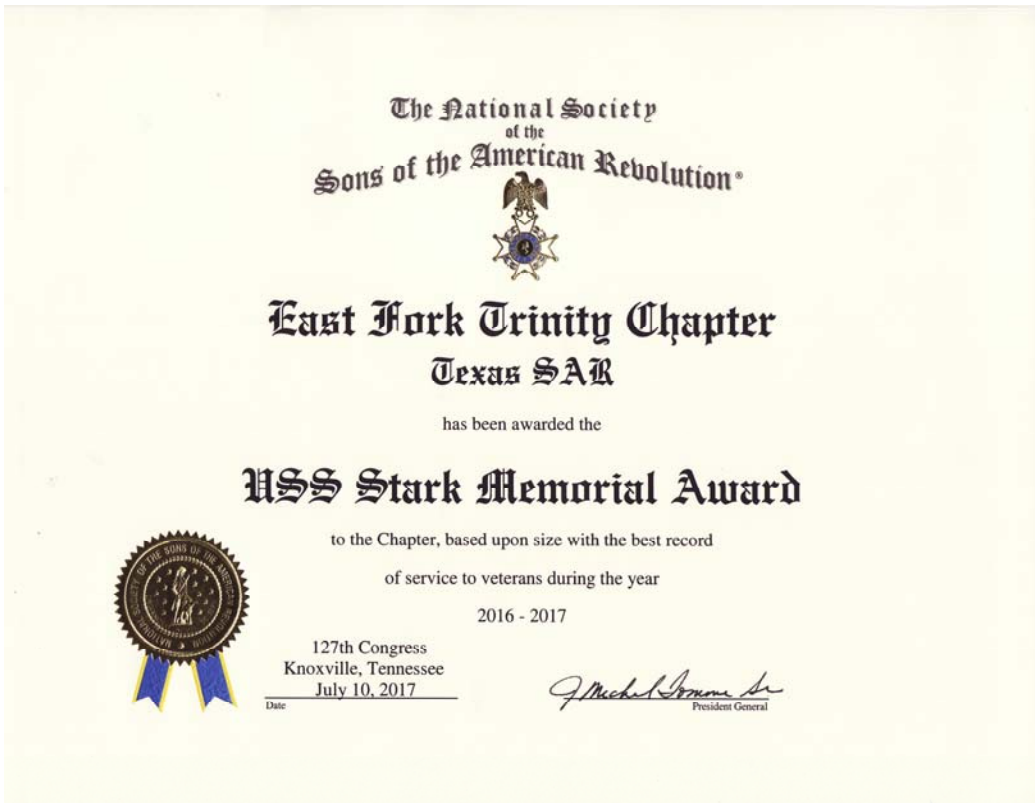
Chapter Historian Leslie Anderson is awarded two supplemental patriot certificates by Chapter President Gary Snowden.



Gary Snowden

Presidential Ramblings

We had just wrapped up a successful time at the State Fair of Texas educating people about who we are and what we do. With a few interest surveys left the process I have scanned about 70 surveys of people who were interested in knowing more about the SAR and I have emailed them to 14 different chapters. Eleven of the chapters were in Texas and three were out of state. Thank you so much to all of you who spent time volunteering during the state fair. I'm looking forward to the holiday season with anticipation for all the wonderful things our chapter will accomplish in the new year. We will be cohosting the state convention this coming April with the Plano chapter (see page 12). We will be participating in the Rockwall Christmas parade on December 2 with the Rock Wall chapter of the DAR. Hopefully everyone has rested up from their walk in July and maybe the weather will be cool enough so Bob Kubin won't melt. I also encourage all of you to contribute to the Wreaths across America by both contributing to purchase wreaths and by coming out on December 16 and helping to place those on the graves of veterans. Our chapter does a great deal of work for veterans both living and deceased as we honor those who have paid the price for our freedom and our way of life we enjoy here in America. We have been awarded the USS Stark Memorial Award for your efforts in the past year. I would like to thank John Greer for coordinating our volunteering at the VA in Bonham and by tabulating the veterans reports that each of you turn in at the end of each calendar year into the Stark Award report. Look forward to seeing each of you at our November meeting at which we will elect officers for 2018.



Veterans Chairman John Greer receives a Certificate of Appreciation for presenting the program at our October chapter meeting on past presidents of the Texas SAR.



Past President Paul Ridenour receives the 10 year membership award at our October meeting.





Walt Thomas

Vice-President's Report

I look forward to a presentation this month from David Powell where he will explain the role of the registrar and recent changes to the application process. Our chapter is lucky to have an excellent registrar. On my trip to the October BOM in Galveston, I brought his certificate and oak leaf cluster awarded by the National Society SAR, recognizing that he had recruited 10 new members into SAR.

Congratulations to David.

I also brought from the BOM a National Society Stark Award Certificate and streamer for our chapter recognizing East Fork Trinity chapter as the top chapter of our size in support of veterans. We have John Greer to thank for his hard work on behalf of veterans and for documenting all that he and others from our chapter have done. Thank you, John.

On a personal note, I was the lucky recipient of a replica pistol, being one of three winners in the drawing in Galveston.



Thank each and every one who has contributed in some way to our chapter this year. In particular, I would like to thank our president, Gary Snowden, for leading our chapter in a very challenging year. His time as president is winding down and he may have some scars but he has survived. Thank you Gary.

Walt Thomas,

EFT Vice President

Wreaths across America is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to: Remember our fallen U.S. veterans; Honor those who serve; and teach children the value of freedom.

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.

To make your Donation please follow these instructions;

Go to: <http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org>

Scroll down to Search Groups — type in **East Fork Trinity or (TX0375)** and when our name pops up click on it. Click on Donate and you will receive a choice of how many wreaths you want to purchase. Each wreath will cost \$15.00. But, if you purchase two wreaths you will receive a third wreath for free. That is three wreaths for \$30.00. Remember you have to purchase multiples of 2; That's 2, 4, 6 etc.. to get the 3rd wreath for free. Please honor the veterans in your family or veterans that you know, donate today! November 27, 2017 is the last day for Donations for this year!





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. Awaiting Induction
2. New Member Darrell Maston. Darrell's application was approved at National on 9/22/17. Darrell's Patriot is Thomas Bradford Jr. Awaiting Induction
3. New Member Gil Pier. Gil's application was approved National on 9/22/17. Gil's Patriot is Robert Bradford. Awaiting Induction
4. New Member Stuart O'Connor's application has been approved at National on 10/20/17. Stuart's Patriot is Reuben Johnson. Awaiting Certificate.
5. New Member Stephen Johnson's application has been approved at National on 10/20/17. Stephen's Patriot is Charles Mattox. Awaiting Certificate
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 10/23/1. His Patriot is John Gibbs. Awaiting State Review
8. Prospective Member Greg Flowers lives in Garland and has completed and signed his application and was mailed to State 9/25/17. Greg's Patriot is Rowland Flowers, Awaiting State Review.
9. Prospective Member Tim Durrett's application has been completed and we have scheduled a signing meeting. Tim's Patriot is William Durrett. Awaiting Signatures
10. Prospective Member John Stacy. John contacted EFT on 6/20/17 and he is working on his lineage. Awaiting Lineage and Documents.
11. Prospective Member Patrick McCully. Applicant working on lineage.
12. Prospective Member Dan Wood. Applicant working on lineage.
13. Prospective Member Chris Djerf. Applicant working on lineage.
14. Prospective Member Gary Hughey. Applicant working on lineage.
15. Prospective Member Bryan Cluck contacted. Applicant Responded.

STATE FAIR (10 CONTACTS):

1. Prospective Member Norman Elam. Emailed, PM has responded.
2. Prospective Member Kevin Jacks. Emailed. PM has responded.
3. Prospective Member Michael Goode. Emailed, PM has responded.
4. Prospective Member Cullen Boyd. Emailed, PM has responded.
5. Prospective Member Garry Nation. Emailed, PM has not responded.
6. Prospective Member Tyler Nunley. Emailed, PM has not responded.
7. Prospective Member Darius Day. Emailed, PM has not responded.
8. Prospective Member Michael Warren. Emailed. PM has not responded.
9. Prospective Member Randy Warren. Emailed. PM has not responded.
10. Prospective Member David Schaefer. Emailed. PM has not responded.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATIONS

1. EFT Member Rob Vickers II has resubmitted his Supplemental application for his Patriot ancestor Richard Caswell. Rob's application was approved at National on 10/6/17. Awaiting Certificate.
2. EFT Member Bob Vickers Supplemental Application is at National. Bob's new Patriot is Bayne Smallwood. Awaiting National Review
3. EFT Member Leslie Anderson is working on a new Supplemental for John Cardwell.

Registrar's Corner: Newspaper Articles

Copies of newspaper articles such as an obituary or a wedding announcement must include identifying publication name, location and date of publication.

Most of the obits I've seen were provided by an applicant and were cut out of a newspaper and the printed name of the newspaper, location and dates of publication (usually at the top of the page) were not included. This would be unacceptable as proof to the SAR; however, the applicant knows that an obit was published (somewhere) and the text of the obit may have needed proof information. In this case, the applicant would do research to find the name of existing newspapers from that location and time period and determine which newspaper is the likely source of the obit. Many locations only had one newspaper. The applicant would then call the newspaper office (if it still exists) and ask where the old editions/obits are archived. The applicant would then call that archive to see how he could read it and make a copy. If the newspaper has gone out of business, one of the surrounding libraries may have taken the old newspaper editions and placed them in their archives.

It will take some work but it may be what you need to prove another Patriot.



Rev. Ken Morrill
Chaplain

From the Desk of the Chaplain

VETERANS DAY & THANKSGIVING

(HARD TO HAVE ONE WITHOUT THE OTHER)

GOD BLESS - "THE RED, WHITE, AND BLUE" -- (Poem): "Dear Lord, I've fought for freedom / for many nights and days / It's now on bended knee I come to you / These words please hear me pray. // For all my friends and patriots / who never said a word / Just raised their hand and gave a nod / When they were asked to serve. // Please honor them and hold them / Your love keep them from harm / May they find some peace tonight / In Your loving arms. // For all who love this country / and stood up so brave and true / It's only for her rights we fight / God bless the red, white, and blue."

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL -- (Song): "O beautiful for spacious skies / For amber waves of grain / For purple mountain majesties / Above the fruited plain!! // America! America! God shed His grace on thee / And crown thy good with brotherhood / From sea to shining sea. /// O beautiful for pilgrim feet / When stern impassioned stress / A thoroughfare for freedom beat / Across the wilderness!! // America! America! God mend thine every flaw / Confirm thy soul in self control / Thy liberty in law. /// O beautiful for patriot's dream / That sees beyond the years / Thine alabaster cities gleam / Undimmed by human tears! // America! America! God shed His grace on thee / And crown thy good with brotherhood / From sea to shining sea."

2 CHRONICLES 7:14 -- "If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their



Once a Marine always a Marine.
Chaplain Ken Morrill in his new
Colonial Marine uniform.



Bill Watts

Color Guard Report

The Color Guard had a busy October. Beginning with the State Fair of Texas and ending with the Texas Genealogical College.

The State Fair of Texas provided all the North Texas Color Guard members an opportunity to serve the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution at a table provided by the Daughters of the American Revolution to recruit new members to the SAR. I want to thank the following members of the East Fork Trinity Color Guard for their service; John L. Greer, Gary Lovell, David Powell, Dennis Vierling, and David Routh. All of these members participated in period costumes identifying the SAR.

Please remember the face of the SAR is the members who have gone to the trouble of obtaining an expensive costume to represent our society. As many National and State presidents have said, "The Color Guard is the face of the SAR" and it's a true statement.



Anderson.

I want to thank the Daughters of the American Revolution for the use of their house at the State Fair. I hope the Texas Society of the American Revolution can increase our membership by using the information that we gathered at the fair.

The Texas Society held its' annual BOM in Galveston. I enjoyed participating in the activities at the BOM. For those of you who have not attended a BOM, I suggest that you attend at least one to increase your knowledge of how our society works. The meetings include Education, Americanism, DAR/CAR Committee, Long Range planning,



We have chapter members who participated at the State Fair but did not dress in costume and I want to recognize them as well. They are Gary Snowden, Bob Vickers and Leslie

Communications, IT, Newsletter, Publicity, JROTC, Archives/History, Eagle Scout, Patriot Graves, Veterans, Oration, Ladies Auxillary committee, and many other events for your to attend or participate in as you may consider gathering information about the SAR. You may find yourself volunteering to help our society beyond our local Chapter.

The last event during October was at the Texas Genealogical College held at the Doubletree Hotel. The College is a group of various small lineage societies that hold a meeting once a year. The societies are Sons of the Revolution,



General Society War of 1812, Order of Founders and Patriots, Washington's Army at Valley Forge, Society of Colonial Wars in Texas and Genealogical Workshops. The North Texas Color Guard was asked to present the Colors. Walt Thomas and I along with Ted Wilson and T.L. Holden had the honor of presenting the colors. Bill Covington of the Arlington Chapter gave a presentation on the Charleston. An American naval vessel.

Color Guard Activities

- November 9, 2017 Thursday – Help hand out programs and small flags to students arriving at Regional Veterans Day program in Bonham. If anyone wants a ride please let me know. I will be leaving at 6:30AM
- November 10, 2017 Friday – Dallas Veterans Day Parade forming at 9 AM along Sports Street and Hotel Avenue. We are #64 in line. If anyone wants a ride please let me know I will be leaving at 7:30AM.
- November 11, 2017 Saturday – Present the colors at the National Defense Luncheon, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church muster at 11:30AM at the church.
- November 12, 2017 Sunday – Military Order of the World Wars 37th Annual Massing of the Colors First Presbyterian Church of Fort Worth 1000 Penn Avenue at 2:30 PM. If anyone wants a ride please let me know I will be leaving at 12:30. I need one volunteer to carry the SAR flag.
- December 2, 2017 Saturday at 9:00 AM -- Rockwall Christmas Parade
- December 15, 2017 Friday – Christmas for our Veterans at the VA in Bonham
- December 16, 2017 Saturday – Wreaths across America - We will lay wreaths on the graves of the Veterans.



Clockwise from upper left: Walt Thomas leads the color guard at the BOM Galveston; our best supporters, Barbara Thomas, Mindy Lovell and Darlene Kubin; Chapter Color Guard present the colors at our October meeting.





Save the Date

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