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Color Guard Commander Bill Watts working at the State Fair of Texas educating people about the SAR. More volunteers are needed see article on the next page.



<http://www.txssar.org/eastforktrinity>

**Gary Snowden**

Presidential Ramblings

We still need compatriots to sign up to serve at the information table at the State Fair. This is a great opportunity to educate the fair going public as to the aims and goals of the SAR. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Jane Douglas chapter of the DAR for allowing us the space to run the information table at the fair. If you would be so kind as to volunteer to serve at least one or two shifts at the fair then you may sign up at the following link:

www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C49A5AA2AABF85-texas

If you have trouble getting this hyperlink to work then copy and paste it in your browser and it should work them. Don't forget to include your address if you are wanting a parking pass or State Fair admission. If you are wanting a parking pass and you are only working the morning shift then you need to remove your car from the parking place so that whoever works the evening shift will have a place to park parking is at a premium at the fairgrounds during the fair. Thank you to all those who have already signed up and I hope we of all her spots filled soon.



Chapter President Gary Snowden presents Compatriot Dr. Montie Monzingo with a certificate of appreciation for his outstanding program on the Netherlands American Cemetery and Memorial.





Vice-President's Report

The East Fork Trinity chapter has experienced a growth spurt this year. This is a very good thing but does present some challenges. How do we integrate the new members into the ongoing efforts both within and outside the chapter? If you would have a passion in some area such as color guard, youth education, boy scouts, public service, veterans, etc., please let one of the chapter officers know. We can find you a place of service that fits your abilities and interests. However, if you just enjoy participating in the chapter meetings that is okay too, but SAR can be more fun when you are actively working to further the goals of the SAR.

Our meeting programs for the coming months are as follows:

October - John Greer will talk about his research of former Texas SAR state presidents

November - David Powell will talk about the application process and recent changes

December - Chapter Christmas party

January - Installation of new officers

February - Celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the EFT chapter

I look forward to an enjoyable and challenging 2018 as we install new officers in January and co-host the 2018 SAR state convention in April. Let's support our leadership as they finish strong in 2017.

**Walt Thomas and Past
President Charles
Windham**





25th Anniversary Challenge Coin

A 25th anniversary challenge coin will be made to commemorate the East Fork - Trinity chapter's 25th year in existence. Our chapter will be celebrating its 25th anniversary at the February 2018 meeting and the challenge coin will be ready at that time. The coin will be 1.75 inches in diameter and will come in a protective vinyl sleeve. The cost of the coin will be \$10 each or 10 for \$100. You may place your order with the chapter treasurer accompanied by a check for each coin ordered.

SAVE THE DATE:

12.16.2017





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. Prospective Member Darrell Maston. Darrell's application was approved at National on 9/22/17. Darrell's Patriot is Thomas Bradford Jr. Awaiting Certificate
3. Prospective Member Gil Pier. Gil's application was approved National on 9/22/17. Gil's Patriot is Robert Bradford. Awaiting Certificate.
4. Prospective Member Stuart O'Connor's application has been approved at State and arrived at National on 9/15/17. Stuart's Patriot is Reuben Johnson. Awaiting National Review.
5. Prospective Member Stephen Johnson's application has been approved at State and arrived at National on 9/15/17. Stephen's Patriot is Charles Mattox. Awaiting National Review.
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 is complete and signed and on its way back from NZ. His Patriot is John Gibbs. Awaiting Return of Signed Application.
8. Prospective Member Greg Flowers lives in Garland and has completed and signed his application and it is in the mail to State. Greg's Patriot is Rowland Flowers, Awaiting State Review.
9. Prospective Member Tim Durrett is one lacking one document from completing his proofs and it looks like that proof will be arriving soon. Tim's Patriot is William Durrett. Awaiting One Document.
10. Prospective Member David Skelton's application is awaiting several documents and then will be ready for signatures. David's Patriot is George Sorrell. Awaiting Several Documents.
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 Leslie Anderson's two Supplemental applications were approved at National on 9/8/17. They were received at National on 2/27/17 showing us that it takes over six months to get a Supplemental through. Leslie's Patriots are: William Ferebee and Robert Winsett. Awaiting Certificates.
2. EFT Member Rob Vickers II has resubmitted his Supplemental application for his Patriot ancestor Richard Caswell. His application was received at National on 3/20/17. Approved at National 26 Sep 2017.
3. EFT Member Robert Vickers Supplemental Application is at National. Robert's new Patriot is Bayne Smallwood. Awaiting National Review.

Registrar's Corner

I am currently working with a Prospective Member who is having a problem with the connection from Gen 4 –to Gen 5. All other connections are proven. There was only one Federal Census record for son William Felix Durrett and it was confusing because he used a nickname Bobby. We found William Felix Durrett's death certificate but his parents were listed as "Unknown". With some additional research, we found four grandchildren of William Felix Durrett still alive and several told us that their grandfather was called by the nickname "Bob" and his wife actually called him Bib. The family tradition was there were so many Williams and Billys in the family that they had so they used Bobby for William Felix. So what can we do in this case?

Referring to the Application Preparation Manual, on page 16 we find the section on Published Family and Local Histories. It says: These records may be acceptable when the author can be shown to have been in a position to have first-hand knowledge of the person or event in question. In such cases, a narrative explanation of why the source should be considered should be attached.

So we contacted the four living grandchildren (in their late 70s and early 80s) and asked them to send me a handwritten letter and tell me everything they know about William Felix Durrett to include any nickname he may have had, how they are related to William and to sign and date it.

With proof that they were the grandchild of William Felix Durrett and their written first-hand-knowledge we have an excellent chance of proving this connection because the SAR says a person is presumed to have known his/her own parents, grandparents, children, and grandchildren.



**New Junior Member
Drew Permenter is
installed by Area 6
Vice President**

Gary Lovell



**Rev. Ken Morrill
Chaplain**

From the Desk of the Chaplain

LET'S FINISH THE RACE

In the 2016 Rio Olympics, two athletes in the 5,000 meter race caught the world's attention. About 3,200 meters into the race, New Zealander Nikki Hamblin and American Abbey D'Agostino collided and fell. Abbey was quickly up on her feet, but stopped to help Nikki.

Moments after the two athletes had started running again, Abbey began faltering due to her right leg injured as a result of the earlier fall. It was Nikki's turn to stop and encourage her fellow athlete to finish the race. When Abbey eventually stumbled across the finish line, Nikki was waiting to embrace her. What a beautiful picture of mutual respect and encouragement.

It reminds me of a passage in the Bible: "Two are better than one...if either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up" (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10) As runners in a spiritual race, WE NEED ONE ANOTHER -- perhaps even more so, for we are not racing in competition with each other but as members of the same team. There will be moments where we falter and need someone to pick us up; at other times, someone may need our encouragement through our prayers or presence.

The spiritual race (we are all are on) was not to be run alone. We need each other!!!

Chapter Prayer: "Dear Lord, thank You for the encouragement of fellow believers and EFT members to help me on my journey. Help me to look for ways to encourage (not criticize) others...especially in our EFT Chapter!!!"



Bill Watts

Color Guard Report

I asked Gary Snowden if I could resume the duty of Color Guard Commander at East Fork Trinity and he has agreed to my request. I am feeling much better. My shoulder is 100% and since I've had my gall bladder removed my pain level has gone down significantly, improving my over-all health.

The next chapter meeting will be special. The Color Guard will present the colors. I ask that all CG members wear their uniform and be ready to present the colors. If you have a flag or musket that you would like to use in the presentation please bring them so we can make a good show. I'm looking forward to our next meeting.

There are several activities in the next few months;

Jane Douglas DAR house at the State Fair	September 29 - October 22
BOM in Galveston present Colors	October 13 - 15
Texas Genealogical College present Colors	October 28 need one more contact me for info
Bonham VA present flags to students	November 9 contact me for info
Veterans Parade in Dallas	November 10 will provide info when I get it
Present the Colors at a Gala	November 11 will provide info when I get it
Rockwall Christmas Parade	December 2

Naturalization Ceremony

On September 25, 2017 Leslie Anderson, Gary Lovell, Walt Thomas, Bob Kubin and I joined Dan Reed, Don Sielert and Howard Roach of the Plano Chapter, and Terry Holden and Ted Wilson of the Edmund Terrell at the Federal Court House in Irving, Texas to present the Colors at the Naturalization Ceremony. (See photos next page) There were 96 new citizens who swore the Oath of Allegiance to the United States of America. It was a very moving experience for all of us. After the program we all went back into the court room for photo opportunities for the new citizens.

I'm sure there will be more opportunities for service in the Color Guard during the rest of the year.

Best regards,

Bill Watts, CG Commander EFT, CG Commander TXSSAR





Save the Date

5 April 2018 - 8 April 2018

Texas SAR Annual Conference



Hyatt Regency North Dallas

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Richardson, Texas 75081

Tel: (972) 619-1234

Web: <http://northdallas.hyatt.com>

Rates: Single or Double for \$115 + Tax



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Sons of the American Revolution

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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

Sources for Clothing and Supplies

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	G. Gedney Godwin	http://gggodwin.com
	James Townsend	http://jas-townsend.com
	Smoke & Fire	http://www.smoke-fire.com
	Smiling Fox Forge	http://www.smilingfoxforgellc.com
	American Heritage Clothing	http://www.colonialuniforms.com
	Quartermaster General	http://www.thequartermastergeneral.com
	Village Green Clothier	http://villagegreenclothier.com
	Cooperstown Trading Post	http://cooperstowntradingpost.com
	Thread Bare Stitchery	http://threadbarestitchery.com
	Crazy Crow Trading Co.	http://www.crazycrow.com
	Avalon Forge	http://home.comcast.net/~avalonforge/index.html
	American Duchess	http://www.american-duchess.com/shoes-18th-century
	Patterns Harper House	http://www.longago.com
	J. P. Ryan	http://jpryan.com
	Rocking Horse Farm	http://rockinghorsefarm.com
	Old Time Patterns	http://www.oldtimepatterns.com
	Burnley & Trowbridge	http://www.burnleyandtrowbridge.com
Fabric	Carolina Calicoes	http://www.carolinacalicoes.com
	Trim Fabric	http://www.trimfabric.com
	Wm. Booth Draper	http://www.wmboothdraper.com
Fur Hat	F & T Fur Trading Post	http://www.fntpost.com
Buttons etc.	Roy and Debra Najecki	http://www.najecki.com
	Veteran Arms	http://www.veteranarms.com
	Middlesex Village Trading	http://www.middlesexvillagetrading.com
	Guns and Swords	http://www.gunsandswords.com
	The Possible Shop	http://possibleshop.com/rifle-kit.html
	Cash Manufacturing Co.	http://www.tdcmfg.com
	Cherry's	http://www.cherrys.com
	Dixie Gun Works	http://dixiegunworks.com
	Flintlock Sales	http://www.flintlockrepair.com
	Track of the Wolf, Inc	http://www.trackofthewolf.com
	Jedediah Starr Trading	http://www.jedediah-starr.com
	Cabin Creek Muzzleloading	http://cabincreek.net
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