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Compatriots from the East Fork Trinity chapter present a flag certificate to Mr. Howard Banks in Kaufman Texas.

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



Gary Snowden

Presidential Ramblings

I hope that all of our thoughts and prayers are focused on those in South Texas in the Houston area who suffered devastating flooding from hurricane Harvey. In addition the that please remember to give generously to the relief efforts because this will be a long process before all those people can get their lives back to normal.

I can't believe Labor Day is here and gone before we know it will be looking at 2017 in the rearview mirror. But until then there's plenty of things that we need to accomplish.

The state fair will begin on September 29 and so will our information table at the DAR house. Volunteers are needed to explain what the SAR is to those who happened by our table. Volunteers from all area SAR chapters are encouraged to participate. I would like to thank the Jane Douglas chapter of the DAR for allowing this information table again this year.

Our chapter will be participating in the Wreaths Across America again this year the date for this will be Saturday, December 16, 2017. I hope that many of you will participate in placing wreaths on graves and that all of you will participate in purchasing wreaths.

State Fair of Texas sign-up information

This year we are doing sign up to man the information table at the State Fair in conjunction with the Jane Douglas chapter of the DAR. This can be accomplished online. There are two shifts for the compatriots to work each day of the fair. Please follow the instructions on the website that the link will take you to Sign up to volunteer at the State Fair at the following link:



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C49A5AA2AABF85-texas>

If this link doesn't work for you then copy and paste it in your browser or email Claudia Taylor with the Jane Douglas Chapter of the DAR to sign up. Her email address is: ctaylo38@gmail.com

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.

**Walt Thomas**

Vice-President's Report

I hope everyone's thoughts and prayers are with our SAR compatriots in the Houston area. They will continue to suffer as they begin the cleanup from the worst hurricane and rain event ever to hit Texas. I have not heard how this will impact the BOM scheduled in Galveston in October.

On August 26, nine compatriots and four wives journeyed to Kaufman to present a flag certificate to 92 year old Marine veteran Howard Banks. Mr. Banks participated in the battle for Iwo Jima in 1945 and saw the U.S. flag raised over Mount Suribachi on the island. We also presented Mr. Banks a Marine cap. He had expressed the desire to add the Texas flag to the U.S. flag and the Marine Corps flag, so we presented him with a Texas flag to fly in his front yard.



We have another interesting program scheduled for our September meeting. Dr. Montie Monzingo will talk about his visit to the American Cemetery at Margraten. Montie's father was buried in this cemetery after his death during WW2.

Walt Thomas,
EFT Vice President



Walt Thomas presents a Marine Corps cap to Mr. Howard Banks as his daughter Janet Massey looks on.

Compatriots Bob Kubin, Bill Watts, John Greer, Paul Ridenour, Howard Banks, Walt Thomas, Northern Color Guard Commander Ted Wilson from the Edmund Terrill chapter, Gary Lovell and Montie Monzingo present Mr. Howard Banks with a new Texas flag.





Dave Powell

The Registrar's Corner

MEMBER APPLICATIONS

1. **New Member** Howard Mims application was approved at National on 23 Jun 2017. Howard's Patriot is Thomas Hash. **Awaiting Induction**
2. **New Junior Member** Drew Permenter was approved at National on 23 Jun 2017. Drew's Patriot is Light Townsend. **Awaiting Induction**
3. **Prospective Member** Darrell Maston. Darrell's application is at National. Darrell's Patriot is Thomas Bradford Jr. **Awaiting National Review.**
4. **Prospective Member** Gil Pier. Gil's application was approved at State and is now at National. Gil's Patriot is Robert Bradford. **Awaiting National Review.**
5. **Prospective Member** Stuart O'Connor's application has been completed and is at State. Stuart's Patriot is Reuben Johnson. **Awaiting State 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** Stephen Johnson's application has been completed and it is at State. Stephen's Patriot is Charles Mattox. **Awaiting State Review.**
8. **Prospective Member** Forrest Shields lives in New Zealand and he is currently working on his lineage because his first line produced a dead end. **Awaiting Lineage and Documents.**
9. **Prospective Member** John Stacy. John contacted EFT on 20 Jul 2017 and he is working on his lineage. **Awaiting Lineage and Documents.**
10. **Prospective Member** David Skelton's application is awaiting Gens 1 & 2 documents and a death certificate for Gens 5 & 6 then it will be ready for signatures. David's Patriot is George Sorrell. **Awaiting 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** Greg Flowers. Applicant working on lineage.
15. **Prospective Member** Gary Hughey. Applicant working on lineage.

16. **Prospective Member** Jackson Miller. Contacted. Awaiting Response.
17. **Prospective Member** Bryan Cluck contacted. Applicant Responded.
18. **Prospective Member** Logan Martin contacted. Awaiting Response.
19. **Prospective Member** Tim Durrett contacted. Applicant Responded and we are waiting for lineage and documents.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATIONS

1. **EFT Member** Rob Vickers II has resubmitted his Supplemental application for his Patriot ancestor Richard Caswell. His application was received at National on 20 Mar 2017. It is currently **Awaiting National Review**.
2. **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. Both are currently **Awaiting National Review**.
3. **EFT Member** Robert Vickers Supplemental Application is at National. Robert's new Patriot is Bayne Smallwood. **Awaiting National Review**.



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. Order by the September 14 chapter meeting. Be sure that you don't miss out on this collectible piece of chapter history.





**Rev. Ken Morrill
Chaplain**

From the Desk of the Chaplain

FACING LIFE'S STORMS

Watching the Red Cross and many other groups helping our fellow Texans cope with the devastation of Hurricane Harvey this past week, reminded me of the incredible story of the founder of the Red Cross...Jean-Henri Dunant.

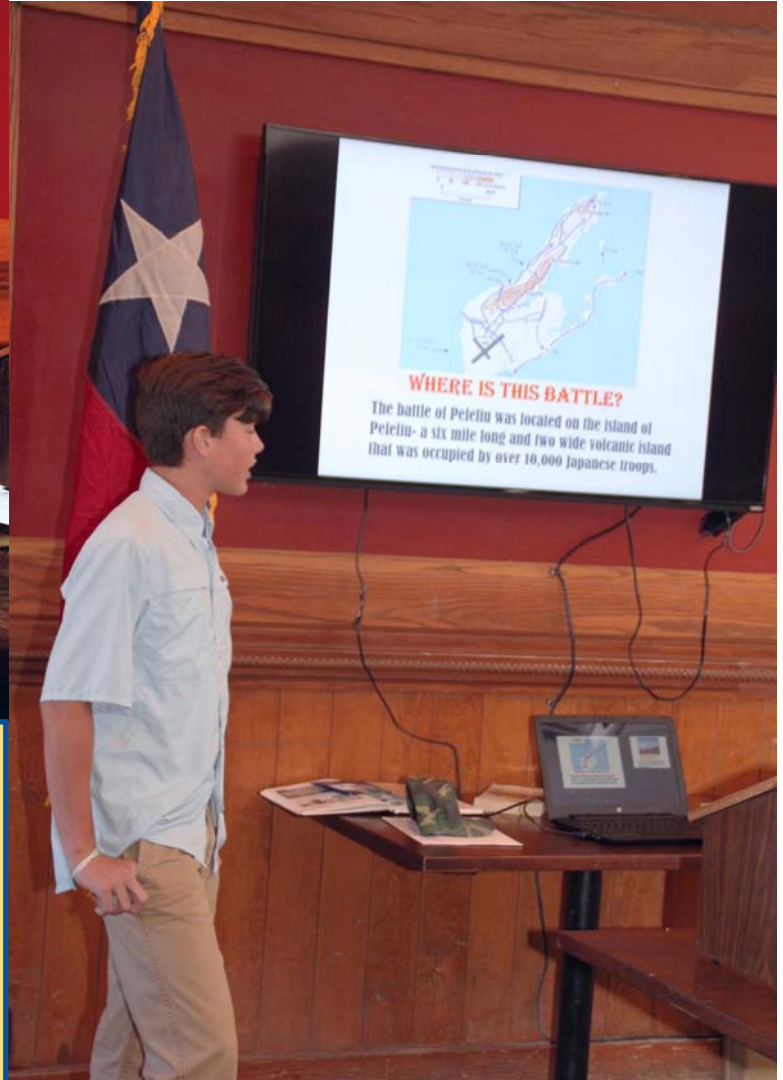
Jean-Henri Dunant -- The date is June 24, 1859. Atop a hill overlooking the plain of Solferino, Jean-Henri Dunant has a box seat view as Napoleon's troops prepare for battle with the Austrians below. Trumpets blare, muskets crack and cannons boom. The two armies crash into each other as Dunant looks on, transfixed. He sees the dust rising. He hears the screams of the injured. He watches bleeding, maimed men take their last breaths as he stares in horror. Dunant doesn't mean to be there. He is only on a business trip to speak to Napoleon about a financial transaction between the Swiss and the French. But he arrived late and now finds himself in a position to witness firsthand the atrocities of war. He realizes that his life will never be the same again. Driven by a powerful passion to abolish war and help those in need, Jean-Henri Dunant will eventually lose his successful banking career and all his worldly possessions to die as a virtual unknown in an obscure poorhouse. We remember Dunant today because he was the first recipient (in 1901) of the Nobel Peace Prize. We also remember him because of the movement he founded....the RED CROSS. Act 1 of Jean-Henri Dunant's life closed June 24, 1859. Act 2 opened immediately and played the remainder of his 81 years.

Many people's lives can be divided into two acts. The first act ends when one decides to follow a new direction or passion. Dunant's old life, driven by financial success, prestige and power, no longer satisfied him. A new Jean-Henri Dunant emerged in the second act of his life, a man who was now motivated by love, compassion, and an overriding commitment to abolish the horrors of war. The second act of some people's lives may begin with a conversion or a major turning point. Others speak of a defining moment or wake up call. The old self is laid to rest and a new self is born -- one governed by principle, spirit and passion. You may be ready for your Act Two. It is the final scene of a life that Counts.

Psalm 100 (Giving Thanks) -- "Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; Come before Him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us and we are His; We are His people, the sheep of his pasture. // Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; Give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations."



Keeping it in the family Area 6 vice president Gary Lovell inducts two new junior members. Wyatt Hall held by his father Hunter Hall and Wade Lovell. Wyatt is Gary's great-grandson and Wade is his grandson.



Wade Lovell presented a very interesting and informative presentation on the battle of Peleliu.





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