

EDMUND TERRILL Chapter minutes
September 20, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by acting President Gary Sisson.

Invocation by Compatriot Lynn Johnson

Pledges to the American and Texas flags was led by Acting President Gary Sisson and recited by all. Pledge to the SAR flag was led by Acting President Gary Sisson and recited by all SAR members.

Recognition of guests by Acting President Gary Sisson: Dale Rideout and Bill Hurst as Past Presidents of the Edmund Terrill Chapter; Hannah Smith daughter of Chad Smith, our Edmund Terrill Chapter Webmaster; Don Babbs, Past President of the McKinney Chapter; Tom Milton, Past District 11 VP and Past President of the McKinney Chapter, and his wife Carol, a DAR member. Other DAR members in attendance were Linda Turner, Sherry Collins and Patricia St. John. Other guests in attendance included Jack Eramdjion, Ronald Butler, Jacob Vaughan, Adam Castelli and Dr. Walter Hunter. Jackie Sisson was present to be inducted as a new member.

Our speaker was Dr. Walter Hunter, a veteran of WWII, a recipient of the Congressional Patriot Award, and a young man of 103 years. Walter takes the seat provided him and begins by telling a story of his youth and before the audience realizes it they are drawn into it. You realize that this a story of his life which he wants to share.

Walter enlisted in the United States Marine Corps shortly after the bombing of Pearl Harbor and it is off to boot camp. He is trained in communication. Next him and nineteen others were flown to Guadalcanal. There they are informed that their mission is to maintain the lines of communication between other units plus the islands of Bougainville and Green Island. Walter is awarded a unit citation for his meritorious actions and gets an honorable discharge in 1945. He is called back in the Korean conflict for a short period of time.

In civilian life he is married for 77 years, gets a college education and teaches at the University of Missouri. He has other achievements too numerous to mention here. The Edmund Terrill Chapter presents him with a Good Citizenship medal and certificate. Linda Turner of the Martha Jefferson Randolph DAR Chapter presents him with a special card of appreciation.

New Business: A slate of proposed officers for 2026 & 2027 is presented. We will be voting on them at the November 15, 2025, meeting. They are:

President Gary Sisson
Secretary Harry Barber
Chaplain Lynn Johnson

Vice President Andy Jones
Treasurer John Young
Registrar Gary Sisson

Everyone was notified of the passing of one of the charter members of the Edmund Terrill Chapter on August 7, 2025, Dr. Roy E. Renfro, Jr. His obituary was available for those who wished to read it.

Acting President Gary Sisson inducted his Uncle, Jackie Sisson into the Chapter. He also informed us that there were three applications in process awaiting approval—Braden Vaughan, Layne Hensley, and Adam Castelli.

Color Guard: There is nothing for October. On Saturday, November 8, 2025, at 10:00 am in Sherman we will be an entry in the Veterans Day parade. We will muster at 9:30 am. Actual Veterans Day is Tuesday November 11, 2025.

On Friday, December 12, 2025, will have pack the bags for veterans there. The list is long and donations are accepted. On Saturday, December 13, 2025, Wreaths Across American will occur at 11:00 am in area cemeteries. Should you have a loved one who served and is deceased, go lay a wreath on their grave.

Minutes of the last meeting are posted online on our Chapter website.

Treasurer report by John Young. As of September 20, 2025, the Chapter had the following monies: Checking \$1,774.85, Savings \$2,274.40, CD \$4,826.91

Benediction by Compatriot Lynn Johnson

SAR recessional by all SAR members

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 am by Acting President Gary Sisson

Our next meeting will be Saturday, November 15, 2025.

We will vote on the new officers for 2026 & 2027. Yearly awards will be presented plus a new one in honor of T. L. Holden will be presented.

Also be prepared to bring a list of visits, funerals, and events you attended for Veterans, plus speaking events you made or attended.