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Sons of the American Revolution

March 2019



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Public Announcements:

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday April 11 at Siciliano's, A Taste of Italy
2210 W. Buckingham Rd, Garland, TX 75042 at 7 pm; dinner ordering starts at 6 pm.

124th Texas SAR Convention

2019 Annual Meeting - April 4th (Thursday) to April 7 (Sunday) 2019
Omni Southpark - 4140 Governors Row, Austin TX 78744 - Phone: (512) 383-2618

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President Bob Vickers presents Miss Emily King with a certificate. Miss Emily King is our chapter's Scholarship Winner. Her winning essay is "Our American Heritage and Our Responsibility for Preserving It".

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From the Color Guard Commander, Dennis Vierling:

Compatriots,

We now have several upcoming events on our calendar. As we get closer to the function more details will be given.

On March 29, 2019, there will be a Vietnam Veterans Recognition event at the Veterans Memorial Park located on Craig Ranch, McKinney, Texas, Friday, 6053 Weiskopf Avenue. The program starts at 1000am. This is not a SAR Color Guard event. No uniform required.

On April 13, 2019, Saturday, the Medal of Honor Parade in Gainesville, Texas starts at 1000am. Our Northern Commander Ted Wilson wants us to muster between 900am and 930am. Ted Wilson has made arrangements for a trailer which seats 16 people. Please contact him so he can save you a spot on the trailer. He also added that at last year's parade the group met at Dixon and 2nd Street. Parking was at the First Baptist Church. I will forward any updates or changes. Color Guard in uniform.

On June 15, 2019, Saturday, Color Guard in uniform has been invited to participate in the Plano SAR "Area Flag Retirement Ceremony.

It starts at 1100am. Let's try to muster at 1030am. The ceremony is to be held at the Plano Fire Station #12 located at 4125 West Parker Road Plano, Texas 75093.

We will also be participating in a July 4th, 2019 Parade either in the City of Heath and or in the City of Rockwall.

Please contact me should you like to join the Color Guard and if you know of an event you feel the Color Guard would like to attend.

Dennis A Vierling
EFT SAR
Color Guard Commander



From the Registrar, Dave Powell:

The Registrar's Corner

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NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

1. **Member** James Hobdy application was approved at National on 1/11/2019. James' Patriot is William Abernathy. **Approved, National Number: 210186.**
2. **Junior Member** Blake Strickland's application has been approved at National on 1/18/2019. Blake's Patriot is John Scalf. **Approved, National Number: 210291.**
3. **Junior Member** Levi Strickland's application has been approved at National on 1/18/2019. Levi's Patriot is John Scalf. **Approved, National Number: 210292.**
4. **Member** David Jackson's application was approved at National on 1/25/2019. David's Patriot is Isaac Van Wart. **Approved, National Number: 210391.**
5. **Prospective Member** Robin Holden's application was approved on 2/15/2019. Robin's Patriot is Thomas Holden. **Approved, National Number: 210684.**
6. **Prospective Member** Jeff Lott's application was approved on 2/15/2019. Jeff's Patriot is Philander Williams. **Approved, National Number: 210688.**
7. **Prospective Member** William (Bill) Marks application was pended at National on 1/3/2019, ACN#84460. Assistant Registrar Jason Gray found a substitute Patriot and Lineage and Bill's new application has been signed and mailed to the State Registrar on 18 Mar 2019. Bill's new Patriot is James Marks. **Application Submitted to State, Awaiting State Review.**
8. **Prospective Member** Gary Hughey was referred to EFT by the State Communications Secretary. We have completed work on his lineage and we are waiting on signatures. This

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is a family membership for Gary, his son Joshua Hughey and his Grandfather Chester Dale Eastin. Their Patriot is Philip Houck. Applicant has not responded in a month. **Awaiting Applicant's Response.**

9. **Prospective Member** Tommy Wornick was referred to EFT by the State Communications Secretary. We have not heard from the applicant for a month so we emailed him on 2/4/2019 to determine if applicant was still interested in joining the SAR. Applicant did not reply so we called him. He is trying to get one document from his mother. Tommy's Patriot is William Lester. **Waiting for one document from Applicant.**
10. **Prospective Member** Blake Cundiff was referred to EFT by the State Communications Secretary and he has been contacted. Blake responded and we are working with him. Assistant Registrar Jason Gray is working on this application. **Working on lineage and documents.**
11. **Prospective Member** Thomas Stocks was referred to EFT by the State Communications Secretary and he has been contacted. Applicant has responded and we are working with him. **Working on lineage and documents.**
12. **Prospective Member** Jamison Forer was referred to EFT by the State Communications Secretary and he has been contacted. Applicant has responded and we are working on his lineage. Jamison needed to provide documents for the first three generations and do some research to connect Gen 9 to 10. Emailed him again on 2/8/2019 to get status. **Working on lineage and documents.**
13. **Prospective Member** John Powers was referred to EFT by the State Secretary and he has been contacted. John has responded and we are working on his lineage. We are waiting on documents for Gens 1, 2 & 3 and research on Gens 6 & 7. We found 11 Patriots in his



family tree but there are lineage problems on each line. We Emailed John again on 2/8/2019. **Working on lineage and documents.**

14. Prospective Member Jim Adcock was contacted on 10/6/2018 and again on 12/17/2018.

He has responded to the 12/17 2018 Email and said he was very busy and he would contact us in three weeks. Jim has not provided any info for his family tree research.

Awaiting Applicant's Response

15. Prospective Member Patrick McCully was contacted twice and he responded on 17 Dec

2018 saying SAR membership remains on his list for the future. He intends to pursue membership in the near future. **Awaiting Applicant's Response**

16. Prospective Member Steve Huffman was referred to EFT by the State Secretary and he has

been contacted via Email and Phone. He has not responded. **Awaiting Applicant's**

Response

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATIONS

1. Member Larry Jordan has submitted a new Supplemental Application to State. Larry's new Patriot is Abraham Goad. **Application Awaiting Review at National.**

Ralph Hall, Gone, but not Forgotten by Dave Powell

Ralph Moody Hall, born May 3, 1923, lived his life fully and completely until he died peacefully in his home on March 7, 2019. Born in Fate, Texas, one of three children, Ralph lived in Rockwall, Texas where he graduated from Rockwall High School in 1941. After graduation, he joined the United States Navy on December 10, 1942, serving as an aircraft carrier pilot from 1942 to 1945 during World War II, attaining the rank of Lieutenant. He served 35 years in Congress for the Texas 4th District. Ralph is buried at Rest

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Haven Cemetery here in Rockwall and I hope to place a wreath on his Grave at this year's Wreath's Across America event.

Ralph was always very approachable and always ready to have his photo taken with the EFT group and I remember he liked telling jokes. He was always in the Rockwall 4th of July Parade and he always made an appearance at the McClendon-Chisholm events.

As a member of East Fork Trinity and the Chapter Registrar, I really tried to get Ralph into the SAR for several years back in 2013-14. I worked on Ralph's genealogy and my wife Barbara and I even dropped by the Batesville County Courthouse in Arkansas to look for documents.

Ralph was descended from the *Hall* and *Van Pelt* families on his father's side and the *Ball* and *Moody* families on his mother's side. It is interesting that his middle name is "Moody" which is the surname of his maternal Grandmother. Ralph's Prospective Patriot was *Farling Ball* (1730-1804), a member of the Loudon, Virginia Militia. His ancestors migrated to Arkansas from North Carolina and Virginia before the Civil War and he had the unusual distinction of having Great Uncles who fought on both sides in the Civil War.

This past weekend several WWII aircraft flew over our house. We live just down the road from the Rest Haven Cemetery where they laid Ralph Hall to rest as a B-24 passed overhead with the familiar deep rumble of those four radial engines. It reminded me of Ralph at our 2013 Color Guard event at McClendon-Chisholm. I dug up a photo to refresh my memory.

I know many of our EFT family have fond memories of Ralph Hall. He was one of the Greatest Generation.



From left to right:
Walt Thomas,
Dave Powell,
Ralph Hall,
Barbara Powell,
Mindy Lovell,
Gary Lovell,
Barbara Thomas,
Jane Christian,
Allen Christian,
Montie Monzingo,
Vivian Dennis-
Monzingo

Taken at
McClendon-
Chisholm



Have Challenge Coins, Will Travel by Montie Monzingo

During our recent European Spring Break Travel, we, along with two busloads of tourists, stopped off in Margraten at the Netherlands American Cemetery and Memorial. My father and two distant cousins rest there. We had the opportunity to visit again with Joost Claassens and Frenk Lahaye, the Cemetery Senior Associate, and to meet the new Superintendent, Shane Williams. Frenk Lahaye also serves as master of ceremony at the Memorial Day Celebration.



Shane Williams, Superintendent of the
Netherland American Cemetery



Frenk Lahaye, Senior Associate of
the Netherland American Cemetery

On the drive from Amsterdam to the cemetery, I gave a talk on the major battles in Europe, the need for temporary cemeteries, and the development of the present Netherlands American Cemetery. When we arrived, Superintendent Shane Williams gave a tour of the cemetery, and Frenk Lahaye answered questions about the cemetery. Vivian and I presented SAR East-Fork Trinity Chapter Challenge Coins to Joost, Shane, and Frenk. We left a Challenge Coin for Harri Visschers, the adopter of my father's grave. Harri was unable to be there due to an injury to his leg.

Joost is a close friend of the members of AWON, the American World War Orphans Network, of which I am a member. Joost is always at the cemetery when our AWON group is there during Memorial Day Celebrations. Joost takes hundreds of photos, which he graciously shares with our members, and he posts them online. Joost is a true friend of AWON.

At my father's grave, I asked Joost if he had heard of the Alamo; he assured me that he had. I, then, presented him with a Texas flag that was flown over the Alamo on May 5, Liberation Day in the Netherlands. Joost plans to fly this flag with his Netherlands flag, just the way the U S flag and the Netherlands flag are flown at the cemetery during the Memorial Day Celebration, i.e., side by side on the same flagpole.



Joost
Claassens
with his
Texas flag
and EF-T
Challenge
Coin

Some Photos from the March Meeting



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