



## Edmund Terrill News

Edmund Terrill Chapter #34

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July---August

2017

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Here it is almost July 4<sup>th</sup>, one wonders where the first half of the year has gone. Let's see, there were the new Eagle Scouts in January, George Washington Parade in Laredo, Texas, in February, 118<sup>th</sup> convention for DAR in Dallas with the Texas SAR Color Guard posting colors and the 122<sup>nd</sup> Annual SAR Convention in San Antonio in March. April brought us the Medal of Honor Parade in Gainesville, Texas, the Color Guard presented the colors at the Patriots Ball at the Hyatt Regency in Dallas. There was a gravestone re-dedication in Oakwood Cemetery in Denison. In May, we found Armed Forces Day in Bonham followed by Memorial Day Services in West Hill Cemetery along with a parade in Spring Creek and another one in Denison. Here it is June with a Flag Retirement Ceremony in Plano and the Audie Murphy Day Parade in Farmersville, Texas. The return of a WWII KIA on December 7, 1941, to be buried in Parkdale Cemetery next to his parents in Arlington, Texas. This is only part of what has happened in the past six months. We had activities at the Bonham VA and Naturalization. We still have six months to complete this year and I know we can make them exciting, because there are already events in the making. Why don't you join us along the way?

Our meeting in May was covered by T.L. Holden and William Woods. We had learned that Wade Graves mother had passed away. Our condolence to the family. Other business us Ken Lech as a new member and the promotion of Ted Wilson to Major Commander of the Northern Texas SAR Color Guard. Our speaker was Ted Wilson, who

talked about how Memorial Day came about and how the day was chosen. He also included reference to the Veterans Memorial in Fairview Park in Sherman, and how Marvin Milam (whose name is etched on one of the stones) is related to him. He told about his short life in the United States and his being assigned the 360<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron at the RAF airfield near Luton, England. When and how he lost his life and that he is now at rest in the St. James (France) U.S. Military Cemetery. A display of flags for each military organization was present including the MIA flag. Along with coins and currency from WWII.



Ted Wilson



Ken Leach and William Woods



## **From our Chapter Registrar – T. L. Holden**

2017 has been a busy time with individual interest in joining the Sons of the American Revolution. So far this year we have processed ten (11) applications and working with another fifteen (15) to complete their applications.

### **SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATIONS**

1. Robert McFadden with his patriot Robert Peele.
2. Bill Hurst with his patriot Henry Washington.  
Both are at NSSAR waiting approval.

### **APPLICATIONS**

1. Robert Hastings was approved by NSSAR on June 2, 2017. His patriot is Peter Shafor. Awaiting Induction.
2. Glen Townsend's application is waiting review by NSSAR. His patriot is Alexander McDonald.
3. Jon Lee Allen's application is waiting review by NSSAR. His patriot is William Buster.
4. Jon Brandon Allen's application is waiting review by NSSAR. His patriot is William Buster.
5. Cameron Taylor Allen's application is waiting review by NSSAR. His patriot is William Buster.
6. William Ryan Allen's application is waiting review by NSSAR. His patriot is William Buster.
7. Billy Blount's application is waiting review by TXSSAR. His patriot is James Tarrant.
8. William T. Huskinson, Sr.'s application is waiting review by TXSSAR. His patriot is John Baldrige.
9. William T. Huskinson, Jr.'s application is waiting review by TXSSAR. His patriot is John Baldrige.
10. Benjamin T. Huskinson's application is waiting review by TXSSAR. His patriot is John Baldrige.
11. Andrew Huskinson's application is waiting review by TXSSAR. His patriot is John Baldrige.

### **APPLICATION in PROCESS**

The following are working on their application: Rick Carver, William Leach, Reynolds Ansley, Gary Barker, Jim Osborne, Mack Osborne, Ivan Banfield, Randy Adams, Doug Leach, Ronald Huff, Joe Rogers, Lonnie Colson, Bob Sikes and Travis Woods. We also

have Randy Taylor looking at being reinstated.

## **ACTIVITIES AND COLOR GUARD EVENTS**

Memorial Day Activities May 29, 2017

Both Sherman and Denison held simultaneously events at 11 a.m. Monday. In Sherman at the West Hill Cemetery with Bill Teague, USMC, USA, Texas State Guard as the speaker. The flag was placed at half mast and the National Anthem played. Memorial wreaths were placed and them “TAPS” was sounded by David Pedigo, Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 973. Denison held theirs in Fairview Cemetery. Later that day T.L. Holden attended the parade in Denison.



Soldiers Angels



David Pedigo



## Spring Creek Memorial Day Parade in Plano.



Dan Reed, Drake Peddie, Howard Roach, Jerry and Marshall Cope, Michael Radcliff and T. L. Holden

## FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY JUNE 10, 2017, PLANO, TEXAS

Jeanette Prasifka spoke on behalf of oldwornflag.com, and welcomed all groups and others who had gathered to be witnesses. She explained that Title 4 of the United States Code states, “The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified manner, preferably by burning.” Tom Whitelock of the Dallas Chapter helped with the program; and U. S. Army Vietnam War Veteran, Major D.R. Marshall, retired inspected the flags before destroyed. We also had Scouts from Troops 78 and 291 in Plano, and The Long Star Chapter of Paralyzed Veterans of America Honor Guard.

Other SAR members who attended were: Plano Chapter – Alan Johnson, Don Sielert, Ned Larowe, Larry Melton, Dan Reed, Bill Neise, and John Ray; Dallas Chapter – Bob Kittrell and Tom Whitelock; Edmund Terrill Chapter –T. L. Holden and Ted Wilson; East Fork trinity Chapter – Paul Ridenour and John Greer.

Once the flags had been inspected – the blue cannon with the stars (represents each state in the union) is separated from the 13 strips (represents the 13 original colonies) thereby rendering it no longer a flag. The strips are burned first and then the cannon is burned. There will be rifle volley followed by TAPS.



John Greer, Bob Kittrell, T. L. Holden



## AUDIE MURPHY DAY PARADE June 17, 2017

Audie Murphy Day in Farmersville, Texas, began in 1999 as a solemn remembrance of Audie Murphy; the most decorated soldier of World War II. Who came home to a hero's welcome in downtown Farmersville in 1945. Today this Main Street Program event draws thousands and honors our local veterans as well as our "hometown hero" Audie Murphy. Popular activities over the years have included a parade, (complete with local vets riding in historic vehicles). A brief program giving biographical information about Audie Murphy, a roll call of local veterans, and military exhibits.



T.L. Holden, Howard Roach, John Greer, Don Babbs, Don Seilert, Montie Moneingo, Dennis A. Vierling, Bill Covington, Dan Reed, Ted Wilson



Bill Covington, Dennis A. Vierling, Montie Moneingo, John Greer

## December 7, 1941; HERO Returned Home

The body of **George Coke, Jr.** was returned to Arlington, Texas on Saturday, June 24, 2017 for burial in the family plot at Parkdale Cemetery in Arlington, Texas. Originally it was among the graves of unknown sailors buried in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. Identification had been made through DNA.

He was on the USS Oklahoma when Japan launched an aerial attack against the American naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on December 7, 1941. The Oklahoma, which lost more than 400 sailors, was torpedoed and sunk by Japanese warplanes. The USS Arizona suffered more losses.



June 24, 2017, was a cloudy rainy day in the North Texas area, but between two and three hundred people still gathered to celebrate the life of George Coke, Jr. Full Military Honors at both the church (First United Methodist Church) and the cemetery were carried out. The Arlington Police Department Honor Guard served as pallbearers while Navy Seamen did the honor at the cemetery. A twenty-one gun salute was followed by TAPS and the presentation of the flag to the family.

**The Liberty Bell** – has been mostly silent for two centuries. And during the Revolution, it was unseen, hidden under the floorboards of a church in Allentown. Yet, even in silence, it has always borne one message, cast for the ages with the words of the Old Testament: *“Proclaim liberty throughout all the land, unto all inhabitants thereof.”* The Liberty Bell still honors that first generation of Americans who followed those words...and we give thanks to the God who watched over our country then, and who watches over it today.

**God Bless America!!!**

## **ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS;**

As a reminder to all members of the Edmund Terrill Chapter, we will soon be asking if anyone is interested in serving a one or two years term as an officer of our chapter. We will provide more details at our September meeting. This would allow you to become more involved with our local chapter and the SAR as a whole. There are many local activities that we can become involved with. I do suggest that you consider a position. You will be given help with it. So, if someone asks you to be an officer – inquire as to what is involved. A yes, would be a welcomed surprise. Also, you may contact Wade Graves for more details.



## **WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA**

**Place an order for one or two**

**December 16, 2017**