



Edmund Terrill News

Edmund Terrill Chapter #34

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It's hard to believe that it is almost the end of the year! Thanks to each of you for your service and your support of SAR throughout the year. Our chapter has been very active this year with grave marking, Color Guard, flag certificates, and serving the veterans in Bonham.

Our veterans still need some help. One way that you can help is to bring new men's underwear and socks to the next meeting. If you have toothbrushes or small tubes of toothpaste, please bring those as well.

Another service project with which we can be involved is wreaths across America. Ted Wilson was involved with this last year and I'm sure he will be happy to share what he has learned about this very nice program. If possible, please consider supporting this worthwhile effort.

I understand that we have several new members pending as well as some current members who have supplemental Patriots. Congratulations to all! I look forward to recognizing you at the next meeting.

Thanks to each of you once again for your support of the Sons of the American Revolution and our service programs.

Wade

Election of Officers will be held at the November meeting. Toss your hat into the ring. See you November 15, 2017, at 11:30 am for Dutch treat lunch. Our speaker will be John Greer, his subject "Prominent Texas SAR Presidents."

On September 25, 2017, T.L. Holden and Ted Wilson joined with members of the Plano Chapter and East Fork Trinity Chapter to celebrate with 96 individuals their U. S. Citizenship in Irving, Texas. The Honorable Amos L. Mazzant, III, administered the Oath of Allegiance. Other SAR members in attendance were Howard Roach, Don Sielert, Dan Reed, Walt Thomas, Gary Lovell, Bob Kubin, and Bill Watts.



At our meeting on September 20, 2017, a new member, Glen Townsend, was inducted by Dr. Wade Graves. Our speaker was Dr. Graves, himself. He told about "Washington's Crossing of the Delaware River," as seen through the eyes of Thomas Bradford, Jr., and recorded in a diary. Bill Watts, TXSAR Color Guard Commander presented T. L. Holden and Ted Wilson the National Society bronze Color Guard Medal.



The State Fair of Texas began September 29, 2017, and went through until October 22, 2017. As in past years the SAR has set up a table in the DAR house on the fair grounds. T. L. Holden and Ted Wilson helped work that table during the fair. Met a lot of interesting people. It's surprising how many have proven their lineage but are not members of the SAR. Some are not aware of us and we need to introduce our chapter to them.



Bill Watts, Ted Wilson, John Greer

Board of Managers Meeting occurred October 13 thur 15, 2017, in Galveston, Texas, with T.L. Holden and Ted Wilson in attendance. We each attended various committee meetings. With the National SAR Congress being held in Houston, Texas, July 12—15, 2018, plans were being laid for the event.

For the evening banquet on the 14th, the Colors were presented by SAR members from across Texas. Our speaker was RADM Michael Rodriguez, USMC Superintendent, Texas A&M Maritime Academy. He helps prepare the cadets for maritime activities. His speech told of the history of maritime from 1492 to present in the United states.

Also, part of our time was spent listening to Oration Contest of students not yet graduated from High School. They were competing for scholarship. Their speech had to something related to the Revolution time period. The six speakers all had different topics and each was very interesting.



The Edmund Terrill Chapter #34, met on October 18, 2017, for its meeting. Our speaker was Lt. Col. Craig Greenwood (Retired) who is Grayson College Services Coordinator for Veteran services. He talked about the many services the college offers to Veterans and how they help them to back to school with younger people and transition back into civilian life. The college also offers them a Veteran's Hub for military only where they can visit and study. We received an invitation to come and visit them. Also, a slate of possible officers was presented. You can still put forth your name or someone else.



Lt. Col. Craig Greenwood (Retired)

The Texas Genealogical College met on October 28, 2017, at the Doubletree by Hilton in Dallas, Texas. They requested the Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard post and retire the Colors at their general banquet that night. Bill Watts, T.L. Holden, Walt Thomas, and Ted Wilson participated in the event. Their guest speaker was William (Bill) Covington of the Arlington Chapter. His presentation was about the frigate South Carolina and the many shady characters who served on it during the American Revolutionary War. After all their stories are just as important as the story of the frigate itself. Two DAR wives were in attendance—Laura Watts and Jean Covington.



T. L. Holden

Bill Watts

Ted Wilson

Bill Covington

DAR/SAR

Our Chapters Color Guard was asked to present the Colors and Retire then at the public reading of the United States Constitution on Sunday, September 17, 2017. this date marked the date that 56 men put their name to the parchment. This event occurred at the Grayson County Courthouse, Sherman, Texas, West Courtroom. It was hosted by The Preston Trail Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Charles Hibert and his wife Gay were in attendance. Ted Wilson, H.L. Holden, and Steve Scheinost presented the Colors. After the reading, everyone followed the Colors to the North side of the Courthouse and at 3:00 pm, bells were rang for one full minute as our forefathers had done back in 1787.



On September 21, 2017, T.L. Holden and Ted Wilson attended the Martha Jefferson Randolph Chapter NSDAR. Their speaker was Tracey Stergera a “911 Operator and First Respondent.” She pointed out that when you do call “911” they will ask a number of questions to help pin point where you are calling from for a better response. Over her years as a “911 operator” she has helped to deliver three boys and 2 girls during the call. Linda Green presented some information for Constitution week. The most interesting being that the constitution and other historical documents were transferred to Fort Knox after the bombing of Pearl Harbor by order of President Roosevelt.

A grave dedication of a DAR marker for Emma Tell Washington Patrick (1848-1907) was held by the Martha Jefferson Randolph Chapter NSDAR on October 19, 2017 at 3:30 pm, at the Oakwood Cemetery in Denison, Texas. She is listed on the DAR rolls as number 691, and the daughter of Dr. Lawrence Augustine Washington and his wife Martha Dickinson Shrewsbury also buried in the cemetery. The Edmund Terrill Chapter of the SAR had marked their graves in April 2017. Two Washington descendants Bill Hurst and Dale Rideout were present. The ritual was given by regent Johanna Kroeger and Chaplain Cheryl McKee. Vice Regent Denise Green gave a personal tribute. Sons of the American Revolution in attendance were Dr. Wade Graves, T.L. Holden, Bill Hurst, and Ted Wilson.

