

Edmund Terrill News

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Officers

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President – Harvey Davis

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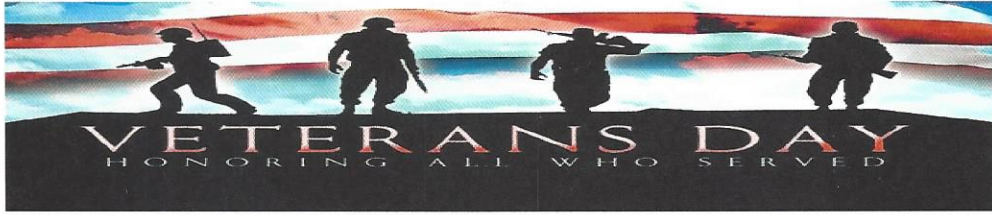
2nd Vice President – Robert McFadden

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The newly elected officers from the November meeting are listed above and will be installed at the January 17, 2018 meeting of the Edmund Terrill Chapter. They will be your leaders for 2018 and 2019. Can you believe that 2017 has ended and we are entering into 2018? Where has the year gone? Through out the year I have gathered information about the Edmund Terrill Chapter activities and those of its members. A number of us have been so busy that we didn't realize that time marched on. All these activities will be presented in a book about the year. So if you get a chance, don't hesitate to look through it. You'll be glad you did.

On, November 4, 2017, a re-enactment documentary of the duel between Hamilton and Burr was filmed in Weatherford, Texas. Bill Watts of the East Fork Trinity Chapter provided a lot of the period clothing, and Drake Peddie of the Plano Chapter will play Matthew L. Davis. This is being filmed by Larry Stanley of Dallas and is titled "Channeling Hamilton". No release date was given.

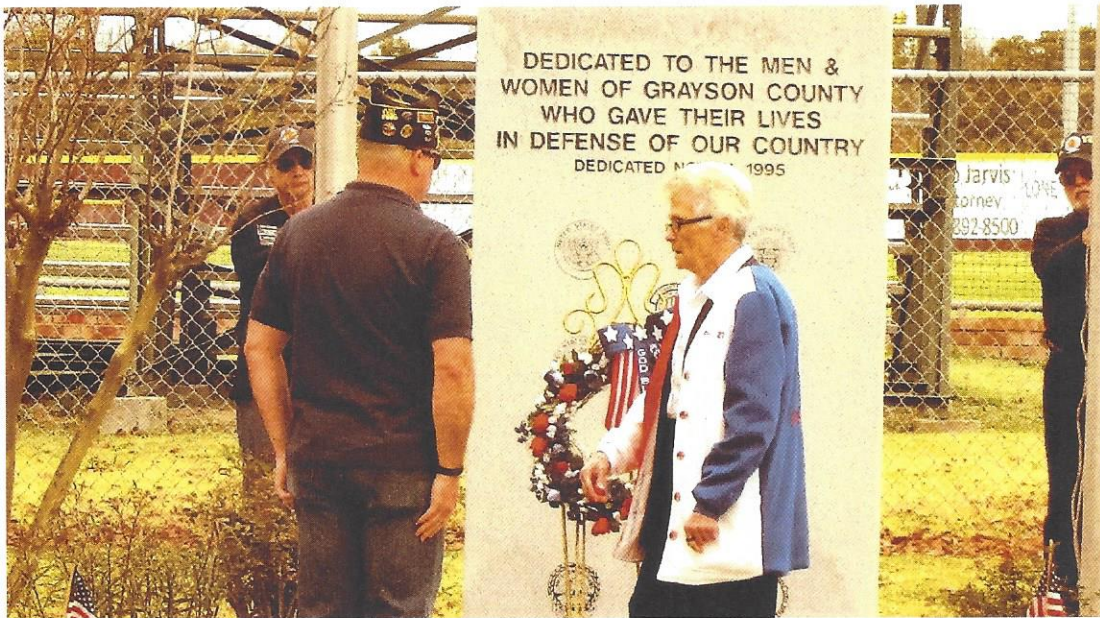


Veterans Day Activities this year were numerous and began on Thursday, November 9th in Bonham. We had T. L. Holden, Bill Hurst, and Ted Wilson join Bill Watts, John Greer, Les Anderson from East Fork Trinity along with Don Sielert and his wife Mary (DAR) of the Plano Chapter. We handed out flags to all the school kids that attended from the area. The colors were presented by the Long Star Chapter of paralyzed Veterans of America in Dallas.



There were parades in Dallas, Fort Worth, and Denison to name a few plus other cities. It would be impossible to make to make it to all of them. T. L. Holden was a judge at the Dallas Parade. Hope everyone got to be involved somewhere.

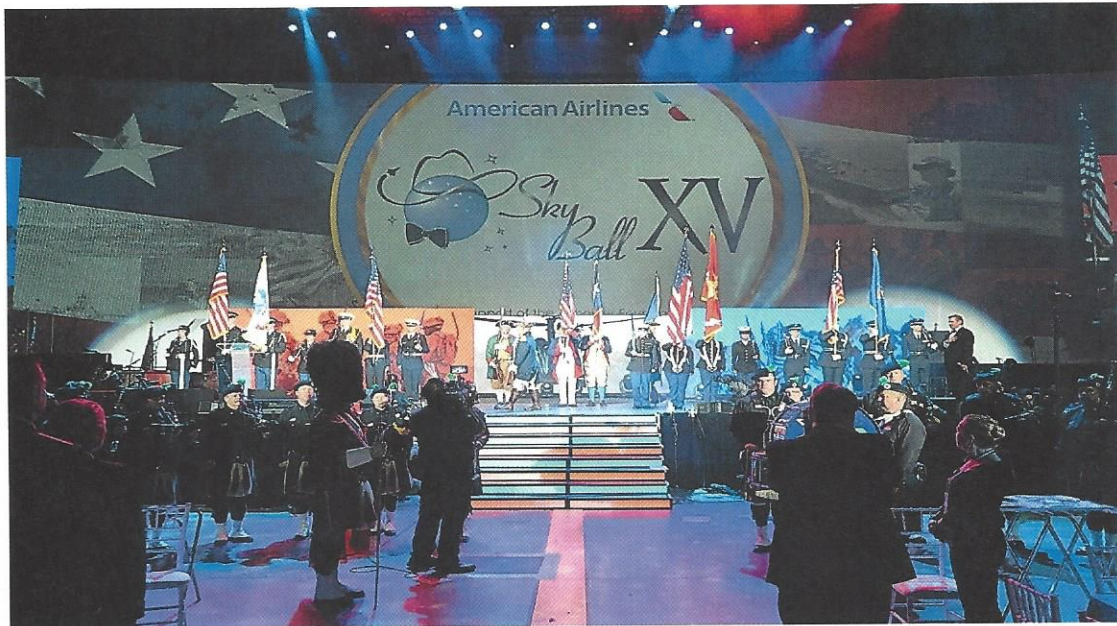
On Saturday, November 11, 2017, T. L. Holden and Ted Wilson attended the events at Fairview Park in Sherman. The program was done by the local VFW. A wreath was laid by the Ladies Auxillary for those who had given their lives for our freedom.



Another event taking place was at the American Airlines Hanger 5 at DFW International Airport called Sky Ball XV. The North Texas SAR Color Guard had been asked to take part in the opening ceremony and present the Colors (We had been seen at the opening ceremony of the Patriot Ball doing the same.). We were to be one of six groups and would be at center stage. The other groups being ROTC/JROTC for the Navy, Army, Marines, and Air Force plus a Pipe and Drum group from New York City. We found out later that this group was made up of personnel from the Fire and Police Departments who first responded to 9/11 in New York City. The SAR Color Guard consisted of Ted Wilson, Bill Watts, Gary Lovell, Bill Covington, and Dave Davidson. It opened with the Pipe and Drum group marching in the front of the stage and performing. Next each ROTC group alternating from the right and left lower sides of the stage climb the center stairs and went to opposite sides of the stage. Lastly the SAR Color Guard marched from the back and ended up center stage for the singing of the National Anthem by Steve Amerson.

When we arrived earlier the Beach Boys were in rehearsal as they were scheduled to perform later that night. We got to listen to them before our rehearsal. During the course of the evening there were stories and speakers talking about Veterans. Seventeen of the seventy-three Medal of Honor Recipients were introduced on stage. School children at the Grapevine Colleyville ISD were challenged to make Challenge Coins designs for courage, commitment, integrity, sacrifice, citizenship, and patriotism. Everyone in attendance to the event were given a coin. Gary Sinise told about his foundation and how it helped Veterans and their families.

This was the third night of a three day event and there were over 2,700 people in attendance tonight alone. With this being a fund raising event for The Airpower Foundation, a nation wide organization dedicated to supporting members of the military and their families over \$3.1 million was raised during the event.



The last event to close Veterans Day was on Sunday, November 12, 2017, at the First Presbyterian Church in Ft. Worth. It was called "Massing of the Colors". Participating organization are active duty/reserve units, Junior ROTC units, Veteran's Organizations, Patriotic Organizations, including Boy and Girl Scouts. Each organization must have the United States Flag and their group flag and then they can add other flags associated to them. The procession is done in pairs. Rear Admiral James Lair, U.S. Navy Retired was the speaker. Colors are posted and retired at the close. SAR members who attended were from Van Zandt Chapter, Ft. Worth, Bob Gresham, Ron Turner, and Dave Davidson; Arlington Chapter, Jerry Cope; East Fork Trinity chapter Bill Watts; and Edmund Terrill Chapter, T. L. Holden and Ted Wilson.



On November 15, 2017, the meeting of the chapter occurred at the Denison Country Club. Our speaker was John Greer who spoke about "Prominent Texas SAR State Presidents". Supplemental were awarded to Bill Hurst and Robert McFadden. William J. Woods was given the Roger Sherman Certificate and Bronze Medal while Dr. Wade Graves was presented the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and certificate. An election of new officers was held and are listed on the front page of this newsletter. They will be installed at the January 15, 2018 meeting.

Veteran Burials at DFW National Cemetery was held on November 20, 2017, for twenty-eight (28) homeless Veterans. It was done with full Military Honors. No one, not even family members came forward to claim them. Jerry Cope from the Arlington Chapter attended as a representative for the SAR of Texas. A big Thank You from me was given to him.

Christmas came early for some Veterans at the VA Bonham facilities on December 15, 2017. Many Veteran support groups came together to give gifts. The Edmund Terrill and East Fork Trinity Chapters represented the SAR. We had T. L. Holden, Bill Hurst, and Ted Wilson. We joined John Greer, Bill Watts, Stephen Johnson and Les Anderson. We gave them one to two pair of socks and a card. We also fixed bags of goodies for those who could not get out of bed.



Ted Wilson, Bill Hurst, Stephen Johnson, John Greer, T. L. Holden, Bill Watts, and Les

Wreaths Across America

This is another way we remember those who fought for our freedom. About seventy-five (75) people gather at Cedar Lawn Memorial Park for this event. The Civil Air Patrol is in charge of collecting the wreaths and getting them to the cemetery. They informed me that they received a surprise phone call telling them they would be receiving another truck load of wreaths. All total they received over 900. The Colors are posted and retired by cadets at the Civil Air Patrol. Capt. Ashmore, Retired from Paris, Texas gave a short talk about the Veterans who endured all types of weather for our freedom and only ask for a simple "Thank You". Seven wreaths were set aside for each branch of service plus MIA/POW at the conclusion. "Taps" were played on a bugle. Everyone in attendance was invited to help place the wreaths on graves. KTRN, channel 10 out of Ada, Oklahoma, was filming the event and I (Ted Wilson) can be seen in the background. Every military grave in the veteran area received a wreath and the two areas on the West and South sides received numerous wreaths until all were distributed.



Capt Ashmore, Retired



As I Close out the events of 2017, let's not forget that on December 16, 1773, we had
“The Boston Tea Party”

Heavenly Father, grant us thy mercies as we part another year. In the the coming year , help us to reaffirm our roles as citizens of the United States. Keep before us the privations and sacrifices of our ancestors, who freely gave themselves in the cause of liberty and democracy. Endue us with their resolve. Strengthen us as we pledge ourselves to the preservation of the freedoms bestowed by thy hand. Amen.