



# Edmund Terrill News

## Chapter # 34

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The first two months of 2018 began slowly for our chapter. A lot of cold weather and sickness. As we entered into March, we began to see activities pick up. The Northern SAR Color Guard was asked to post the colors for the State Conference of the Texas Society National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century. This event was held at the Hyatt Regency North Dallas, Richardson, Texas, on March 2, 2018.





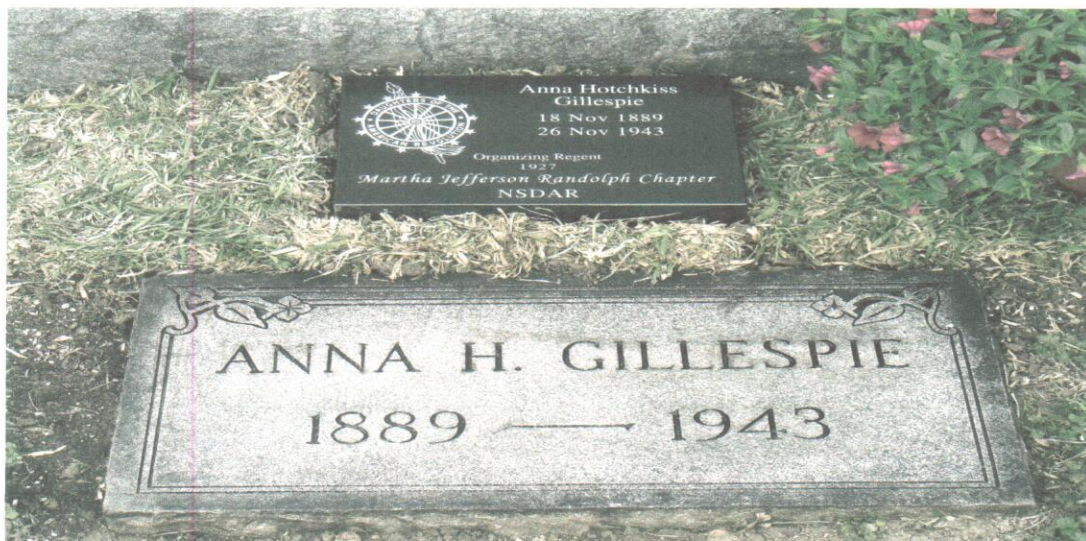
Those pictured on the prior page are:

Nick Gilliam, Ted Wilson, T. L. Holden, Larry Melton, and Bill Watts



Some of those in attendance at the Colonial Dames

On Saturday, March 17, 2018, the Edmund Terrill Chapter SAR was invited to join the Martha Jefferson Randolph DAR Chapter to the grave marking of their founder Anna Hatchkiss Gillespie (1889-1943) who was buried in West Hill Cemetery in Sherman, Texas. She founded the chapter on May 24, 1927, and it was named to honor Anna; who is a direct descendant of the daughter of Thomas Jefferson. SAR members were Wade Graves, and T.L. Holden and Ted Wilson, both in uniforms.







DAR Members along with T. L. Holden (Left) and Wade Graves and Ted Wilson (Right)

The State SAR Color Guard Commander received a request for the SAR Color Guard to post colors for the beginning of the Texas Society Children of the American Revolution Ninety-First Annual State Conference 20158. It was to be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, Dallas/Lewisville, Texas on March 23, 2018. We knew this was an event to cover as they will be the future SAR and DAR of Texas. We got to meet the 2019 Duke Trevor Burke and Duchess Cleo Danke and have a picture made with them.





Those in the picture on the prior page are:

Ted Wilson, Bill Watts, Duchess Cleo Danke, Duke Trevor Burke,  
Larry Melton, Dave Davidson, Steve Scheinost, and Bob Kittrell

Our March meeting was on March 21, 2018, and the Color Guard posted colors (Ted Wilson, Don Babbs, Steve Scheinost, and John Greer). Our speaker was Colonel Kenneth Cordier, USAF Retired. He told about his life as a POW from December 2, 1966, to March 4, 1973, after his F-4 Phantom had taken a direct hit from a surface to air missile forcing him to eject some 85 miles north of Hanoi, Vietnam. He was presented with a 50 year Vietnam War Metal and Speakers Certificate.

Mason Prewitt, Civil Air Patrol, was given the Good Citizenship Metal and a Certificate. Currently he is stationed at the DFW National Cemetery where he has been Master of Ceremonies for the past three years for Wreaths Across America. His plans are to serve in the United States Air Force and possibly attend the Air Force Academy. He is also an Eagle Scout.

Deputy Sheriff Susan Armstrong, Fannin County Sheriff's Office was transporting a juvenile female that had been sentenced in court to the Grayson County Juvenile Detention Center when that person attempted to take their their life twice. Deputy Armstrong was able to secure the prisoner and complete the transfer, she was given a special certificate by the Edmund Terrill Chapter.

Other activities covered at the meeting was the purchase of an additional 35 more eagle statues for future Eagle Scouts. Bill Hurst talked about the push to have all counties in Texas to recognize February 22<sup>nd</sup> as the official day of President George Washington birthday. It was suggested that a bowl be present at each meeting and monies collected be used for the veterans at the Bonham VA. This was passed by all present.



John Greer, Harvey Davis, Kenneth Cordier





Don Babbs and Mason Prewitt



Passing of Chapter Leadership



The Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention as held April 5 thur April 8, 2018 in Richardson, Texas at the Hyatt Regency North Dallas. It was hosted by the Plano and East Fork Trinity Chapters. There were a number of of meeting and conferences to attend. Much discussion was done about the upcoming National Congress for the Son of the America Revolution to be held July 11 thue July 19, 2018, in Houston, Texas. The Texas Society will be the host.

The Edmund Terrill Chapter was represented by Harvey Davis, Ted Wilson, T. L. Holden, and Bill Hurst. We all attended various committee meetings (Veterans, Color Guard, Memorial Service, Installation of Officers, and Patriot Guard Metals). The Chapter scrape book received 2<sup>nd</sup> place and the newsletter honorable mention. Both Harvey and Ted were presented a 50 year Vietnam War Metal. At our meeting on May 16, 2018, we will discuss it further.

The Colors were posted at various occasions. There was a changing of th State Color Guard Commander. It is now Stewart Hoyt and John Greer was named the Color Guardman of the year (2017).



Changing of the Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution Commander  
Ted Wilson, Bill Watts, Stu Hoyt, Blair Rudy





Color Guard on April 7, 2018

On Saturday April 7, 2018, during the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention, the Medal of Honor Parade in Gainesville, Texas was to occur. A Texas Blue Nor-western came blowing in the night before and sent temperature down into the lower 30's. There was a wind to match the temperatures plus it was a cloudy and misty day. All in all it did not dampen the spirits of those who had come to be in the parade nor those who had lined the streets to watch the parade. This year the float with the large Liberty Bell and the Ten Commandments was in from of the Sons of the American Revolution. Also behind us were members of the Preston Shore DAR Chapter. They were lucky to be riding on a trailer and covered. Because of the coldness and the openness of the military vehicles, it was decided that those who were Medal of Honor receipts would not ride in the parade.

It reminded one about their childhood parade days at Christmas. All in all it was a good parade.





Names not in order

Ted Wilson, Bob Mears, T. L. Holden, Steve Tell, Sonny Replogle,  
Del Francis, Jim Hanlow, Ron Wheeler, Jack Adair, Jerry Pinkerton,  
Tom Whitelock, and John Greer

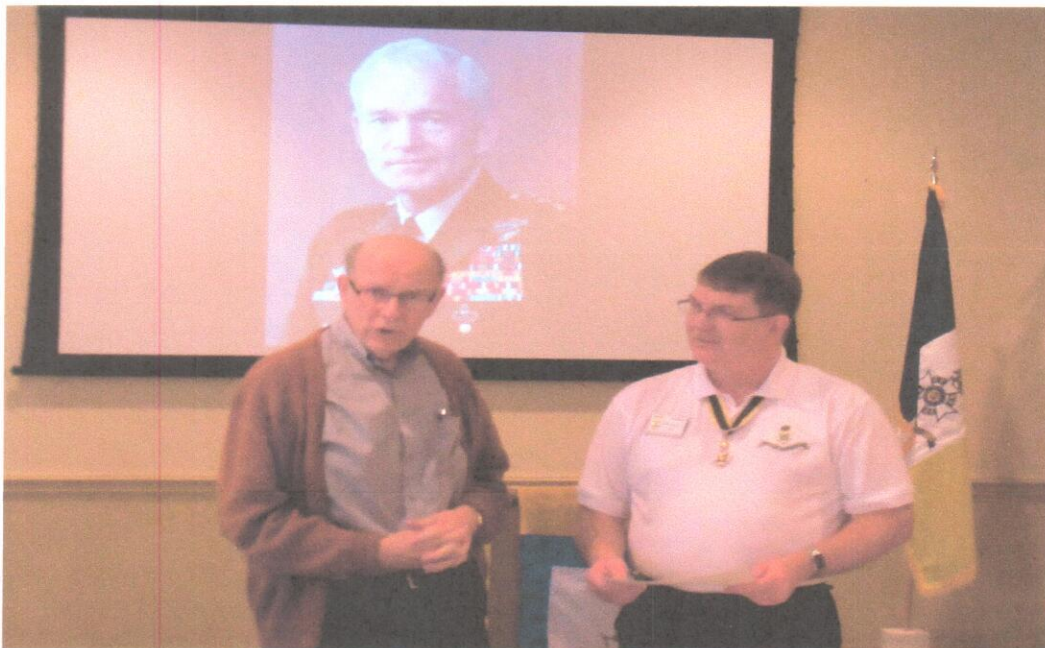
Members of the North Texas Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard met at the Lake View Cemetery in Lavon, Texas, along with members of the John Abston Chapter of the NSDAR of McKinney, Texas, for the rededication of the historical Abston Cemetery. He is the only Revolutionary War Veteran buried in Collin County. He had enlisted at the age of 18 years in Virginia and fought in the "Battle of King's Mountain" on October 7, 1780.

The John Abston Chapter, NSDAR of McKinney, Texas, has the special distinction of being named after one of only two patriot graves in Texas known to be marked by the Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution and the State of Texas.





It always saddens us on the lost of a family member, and the same can be said about the loss about a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. But, on March 3, 2018, we lost Dr. Robert Theodore McFadden. He was an asset to the chapter and will be greatly missed. The chapter made a donation of \$50.00 to the Dr. Robert Theodore McFadden Scholarship at the Southeastern Foundation in Durant, Oklahoma.



Robert McFadden and Wade Graves



Our speaker for the meeting on May 16, 2018, will be Marye Scantlin. Her subject will be the "Bataan Death March" in April 1942 and POW's. Her father survived both the march and being a POW. A display of items from the time period will be set up. Do take the time to look over these items.

To help set up this time period; here is a little history about the Philippine Islands.

Spanish explorer Magellan claimed the islands for Spain in 1521. The first settlement was in 1765 at Cebu and Manila in 1572. The British came in and captured Manila and occupied it in 1762, but returned it to Spain by the Treaty of Paris in 1763. Spain maintained control of the Philippines until 1898 when it was ceded to the United States at the end of the Spanish-American War.

The Philippines were recognized as a U. S. Sovereignty. From 1903 to 1945, you will find this designation on their coins. These coins were minted either in San Francisco or Carson City. After the bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, General MacArthur was assigned to the Philippines and in command of the troops. In early 1942 the Japanese forces were closing in on the islands. The General was not able to get all of his troops off the island, but he did say that one day he would be back for them.

Marye will tell you the rest of the story.

I have seen two good movies about this time in history. I hope all of you enjoy the meeting.

**FEED BACK IS ALWAYS WELCOMBED!**