



Edmund Terrill News Chapter #34

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2018 has passed away into history. It was another year filled with first time SAR activities that were different from the prior years. Should you take the time to review the past six news letters you will see what I am talking about. They are online at the Texas SAR website. We closed 2018 with the most exciting news to come from the Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution for sometime. The new Quanah Parker Chapter # 67 established by the Edmund Terrill Chapter #34 in Vernon, Texas. T. L. Holden deserves a pat on the back and congratulation for all his hard work and time he devoted to this endeavor.

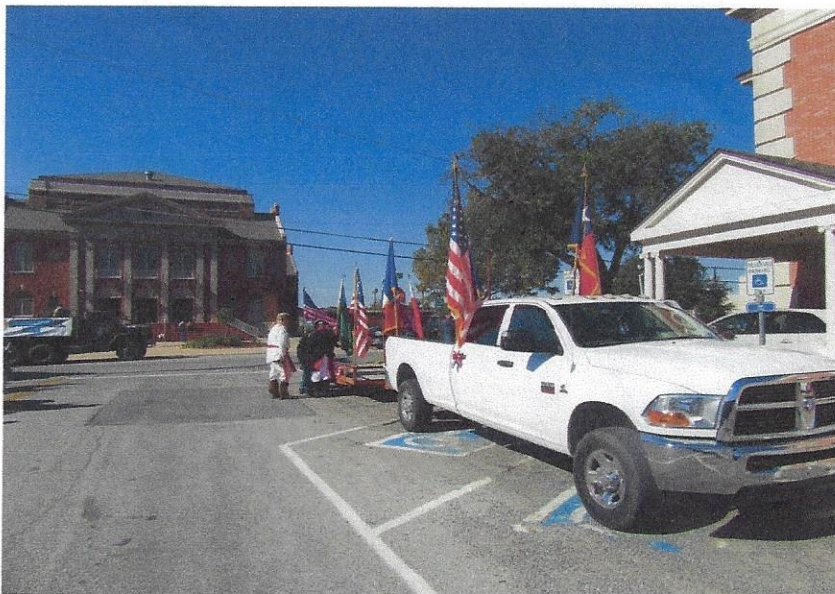
In November, we had a number of activities around Veterans Day on November 11th to keep us busy. The weather caused some of them to be canceled while other were too great a distance away. T. L. Holden, Bill Hurst, John Greer, and Ted Wilson went to the Bonham VA to serve lunch to the veterans that are there. This is just one of the many times we visit our veterans. We like to serve and help them when ever we can. September was one of those time and we will be going back to Bonham in December to help give them a Merry Christmas. Everyone in the chapter is invited to come join in the festivities and no Color Guard uniform is required to hand cards, cookies, etc... to our veterans. Come join us sometime.

Our fore fathers fought for our independence in 1776, and eventually won the war. Today we are still accepting new citizens and on November 9th the Sons of the American Revolution got to present and retire the Colors at a new gathering for citizenship, These are always great to attend.



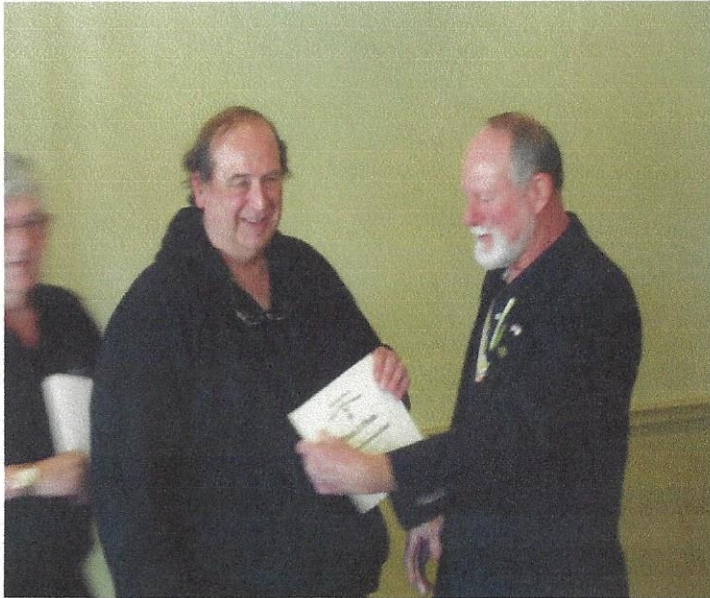
Ted Wilson, Bob Johns, Howard Roach, Jerry Cope
Ron Turner, T. L. Holden

Sherman has not had a Veterans Day Parade since 1981. It was decided there would be one this year and The Sons of the American Revolution wanted to be part of a new beginning. We found a trailer and put some decorations on it and we were ready.



John Greer, Don Babbs, T. L. Holden, Harvey Davis, Ted Wilson

November 14th was the last meeting for the year and Ted Wilson presented a program about the SAR Flag/Banner and how it came into being. Certificates for years of membership were handed out. T. L. Holden gave a report on the new Vernon Chapter and its membership. We also discussed the chapters upcoming 35th anniversary in January and how our meeting will be around it. If you have any history or items about the Edmund Terrill Chapter you are encouraged to bring them to the meeting.



William is a Chartered Member



T. L. Holden, Wade Graves, Harvey Davis

Have you ever been to a Flag Retirement Ceremony? You do not have to be in uniform or the Color Guard to attend. Would you like to attend one in the Sherman/Denison area? There is a very nice program done by Jeanette Prasifka. We would invite the Boy Scouts and VFW to join. Ted Wilson attended one in Plano along with nine (9) other SAR members, six (6) scouts, firemen, paralyzed Veterans of the American Rifle Squad. Look at the photo and see if you want one here—let us know.



Don Sielerts, Robert Kittrell, Tom Van Fossen



Everyone that was there

On November 24th, T. L. Holden, Ted Wilson, and John Greer went to the Glenfawn Cemetery in Rusk County, Texas to help mark the grave of Benjamin W. Anderson. He joined the Continental Army after the Tories killed his father, Joshua. After the Revolutionary War he moved to Georgia, Alabama, and eventually Texas. At the age of 85 years he enlisted and served the local militia during the Texas Revolution. He was eligible to receive a league and a labor of land in Nacogdoches County. His grave was marked by the Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of the Republic of Texas, and the Daughters of the American Revolution.



T. L. Holden, John Greer, Michael Bierman, Ted Wilson

As a follow up to the Edmund Terrill Chapter participation in three Color Guard events in September for Grayson College Veterans; we were contacted in late November that we had been designated recipients of a special award for our ceremonial contributions to multiple events at Grayson College. The four of us went to the college on December 4, 2018, and were given a “Mission Accomplished” challenge coin and an Award Certificate by Craig Greenwood, Veterans activity director.



Craig Greenwood, Ted Wilson, John Greer, Bon Babbs, T. L. Holden

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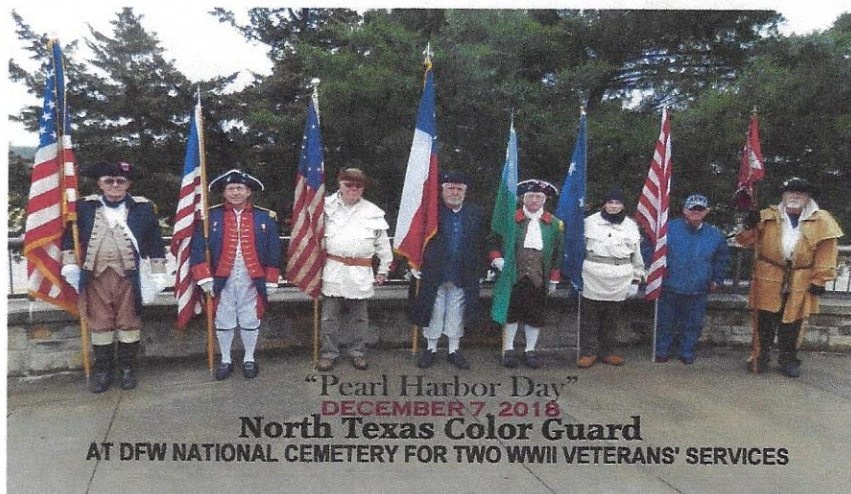
DFW NATIONAL CEMETERY

It was a cloudy day with heavy rain in the forecast. Eight Northern Color Guard members had gathered to welcome home two fallen WW II veterans. One was Navy and the other Marine. We were not the only ones there; others included the North Texas Patriot Riders, active Navy personnel, active Marines, and family members of both.

The Navy had Albert Utley Kane, Petty officer First Class, assigned to the **USS Oklahoma**. He was on board when a torpedo from a Japanese submarine struck. The ship was destroyed. He was reported missing and ultimately declared dead on December 7, 1941. He was buried or memorialized at Courts of the Missing, Honolulu Memorial and **USS Oklahoma Memorial** Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Seventy-seven (77) years to the date he is returned back to Texas.

PFC Clarence E. Drumheiser, was assigned to Company D, First Battalion, 6th Marines. He received training at Camp Elliott, California. They were sent on the **USS Matsonia** to New Zealand, and then to Betio part of the Gilbert Island in the Pacific Ocean. The Japanese had heavy losses just as the Americans. Many of the Marines were buried in shallow graves including Clarence. Most bodies were relocated when found at least once. He was one of the casualties on November 22, 1943. He too was being returned.

And when the rain did come our task as Color Guard was complete. Two WW II Veterans KIA/MIA have been returned and will be laid with many other brave men and women.



T.L. Holden, Bob Gresham, Walt Thomas, Gerald Gieger, Ted Wilson, Jerry Cope, Stephen Johnson, Tom Whitelock



Albert Utley Kane Petty Officer First Class



PFC Clarence E. Drumheiser

New SAR Chapter #67 Quanah Parker established in Vernon, Texas

On December 15, 2018, T. L. Holden and Ted Wilson of the Edmund Terrill Chapter #34 in Sherman, Texas, traveled to Vernon to help establish a new SAR chapter #76 to be known as the Quanah Parker Chapter. Mr. Holden the registrar for Edmund Terrill had been working with Judy Ditmore, Honorary Regent of the Western Trail Chapter DAR close to a year to get the SAR chapter established and new members approved. Ted Wilson was the Northern Texas Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard commander and was requested to form a Color Guard unit for the posting and removal of colors for this event. The unit consisted of Ted Wilson and T. L. Holden of the Edmund Terrill Chapter; Ben Pollard and Chuck Hartline of the Panhandle Plains Chapter; and Sonny Replogle of the Denton Chapter.

The day began with Wreaths Across America at the Eastview Cemetery which is East of Vernon. The color were presented on horseback by four members of the Santa Rosa Palomino Club. Stanley Heatly made a short talk and asked each Representative of the services to place a wreath for each branch of the service plus MIA/POW. The following SAR members T.L. Holden, Ted Wilson and Sonny Replogle were in uniforms and laid wreaths on veterans graves. We then left there and reassembled at the Vernon Masonic Lodge at 12:30 pm to begin the Charting Ceremony.

Judy Ditmore did the welcome and introductions. Presentation of the colors was done by the North Texas SAR Color Guard. Pledges were led by various members of the SAR, DAR, and CAR members. Drake Peddie, Texas SAR State Secretary, was introduced and gave a welcome to the new chapter and presented the Charter to Kim Ditmore, President of the Quanah Parker Chapter #67. More approved certificates were handed out and this new chapter began with thirty-one (31) charter members. Drake swore in all these new members and then the officers who had been selected by the members. After this the closing admonition was done in unison followed by a benediction by Dr. Derrell Monday, Chaplain before the colors were retired.

In the great tradition of Texas, we were served BBQ chicken, brisket, potato salad, baked beans, tea, and desert by Cody's BBQ.



**Chuck Hartline, T. L. Holden, Sonny Replogle, Drake Peddie,
Kim Ditmore, Ben Pollard, Ted Wilson, Ron Carter**



Charter Members



Kim Ditmore & Drake Peddie New Charter Certificate

DID YOU REMEMBER THE BOSTON TEA PARTY DECEMBER 16, 1773?

Come Celebrate the 35th anniversary of the EDMUND TERRILL Chapter on January 23, 2019, at the Denison Gun & Rod Club. Do you have any of the history on the chapter? Pictures, news articles, other awards or come yourself and join in on memory lane. Hope to see you there. Mark your calendar now!

