



Edmund Terrill News

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What better way to begin July than the reading of the Declaration of Independence on the eve of July 4th . The 243rd reading was done on July 3rd in Gainesville, TX . The Northern Color Guard presented and retired the colors. Those who participated were from Edmund Terrill Ted Wilson and T. L. Holden; McKinney David Kinsey; and Denton Sonny Reploge.

The current day reading of the Declaration of Independence is not anything new in America or a current thing. From history we find the following:

July 8, 1776, the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence occurred as Colonel John Nixon read it to an assembled crowd in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.



Ted Wilson, David Kinsey, Sonny Reploge, T. L. Holden

On July 4th , I Ted Wilson teamed up with the Plano Chapter for the Plano Early Lion Parade. Howard Roach pulled the chapters cannon while Dan Reed of Plano, Jerry Cope and his grandson Marshall from Arlington and myself from Edmund Terrill rode on the trailer with the cannon.



Howard Roach, Jerry Cope, Marshall Cope, Mrs Dan Reed and Dan Reed

The **129th SAR Congress** was held in Costa Mesa, CA, where the 2018-2019 awards were given for **Public Service** and **Heroism** Commendations. It is good to report that Edmund Terrill was recognized for giving a Life Saving Commendation during that time period. The Chapter needs to do more work on presenting these awards to those who deserve them. There are many heroes that go unrecognized and we need to change it. So, mention them when you can for recognition. We have the metals but we need someone to give them to. And, while we are on giving awards we still need to give **Five Flag Certificates**. Just look for a flying flag and turn it in to us for a certificate.

On July 24, 2019, the body of Army Cpl. Billy Joe Butler were returned from North Korea. He has been captured during the Korean War and died in a prisoner of war camp. It was flown into San Antonio Airport and transported to the Kerrville Funeral Home where the final resting place would be the Nicholas Cemetery on July 26, 2019.

Blair Rudy, the Southern SAR Commander, assembled the color guard. As was reported to me the turnout was stunning. There were state, county, city law enforcement along with military and citizens. They lined the route from the church to the cemetery in hundreds. For more information and other pictures see the next issue of the Compatriot.

The first day of August brought unexpected news to the chapter. William J. Woods had died. He was a chartered member of the Edmund Terrill Chapter when it was formed in 1984. For many years he was the Secretary/Treasurer of the chapter. He will be missed by many of us.

On Saturday, August 10, 2019, the District 11, Annual Meeting was held by Vice President Ted Wilson. A report on the five chapters within the district was given. The meeting opened with the invocation by Don Babbs, Chaplin followed by the pledges to the American flag, the Texas flag, and to the Sons of the American Revolution. Ted introduced the Texas Society Officers present and gave them time to make opening comments.

We began with President David temple installing Thomas Richards as a new member of the Denton Chapter. Topics of discussion were the upcoming **BOM** (October 4-6) in Arlington; **Youth** contests; **Registrar's** problems; **Color Guard** events on the state calendar; **Veterans** activities and **Historical** storage.

One of the biggest problems in the state society and District 11 is retention of current membership. We need to find ways to keep members active. There was an active discussion in regards to what can be done. The area is being studied with some new ideas being presented for consideration. Hope to have more details next newsletter.



Tom Richards and David Temple
Tom,s patriot is William Dawes of the famous Paul Revere Ride.

On a Sunday afternoon from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm a number of SAR members meet with the Jane Douglas Chapter of the DAR and the SAR Ladies Auxiliary at the Continental DAR House at Fair Park Dallas, TX. It was a meet and greet prior to the TEXAS State Fair in September. You are welcomed to sign up to greet guest during the fair. Contact me if you are interested.



The Naturalization Ceremony will be moving from Irving to Plano. They will have a larger number at the new location. On August 12, 2019, this group gathered to wish the new citizens in Irving the best of luck and do one last posting of the colors in Irving. Those in the Color Guard were: T. L. Holden, Tom Whitelock, Dan Hamilton, Jerry Pickerton, Ted wilson, R. J. Johns, Nick Gilliam, and Tom Van Fossier.



The Honorable Amos L. Mazzant, III, U.S. District Judge

The South Central District Annual meeting was held in Oklahoma City on August 23rd and 24th, 2019. There were eight members from the Texas Society who attended. In

attendance were:

State President	David Temple
President elect	Drake Peddie
Color Guard com	Ted Wilson
Past S President	Tom Jackson
	T. L. Holden
	David Kinsey
	Larry Stevens
	Jim clements



Our speaker was Denise Neil from the 45th Infantry Division Museum in Oklahoma City. She spoke about the collection of Bill Mauldin 208 original cartoons and some of his Revolutionary cartoon in Mud and Guts.



ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

Every two years the Edmund Terrill Chapter elects new officers. All positions are up for this election. At our September meeting on Wednesday, September 18, 2019, at the Denison Country Club, at 11:30 am for a Dutch Treat dinner and meeting beginning at 12:30 pm. We will have Tina McDaniel from the Bonham VA as our speaker. We do a lot of activities for the Veterans, so I encourage you to attend.

We will go over the qualifications for each of the offices. In October we will ask for nominations or voluntary person to fill an office. An election will be held in November. The new officers will be sworn in January of 2020 and will conduct business for the chapter.

The following is a list of offices—some are elected and others are appointed.

President (calling meeting to order and conducting same)
1st Vice President (follows President and looks for speakers)
2nd Vice President (Awards and Metals)
Secretary/Treasurer (Take minutes of meeting and balance checkbooks)
Registrar (Receives new applications)

This group of people can be elected or appointed. If there is an area you think you might be interested in let it be known and we will provide you information as to what it involves.

Chaplin (Invocation and Benediction)
Historian
Genealogist
Chancellor
Public Relations Officer
Webmaster
Newsletter Editor
DAR Liaison
CAR Liaison
Chapter Photographer
Color Guard Commander

As you can see we have a lot of positions and so few to fill them, thus we end up with more than one position. So step up and give a hand. You will be glad you did.

We Need to issue some Flag Certificates!