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As we approach a new decade, one cannot miss the SAR reporting of the approaching 250th Anniversary of our Constitution. What occurred before we got to that time period in our history? We begin with the French and Indian War 1756-1763. It is not an easy war to understand nor were there detailed enlistment records. Great Britain and the Colonies joined forces against France and the Indians. It was a bloody war and on February 10, 1763, the Peace of Paris Treaty was signed ending the war and removing the French threat to the Colonies. The British Parliament believed the Colonies should pay for the war (even though they had no money) and passed the Sugar Act April 5, 1764, taxing Colonial imports. Then on March 22, 1765, the Stamp Act became law, it levies a direct tax on the Colonies. Patrick Henry, speaks out against it calling it "Treason" and they should disobey it. It should be repealed! On March 18, 1766, the Stamp Act was repealed, but Parliament says it has the right to tax the Colonies. Here again 1767 the Townshend Acts were passed. It was more duties on Colonial imports. As the Colonies became disgruntled with Parliament and looked for ways not to pay these taxes, British troops land in Boston to keep order October 1, 1768.

There are some of the events that led up to the Constitution. We now celebrate the signing of the Constitution in many ways one of them being Constitution week.

It is now September 17, 2019, a day referred to by the DAR as Constitution day and the Preston Trail Chapter requested the Edmund Terrill Chapter of the SAR to be part of the reading of the Constitution by posting and retiring the colors. We would be joined by the VFW Post 2772 and their Ladies Auxiliary. After the reading we adjourned to north steps of the County Courthouse and ran bells to note the event. The Color Guard included Ted Wilson, T. L. Holden, Bill Hurst, and Don Babbs.



On Thursday, September 19, the Martha Jefferson Randolph Chapter of the DAR invited us to join them as they celebrated the week with Benjamin Franklin as their speaker. Bill Hurst and Ted Wilson were in attendance. It was a nice presentation.

Sorry there was no camera for a picture so take my word for it.

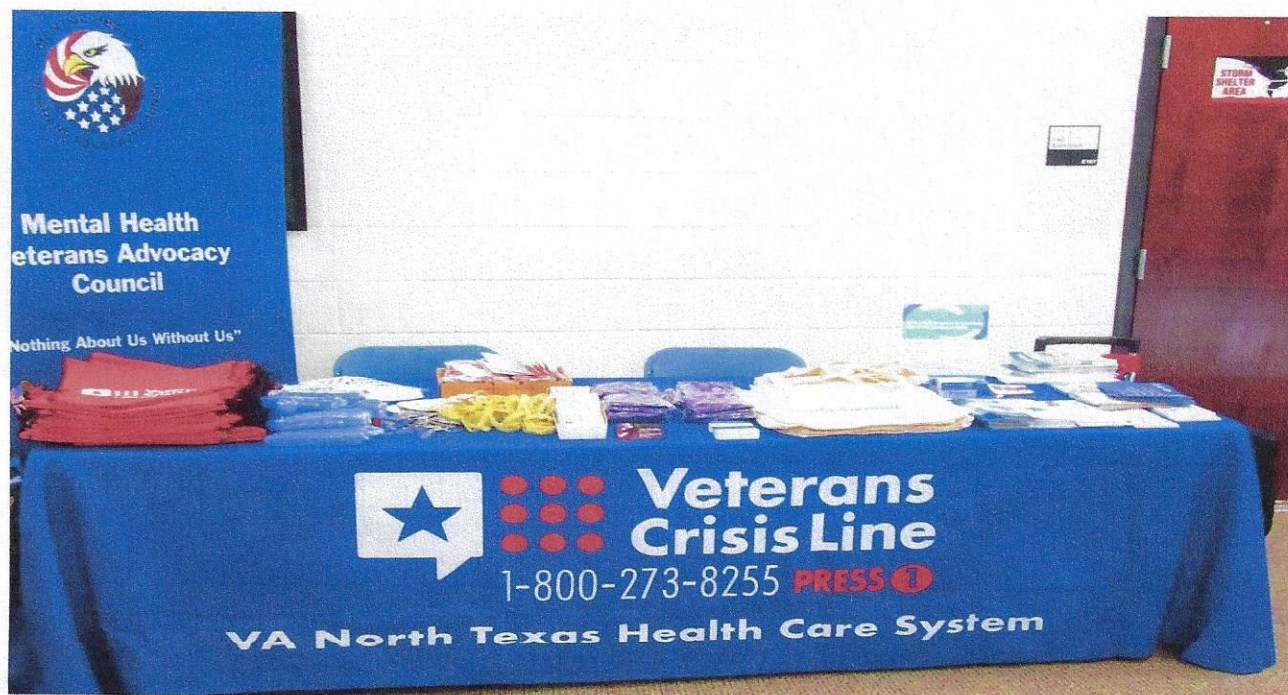
The Edmund Terrill Chapter finished Constitution week by accepting an invitation from the Brig.Gen.Edward Balkley DAR Chapter in Greenville, TX, to post and retire the colors. This was the first time for us to do something for this DAR Chapter and we had a very good showing. Not only were they celebrating Constitution week but also their 30th Anniversary. They had asked Bessie Ross to be their speaker. She told a hand me down story of her life. The Color Guard consisted of Ted Wilson, T.L. Holden, Bill Hurst, Don Babbs, John Greer, Ron Weeks, and Randal Ruther.



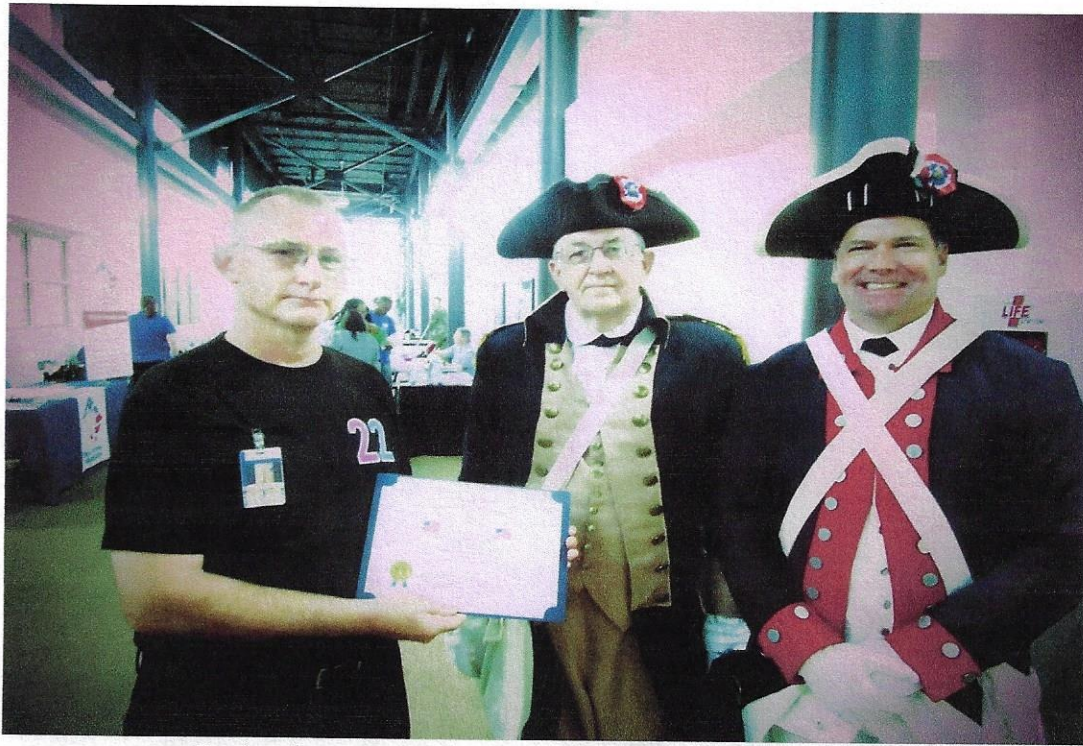
In the middle of Constitution week Edmund Terrill Chapter had a meeting with the speaker being Tina McDaniel, Voluntary Service Specialist for the Bonham VA center. It was a very informative meeting. She was presented a Good Citizen Metal and Certificate along with Flag Certificates for the VAMC in Bonham.



T. L. Holden, Tina McDaniel, and Harvey Davis



Craig Greenwood, Veterans Service Coordinator at Grayson College informed the Edmund Terrill Chapter that they were hosting the 2019 VA mental Health Summit and requested the SAR Color Guard to post the colors on September 26th. The Color Guard members were T.L. Holden, Ted Wilson, Bill Hurst, and David Kinsey.



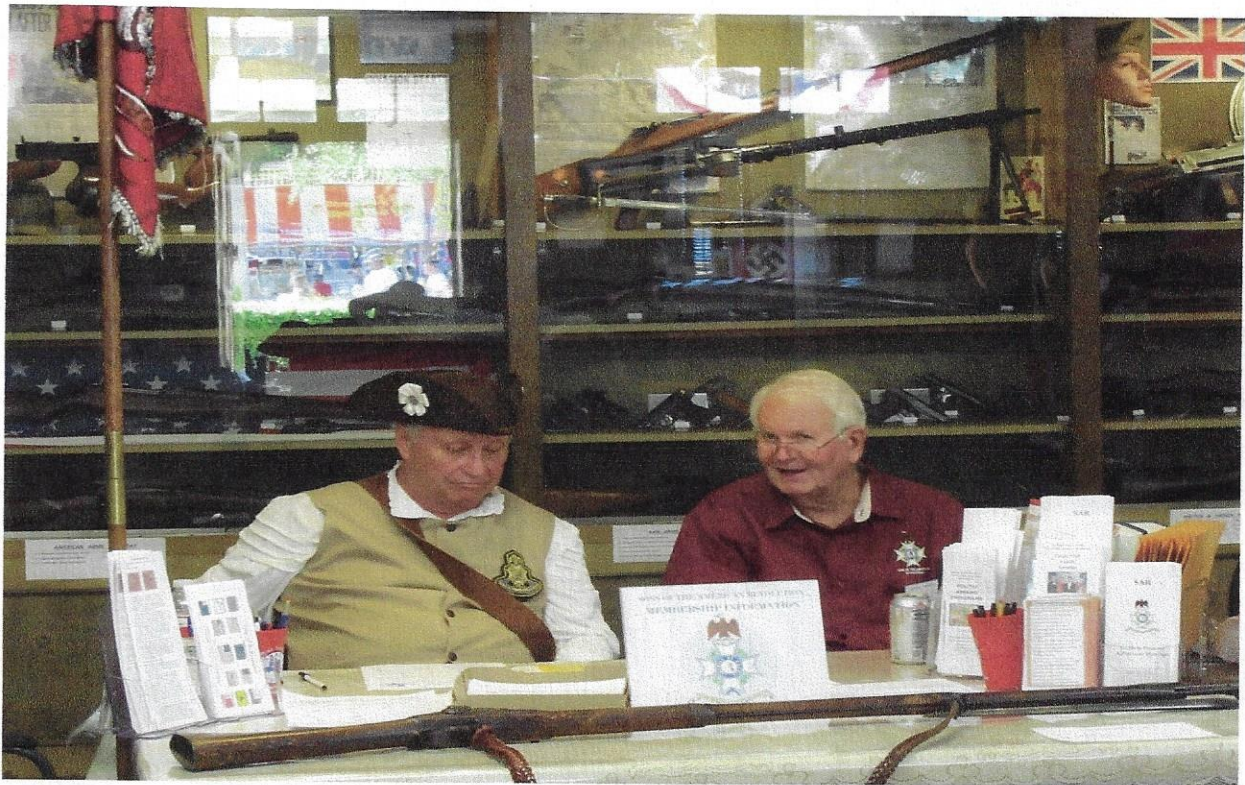
Craig Greenwood, T. L. Holden, and David Kinsey



The end of September bring the beginning of the State Fair of Texas and it will go through most of October. The Jane Douglas Chapter of the DAR invites the SAR come share and meet the public during the fair. This is a time for us to look for potential new members. It also gives us a photo opportunity as most of us are in uniforms. This year because of the Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of Vietnam War there were Veteran Lapel Pins to be given to those who fought or supported the war. Washington D C sent down two people to represent them for the first five days of the fair and present the pins to those who served at that time. During the fair a total of 445 Vietnam Veterans and 18 surviving spouses were presented with these Lapel Pins. From the Edmund Terrill Chapter we had John Greer, T. L. Holden, and Ted Wilson presenting them and talking about the SAR.



T.L. Holden, MSG Matthew Sampson, Sonny Replogle,
MSG Lesley Moore, Ted Wilson, Tom Whitelock



Tom Van Fossan

John Greer



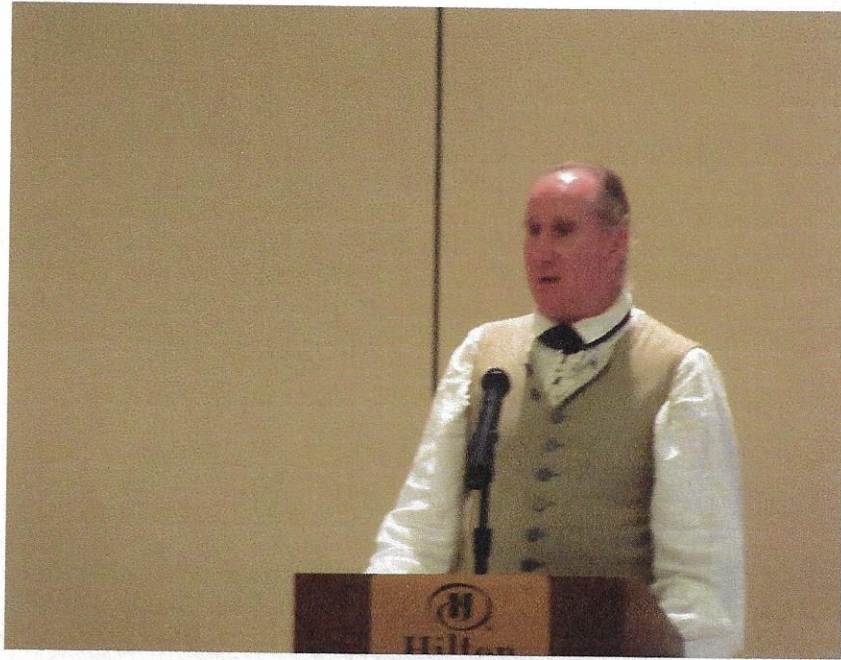
Jane Douglas DAR House

The first weekend in October the SAR BOM occurred in Arlington, TX. It was well attended. The meeting is used to address problems or issues that others have occurred in their chapters or other areas. When possible we try to fix or address them for a fix. We find that many members are not active or involed in their chapters nor do they know how to find information on the state website. We can all work on this area.

We had a large group of individuals in Colonial attire and that was good to see. I was told by an individual that it was the best performance they had seen in the posting of the colors for the banquet. Another thing that was announced at the meeting is that Arlington, TX has been choose as the new location for the National Medal of Honor Museum, and it should be opened by 2024.



There were fourteen (14) Color Guard Metals given out at the BOM meeting. Everyone of them well earned. During the CG meeting it was discussed what a person needed to do to qualify for the metals. We discussed the need for special training in the handling of muskets. This would include firing same, carrying it in a parade etc., and how to hold when posting colors.



Bill Covington was our speaker

Our meeting in October was on Wednesday the 16th with our speaker being Michael Reaves, Commander of Vietnam Veterans Association who told us about veterans needs and support programs. He spoke about PTSB and the veterans care there and how he helps them get the support and care they need. Often it is funds to support themselves.

Nomination were put forth for new officers of the chapter and voting will be done in the November meeting. You can find those nominated in the minutes that are on line under the chapter's web site.



Michael Reaves and Paul Richards receive the 50th Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pins



New Member Jerry Vaughn

The Color Guard received a call from Paul Hill, President of the Vietnam Veterans America to see if we would post the colors for their State Council Meeting in Allen, TX at the Courtyard of Marriott Hotels. The Color Guard consisted of Ted Wilson, T. L. Holden, Bill Hurst, Don Babbs, John Greer, and Bob Johns. We were able to give out 40 Lapel Pins.





John Greer, Bill Hurst, T.L. Holden, Don Babbs, Ted Wilson, Bob Johns

