



Edmund Terrill News

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Two Thousand Twenty began a new decade and many unknowns. We were in need of a new meeting place as our prior place had closed on December 31, 2019. All officers of the chapter were asked to submit names of places that had meeting rooms. From this listing we were able to investigate them to see where we want to hold our meetings throughout the year. We did find there were unexpected things that we had not considered so many were removed rather quickly. For the first meeting of the year we elected to go to the Woodlawn Country Club where the chapter had met in years past. We found that the meeting room was not conducive to quite as it was open. The flags could not be put on full poles and the area was not the best for photos. Overall, we all agreed that the food was very good.

The new chapter officers were to be inducted by Judge Nathan White, Jr, from the McKinney Chapter and they would serve for two years 2020—2022. Afterwards, Harvey Davis would be speaking about the Boston Massacre of March 5, 1770. He had been to Boston and walked the area where the incident had occurred.



The new offices being inducted by Judge Nathan White, Jr.



Ted and Bill add Supplemental



John Greer and Don Babbs

The Boston Massacre (March 5, 1770)

Simmering tensions between the British occupiers and Boston residents boiled over one late afternoon, when a disagreement between an apprentice wig maker and a British soldier led to a crowd of 200 Colonists surrounding seven British troops. When the Colonists began taunting the British and throwing things at them, the soldiers apparently lost their cool and began firing into the crowd.

As the smoke cleared, three men – including an African – American sailor named Crispus Attucks – were dead, and two others were mortally wounded. The massacre became a useful propaganda for the Colonists, especially after Paul Revere distributed an engraving that misleadingly depicted the British as the aggressors.

NEXT MEETING: Our next meeting will be at the Sherman Public Library on March 18, 2020, at 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. This will give us time to visit before and after the meeting. Our speaker will Don Babbs who will be telling us about the Guilford Courthouse battle in North Carolina on March 15, 1781. Plan to attend as we have a number of things to go over – one being a meeting place and time. For those who want to go out and eat together feel free to do so.

Another unexpected event that occurred in January is that Council 10 in Dallas canceled the presentation of awards to Eagle Scouts. The Edmund Terrill Chapter gives each of them a Certificate and an Eagle Statue. We are working to see what we can do to continue this program. We have moved all the Eagle statues from Bonham and have them stored here. We have 50 or 52 total. Our Chad Smith works with a new Scout organization and will tell us about it in our next meeting.

February also showed the departure of the SAR in the George Washington Parade in Laredo, Texas. An entry fee had not been nor were we able to find rooms for those who would have attended. Plans are underway for us to be present next year. It is a long drive but can be done. If interested in attending let you editor know so he can inform the one in charge.

Other new information has been received about the INS which so many SAR Color Guard members attended. Since their move from Irving to Plano for a larger location, the chapter did not know much about the SAR part in this new location. We are glad to know that they do this twice a month and have approx. 1,000 per time for new citizenship. The time and day may vary. We will now post the colors and leave.

We had John Greer, T. L. Holden, and Bill Hurst at the Bonham VA on February 14th to hand out Valentine Cards and pastries to the Veterans. Also during the week of February 24 – 28 aka “Salute to Hospitalized Veterans”, John Greer plans to hand out the Vietnam War Lapel pins to those in the CLC and substance abuse Veterans in the

Dallas VA. Let us not forget to give them to those we also meet. I recently gave out two to members of the Red River Valley Chapter in Paris, Texas.

Upcoming Events

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| March 26 – 29 | 125 th State SAR Conference at the Woodlands
You can still register |
| April 18 | Medal of Honor Parade in Gainesville, Texas |
| May 4 – 9 | Washington D C –Opening of the Eisenhower Memorial |
| July 11 – 15 | 130 th Annual Congress SAR in Richmond, Virginia |
| August 29 – 30 | South Central District Meeting, Richardson, Texas |
| October 2 – 4 | BOM Location to be determined |

WAR of 1812

Another activity that occurred in January was the quarterly meeting of the Craig Austin Rowley Chapter of the War of 1812 Society. Edmund Terrill SAR Chapter has three members who are also associated with them. T. L. Holden, Bill Hurst, and Ted Wilson, their most recent member who was inducted at that meeting. We discussed the marking of the grave of Ansel Heard who was a citizen of the Republic of Texas and fought in the Mexican War. We will also be looking at the marking of two graves in the Dallas area for Henry Kyle and Jon Jackson who fought in the War of 1812. Bill Sekel, Vice President General Texas, talked about the ROTC programs at various colleges around the state and how we can take part in recognizing and presenting of medals.

SOMETHING to Remember:

Members of the Sons of Liberty wore a medal with a picture of a tree on it. The tree was a symbol of where they would meet.