



## **EDMUND TERRILL NEWS**

### **A Flag for Edmund Terrill Chapter**

We need a flag for the chapter. Who among you have an idea or ideas that you would like to submit? Entries may be submitted by anyone this includes your family members. At a loss for ideas, look on the internet, there are a lot of things that be put on a flag. The two items above came from there and most symbols can be put onto a flag.

Here is the answer to some of your questions:

Chapter Chartered October 15, 1983 in Sherman, TX and actual date is January 21, 1984

Edmund Terrill served as a Sergeant and later a Captain in Virginia Militia

Edmund Terrill Chapter 34, Sons of the American Revolution

Suggest 3 x 5

Can you get your entry to me by September? If you need more time ask. Prize or prizes TBD.

So, let us see some ideas. Use a sheet of typing paper as a 3 x 5.

Here in Texas, we are encouraged to keep our masks on and observe social distancing when in public as Corvid 19 works its way through the state. We have looked at outdoors places to have meeting, but the heat now prevents those. Indoor, we are limited to how many can be in an area. Zoom is an alternative for some, but I am at a loss there.

Most of the events scheduled in May were canceled. It was raining here on Memorial Day, but the newspaper showed the Americanism Girls placing wreaths in the West Hill Cemetery in the rain. There was very few to show up for the event.

In June, the Texas State SAR Society lost one of its past Presidents, William “Bill” Marr on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June 2020. He was well known and will be missed by many.

Also, the Edmund Terrill Chapter lost one of its own. Ernest Martin (2/13/33—6/10/20) who was a member since November 1988. A graveside service was held for him at the Hall Cemetery in Howe, TX. Those attending from the chapter were: T. L. Holden Gary Baker, Wade Graves, Bill Hurst, Ted Wilson, John Greer, and David Kinsey.





T. L. Holden, Gary Baker, and Ted Wilson and David Kinsey took part in the 240<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Ramsour's Mill on June 20, 2020.

The Catawba Valley Chapter & the North Carolina SAR sponsored the 240<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of the Battle of Ramsour's Mill on 20 June 2020. Participants included National, State, & Chapter Officers and Color Guardsmen from each participating state. SAR President General John T. Manning along with several SAR, DAR and CAR dignitaries streamed in "live" during the commemoration to give greetings and present wreaths. This was labeled as a "hallmark" event as the very first SAR National Virtual Battle Commemoration held by Zoom video conferencing due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Mr. Darrell Harkey, founder of the Battle of the Ramsour's Mill Event presented "*A Special Retrospect of the Battle*" from the actual locations of the battle.

"Thunder Over Carolina" <https://www.facebook.com/thunderovercarolina/> presented a short drama/re-enactment of the Battle.

Wreaths were presented by approximately 100 SAR, DAR and CAR chapters. Representing the state of Texas were: Ted Wilson, Edmund Terrill Chapter President/Texas Color Guard Commander; T. L. Holden, Edmund Terrill Chapter Registrar/Color Guard; Gary Barker, Edmund Terrill Chapter 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/Color Guard; David Kinsey, McKinney Chapter President/Color Guard.

A recording of the event is available for replay: <https://www.facebook.com/catawbavalleyncssar/>



I got this next piece of information from the July-August 2019 issue of Lighthouse Digest.

The first public reading of the “Pledge of Allegiance” took place at the Twin Lights (lighthouse) of Navesink, in Highlands, New Jersey at a gigantic ceremony held on April 25, 1893. It was written in August 1892 by the socialist minister Francis Bellomy.

In its original form it reads:

“I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

In 1923, the words, ”the Flag of the United States of America” were added. At this time, it read:

“I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

In 1954, President Eisenhower encouraged Congress to add the words “under God.” Today it reads:

“I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

### **Upcoming events**

TXSSAR State meeting in the, The Woodlands 7/30/20 – 8/2/20

South Central District meeting August 28-29, 2020 at Hyatt Regency  
701 East Campbell Road, Richardson, TX

State Fair of Texas September 25—October 18, 2020 SAR does man a booth in the DAR House. More information to follow

**BOM** will be at the Westin in Frisco, Texas November 13-15, 2020  
We will be helping to host this event. More information to come.

### **Everyone Stay Safe**

May & June 2020

by Ted Wilson