

# EAST FORK TRINITY CHAPTER

## TEXAS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

### NEWSLETTER

May 2015



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#### Tom Davidson

#### *Bagpipes in the Revolutionary War*

Tom Davidson presented a program about Bagpipes during our April meeting. His presentation included his playing “Amazing Grace”.

Tom told us that the bagpipe is an ancient musical instrument. It wasn't until somewhere in the 14<sup>th</sup> Century that it came to Britain. During Queen Victoria's reign the bagpipe became an accepted part of the British culture.

His humorous nature made his presentation very enjoyable for everyone.



**Gary Snowden**

## Vice-President's Report on Programs

May 14	Dr. Richard B. McCaslin Professor & Chairperson History UNT	Robert E. Lee and George Washington
June 11	Sylvia Marrs	Music of the Southwest Indians

## Registrar's Report

I know it can be a real chore and an expense to prove a Patriot. Just remember, you are making history. A hundred years from now, someone may uncover your SAR Application and find the information they need to join our great Society.

1. If you were at the April 2015 meeting you heard that Bob Kubin's Regular Membership Application has been approved after two years of effort. Bob's Patriot is Thompson Brister. Congratulations Bob, welcome aboard. Induction to follow soon.
2. Dennis Vierling's Regular Membership Application made it through the State Registrar's office and is now at the SAR National Office. Dennis's Patriot is Thomas Philbrick Huntoon.
3. Bob Vickers Supplemental Application for Patriot William Lingo has been completed and is at the State Registrar's office.
4. Robert Plapp's Regular Membership Application is at the State Registrar's office. Robert's Patriot is George Sparks.
5. Leslie Anderson has two Supplemental Applications at National. One application is for Patriot William Yancey which was approved on 10 Apr 2015 and Leslie's second application is for Patriot Aaron Burleson and this application is currently waiting to be reviewed. Leslie tells me he is working on three more Supplemental Applications. Good Job.
6. I have one Supplemental Application that has made it through State level and is now at National. My Patriot is William Wiseman.
7. Frank Robert's Supplemental Application for Patriot John Middlecoff is very close to completion.
8. Harmon Adair sent me the name of a Prospective Member, Charles Jackson. We completed Mr. Jackson's genealogy and now we are waiting on the applicant.



**Dave Powell**



## Chaplain's Report

**MEMORIAL DAY (5/25<sup>TH</sup>)** – Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States for remembering the people who died while serving in our country's armed forces. As SAR patriots, please remember those that gave their lives in the American Revolutionary War...4,425 U. S. Military Deaths // 6,188 U. S. Wounded.

**Ken Morrill**

**HONORING TXSSAR PATRIOTS** – The Color Guard and State Chaplain honored Col. Graham Martin (former TxSSAR President / Retired U. S. Army) at his Memorial Service @ St. John's Episcopal Church in Pottsboro, Texas on Saturday (4/11/2015) and at his Interment Service @ the DFW National Cemetery in Dallas, Texas on Monday (4/13/2015). Ronald L. Wilkinson's family (Wife: Sande) were also ministered to at his Memorial Service at First Methodist Church in Waxahachie, Texas on Sunday (4/12/2015).

**THE REVOLUTION TODAY: WHAT WAS AN AMERICAN?** – What was an American in 1774? The colonists weren't Americans as we think of them today. They didn't identify with each other based on the name of their continent. They were from Boston or Richmond or Philadelphia. They weren't Americans. They were Englishmen and Englishwomen. They were the crown's subjects who happened to live in the king's colonies.

Patrick Henry provided the first definition when he hailed, "*I am not a Virginian, but an American*". In that moment, Henry expressed the essence of American patriotism. In that moment, he voiced a sentiment for the ages.

America is still the most patriotic nation in the world. According to a report released in June 2006 by the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago, Americans ranked #1 for patriotism among the thirty-four nations surveyed. "Americans ranked highest in the survey in pride for their democratic system, their political influence in the world, their economy, their achievements in science and technology and their military," read a press release detailing the results of the survey. How does patriotism affect you? It's such a natural part of life in America today that you may not notice it. When you speak, pray, and purchase, you show patriotism. As you pursue life, liberty, and happiness this coming week, you are fulfilling the patriotic creed. Pride is often equated with boosting and self-importance. The Bible, however, encourages patriotic pride. Psalm 47 was an anthem of patriotism: "*He subdued nations under us, peoples under our feet. He chose our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom He loved*" (Psalm 47:3-4). When God is the Source of our pride, patriotism bursts forth with the most harmonious notes in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

**PRAYER:** Thank you, Lord, for giving us our freedom, for choosing patriotism as our inheritance. Be the Author of our anthem today for You and our country. Amen



**Montie Monzingo**

## Website Manager Report

Thanks to Barbara Thomas, Bill Watts, and Tom Whitelock for sending photos or info, and/or spotting errors on our website. Also, thanks to Leslie Anderson for converting some of our oldest newsletters and minutes to pdf's.

Most of the newsletters and minutes over the years, 2008 to the present, have been labeled by the year, using various names. I believe that I now have these items in one folder, and labeled by the year, e.g., Minutes/2010/ April. I plan to do similar things for other items, such as, Parades/Rockwall/Christmas/2014. My ultimate goal is to get the entire collection of pix and data in some semblance of order.



**Bill Watts**

## Education Chairman Report

This is the time of year to present our Good Citizen Awards. I need volunteers to pass out the awards. I will have the sign-up sheet at our meeting. We have four schools left so please check your calendars and reserve a date to make a presentation. I will have contact information for you and a prepared speech for you to use. See you on Thursday!



**Col. Wayne Willbanks and Dan Reed Flag Presentation  
Wylie East High School Jr. ROTC Classroom**



Medal of Honor Parade, Gainesville, Texas 04/11/2015



Honor Guard at Memorial service Col. Graham Martin, Jr. Pottsboro, TX 04/11/2015



**DFW National Cemetery Col. Graham Martin, Jr. 04/13/2015**



**Patriot's Day Celebration VA Hospital, Bonham, TX 04/16/2015**



**1812 Grave Dedication Pri. Benjamin Crownover Sunnyvale, TX 04/25/2015**



**WW II French "Legion of Honor" medal presentation Dallas, TX 04/08/2015**

**DROPPED THIS YEAR/NPD**

David W. Adams  
 Kilian T Cooley  
 James R. Duty  
 Peter M Eyestone  
 William L. McSpedden  
 Jerome A. Rounds

**NEW MEMBER**

Robert E Kubin

**Clothing Sources**

American Heritage Clothing <http://www.colonialuniforms.com/>  
 Avalon Forge <http://home.comcast.net/~avalonforge/index.html>

**Patterns**

Old Time Patterns <http://www.oldtimepatterns.com/PP041.html>

**Fabric**

Trim Fabric <http://www.trimfabric.com/index.html>

**Weapons****Veteran Arms**

<http://www.veteranarms.com/ReproductionMuzzleloadersandFlintlocks/Veteran-Arms-LLC.html>

Middlesex Village Trading <http://www.middlesexvillagetrading.com/>

Jedidiah Starr Trading <http://www.jedediah-starr.com/thumbnail.asp?offset=0&deep=2&cid=44>

Cabin Creek Muzzleloading <http://cabcreek.net/>

Buffalo Arms <http://www.buffaloarms.com/default.aspx>

**Upcoming Color Guard Activities**

May 15, 2015 Friday – Present the Colors and a short Flag Program at a Naturalization Ceremony presided over by Judge Don Bush

May 23, 2015 Saturday – March in the parade at the Ennis Polka Festival

Contact Walt Thomas at [wwthomas@swbell.net](mailto:wwthomas@swbell.net) for more information.