

**Minutes of the East Fork Trinity Chapter**  
**TEXAS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**  
**November 10, 2011**

The November 2011 meeting of the East Fork Trinity Chapter, SAR, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at Soulman's BBQ on Highway 30 in Rockwall by President Paul Ridenour. A total of 9 members and 9 guests were present.

Chaplain Allen Christian opened the meeting with prayer.

Compatriot Tom Whitelock led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag, Compatriot Harmon Adair led the Pledge to the Texas Flag and Compatriot Bill Bellomy led the Pledge to the SAR Flag.

President Paul Ridenour acknowledged the guests present.

Secretary Walter Thomas indicated that the minutes for September 2011 meeting were on the chapter website for review. Minutes were approved as published.

President Ridenour awarded the War Service Medal for Vietnam service to Compatriot Walter Thomas.

District 6 VP Harmon Adair inducted three new members into the East Fork Trinity Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. The new members were Gary Lovell, Jess Lovell and Hunter Hall. They were presented a SAR membership certificate and rosette pin. Gary Lovell briefly talked about his ancestor, John Michael Hamm, from South Carolina who had fought with Francis Marion, also known as the Swamp Fox.

Treasurer Harmon Adair reported a chapter checking balance of \$972.

Compatriot Tom Whitelock led a discussion on participating in the TXSSAR annual poster contest.

Compatriot Allen Christian reminded everyone of the dedication of the new Rockwall County Courthouse tomorrow. Several indicated plans to attend in their SAR uniform.

The Americanism presentation was made by Martha Bellomy on the "Rules of Civility" in colonial times. Bill Bellomy then made a presentation on how the Betsy Ross flag came to be.

President Paul Announced that the December meeting would be held after the chapter Christmas party at Texas Land and Cattle restaurant located on Hwy 30 at Lake Ray Hubbard.

The meeting was adjourned by President Paul Ridenour at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Thomas  
Secretary, TXSSAR, East Fork Trinity Chapter