

Minutes of Meeting of the East Fork Trinity Chapter (47) National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

March 12, 2015

Texas Land and Cattle Restaurant, Garland, Texas

Meeting was called to order by President Gary Lovell at 7:10 P.M.

Chaplain Ken Morrill gave the Invocation.

President Gary Lovell led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

President Gary Lovell led the Pledge to the Texas flag.

Compatriot David Powell led the Affirmation to the SAR.

President Gary Lovell welcomed the members and guests in attendance. (see attached attendance list). Compatriot David Powell introduced prospective member Robert Plapp and his wife Stephanie.

The minutes of the February 12, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

Compatriot Robert Vickers acknowledged a letter of thanks for a chapter donation of \$50.00 to the Department of Veterans Affairs, North Texas Health Care System in Bonham, TX. (see copy attached)

Compatriot Harmon Adair presented the financial report. He stated the account balance was \$2694.17 as of March 12, 2015. He also stated \$480.50 has been received from TXSSAR along \$74.00 from last month's bucket from the February meeting has been deposited.

President Gary Lovell presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Englan, the manager of Texas Land and Cattle restaurant.

President Gary Lovell gave a presentation on Americanism which included stories from the Revolution including reading from the essay "Why the War Came."

President Gary Lovell mentioned the George Washington parade in Laredo, TX and presented the Galvez Medal to Compatriot Bill Watts for his first time participation in the parade.

President Gary Lovell presented the Chapter membership report stating we had lost nine members since January, 2015 due to non-payment of dues. However three of the nine have since paid their dues and have been reinstated.

President Gary Lovell reminded the Chapter of the upcoming TXSSAR State Convention on March 26th through the 29th.

Compatriot Paul Ridenour stated he was impressed with the way our chapter was interacting with the Plano Chapter.

Compatriot Glenn Atterbury stated he and his wife Peggy had attended the DAR State Conference in Houston, TX. He further stated the SAR state president also attended. He also noted that many uniformed SAR members attending had cockades which were sold by our chapter.

Compatriot Bill Watts stated there would be a flag ceremony at the Bonham VA facility on April 16, 2015.

Compatriot and District V.P. Drake Peddie stated there would be a marker dedication in Sunnyvale, TX on April 25, 2015 to recognize Pvt. Benjamin Crownover who fought in the War of 1812.

Compatriot and District V.P. Drake Peddie also stated that there would be a parade honoring Medal of Honor recipients in Gainesville, TX on April 11, 2015.

Compatriot and District V.P. Drake Peddie further stated that the annual flag ceremony retiring U.S. flags would again be held on or about Flag Day and that \$500.00 was needed to hold the ceremony. The ceremony will be held at Flag Pole Hill in Dallas and is sponsored by the Dallas Chapter.

Compatriot Tom Whitelock reiterated the need for Chapter funds to support this effort.

Vice President Gary Snowden entered a motion for the Chapter to donate \$100 toward the flag ceremony. The motion was seconded and approved by the Chapter unanimously.

Compatriot David Powell reported on the status of applications in process.

Compatriot Montie Monzingo introduce the guest speaker Dr. Edward F. Countryman (from SMU) who spoke on the topic of black Americans and the revolutionary era.

Chaplain Ken Morrill gave the benediction.

Compatriot Leslie Anderson led the SAR Closing.

President Gary Lovell called the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Gary M. Lovell
President

R.C. Vickers
Secretary

Attachments: Letter of thanks from Bonham VA.
List of meeting attendees and guests

**OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE
TEXAS LAND AND CATTLE RESTAURANT, GARLAND,
TEXAS ON THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2015.**