

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

April 14, 2016

Texas Land and Cattle Restaurant, Garland, Texas

Meeting was called to order by President Gary Snowden at 7:00 P.M.

Compatriot Walt Thomas gave the Invocation.

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

Compatriot Paul Ridenour led the Pledge to the Texas flag.

Compatriot Montie Monzingo led the Affirmation to the SAR.

President Gary Snowden welcomed attendees and guests to the meeting and had each introduce themselves.

Vice President Bill Watts introduced our speaker for the evening. Texas Ranger Laura Simmons of Ranger Company B located in Greenville, TX gave a presentation on the history and duties of the Texas Rangers.

President Gary Snowden reported that 20% to 30% of EFT members attended the recent TXSSAR State Convention in Richardson, TX. He thanked all that attended.

The minutes of the March 10, 2016 meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer Harmon Adair presented the financial report and stated the current balance in the Chapter's bank account is \$2638.68. He further stated there was one check outstanding for \$50.00 and that the account balance would be \$2588.68 when the check clears. The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

Registrar David Powell presented the Registrar's Report as follows:

1. Robert Vickers II and Dr. Robert Sparks applications were approved and they will be inducted this evening.
2. Connor and Jason Rediger's application's for Junior membership are at National.
3. Tab and Garrett Dupree's applications have been approved by NSSAR.
4. There are two other groups with up to six new members pending at this time.

Color Guard Commander Walt Thomas presented the Color Guard Report updating the Chapter again on the upcoming dedication of SAR graveside marker for Jack Gunnels Saturday, April 16, 2016. The ceremony will start at 10:00 AM but Color Guard members will muster at 9:30AM the Pecan Grove Cemetery in McKinney, TX.

Compatriot John Greer presented the Veterans Report. He discussed the Medal of Honor Parade in Gainesville, TX and the upcoming event at the VA Facility in Bonham, TX on June 28, 2016. The SAR is responsible for cooking and serving the meal and bringing desserts. He requested that any items on the Needs List to be contributed should be brought to the June meeting.

District 6 Vice President Tom Whitelock thanked all who helped on the registration desk and stated he was instituting a new award for District 6. He presented the award - Certificate of Merit – to the EFT Chapter for hosting and registration desk duties at the 2016 TXSSAR Convention just held.

Vice President Bill Watts asked for members to consider assisting in the award presentations at the various area schools. He passed out a sign-up sheet.

President Gary Snowden presented Attendance Certificates to all EFT members in attendance at the recent State Convention. Certificates were also presented to Barbara Thomas and Joyce Adair. He announced the EFT won first place for our newsletter, second place for the SAR Essay Contest, and third place for our scrapbook.

TXSSAR State Secretary Drake Peddie presented Certificates of Appreciation to the EFT Chapter from Past President Larry Stevens and current President Mike Radcliffe. Certificates of Appreciation were also presented to Compatriots Bill Watts, Walt Thomas, Leslie Anderson along with Barbara Thomas, Joyce Adair, and Mindy Lovell for their assistance in various activities at the TXSSAR Convention.

Compatriot Walt Thomas presented Certificates of Service to those who participated in the convention. Fifteen members were acknowledged.

District 6 Vice President Tom Whitelock inducted and welcomed new members Dr. Robert Sparks and Robert C. Vickers II. Each of the inductees presented a short history of their patriot.

President Gary Snowden announced he has appointed Compatriots Paul Price as Assistant to the Vice President and David Rediger as Boy Scout Chairman. He further appointed Compatriots Gary Lovell, Bill Watts, and Montie Monzingo to the Bylaws Committee.

Compatriot Paul Ridenour held the drawing for two door prizes which were won by Dave Powell and Peggy Atterbury.

Compatriot Walt Thomas gave the benediction.

Compatriot Dave Powell led the SAR Closing.

President Gary Snowden called the meeting adjourned at 8:40PM.

Gary Snowden
Vice President

R.C. Vickers
Secretary

Attachments: 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, MAY 12, 2016.**