



Sons of the American Revolution

East-Fork Trinity Chapter 47

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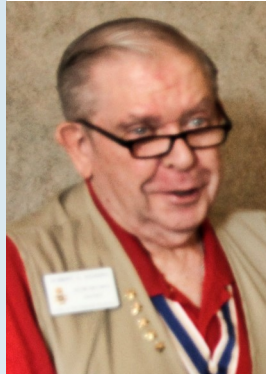
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President's Message:

I want to take this opportunity to thank Vice President Michael Goode, Sr. for standing in for me during my recovery. I am excited to return for our March meeting. We are blessed to have four (and perhaps a fifth) new members to be inducted at our March meeting. Please try to attend to show your encouragement to our newest members.

Also, we are moving the meeting location to Soulman's BBQ, 691 East Interstate 30, Rockwall, Texas 75087. We have been assured their meeting room is reserved for us through the end of the year. Dinner is cafeteria style and the manager has stated there is a 10% discount for our members and guests but you must ask for it.

Again, I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting on Thursday, March 12, 2020.

Bob Vickers

Congratulations New Member Mike Meister!!





Dennis Vierling

Dennis A. Vierling Color Guard Commander:

Compatriots

Listed below are some possible Color Guard Events for 2020.

These are subject to change:

March 2020:

March 26 to March 29, 2020,
The 125th Annual Convention,
The Woodlands, Texas. For
more details contact

www.txssar.org

April 2020:

April 4, 2020, 200pm, Saturday, The resting of compatriot and friend Montie Monzingo to his mausoleum in the Old Saltillo Cemetery in Hopkins County. SAR will be coordinating with the 1812 organization.

April 2020:

Medal of Honor Parade Gainesville, Texas.

May 2020:

Ennis Polka Festival Parade.

June 2020:

Audie Murphy Parade, Saturday, Farmersville, Texas.

July 2020:

*4th of July Parade, Saturday, in Heath, Texas. RSVP.

August 2020: None Scheduled

September 2020: None Scheduled

October 2020: Texas State Fair at Fair Park, PR and Volunteer Recruitment Table.

November 2020: Saturday, Rockwall DAR Chapter National Defense Luncheon.

Veterans Day Parade/Event, local community, Dallas or a school.

December 2020:

*Rockwall Christmas Parade, Saturday, Rockwall, Texas. RSVP.

The two items marked with an * are going to be RSVP so we have an estimate of the number of CG planning to attend. This is so Gary Lovell doesn't have to drive his tractor and trailer if no one is going to ride in the trailer. CG really appreciates the hard work and time it takes Gary Lovell.

Examples of events CG participated in the past are Presentation of Medals and or Awards to Police, Fire and Community Leaders, Citizenship Ceremonies, Funerals, Grave Markings, Flag Raising, Flag Retirement, Ground Breaking Ceremonies and School Functions. Let me know if there is an event that you consider needs a patriotic presence.

If you are thinking about joining the CG please contact me.

Dennis A Vierling
EFT CGC
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Program Speaker David Powell gave an excellent presentation on registrar related issues.



Gary Snowden receives Certificate of Appreciation



Left: Dennis Vierling what are you wearing??



Right: Mike Goode getting last-minute instructions.



Mindy Lovell wins the door prize!!!



**Isaac Van Wart's Grave at
Elmsford, NY**

Editor's Notes:

February Birthdays were: Howard Mims, III, Stuart O'Connor, Gary Snowden, Thomas Wilson, Jr., James Lovell and Dustin Durrett.

Still collecting Patriot Spotlights. If you would like to send me a Word file, about 250 words or less about your Patriot, I will attempt to work them in as space allows. My email address is d.b.jackson@att.net.

Soulman's BBQ, the site of the next meeting, is located at 691 East Interstate 30 in Rockwall, Texas on the south service road between Ridge Road and Discount Tire.



Patriot's Page



Mike Meister's Patriot

Solomon Beckham (1764-1838)

Solomon Beckham was born in 1764 in Granville County, North Carolina. The Beckhams had migrated from Virginia sometime before 1760. In 1767, Solomon's father, Simon Beckham, petition for and was granted land in St. Paul's Parish, now Columbia County, Georgia, near Augusta. At the end of 1778, the British led a force out of New York and captured Savannah. With that capture, the capital of Georgia moved to Augusta, which made it a target for British forces. Soon, Augusta too became occupied by British troops. The Georgia militia disbanded at that time and disappeared into the back

woods to organize in secret. Those local to Augusta were often referred to as the "Georgia Refugees," a regiment which eventually fell under the command of Colonel Elijah Clarke. Solomon's brother, Samuel Beckham, born 1760, served as an officer in Clarke's regiment. It should also be noted that his father, Simon, and brother, Sherwood, born 1762, also fought in the Revolution.

After the British occupation began, there were increased incidents of what today would be described as atrocities against those thought to be against the Crown. During this time, Solomon, being only about 15 or 16 years of age, was considered too young to take up arms, but in light of these increased actions by the Tories against the local populace (which included getting shot at while at his father's) Solomon felt unsafe to remain at home and decided he'd had enough. He went off to find and join his brother's company. This would have been around 1780 to 1781, enlisting for 18 months, but remaining in service for the duration of the war.



Dave Powell

The Registrar's Corner

March 2020

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

1. **Member Nick Stafford's Certificate Package was received on 27 Feb 2020. Nick's Application was Registered on 20 Dec 2019. Nick's Patriot is Charles Gibson. Approved. National Number: 214114. First Line Sponsor: David Powell. ACN: 89835. No Induction date has been set as of this report.**
2. **Member Norman Elam's Certificate Package was received on 27 Feb 2020. Norman's Application was Registered on 20 Dec 2019. Norman's Patriot is James Dillard. Approved: National Number: 214119. First Line Sponsor: David Powell. ACN: 89860. Induction scheduled for 12 Mar 2020.**
3. **Member Randall van Heyst's Certificate Package was received on 27 Feb 2020. Randall's Application was Registered on 20 Dec 2019. Randall's Patriot is William Winn. Approved: National Number: 214120. First Line Sponsor: David Powell. ACN: 89861. Induction scheduled of 12 Mar 2020.**
4. **Junior Member Reagan van Heyst Certificate Package was received on 27 Feb 2020. Reagan's Application was Registered on 20 Dec 2019. Reagan's Patriot is William Winn. Approved: National Number: 214121. First Line Sponsor: David Powell. ACN: 89862. Induction scheduled of 12 Mar 2020.**
5. **Member Roy Palvadeau Certificate package was received on 27 Feb 2020. Roy's Application was Registered on 31 Jan 2020. Roy's Patriot is Thomas Pettus Sr. Approved. National Number: 214465. First Line Sponsor: David Powell. ACN: 90268. Induction scheduled for 12 Mar 2020.**
6. **Member Dale Stringfellow was referred to EFT by Member Greg Flowers and his wife Yvonne. Dale will be joining the SAR under a family membership with four other family members. The application has been completed and mailed to State on 9/30/2019 and approved at National on 1/10/2020. Dale's Patriot is Samuel Davis. Approved, National Number: 214259. First Line Sponsor: Greg Flowers. ACN: 90067. Induction scheduled for Apr 2020 Meeting.**
7. **Member Brent Stringfellow was referred to EFT by Member Greg Flowers and his wife Yvonne. Brent will be joining the SAR under a family membership with four other family members. The application has been completed and was mailed to State on 9/30/2019 and approved at National on 1/10/2020. Brent's Patriot is Samuel Davis. Approved. National Number: 214262, First Line Sponsor: Greg Flowers. ACN: 90070. Induction scheduled for Apr 2020 Meeting.**
8. **Member Mason Stringfellow was referred to EFT by Member Greg Flowers and his wife Yvonne. Brent will be joining the SAR under a family membership with four other family members. The application has been completed and mailed to State on 9/30/2019 and approved at National on 1/10/2020. Mason's Patriot is Samuel Davis. Approved. National Number: 214261. First Line Sponsor: Greg Flowers. ACN: 90069. Induction for Apr 2020 Meeting.**
9. **Member Brian Stringfellow was referred to EFT by Member Greg Flowers and his wife Yvonne. Brent will be joining the SAR under a family membership with four other family members. The application has been completed and mailed to State on 9/30/2019 and arrived at National on 11/7/2019. Brian's Patriot is Samuel Davis. Approved. National Number: 214260. First Line Sponsor: Greg Flowers. ACN: 90068. Induction for Apr 2020 Meeting.**
10. **Member Bradley Stringfellow was referred to EFT by Member Greg Flowers and his wife Yvonne. The application has been completed and mailed to State on 9/30/2019 and is being held up at National until a reprinted application is received and reviewed. Bradley's application was torn and couldn't be processed. A new application was delivered to State on 1/21/2020. Bradley's Patriot is Samuel Davis. Approved. National Number: 214460. First Line Sponsor: Greg Flowers. ACN: 90071. Induction for Apr 2020 Meeting.**
11. **Member Jeff Witt has been referred to EFT by EFT Member Walt Thomas and his wife Barbara. Jeff's Patriot is Paul Castleberry. Application arrived at National on 11/7/2019 and Genealogy was approved on 1/23/2020. Approved. National Number: 214464. First Line Sponsor: Walt Thomas. ACN: 90267. Induction scheduled for Apr 2020 meeting.**
12. **Prospective Member Don Patin was referred to EFT by Sam Massey. The application was signed and mailed to State on 12/11/2019. Application arrived at National on 21 Jan 2020. Don's Patriot is Antoine Patin. Awaiting National Review. First Line Sponsor: David Powell. ACN: 91106.**

13. **Prospective Member Blake Cundiff was referred to EFT by the State Communications Secretary. Application was mailed to State on 22 Oct 2019 and arrived at National on 11/7/2019. National has pended Blake's application and they require additional proof for the Gen 7-8 connection. Blake's Patriot is Isaac Cundiff. Pended at National. First Line Sponsor: Jason Gray. ACN: 90265.**
14. **Prospective Member Jerry Wimpee contacted EFT and Will Perry is working his application. Awaiting Info and Documents. First Line Sponsor: Will Perry.**
15. **Prospective Member Richard Gillesple contacted EFT and Jason Gray is working Richard's application. Awaiting Info and Documents. First Line Sponsor: Jason Gray.**
16. **Prospective Member: Mark Heinig was referred to EFT by the State Comms Secretary, Sam Massey on 1/24/2020. Assistant Registrar Jason Gray will be working this application. Awaiting Info and Documents. First Line Sponsor: Jason Gray.**

MEMORIAL APPLICATIONS

1. **Member Edgar Clarke Vickers. Bob Vickers submitted a Memorial Application for his Father, Edgar Clarke Vickers. Bob mailed the application package to State and the Application arrived at National on 12/16/2019 and it was approved on 21 Feb 2020. Edgar's Patriot is Bayne Smallwood. Approved. National Number: 214682. First Line Sponsor: Bob Vickers. ACN: 90587. Induction TBD.**

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATIONS

1. **Member Will Perry's Supplemental Application for Patriot Nathaniel Howell has been Approved. ACN: 90278.**
2. **Member Will Perry's Supplemental Application for Philip Mallory has been Approved. ACN: 90280.**
3. **Member Will Perry's Supplemental Application for Patriot Daniel Wagnon has been Approved. ACN: 90279.**
4. **Member Will Perry's Supplemental Application for John Swearingen is at National Awaiting National Review. ACN: 91113**
5. **Member David Powell has completed a new Supplemental Application for his Supplemental Patriot John Badger from Connecticut. The Application was mailed to State on 12/23/2019 and arrived at National on 1/27/2020. Awaiting National Review. ACN: 91114**
6. **Member Greg Flowers is working on his first Supplemental Patriot Application for his Patriot ancestor James Flowers. Awaiting Signature.**

REGISTRAR'S NOTE

PUBLIC ACCESS TO RECORDS:

The National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems is seeking a consensus by the States is recommending the following to protect privacy:

Birth Records be closed for 125 years.

Death Records be closed for 75 years.

Marriage and Divorce Records be closed for 100 years.

Some jurisdictions are considering closing all records for anyone other than direct descendants closer than great-grandchildren.

This would be a good time to consider obtaining official family vital records that may be needed in the future.

