

**Sons of the American Revolution  
East Fork Trinity Chapter 47  
Minutes of regular meeting Sept 12, 2024**

**7:00 PM Meeting called to order by Vice President Paul Riderour**

**Invocation - Walt Thomas**

**Pledge to the American Flag - Robert Harrod**

**Pledge to the Texas Flag - Walt Thomas**

**Affirmation to the SAR - Gary Lovell**

**SAR Mission Statement - Michael Goode**

**Special presentation**

by: Pat Thibodeau- Texas Ambassador, National Society  
Descendants of American Farmers

To: Cynthia and Michael Goode for continuing work in agriculture

**Approval of August 8, 2024 Minutes**

Bob Vickers - Motion to accept minutes as presented

David Powell - Second

Approved unanimously

**Program - Bill Watts - Upcoming Opportunities**

EFT Member Ron Wasson is working with the Rockwall ISD and needs volunteers to present programs at school. Notify Bill Watts if interested.

BOM is Oct 31-Nov 3.

Round Rock Social Studies Conference occurs at this time and needs SAR volunteers to speak to the conference attendance is expected to be 1,000.

Forty five more State Fair volunteers are needed. Sign up on Mail Chimp.

Nov 16 - William Gates, Patriot Grave Marking at the Gates-Perry Cemetery, Washington County, Texas.

When attending an event where the SAR 250th Anniversary Flag is flown, you earn 3 points or 5 points if in Uniform towards a bronze color guard medal

Bill Watts has a contact that can furnish an engraved bench for presentation. Cost \$1,500.00.

National has hired four new full time genealogists and two part time genealogists. It is currently taking 37 weeks for regular applications and 52 weeks for supplementals.

### **Michael Goode - District VP Report**

August 23-24 South Central District Meeting

Oklahoma will be marking six Patriot Graves in near future

October 3-6 SAR Leadership Conference

Kicking off Constitution Week

Kings Fort Chapter NSDAR Invites us September 17 to attend

Bells across America Constitution Proclamation at Terrell City Hall

See Attachment 2

State Fair still need volunteers

Nov 10

Massing of Colors in Ft. Worth, more info to follow

Nov 11 Heath will have a Veterans Day celebration at the Rush Creek Yacht club

Please keep up with your Veteran support for the year ending Start report

Keep Bonham in mind, Coffee is needed

**Gary Lovell - Treasurer's Report**

See attachment 3

**Jason Gray, Education committee**

SAR scholarship entry deadline is December 31

Many scholarship opportunities are available.

See attachment 4

**David Powell - Registrar's Report**

Introduced new SAR prospect - Jeff Richter

New Applications at National

7 Regular applications

1 Junior Application

1 Pended Application, has been resubmitted

An opportunity for community service is available to the EFT.

We could partner with other local service organizations providing shoes for children

**Della Vickers - Door Prize Winner**

**SAR Closing - Bob Vickers**

**Benediction - Walt Thomas**

**8:00 PM Declaration of Adjournment - Paul Ridenour**

**Respectfully Submitted,**



**G.W. Lovell, Treasurer**



# East Fork Trinity Chapter Regular Meeting September 12, 2024

Name	Guest Name	Phone Number	E-mail
GARY HOWELL	Bill Walker	214-207-5073	
	PAT THIBODEAU	972-345-9965	
	Mindy Lovell		
DAVE POWELL	BARBARA POWELL	NO	
BOB VICKERS	DELA VICKERS	N/A	N/A
Jason Gray			
MICHAEL GOODE	CYNTHIA GOODE	—	
D. GOSLIN			
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# “Constitution Week” Kicked off by “Bells Across America”

**Hear Ye! Hear Ye!**

**Time to ring the bells and honor our Constitution! Join us on the steps of  
Terrell City Hall on Constitution Day on  
September 17<sup>th</sup> @ 2:45pm - 3:20pm**

Come hear the bells ring celebrating the signing of the declaration of Independence of America!

\*George Washington will give the Preamble to the Constitution

\*Mayor Carmona will give the Proclamation of the Constitution

\*The Sons of the American Revolution's Color Guard will be presenting colors

\*The Daughters of the American Revolution will be there handing out flags and will be dressed in colonial attire.

We will finish just in time to walk or drive two blocks to see:

## **Big Boy #4014**

Rolling through Terrell, Tx Sept 17<sup>th</sup> @3:30 - 4:15pm

Two blocks south of City Hall



**World's largest locomotive Big  
Boy No. 4014 to roll through  
Texas this fall**

Union Pacific Railroad has released the full schedule for its 2024 Heartland of America Tour, which will include nearly a dozen stops in Texas.



**East Fork Trinity Chapter 47  
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Monthly Report September 2024**

**Checking Account Balance  
August 7, 2024 5607.20**

**Deposits:**  
August 8, 2024 Quatermaster 15.00  
August 8, 2024 Donations 10.00  
August 12, 2024 TXSSAR 75.00

**Withdrawals:**

**September 12, 2024 Ending Balance: 5707.20**

**Outstanding Checks  
President Reimbursement (#1732, 4-7-24) 7.44**

**Certificate of Deposit (Matures Jan 27, 2025)**

**August 2024 Balance 6293.34  
Interest 21.32  
September 2024 Balance 6314.66**

**July 11, 2024 Grand Total 12,021.86**



**G.W. Lovell, Treasurer  
East Fork Trinity**



## National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution



The SAR is a historical, educational, and patriotic non-profit, United States 501(c) 3, corporation that seeks to maintain and extend:

- the institutions of American freedom
- an appreciation for true patriotism
- a respect for our national symbols
- the value of American citizenship
- the unifying force of a pluribus unum that has created, from the people of many nations, one nation and one people.

We do this by perpetuating the stories of patriotism, courage, sacrifice, tragedy, and triumph of those who achieved the independence of the American people in the belief that these stories are universal ones of man's eternal struggle against tyranny, relevant to all time, and will inspire and strengthen each succeeding generation as it too is called upon to defend our freedoms on the battlefield and in our public institutions.

### Award Contests

- Promote character
- Increase confidence
- Foster civil responsibility
- Develop critical thinking skills

(Grades 9-12)

## CONTESTS

These contests are designed to give high school students an opportunity to explore events that shaped American history. They are open to all students attending public, parochial or private schools or home-school students studying at the same grade levels. The preliminary rounds of the contest begin at the local chapter level. Students have the opportunity to advance to the state or national levels where scholarships and cash prizes are awarded. It is our intent that the contest will continue to expand on all levels and bring the voices of our young patriots to greater light across our entire nation.

### The George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest

Local, State, and National Level  
Deadline: December 31 to Dallas Chapter

Students must submit an original 800-to-1,200-word essay based on an event, person, philosophy or ideal associated with the American Revolution, Declaration of Independence, or the framing of the United States Constitution. Cash awards at the Local, State, and National levels.

National First Place Winner receives \$6,000; a medal and recognition certificate; eligible for \$1,500 travel spend for expenses incurred attending Congress. Second Place: \$3,000 and a recognition certificate. Third Place: \$2,000 and a recognition certificate. Fourth and fifth receive \$500 and a recognition certificate.

### The Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest

Local, State, and National Level  
Deadline: December 31 to Dallas Chapter

Students must write an original oration of not less than five minutes, or more than six minutes. The oration must be delivered from memory and without the use of notes or any kind of props. The subject of the oration shall deal with an event, a personality, or a document pertaining to the Revolutionary War with a mention of our nation's 250th anniversary celebration.

National First Place Winner receives \$8,000; the 2nd Place Runner-up receives \$5,000; and the 3rd Place Runner-up receives \$3,000 cash prize. Each also receives an Olympic-sized medal. All other non-placing finalists are awarded \$500 cash and all other state winners receive \$200 cash.

### The Joseph Plumb Martin Video Contest

Local and State Level Only  
Deadline: December 31 to Dallas Chapter

Contestants will submit a video presentation five to ten minutes in length. The subject of the entry should focus on an event, personality, document, or topic pertaining to the American Revolution. Emphasis on 250th anniversary of the Revolution. The style, approach, and perspective are not limited. The entry may be in the form of a documentary, dramatization, interview, advertisement, etc. Creativity is encouraged.

State First Place Winner receives \$3,500. Second Place: \$700.00. Third Place: \$500.

### **WHO CAN JOIN SAR?**

The SAR is a "lineage" society. This means that each member has traced their lineage back to a point of having an ancestor who supported the cause of American Independence during the years 1774-1783.

### **DO YOU HAVE A PATRIOT ANCESTOR?**

Whether you know that you have such an ancestor or not, visit our website <https://www.txsar.org/Dallas>

### Contact Information

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