



Sons of the American Revolution

East-Fork Trinity Chapter 47

President's Message:



Good Morning fellow Patriots,

I want to bring you news of what is to come this month for the East Fork Trinity Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

First, We will have our monthly regular meeting on the regularly scheduled 2nd Thursday of the month or April 11, 2024 at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be led by our Chapter Registrar David Powell. This will be our second monthly meeting at Soulman's Bar-B-Que located at 691 I-30 Rockwall, Texas 75087. As usual we will gather around 5:30 for food and fellowship prior to our meeting. I am excited to inform you that the speaker for this month is from the Dallas Chapter. His Name is Richard Brock and his topic is "Tearing down King George's Statue and Breaking into the British Arsenal".

Second, is the TXSSAR State Conference in San Antonio on April 11-14. We will be strongly represented by 5 members of our chapter at this meeting. I am looking forward to bringing you updates and news from the around Texas after the meeting.

Finally, several important dates to keep in mind for this month and next are April 27, 2024, April 28, 2024 and May 25, 2024. On April 27, 2024 we will participate in the Medal of Honor Parade in Gainesville Texas. This event is a National Color Guard Event and will be attended by members from several states. If you are new to SAR and have yet to participate in a Color Guard event, I encourage you to attend this one! Muster for this event is at 8:30 in the morning at the First United Bank in Gainesville Texas. If you are new to Color Guard a basic uniform for the event would be a white long sleeve button up shirt, brown or white pants and brown or black tennis shoes. On that Sunday April 28, 2024 our Color Guard will be presenting the colors at the American Legion Meeting 1:00PM. The location for this event is The Center located at 108 E. Washington St. Rockwall Texas 75087. Muster for this event will be at 12:15 and the event should conclude at 1:15 to 1:30. Last, on May 25, 2024 are 2 Patriot Grave Marking Ceremonies.

Warm Regards,

Randall van Heyst, President

East Fork Trinity Chapter no. 47

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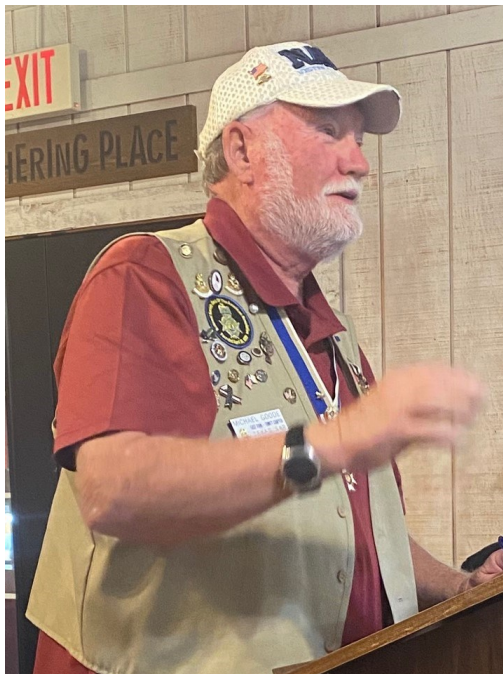
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Guest Speaker, Former President TXS-SAR David Temple Gave an Excellent Presentation on George Washington, Charles Cornwallis and Rochambeau, their lives leading up to the Revolution, their roles during the Revolution and their lives following the Revolution.



Color Guard Report

The Color Guard activities are beginning to come in now as the winter months are over and the warm months are beginning where more activities will be become available.

For those of you that are in the Color Guard, I hope you will strive to be involved in events this year and for those that are not members, please think about joining us as the Color Guard is the face of SAR. We need Guardsmen. To get started is easy, just let me know that you are and we can discuss a simple way to get part of a uniform in order to participate. There are medals to earn along the way.

So, as this being said, I wanted to give you an update of upcoming Color Guards events as of this date:

Saturday, April 27th, Gainesville Medal of Honor Parade. Parade begins at 10 am. We muster at 9 am. We meet at the corner of Broadway and Denton Street next to the First Baptist Church. It is a National event and if you are first time participant, you are entitled to the Texas SAR Bronze Bernardo De Galvez medal.

Saturday, May 25th, Patriot Grave Markings. Time is 9:30 am. Bill Watts is point of contact and further information will be sent out at a later time

Saturday, June 15th, Lewisville Audie Murphy Veterans Parade. Parade begins at 10 am. We muster at 9 am. More details will be furnished as we get closer to the event.

Thank you. Stay safe and Blessed!

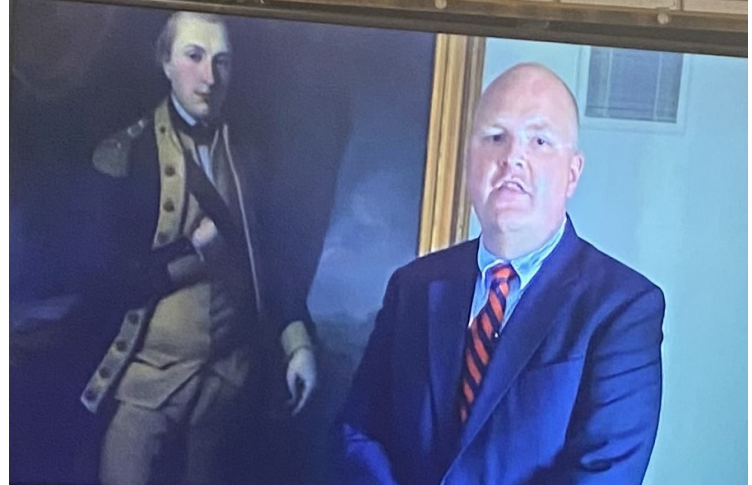
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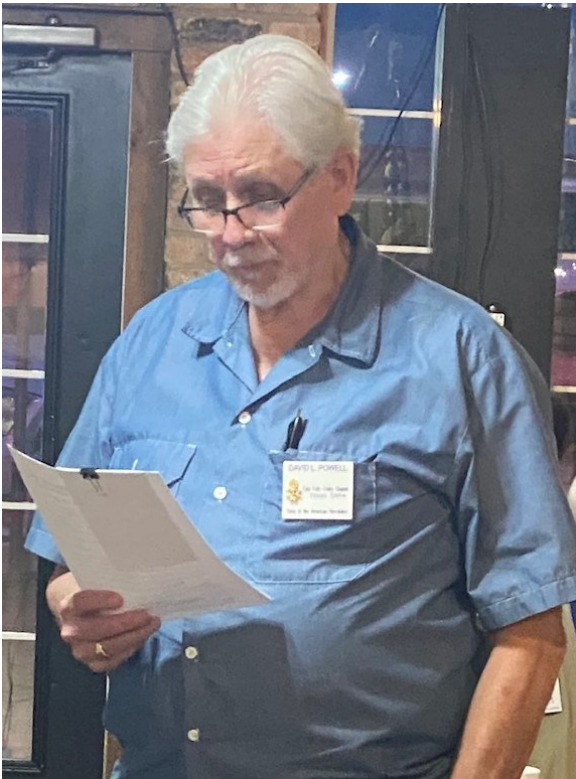
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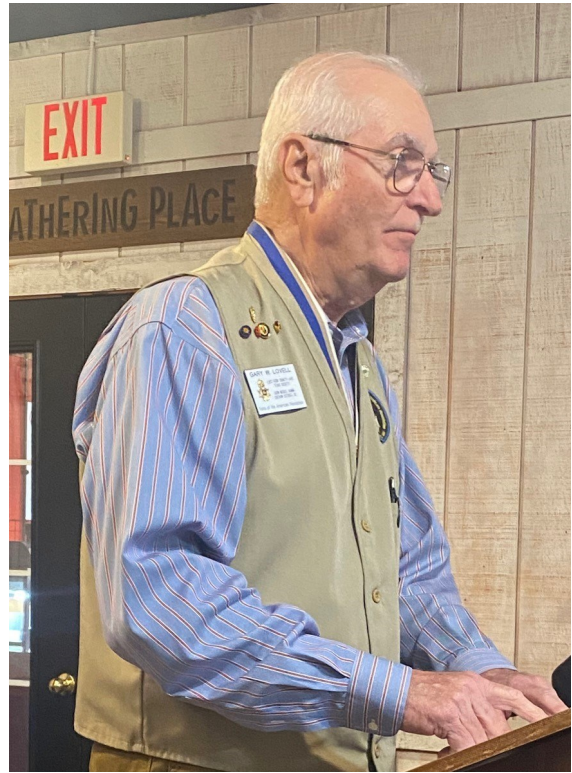


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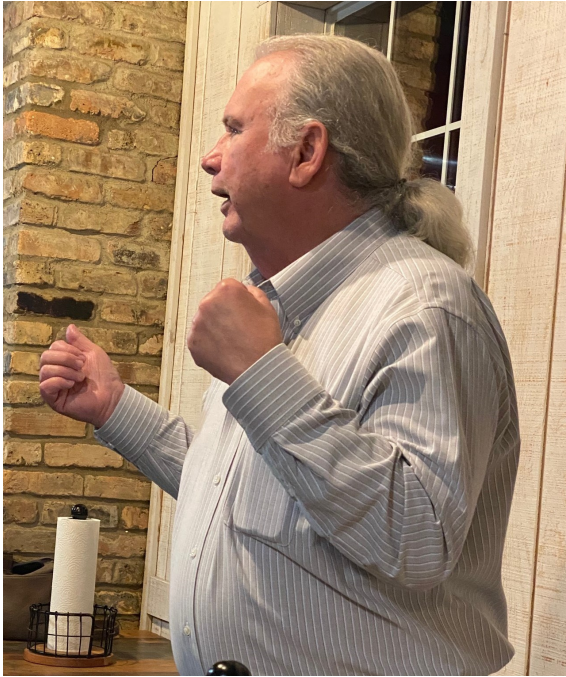
Randall van Heyst Opens the March Meeting



David Powell Gives Registrar's Report



Gary Lovell Gives Treasurer's Report



Bill Watts Announces Two Grave Markings in Centerville, Texas



Bob Vickers Wins the Door Prize!!



Editor's Notes

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 11th, 2024 at **Soulman's Barbeque at 691 East Interstate 30 in Rockwall. Dinner is at 6:00 and the meeting will start promptly at 7:00.**

The Boy Who Fell off the Mayflower or John Howland's Good Fortune by P. J. Lynch is a children's book about the perils of a young man who was an indentured servant to a man named John Carver, and their journey to the new world via the Mayflower. During a heavy storm on their journey to America, John Howland fell overboard. In desperation one of the crew threw over a rope and miraculously John was able to grab hold and be hoisted back on board. The book tells of their landing at Plymouth Rock in 1620 and the horrible winter that followed. Elizabeth Tilley, only 13 on the journey over with her parents, John Tilley and Joan, married John Howland three years later. The book also talks about the Mayflower Compact and how John was the scrivener. I can't verify that, but it may explain my 52 years as a court reporter, as John Howland is my 8th Great Grandfather.



Dave Powell

The Registrar's Corner

April 2024

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

- 1. Member Prothro Gaddis** was referred to EFT by Barbara Thomas. Patriot is Evan Prothro. Prothro is 97 years old and a WWII veteran. Application completed and mailed to State on 9 Dec 2023 as an Expedited application. Approved at State and received at National on 13 Dec 2023 and Approved at National on 22 Dec 2023. NN: 228807. Induction on 8 Feb 2024. **First Line Sponsor Walt Thomas. Approved as National.**
- 2. Prospective Member Hampton Long** was referred to EFT by Bob Vickers in Dec 2023. Patriot is Richard Caswell. Application has been completed Signed and mailed on 15 Feb 2024. **State finished their review on 28 Feb 2024 and the application is on its way to National. First Line Sponsor: Bob Vickers. Awaiting National Review.**
- 3. Prospective Member Frederick (Russ) Martin** was referred to EFT by the State Communications Secretary on 14 Feb 2024. Welcome email was sent and Prospect responded. Research has been completed and the application is in final review. Patriot is Thomas Landrum. We have completed his application and it was signed and mailed on 28 Feb 2024. **First Line Sponsor is David Powell. Awaiting State Review.**

4. **Prospective Member** S. Craig Cooper was referred to EFT by the State Communications Secretary on 17 Dec 2023. We completed work on Craig's lineage and found Patriot Edward Boone. We are now waiting for one death certificate to complete the application. **First Line Sponsor: David Powell. Awaiting one document.**

5. **Prospective Member** Jason King was referred to EFT by David Powell. Prospect was contacted via email and text and he responded on 20 Feb 2024. Jason's mother is a DAR member so we obtained her DAR RC and started filling out Jason's application. The application was completed and was signed on 9 Mar 2024 and mailed to State on 11 Mar 2024. Jason's Patriot is William Minter. **First Line Sponsor: David Powell. Awaiting State Review.**

6. **Prospective Member** Wade Rasberry was referred to EFT by the State Communications Secretary on 12 Feb 2024. Welcome email was sent and we are waiting for a response. **In Work.**

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATIONS

1. **Member** Bob Vickers submitted a Supplemental application to the Chapter Registrar for review on 12 May 2023 and mailed to State on 19 May 2023. Received at National on 7 June 2023 (ACN: 108321) Bob's ancestor is George Wingate. Application Pended on 28 Feb 2024. **Applicant Working to Provide Additional Info.**