

**Sons of the American Revolution
East Fork-Trinity Chapter No. 47
Texas Society**

Meeting Minutes for: February 8, 2024

Meeting Location: IHOP, 701 I-30 Garland, Texas

Attendees: (See signup sheet)

Meeting Called to Order by Vice President Paul Ridenour at: 7:10 p.m.

Invocation – Walt Thomas

Pledge to the American Flag – Bob Harrod

Pledge to the Texas Flag – Jason Gray

Affirmation to the SAR – Bob Vickers

SAR Mission Statement – Michael Goode

Welcome – Paul Ridenour

Honored Guest Recognized – World War II Veteran Pro Gaddis who served on the USS Aurelia and was involved in the invasion of Okinawa.

Program – 250th Recognition Program by Paul Ridenour and Tom Van Fossen. Paul explained that it was a point system and that you need 150 points to get the Gold Medal. Tom Van Fossen presented Paul Ridenour with his Gold Medal and went over the attached handout. (See attached handout)

Approval of the Minutes from the January 2024 meeting:

Motion to accept made by Bob Vickers

Seconded by Dennis Vierling

New Inductee: Pro Gaddis, World War II Veteran (above). Mr. Gaddis' Patriot served under Francis Marion, the Swamp Fox, during the Revolution.

Michael Goode also presented Mr. Gaddis with the War Service Medal

Bob Vickers presented the proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws to be voted on at the next meeting. (See proposed changes attached.) Please email any thoughts or suggestions to Paul Ridenour before the next meeting.

Treasurers Report by Gary Lovell (See attached report)

Michael Goode Presented Certificates of Appreciation to the 2023 Officers, David Jackson, Secretary; David Powell, Registrar; Walt Thomas, Chaplin; Leslie Anderson, Historian.

Color Guard Report by Michael Goode. Michael passed out a needs list for the VA in Bonham. This list was published in the February 1, 2024 Newsletter. Michael made us aware of the George Washington Parade in Laredo next weekend. The SAR Conference is April 11th. April 27th is the Gainesville Medal of Honor Parade. Bob Johns of the Plano Chapter needs help with the Childrens Concert in February and March.

In honor of George Washington's upcoming birthday, Michael Goode read the following poem:

It's called *The Father of a Nation*. This poem celebrates George Washington as the founding father of the United States, emphasizing his pivotal role in shaping the nation.

***In history's pages, brightly written
Stands a man, by freedom smitten
George Washington, with steady hand
Laid the foundation of this land
Brave and true, with vision clear
He led the way, in times of fear
In battle's toil, in piece's grace
He carved a nation's meeting place***

*The father of a land so free.
In his legacy, we come to be
Through his courage, strong and bright
He brought forth America's light*

Tom Van Fossen swore in Michal Goode as Historian

Registrar's Report by David Powell. It will be posted in the next SAR Newsletter.

Several places were discussed going forward for our monthly meetings. Motion was made by Paul Ridenour that we go back to Soulman's in Rockwall. Seconded by David Jackson. Motion carried.

Tom Van Fossen passed out information on Chapter SAR Sponsored Youth and History Teacher Contests for the 2024 Contest Year and encouraged everyone to get involved. (See attached sheet).

Door Prize Drawing – Eileen Austin.

SAR Closing – Gary Snowden

Benediction – Walt Thomas

Declaration of Adjournment – Paul Ridenour at 7:57 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David B. Jackson", written over a horizontal line.

February 11, 2024

David B. Jackson, Secretary, East Fork-Trinity Chapter #47, TXSSAR

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| Member | Guest |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| David JACKSON | Connie JACKSON |
| Cooper JACKSON | |
| BOB HARROD | CONNIE HARROD |
| MICHAEL GOODE | CYNTHIA GOODE |
| GARY SNOWDEN | |
| Jeffrey Witt | |
| Bob Vickers | Della Vickers |
| Harmon Adair Jr | Joyce Adair |
| DENNIS VIERLING | |
| JOE RICHESON | |
| DAVID ROUTH | |
| 12 Walt Thomas | Barbara Thomas + Pro Gaddis |
| Jimmy Austin | EILEEN AUSTIN |
| Jason Gray | |
| Leslie ANDERSON | Margaret ANDERSON |
| Sam Fowell | Mindy Fowell |
| Ed Fowell | |
| Tom Van Fossen | |

Paul Ridmer VP



*250th Anniversary of the American
Revolution Recognition Program
National Society, Sons of the American Revolution*



The recognition program is designed to encourage and recognize those compatriots, chapters and societies that participate in local, state, national and international events which publicly educate, and recognize, honor, and celebrate the events and heroes of the period surrounding the American Revolution. Participation involves the planning and execution of these events, as well as attendance. The medal covers the celebration of any event's 250th anniversary where said event related directly to acts of resistance to British attempts to coerce the residents in America: from the first Parliamentary Acts protested after the conclusion of the French and Indian Wars, through the armed struggle of the American War for Independence, to the ratification of the Treaty of Paris by the Continental Congress. This therefore will cover any public celebrations in the period from 2014 to 2033. Form may be submitted to cover multiple years and following the first submission be submitted in multiple years, only covering activities since the previous submission. Scorekeeping is the responsibility of each compatriot and awarding authority. You will receive an email authorizing the purchase from merchandising. The guidelines and points are described below:

East Fork Trinity Members Should Submit their form to: txssareftno.47@gmail.com

➤ **Awards are based on activity and the awarding of points for each type of activity:**

- a. Directing, chairing or co-chairing an event or sub-committee for the duration of the event. (20 points)
- b. Participation in the planning, financing, promotion or conduct of an event other than directing, chairing, or cochairing an event. Those that do direct, chair or co-chair an event and also serve as a regular member of a committee or sub-committee in a non-leadership role, may also earn points. (10 points)
- c. Attending an Event (3 points)
- d. Attending an event in Colonial Attire (5 points)

➤ **SAR Members may be awarded the Medals for achieving the following levels:**

- a. Bronze Medal: 25 promotion points as certified by his chapter, state, district or national society.
- b. Silver Medal: Compatriots who earn 60 promotion points as certified by his chapter, state, district or national society.
- c. Gold Medal: Compatriots who earn 150 promotion points as certified by his chapter, state, district or national society.

➤ **Non-SAR members may also be awarded these medals:**

- a. The chapter may present bronze awards to its Partners in Patriotism, and may recommend its Partners to the state or national society for higher recognition.
- b. The state and district may present silver awards to its Partners in Patriotism, and may recommend its Partners to the national society for higher recognition.
- c. The district or national society may present gold awards to its Partners in Patriotism.

➤ **Coin Award.** May be awarded to SAR and Non-SAR individuals participating in programs but taking no actual leadership role.

➤ **Streamer.** Awarded to SAR and non-SAR organizations. The certificate will describe the program for which the award is being made. Streamers come in three levels based on maximum participation in any one event during the year. Stars will be awarded if re-earned in subsequent years. The Bronze Streamer for an average of 10% participation, the Silver Streamer for an average of 25% participation, or a Gold Streamer for an average of 50% participation.

PART 1: Submission Information

Please complete this form with as much information as possible. If for a SAR member it is important that the name, national number, chapter, and state society be completed. If the form is being submitted on behalf of someone else, please make sure the contact information of the submitter and the candidate are entered. This form may be used by chapter and state societies to keep track of the awards authorized. Please show the total points on the first page. Only Gold Medal submissions should be submitted using the link above. Subsequent pages may be added to accurately list the events if needed.

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| Name of Candidate: | | National Number: | |
| E-mail: | | Phone: | |
| Type Submission: | | Chapter: | |
| Name of Submitter: | | State Society: | |
| Date Submitted: | | Organization Size: | |

| <u>Event</u> | <u>Position</u> | <u>Possible Points</u> | <u>Committee/ Sub-Committee</u> | <u>Date of Service</u> | <u>Points Earned</u> |
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| | <u>Chairman</u> | <u>20</u> | | | |
| | <u>Planning/Non-Leadership</u> | <u>10</u> | | | |
| | <u>Attend Event</u> | <u>3</u> | | | |
| | <u>Attend in Colonial Attire</u> | <u>5</u> | | | |

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Authorizing Signature _____

Total Points Attained _____

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| <u>Date of Bronze Medal</u> | | <u>Date of Silver Medal</u> | | <u>Date of Gold Medal</u> | |
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Corrections/Additions to the Constitution and Bylaws

Constitution

- 1. Spelling, etc. were corrected**
- 2. Added in Article V – “The Executive Committee shall meet at least four times per year as scheduled by the President.**
- 3. Officers term of office is two years.**

Bylaws

- 1. Article III – Election of Officers – The President’s term of office is now 2 years. The President may serve three consecutive terms. After waiting one two-year term, the President may serve again.**
- 2. Officers terms of office are now two years and may serve as long as they desire.**
- 3. Officers are expected to attend all meetings. If more than two meetings in a row are missed, their office will be forfeited. For any forfeiture, the Executive Committee will vote on a successor and the membership in attendance at the next meeting will vote to confirm the selection.**
- 4. Any officer failing or unable to perform his duties in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws may be replaced by the Executive Committee.**
- 5. In Article IV under “Presidential Appointments”, the following designations were changed to “Committee” from an individual classification: Community Service, Veterans, DAR, ROTC, and Eagle Scout. The person appointed to the committee will be the Chairman of that committee.**

Additional Information

Per Tom vanFossen, NSSAR and TXSSAR designations are now to be NSAR and TSAR respectively. National has decided to drop “Society” from its name.

**East Fork Trinity Chapter 47
Sons of the American Revolution
Monthly Report February 2024**

Checking Account Balance

Jan. 11 2024 **5365.22**

Credits:

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| Jan. 11 | Dinner Bucket | 40.00 |
| | Gaddis Application | 25.00 |
| | Quartermaster | <u>130.00</u> |
| | | 195.00 |

Debits: N/A

Feb 7, 2024 Ending Balance: **5560.22**

| | Certificate of Deposit | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Jan 2024 Balance | 6166.78 | |
| Interest income | 15.71 | |
| Feb 7 2024 Balance | | 6182.49 |

Outstanding Checks **NA**

Grand Total **11,742.71**



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

| Chapter SAR Sponsored Youth and History Teacher Contests for | | | | | Contest Year | |
|--|--|--|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| Contest | First Place Award at Each Competition Level* | | | Due Date | Texas Society | Entry Requirements & Comments |
| | Chapter | Texas Society | National | | | |
| Americanism Poster Contest | \$100/\$100 | \$300 | TBD | February 1st | March 1st | Poster, Grades 3-5 |
| Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School (Brochure) Contest | \$100 | \$300 | TBD | February 1st | March 1st | Tri-Fold Brochure, Grades 6-9 |
| George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest | \$100 | \$2,500 Scholarship | \$5,000 | December 31st | February 1st postmarked | 800-1200 word Essay, Grades 9-12 |
| Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration Contest | \$100 | \$2,500 Scholarship | \$6,000 | December 31st (application) | January 15th | Original 5-6 minute speech with accompanying manuscript, Grades 9-12 |
| C.A.R Essay Contest** | \$100 | \$2,500 | | December 31st | February 1st | 800-1200 word Essay, T.S.C.A.R. member in good standing for 2 years. Grades 10-12 & College Freshman |
| Enhanced JROTC Contest | \$100 | \$2,500 | 1000 + potential for additional scholarship awards | January 15th | February 1st | 500-700 word Essay + academic requirements, High School Junior in JROTC |
| Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award (3 contests, elementary school, middle school & high school) | \$100 each | \$1,500 or 1 week educational experience (about \$3,500 value) per contest | \$3,000 scholarship to Freedom Foundation Graduate Workshop in Valley Forge, PA.; \$500 cash prize and \$500 reimbursement for educational supplies & materials | December 31st | January 15th | 1,000 word Essay, Teachers whose approved curriculum teaches students about the Revolutionary War era from 1750 to 1800 |

** The essay portion of this scholarship contest corresponds with the SAR Knight Essay Contest. Therefore, the essay can be used for both contests. Both contests have different committees and contest requirements, please follow directions for each contest and submit separately to both contests.