



Sons of the American Revolution

East-Fork Trinity Chapter 47

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President's Message:

Good afternoon fellow Compatriots,

I hope that you are doing well. Although I was unable to join you for the February Chapter meeting I have received great reports from our members who were present. If you missed the meeting let me illuminate a couple of the highlights from the meeting. We were able to induct one of our newest members Prothro Gaddis who was referred to EFT by Barbara Thomas. He is the descendant of Evan Prothro. Prothro is 97 years old and a WWII veteran. Another highlight was the presentation of the 250th Anniversary Gold Medal to our Vice President Brian Ridenour.

I would like to inform you of a change that will be happening for our Chapter this month and update you on the progress we have made in regards to the initiatives I announced in my message last month.

First, and perhaps most important, is the change in our meeting location. During our first executive committee meeting for the year we discussed moving our meeting to a new location due to several issues that have occurred and continue to occur at our current location. A list of possible locations was presented and after review by our executive committee we agreed to take a closer look at 2 specific locations in Rockwall. We felt that it was now appropriate to move back to a venue which is centrally located for the area that our Chapter serves. With the background laid, I am proud to announce after a unanimous vote by our membership at the February 8, 2024 meeting we will officially begin meeting at Soulman's Bar-B-Que located at 691 Interstate 30 Rockwall, TX 75087. Our meeting date of the 2nd Thursday of the month and time of 7PM for the chapter meeting with dinner and fellowship prior to the meeting beginning at 5:30PM has not changed.

As for the progress on the initiatives addressed in my first message to you in the February newsletter let me start out by thanking Tom Van Fossen for his primer on the committee's we have in our chapter and the focus on Mentoring of new members. Along these lines I have completed the process of modifying and adjusting the New Members Manual and look forward to presenting these to our new members when they are inducted into our Chapter.

Respectfully,

Randall van Heyst, President

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Left: Tom Van Fossen, Michael Goode and Walt Thomas Welcome World War II Veteran Pro Gaddis Into the East Fork Trinity Chapter



Right: Walt Thomas Tells Us About Pro Gaddis' Tour of Duty Aboard The USS Aurelia and the Invasion of Okinawa



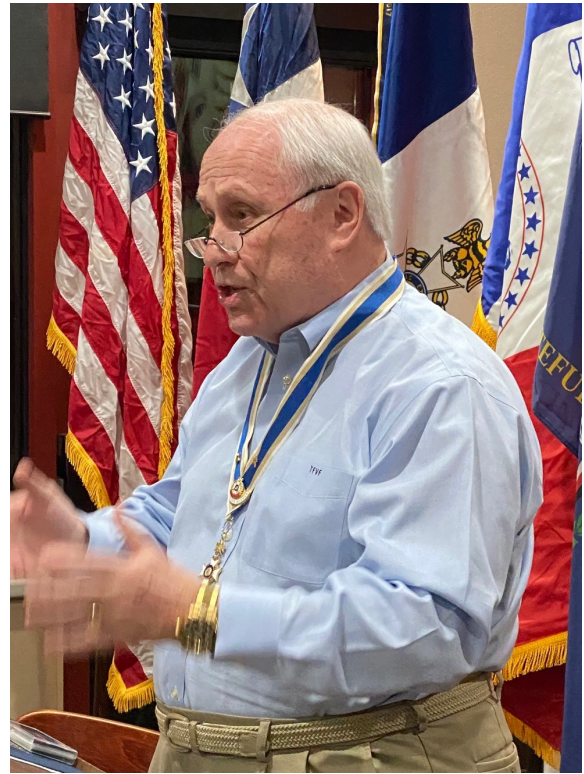
Left: Michael Goode Presents Pro Gaddis with the War Service Medal



Right: Walt Thomas Tells Us About Pro Gaddis' Patriot Serving Under Francis Marion, The Swamp, Fox During The Revolution



Paul Ridenour Opens the February Meeting



Tom Van Fossen Gives 250th Recognition Program Report



David Powell Receives Certificate of Appreciation as Registrar For 2023



Gary Lovell Gives Treasurer's Report



Robert Vickers Presents the Constitution and Bylaws Committees Proposed Changes



Michael Goode Sworn in As Historian By Tom Van Fossen



Walt Thomas Receives Certificate of Appreciation as Chaplain For 2023



Leslie Anderson Receives Certificate of Appreciation as Historian For 2023



Paul Ridenour Receives the Gold Medal for the 250th Recognition Program



Eileen Austin Wins the Door Prize



Editor's Notes

The March meeting will be March 14th, 2024 at **Soulman's Barbeque at 691 East Interstate 30 in Rockwall**. Dinner is at 5:30ish and the meeting will start promptly at 7:00.

Our Program Speaker will be TXSAR Past President David Temple.

Bonham Needs Listing Winter 2024

Please Make Arrangements with Michael Goode kgkong52@yahoo.com to deliver your items. He will get them to VAMC.

We appreciate your interest in wanting to serve Veterans and below is an updated needs listing. All items must be **new and in original packaging.**

Clothing & Comfort Items:

- Sweatshirts (Large - 3XL)
- Sweatpants/Tops (Men - Large - 3XL)
- Flannel Shirts Men's (Large - 3XL)
- Body Wash (no bar soap or hotel/motel toiletries)
- Deodorant
- Lotion
- Razors (disposable double to triple blade)
- Shaving Cream
- Dominoes (Big)
- Puzzles (new only)
- Journals, notebooks
- Adult coloring books, with colors or colored pencils
- Paint by Stickers
- Colored Pencils & Markers
- Stamps
- Pens, stationery
- Crossword puzzles & Word search
- 2024 Calendar

Refreshments:

- individually wrapped snack items to include ingredients are welcome, but no homemade food items. Items such as the following:
- Bottled Water
- Coffee & Supplies
- Juices (small boxed)

Miscellaneous:

- 4 Sets - Cooking Set Pot & Pan
- 8 Baking Sheets 9x13
- 4 Sets-Mixing Bowls
- General Stovetop utensils (8- spatulas, 4- Ladies, 12- stirring spoons)
- 4 Sets - Plastic Measuring Cups
- Clear Storage Totes with Lids - 12 Quart plastic Stack 5 7/8" x 11 1/2" x 16 7/8"
- Leather Crafts
- Plastic Models (Cars, Airplanes, Ships, Etc.)



Dave Powell

The Registrar's Corner

March 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 at 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 found a Patriot: Edward Boone and we are working on Craig's lineage. **First Line Sponsor: David Powell. In Work**

5. **Prospective Member** Mark Heining was referred by the State Communications Secretary 5 Jul 2023. Prospect was contacted via email and he never responded. A recontact email on 20 Feb 2024 was sent to Mr. Heining and he responded and he was still interested in joining the SAR so we are now working with him to get enough info to build his family tree. **First Line Sponsor: David Powell. In Work**

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.**

7. **Prospective Member** Cory Smith was referred to EFT by the State Communications Secretary on 25 Oct 2023. A welcome Email was sent to the prospect but we have not had a response. **In Work**

8. **Prospective Member** Darwin Lytle was referred to EFT by the State Communications Secretary on 6 Dec 2023. A welcome Email was sent to the prospect but we have not had 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.**