



Sons of the American Revolution

# East-Fork Trinity Chapter 47

## President's Message:

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the form of an email.)**



### 2020 Officers

President:  
Randall van Heyst

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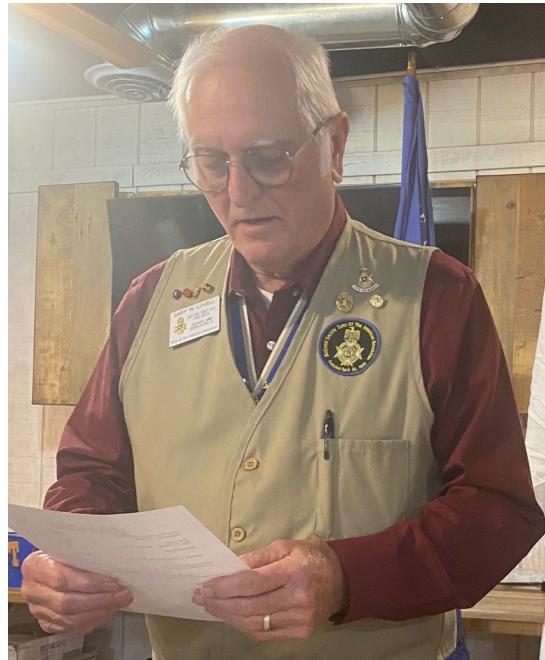
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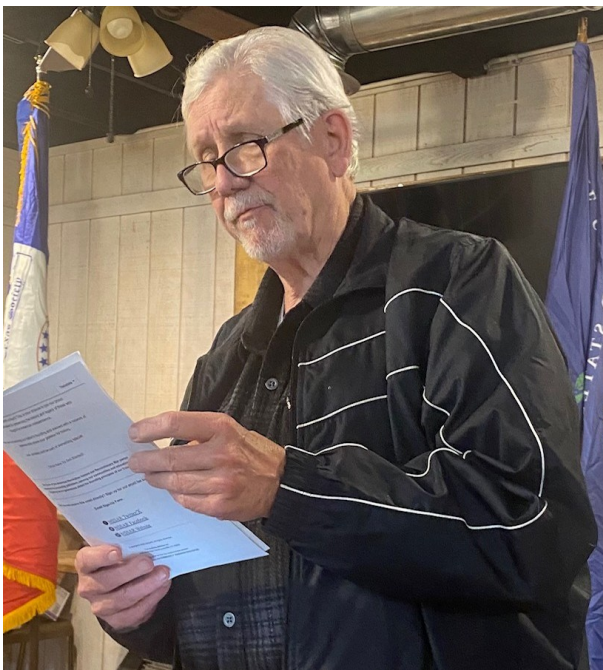
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**Randall van Heyst  
Opens the  
February Meeting**



**Gary Lovell Gives His  
Treasurer's Report**

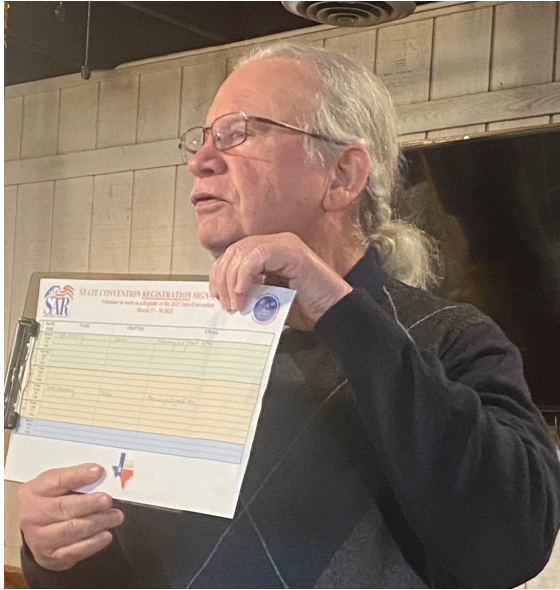


**David Powell Gives His  
Registrar's Report**



**Randall van Heyst  
Gives His Color  
Guard Report**





**Bill Watt Needs Volunteers for the Upcoming State Conference**



**Michael Goode Gives His Veteran's Report**



**Michael Goode Administers the Oath to the East -Fork Trinity Chapter 47 SAR Officers for 2025.**  
**Left to right are Randal van Heyst, Walt Thomas, Paul Ridenour, Gary Lovell, David Powell and David Jackson**



**Left: Karalynn van Heyst Does and Excellent Job on Her Oration on Revolutionary War Hero Nancy Hart**

**Right: Michael Goode Presents Connie Jackson with a Certificate of Appreciation for her efforts on the Bonham Christmas Drive**



**Left: Paul Ridenour Wins the Door Prize for February**



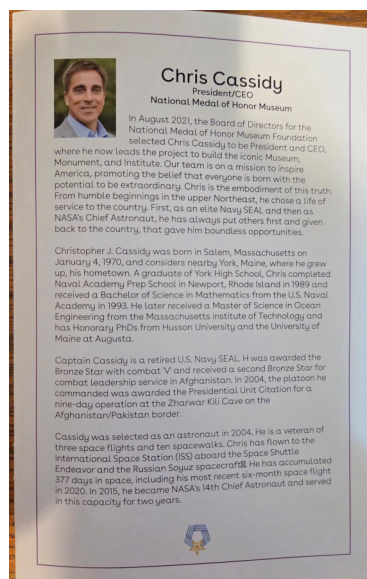
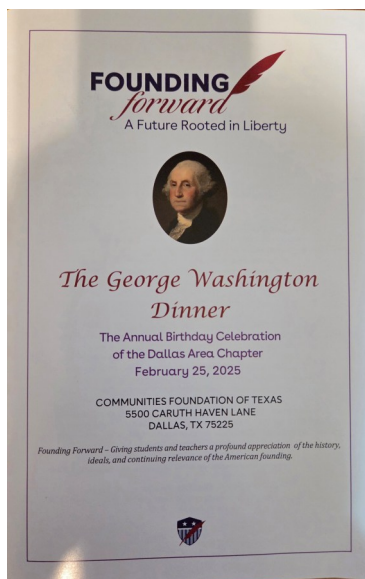


## **Gary Lynn Snowden**

**February 21, 1957—February 5, 2025**

Born on February 21, 1957, at Florence Nightingale Hospital in Dallas, Texas, was called home on February 5, 2025. He was the son of Curtis D. and Loretta Mitchell Snowden and is preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Alan Snowden. Gary is survived by his nephew, Alan Snow-

den and his wife Samantha; his nieces, Chelsea Evans and her husband James, and Carolyn Quinlan and her husband Dennis; as well as a host of extended family and friends. A proud graduate of Skyline High School, Class of 1975, Gary earned degrees from Texas A&M University and The University of Texas at Arlington. He was on long-term disability from the Boy Scouts of America, having served as a District Executive for local councils in Ardmore, Ok, Amarillo, and Abilene. An accomplished Eagle Scout, Gary was also a Vigil honor member of the Order of the Arrow, reflecting his commitment to scouting and community service. In addition to his work with the Boy Scouts, Gary was a member of the Dumas Masonic Lodge and the Lubbock Scottish Rite Bodies. He was an active member of Lakeside Baptist Church (now Lakepointe Church – East Dallas) since childhood and recently attended First Baptist Church – Dallas. Gary had a passion for genealogy, which led him to become a member of both the Sons of the Republic of Texas and the Sons of the American Revolution. Additionally, Gary was an accomplished Amateur Radio Operator, contributing to the amateur radio community through his involvement with the White Rock ARC, the Garland ARC, and the Dallas ARC. A Celebration of Life service will be held in the chapel of Sparkman-Crane Funeral Home (10501 Garland Road, Dallas, Texas 75218) on March 13, 2025, at 2:00 PM. Gary's final resting place will be in Tool, Texas in the old section of the cemetery at Providence Baptist Church at a later date. In lieu of flowers, Gary has requested that donations be made to the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in Dallas.



**North Texas Command Color Guard presented colors at Founding Fathers "The George Washington Dinner" on Tuesday, February 25, 2025.**

**Color Guard Compatriots attending were Michael Goode, EFT; Gary Barker, McKinney; Bill Sekel, Athens; Dan Hamilton, Arlington; and Bill Watts, Dallas.**

**The guest speaker was Chris Cassidy President/CEO National Medal of Honor Museum. Museum opens in Arlington, Texas on March 25, 2025.**





**1894 Souvenirs Monument in  
Tarrytown, New York**

## **Editor's Notes**

**The next meeting will be Thursday, March 13th 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. A Celebration of Life service will be held for Gary Snowden in the chapel of Sparkman-Crane Funeral Home (10501 Garland Road, Dallas, Texas 75218) on March 13, 2025, at 2:00 PM.**

***David Jackson, Editor***



## **Color Guard Report**

**(Color Guard Report will go out in the form of an email)**



## **Michael Goode—Veterans' Affairs**

### **VA Bonham Needs Listing Winter 2025 CDC**

VA Center for Development & Civic Engagement

**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 Mens (Large — 3XL)**
  - **Body Wash (no bar soap or hotel/motel toiletries)**
  - **Deodorant**
  - **Lotion**
  - **Razors (disposable double to triple blade)**
  - **Shaving Cream**

#### **Refreshments:**

**Individually wrapped snack items to include ingredients are welcome, but no homemade food items. Items such as the following:**

- **Bottled Water**
- **Coffee & Supplies e Juices (small boxed)**

#### **Miscellaneous:**

- **4 Sets — Cooking Set Pot & Pan**
- **8 Baking Sheets 9x13**
- **4 Sets - Mixing Bowls**



● **General Stovetop utensils (8- spatulas, 4- ladles, 12- stirring spoons) 4 Sets - Plastic Measuring Cups**

**Clear Storage Totes with Lids — 12 Quart 5 7/8' x 1 1 1/2' x 16 7/8' • Leather Crafts**

● **Plastic Models (Cars, Airplanes, Ships, Etc.)**

● **Dominoes (Big)**

• **Puzzles (new only)**

● **Journals, notebooks**

• **Adult coloring books, with colors or colored pencils**

● **Paint by Stickers**

• **Pencils & Markers**

● **Stamps**

● **Pens, stationary**

• **Puzzles & Word search**

● **2024 Calendars**



Dave Powell

# The Registrar's Corner

March 2025

## NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

- 1. Prospective Regular Member** Jeff Richter was referred to EFT by the State Communications Secretary. Jeff has been contacted and we are found a good Patriot and Lineage. Jeff's Patriot is Christopher Myers. Application was completed, signed and mailed to State 9 Sep 2024. Received at National on 15 Oct 2024 and Approved at National on 13 Feb 2025. NN: 232683. **First Line Sponsor: David Powell. Approved at National**
- 2. Prospective Regular Member** Guy Sargent was referred to EFT by the State Comms Secretary Ray Cox. We found a good Patriot and we completed the Lineage. We completed his application and mailed it to State on 13 Feb 2025. Guy's Patriot is Ephraim Ladd from Connecticut. **First Line Sponsor: David Powell. Awaiting State Review.**
- 3. Prospective Regular Member** Jacob Haldeman has been contacted and we are working on his application. **First Line Sponsor: Jeff Witt. In Work.**
- 4. Prospective Regular Member** Fred Forman was referred to EFT by the State Comms Secretary Ray Cox. We have been in contact with Fred and we have been looking for a Patriot with a provable Lineage. We found a Patriot (1st Lt Johann Nicodemus); However, so far, we have not found enough evidence of the lineage to satisfy State and National so we will keep looking. **First Line Sponsor: Bob Vickers. In Work.**



- 5. Prospective Regular Member** Robert Braley was referred to EFT by the State Comms Secretary Ray Cox. We have worked Robert's family tree and found several Patriots but settled on (Ensign John Loomis). Robert is doing a family membership with him, his dad (Ephrim) and his son (Nathaniel). We have completed their applications and they were signed and mailed to State on 14 Feb 2025. **First Line Sponsor: David Powell. Awaiting State Review.**
- 6. Prospective Regular Member** Ephrim Braley joined with his son Robert and his grandson Nathaniel on a family membership. We have worked the family application and their Patriot is Ensign John Loomis. We have completed their applications and they were signed and mailed to State on 14 Feb 2025. **First Line Sponsor: David Powell. Awaiting State Review.**
- 7. Prospective Junior Member** Nathaniel Braley joined with his father Robert and his grandfather Ephrim on a family membership. We have worked the family application and their Patriot is Ensign John Loomis. We have completed their applications and they were signed and mailed to State on 14 Feb 2025. **First Line Sponsor: David Powell. Awaiting State Review.**
- 8. Prospective Regular Member** Jeff Dowdle was referred to EFT by the State Comms Secretary Ray Cox. His application is being worked by Michael Goode. **First Line Sponsor: Michael Goode. In Work.**
- 9. Prospective Regular Member** Carson Aulbough is a 2024 State Fair contact who has been recontacted by phone but he is still not answering Emails so we have not received enough information to re-start his application research. **First Line Sponsor: Bob Vickers. In Work.**
- 10. Prospective Regular Member** Michael Nelson is a State Fair contact who has been recontacted. With the help from Barbara Thomas, we found a provable Patriot and Lineage. Michael was interested in the April 2025 Membership Sale. His application

was completed and is currently being reviewed. **First Line Sponsor: Walt Thomas. Application being reviewed and will be submitted in April.**

**11. Prospective Regular Member** Aaron Nelson is Michael Nelson's son. His application has been completed and is being reviewed. **First Line Sponsor: Dave Powell. Application being reviewed and will be submitted in April.**

**12. Prospective Regular Member** Jason Whitbeck is a 2024 State Fair contact who was recontacted and he was interested in the April 2025 Membership Sale. We found him a provable Patriot and Lineage and his application has been completed. **First Line Sponsor: Dave Powell. Application being reviewed and will be submitted in April.**