



Sons of the American Revolution

# East-Fork Trinity Chapter 47

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## President's Message:

Good afternoon fellow Compatriots,

I hope that this newsletter finds you well. We have officially survived the winter and are well on our way to the warmer months.

We also have completed our 130th State Conference in Richardson where we installed our new State Officers and received awards from 2024. Among those awards our chapter was awarded 2 different CAR (Children of the American Revolution) related awards. We were well represented in all the Youth Contests with 1st place in the Essay Contest, 3rd Place in the Video Contest, 3rd place in the Brochure Contest and 5th place in the Oration Contest.

Our new state President Mel Oller revealed that his focus for the upcoming year would be on member reinstatement. During the last year the Texas SAR has lost 500 dues paying Members. The President told us that in a typical year we will reinstate approximately 300 of those members. In the last year our chapter specifically had 12 members not pay their dues for this year. We as an organization are going to be actively pursuing these lost members and attempting to get as many as possible reinstated.

Big news was also officially revealed. In July of 2029 the SAR National Congress will be held in San Antonio. This will be a fabulous opportunity for our State and for our members. Usually these National Meetings are held in other states and getting to them takes a lot of effort. But that will not be a problem in 2029.

Finally, we have some BIG dates coming up in the month of April!!! First of all we have the 250th Anniversary of the Battles of Lexington and Concord and "the Shot Heard round the world" on April 19, 2025. The preceding night of April 18, 2025 will be celebrated with what has been referred to "the 2 Lights Initiative" <https://www.legion.org/information-center/news/honor/2025/february/two-lights-for-tomorrow>. I would like to encourage all of our members to participate in this initiative on the night of Friday April 18, 2025. April 12, 2025 at 8AM we will be participating in the 2025 Gainesville Medal of Honor Parade where you can earn your Bronze Galvez Medal. Muster for this event will be in the area of 517 E. Broadway St Gainesville Texas. Following that event we will muster at Sunnyvale First Baptist Church on Beltline at 1PM to assist the Mesquite DAR chapter Celebrate their 40th Anniversary.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting at Soulman's Bar-B-Que on the second Thursday of the month at 5:30PM to eat and at 7PM for our meeting.

Randall van Heyst

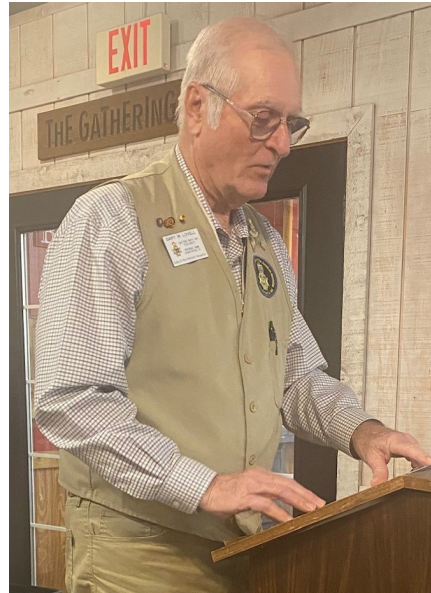
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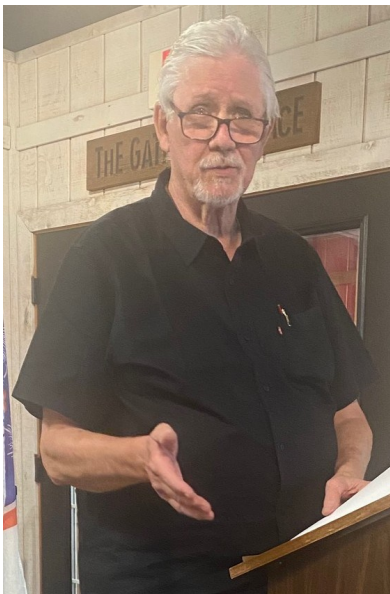
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**Randall van Heyst  
Opens the  
March Meeting**



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



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



**Reagan van Heyst  
Gives Brochure  
Presentation**





**Bill Watt Updates Us On  
The State Conference**



**Induction of New Member Jeff  
Richter Whose Patriot Was  
Christopher Muers**

**Right: Wife Candace Pins Jeff  
Richter**

**Below: David Powell, Candace  
Richter, Jeff Richter & Randall  
Van Heyst**







**Certificate of  
Appreciation  
Recipients  
Clockwise are  
Reagan van Heyst,  
Gary Lovell, David  
Powell, David  
Routh, Harmon  
Adair, Connie Jack-  
son, Robert Harrod,  
Robert Vickers, Jef-  
frey Witt, David  
Jackson, Bill Watts**







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

## Editor's Notes

**The next meeting will be Thursday, April 10th 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.**

Two Lights for Tomorrow is a nationwide initiative to commence the celebration of the 250th birthday of the United States of America. The famous ride of Paul Revere occurred overnight on April 18 – 19, 1775. Two Lights for Tomorrow originated out of multi-state collaboration at *A Common Cause to All* in Williamsburg and uses the imagery of that shining light 250 years ago as a uniting call to action today for our fellow citizens, no matter where they are, to commemorate and remind ourselves that our history is about working together for a better tomorrow.

At it's heart it is a call across the country, in private homes, local communities, and statehouses alike, for two lights to be displayed to remind us all of the importance to come together to form a more perfect union.

## How to Participate

Everyone can participate! All you have to do is display two lights in your homes, at your visitor centers, your cultural, historical, and community sites, and in your government buildings in April 2025 to raise awareness and draw attention to and commemorate the beginning of our constant endeavor as a nation to work together for a better tomorrow!

***David Jackson, Editor***



## **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

April 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 (ACN: 114617) 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. We found a good Patriot and we completed the Lineage and his application was completed and mailed it to State on 13 Feb 2025. Application was received at National on 28 Feb 2025 (ACN: 116497). Guy's Patriot is Ephraim Ladd. **First Line Sponsor: David Powell. Awaiting National Review.**
- 3. Prospective Regular Member** Robert Braley was referred to EFT by the State Comms Secretary. We have worked Robert's family tree and found several Patriots but settled on Patriot 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. Application was received at National on 28 Feb 2025 (ACN: 116498). **First Line Sponsor: David Powell. Awaiting National Review.**



- 4. 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 John Loomis. We have completed their applications and they were signed and mailed to State on 14 Feb 2025. Application was received at National on 28 Feb 2025 (ACN: 116499). **First Line Sponsor: David Powell. Awaiting National Review.**
- 5. Prospective Junior Member** Nathaniel Braley joined with his father Robert and his grandfather Ephrim on a family membership. We have worked the family applications and their Patriot is Ensign John Loomis. We have completed their applications and they were signed and mailed to State on 14 Feb 2025 and received at National on 28 Feb 2025 (ACN: 116500). **First Line Sponsor: David Powell. Awaiting National Review.**
- 6. Prospective Regular Member** Fred Forman was referred to EFT by the State Comms Secretary. We found a Patriot and workable lineage. Fred's Patriot is Michael Yeasley. Application completed, signed and mailed to State on 7 Mar 2025. April Sale Price will apply. **First Line Sponsor: Bob Vickers. Awaiting State Review.**
- 7. Prospective Regular Member** Jason Whitbeck is a 2024 State Fair contact who was recontacted and he was interested in the April 2025 New Membership Sale. We found him a provable Patriot and Lineage and his application has been completed and mailed to State on 7 March 2025. Jason's Patriot is John Dillenback. April Sale Price will apply. **First Line Sponsor: Dave Powell. Awaiting State review.**
- 8. Prospective Regular Member** Aaron Nelson was referred to EFT by Della Vickers. His application has been completed, signed and mailed to State on 11 Mar 2025. April Sale Price will apply. **First Line Sponsor: Dave Powell. \*Della Vickers DAR Finder referral. State Review Complete, Awaiting National Review.**

- 9. 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. Application completed, signed and mailed to State on 14 March 2025. Michael's Patriot is David Tate. April Sale Price will apply. **First Line Sponsor: Walt Thomas. \*Barbara Thomas DAR Finder referral. State Review Complete, Awaiting State Review.**
- 10. Prospective Regular Member** Olen Davis was referred to EFT by Barbara and Walt Thomas. His application has been completed, signed and mailed to State on 14 March 2025. Olen's Patriot is John McClelland. April Sale Price will apply. **First Line Sponsor: Walt Thomas. \*Nita Gilreath DAR Finder referral. Awaiting State Review.**
- 11. Prospective Regular Member** Elliott Davis was referred to EFT by Barbara and Walt Thomas. His application has been completed, signed and mailed to State on 14 March 2025. Elliott's Patriot is William Gilreath Sr. April Sale Price will apply. **First Line Sponsor: Walt Thomas. \*Nita Gilreath DAR Finder referral. Awaiting State Review.**
- 12. Prospective Regular Member** Jacob Haldeman has been contacted and we have completed, signed and mailed his application 21 March 2025. Jacob's Patriot is Daniel Broomall. April Sale Price will apply. **First Line Sponsor: Jeff Witt. Awaiting State Review.**
- 13. Prospective Regular Member** Edward Haldeman has been contacted and we have completed, signed and mailed his application on 21 March 2025. Edward's Patriot is Daniel Broomall. April Sale Price will apply. **First Line Sponsor: Jeff Witt. Awaiting State Review.**
- 14. Prospective Regular Member** Scott Woodard attended the 13 March 2025 EFT meeting and he is interested in joining the SAR. We have researched his lineage and



have found a Patriot and a significant, provable part of his lineage (four generations) with a DAR RC. April Sale Price will apply. **First Line Sponsor: Bob Vickers.**

**\*Della Vickers DAR Finder referral. In Work.**

**15. Prospective Regular Member** David Brooks West was referred to EFT by Walter & Barbara Thomas. A Patriot and lineage were found and the application has been completed and reviewed. April Sale Price will apply. **First Line Sponsor: Walt Thomas. Awaiting Signatures. \*Barbara Thomas DAR Finder referral.**

**16. Prospective Regular Member** Paul David West was referred to EFT by Walter & Barbara Thomas. A Patriot and lineage were found and the application has been completed and reviewed. April Sale Price will apply. **First Line Sponsor: Walt Thomas. Awaiting Signatures. \*Barbara Thomas DAR Finder referral.**

**17. Prospective Regular Member** Stephen Brooks West was referred to EFT by Walter & Barbara Thomas. A Patriot and lineage were found and the application has been completed and reviewed. April Sale Price will apply. **First Line Sponsor: Walt Thomas. Awaiting Signatures. \*Barbara Thomas DAR Finder referral.**

**18. Prospective Junior Member** Archer Jacob Phillips was referred to EFT by Bob & Della Vickers. A Patriot and lineage were found and the application has been completed and we are waiting for a birth record. **First Line Sponsor: Bob Vickers. \*Della Vickers DAR Finder referral.**

**19. Prospective Regular Member** Jeff Dowdle was referred to EFT by the State Comms Secretary. His application is being worked by Michael Goode. Jeff's Patriot is Robert Dowdle. **First Line Sponsor: Michael Goode. \*Cynthia Goode DAR Finder referral. In Work.**

**20. Prospective Regular Member** Clayton Dresher was referred to EFT and his application is being worked by Michael Goode. Clayton's Patriot is Ebenezer McIntosh.

April Sale Price will apply. **First Line Sponsor: Michael Goode. \*Cynthia Goode DAR Finder referral. In Work.**

**21. Prospective Regular Member** Rickey Howell was referred to EFT and his application is being worked by Michael Goode. Ricky's Patriot is Elder John Parker. April Sale Price will apply. **First Line Sponsor: Michael Goode. \*Cynthia Goode DAR Finder referral. In Work.**

**22. Prospective Junior Member** Micah Vickers was referred to EFT by Bob & Della Vickers. Micah's Patriot is Richard Caswell. We are waiting for birth records. **First Line Sponsor: Bob Vickers. \*Della Vickers DAR Finder referral. In Work.**

**23. Prospective Regular Member** Terri Warde was referred to EFT by the State Communications Secretary. We have sent Mr. Warde a welcome email but have not received a response. April Sale Price will apply if we can hear back from Mr. Warde and get the research accomplished and the application completed. **Awaiting Response**

**NOTE:** IF YOU ARE THE FIRST LINE SPONSOR ON AN APPLICATION, AND YOU HAVE A DAR REFERRAL, YOU MUST COMPLETE THE DAR REFERRAL FORM AND IT MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION. CONTACT THE CHAPTER REGISTRAR FOR A BLANK FORM PDF.



