



Sons of the American Revolution

East-Fork Trinity Chapter 47

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President's Message:

I hope that everyone has enjoyed the holiday season and stayed dry and warm. I wanted to share a few things our chapter has going on.

First, our meeting is coming up next week on Thursday February 13, 2025. We are still meeting at the Soulman's Bar-B-Que with dinner starting at 530 and our business meeting starting at 7 pm. This meeting is important because we will install our officers for the year and we will get important updates on matters that concern our chapter.

Second, we will have a chance to preview our chapters entries in a couple of youth contests we are competing in at our state level.

And finally, our officers and I will be able to update you on all the things we have to look forward to this year.

I look forward to seeing everyone soon!

**Randall van Heyst
President
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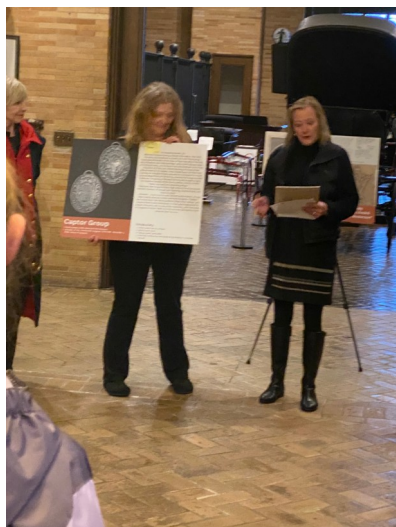
Editor's Notes

The next meeting will be Thursday, February 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.

David Jackson, Editor

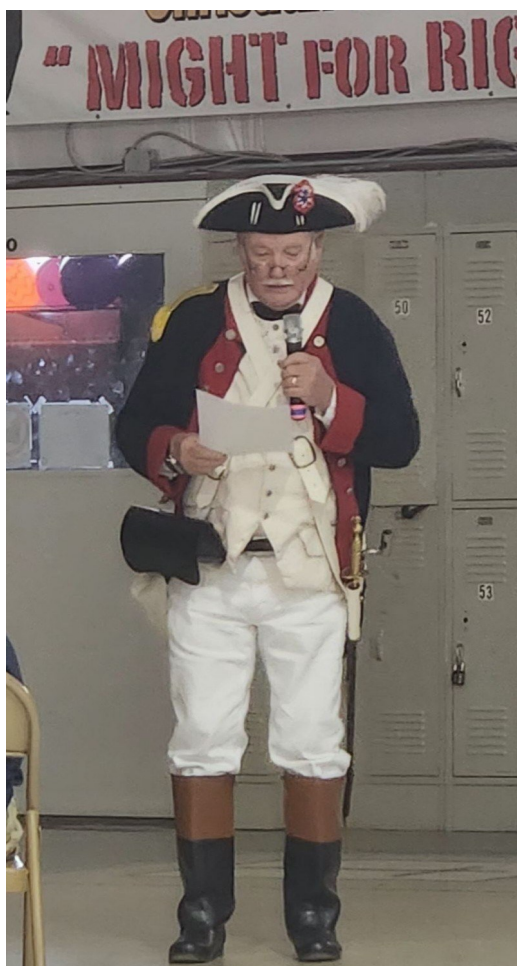


Captors Monument in Tarrytown New York



Pictures from our December 11 trip to Tarrytown, NY honoring my 5th Generation Great Grandfather Isaac Van Wart. Pictured are me at the 1894 Soldiers Monument; me with John Andre'; me with Benedict Arnold; me with my grandfather's medal; Connie with Char Weigel and Constance Kehoe, presenters of the program *Treason of the Blackest Dye*. Thank you Char and Constance for a great time!!

Right: Regent Cynthia Goode, Traci Cacas, Nancy Holland and our Michael Goode at the Poetry Christian School. Kings Fort DAR ladies function. Over 100 children and teachers were in attendance.



Left: Michael Good as George Washington telling the story of his life from a child until his presidency.

Please PRINT **2025 TxSSAR Conference Raffle**

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130th TxSSAR Conference

2025 RAFFLE


for top prize of a tailor made (to fit)

UNIFORM

Coat * Vest * Britches



Drawing Saturday Evening – March 29th

	SM / MD				LG /XL				2X		3X
	SMALL		MEDIUM		LARGE		EXTRA LARGE		2XL		3XL
HAT SIZE	6 3/4	6 7/8	7	7 1/8	7 1/4	7 3/8	7 1/2	7 5/8	7 3/4	7 7/8	8
US (INCHES)	21 1/8	21 1/2	21 7/8	22 1/4	22 5/8	23	23 1/2	23 7/8	24 1/4	24 5/8	25+

***1 Ticket - \$10 * 3 for \$25**

*** 12 for \$100**

Grand Prize Raffle Value Certificate

The award procedure for the winning ticket drawn during 2025 Conference, is that the individual selected will be presented your choice of a Vendor's catalog to select colonial attire or item(s) and a

GIFT CERTIFICATE of \$600.00

from that vendor to apply toward your order.

Tickets MAY BE
PURCHASED FROM
RANDALL VAN HEYDT OR
MICHAEL GOODE
SALES END
MARCH 13, 2025



Veteran's Committee Chair - Michael Goode

Bonham Needs Listing Winter 2024

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.

Gift Cards:

Exxon or Shell gas cards (Social Work to assist Veterans to/from appointments)

Whataburger Gift Cards

Clothing & Comfort Items:

Athletic Shorts (Men – various sizes)

T-shirts or short sleeve pullover Athletic Shorts (Women – Various sizes)

Pajama pants Men (XL-3X) Jackets Men's (Large-2XL) Cellphone Pouch- (necklace type or cross body)

Body Wash (no bar soap or hotel/motel toiletries)

Shampoo & Conditioner

Deodorant

Lotion

Electric Razors (for Veterans on blood thinners)

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:

Breakfast pastries/muffins for coffee cart

Peanut Butter/Cheese Crackers Chips, Cookies (Variety Pack, Individual Bags)

Bottled Water

Small Bottles Gatorade

Ground Coffee (regular only)

Juices (small boxed)

Liquid Creamer (individual packs/cups only)

Coffee supplies (8oz cups, sugar/Splenda packets)

Miscellaneous:

Clear Storage Totes with Lids – 12 Quart 5 7/8' x 11 1/2' x 16 7/8'

Headphones - Over the head with plug for phone/TV (no earbuds, no wireless)

Leather Crafts Plastic Models (Cars, Airplanes, Ships, Etc.)

Guitar Strings (Acoustic & Electric), Straps, Chords (Plug Guitar & Amp) Domino Score Keeper bead system

Dominoes (Big)

Puzzles (new only)

Journals, notebooks Adult coloring books, with colors or colored pencils

Markers

Postage Stamps

Pens, stationary

Cross word puzzles/word search (large print)

Sudoku books (large print)

New books, new magazines

Water Pitcher for the courtyard garden

Seeking Sponsorship for the following items/activities:

Monthly Birthday Socials

Popcorn & Movie

Bingo & Prizes

Cooking Group – monthly or quarterly

Bowling for Domiciliary Residents

Bonham State Park Pass Sporting & Music Events

Monetary and In-Kind Donations by mail, please send to:

Sam Rayburn Memorial Veterans Center

Center for Development and Civic Engagement (135)

Atten: Tina McDaniel, CDCE Specialist 1201 E. 9th Street

Bonham, Texas 75418

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make check or money order **payable to Bonham VA Medical Center.**

You can also donate to the Bonham VA Medical Center using E-Donate online:

Donating is just a click away with an online donation option that provides community members the account of their choice. E-Donate provides a quick, safe way for you to pledge your support to Veterans online. E-Donate also allows you to make a donation in memory of a loved one. Select VA North Texas Health Care System and choose a designated medical center and program, along with amount that you'd like to donate. There are no extra fees to use the secure website, so every penny of your donation goes to help Veterans.

All donations must be coordinated with Center for Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE) for acceptance and delivery drop off. Should you have questions regarding donations please call 903-583-6282 or email tina.mcdaniel@va.gov. Items may be mailed to address block as noted above.



Dave Powell

The Registrar's Corner

January/February 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 we are still waiting on National. **First Line Sponsor: David Powell. Awaiting National Review**
2. **Prospective Regular Member** Carson Aulbaugh has stopped replying to emails so he may have lost interest. **First Line Sponsor: Bob Vickers.**
3. **Prospective Regular Member** Guy Sargent was referred to EFT by the State Comms Secretary Ray Cox. We found a good Patriot and we are working on the Lineage. Guy's Patriot is Ephraim Ladd from Connecticut. **First Line Sponsor: David Powell.**
4. **Prospective Regular Member** Jacob Haldeman has been contacted and we are working on his proof and application. **First Line Sponsor: Jeff Witt.**
5. **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: David Powell.**

6. **Prospective Regular Member** Robert Braley was referred to EFT by the State Comms Secretary Ray Cox. We have worked Robert's family tree and we found several Patriots but settled on (Lt. Col Stephen Kimball). Lt. Col Kimball is listed on the DAR Website and he fought for Rhode Island. We are currently working the lineage proofs. **First Line Sponsor: David Powell.**
7. **Prospective Regular Member** Jeff Dowdle was referred to EFT by the State Comms Secretary Ray Cox. We just received this referral so we will send him a welcome email and verify his interest.