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President's Message:

Good day fellow Compatriots,

I hope you all are having a great summer so far. We have had several meetings in a row with great attendance by you all as well as several events that have been well attended.

First, we are getting ready for our Annual 4th of July Parade in Heath Texas and this year we are looking forward to bringing a trailer for all those that don't feel like they can walk the parade route. We will meet at the First Methodist Church located at 140 Smirl Dr. Heath Texas 75032 at 7:30am to decorate the trailer. We will be joined as usual by the Rockwall DAR Chapter and the Girl Scouts. We have also been invited to park there for the parade and will have access if needed to the bathrooms located at the Church. We have recently been informed by the Parade Planners that the area we line up at has changed due to construction at the city park as such we will follow that trailer to the appropriate location in the lineup for their parade as soon as we have completed the decoration of the trailer. After the parade is complete there will be treats.

Second, I am looking forward to seeing you all at our upcoming meeting on Thursday July 10, 2025 at Soulman's Bar-B-Que in Rockwall at 530 for dinner and fellowship. Our regular meeting will follow at 7pm and I am excited to inform you of our guest speaker. Drake Peddie will be debuting a new program for us.

Finally, we have a funeral on Saturday June 27 at 2pm for one of our own. Bill Watts will be memorized and his remains will be interred at Rest Haven Funeral Home Located at 2500 Tx-66 Rockwall Texas 75087. This will be a State Color Guard Event with members from all over the State in attendance and will culminate in a Musket Salute.

I would like to challenge all of you both in and out of Color Guard to attend the parade in Heath on the 4th and bring your family to Join us!

Randall van Heyst

President

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**Randall van Heyst
Opens the July
Meeting**



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



**Tom Van Fossen Gives
Us an Update on the
Bill Watts Lapel Pin**



**Reagan van Heyst Gives the
Color Guard Report**



Left: Reagan van Heyst displays the Bunker Hill Flag for this Month's Americanism Moment.

Right: Drake Peddie Makes an Excellent Presentation on the Texas Navy and its Role in the Defeat of Mexico.



Left: Drake Peddie Presents Paul Ridenour with an Honorary Commission as Admiral in the Texas Navy Signed by Governor Greg Abbott.



Left: David Powell Gives Us a Very Encouraging Registrar's Report, Including the Induction of the Four New Inductees Listed Below.



Above Left to Right: David Powell, Registrar; Guy Sargent, New Inductee; Ephrim Braley, New Inductee; Nathaniel Braley, New Inductee; Robert Braley, New Inductee; Randall van Heyst, President. (PCOF)



**Captors Monument
Tarrytown, New York**

Editor's Notes

**The next meeting will be Thursday,
August 14th 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



Left: The General William C Westmoreland Award was presented to Michael Glenn Goode (TX) at the 2025 National Congress by SAR President General Darryl S. Addington. Michael has been very active with the SAR at the chapter, state, and national levels. He continues to be an excellent resource and role model for everyone having the pleasure to know him. In terms of his support to Veterans, he has driven 38,000 miles, donated over \$13,000 worth of various items, and accounts for over \$15,000 of monetary contributions. This recognition is well deserved.

Mike is our District 6 Vice President, State Chaplain and State Veterans Committee chairman.

The General William C. Westmoreland Award is presented at the annual SAR Congress to an SAR member who has distinguished himself by his service to Veterans. The SAR General William C. Westmoreland Award was authorized in 1996, and only one award is presented annually. The SAR Veterans Committee determines a winner at the Spring Leadership Conference in Louisville, Kentucky, and the award is presented at the annual SAR Congress.

Westmoreland Award is a special gold version of the SAR's Service to Veterans Medal. An SAR member may receive the medal and award certificate only once.

Bonham Needs Listing Winter 2024-2025



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 (medium – 3XL)
- Sweatpants/Tops (Men – Medium – 3XL)
- Flannel Shirts Men (Small – 3XL)
- Coats & Jackets (Med-3XL)
- Body Wash (no bar soap or hotel/motel toiletries)
- Deodorant
- Lotion
- Razors (disposable double to triple blade)
- Electric razors (for patients on blood thinners)
- Shaving Cream
- Nail clippers
- Brushes and combs
- Chapstick
- Diabetic socks with bigger tops, for diabetics and less restrictive for Veterans with larger legs

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)
- Individually wrapped snacks (no homemade)
- Chips
- Cookies
- Candy
- Danishes, donuts

Miscellaneous:

- 12 oz Coffee Insulated cup/tumbler with lids & handle. (larger sizes get too heavy for our older Veterans once filled with coffee)
- Plastic Models (Cars, Airplanes, Ships, Etc.)
- Leather crafts
- Dominoes (Big)
- Journals, notebooks
- Adult coloring books, with colors or colored pencils
- Paint by Stickers

Michael Goode, State Chaplain, Presiding Over Bill Watts Memorial Service Saturday, June 26th.





Dave Powell

The Registrar's Corner

August 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. Guy's Patriot is Ephraim Ladd. Application was received at National on 28 Feb 2025 (ACN: 116497) and Approved at National on 30 May 2025. NN: 233763. **First Line Sponsor: David Powell. Approved at National.**
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) and Approved at National on 30 May 2025. NN: 233764. **First Line Sponsor: David Powell. Approved at National.**

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) and Approved at National on 30 May 2025. NN: 233765. **First Line Sponsor: David Powell. Approved at National.**
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) and Approved at National on 30 May 2025. NN: 233766. **First Line Sponsor: David Powell. Approved at National.**
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 received at National on 4 Apr 2025 (ACN: 116936). Approved at National on 27 Jun 2025, NN: 234113. **First Line Sponsor: Bob Vickers. Approved at National.**
7. **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 and received at National on 4 Apr 2025 (ACN: 116 938). Approved at National on 27 June 2025. NN: 234115. Elliott's Patriot is William Gilreath Sr. April Sale Price will apply. **First Line Sponsor: Walt Thomas. *Nita Gilreath DAR Finder referral. Approved at National.**
8. **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 and received at National on 4 Apr 2025 and received at National on 4 Apr 2025 (ACN: 116939). Approved at National on 27 June 2025. NN: 234116.

Olen's Patriot is John McClelland. **First Line Sponsor: Walt Thomas. *Nita Gilreath DAR Finder referral. Approved at National.**

9. 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 and received at National on 4 Apr 2025 (ACN: 116940). Approved at National on 27 June 2024. NN: 234117. Jason's Patriot is John Dillenback. **First Line Sponsor: Dave Powell. Approved at National.**

10. 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 and received at National on 4 Apr 2025 (ACN: 116941). Approved at National on 27 June 2025, NN: 234118. **First Line Sponsor: Dave Powell. *Della Vickers DAR Finder referral. Approved at National.**

11. 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 and received at National on 4 Apr 2025 (ACN: 116943). Approved at National on 27 June 2025, NN: 234119. Michael's Patriot is David Tate. **First Line Sponsor: Walt Thomas. *Barbara Thomas DAR Finder referral. Approved at National.**

12. Prospective Regular Member Edward Haldeman has been contacted and we have completed, signed and mailed his application on 21 March 2025 and received at National on 4 Apr 2025 (ACN: 116944). Approved at National on 27 June 2025, NN: 234121. Edward's Patriot is Daniel Broomall. **First Line Sponsor: Jeff Witt. Approved at National.**

13. Prospective Regular Member Jacob Haldeman has been contacted and we have completed, signed and mailed his application 21 March 2025 and received at Na-

tional on 4 Apr 2025 (ACN: 116945). Approved at National on 27 June 2025, NN: 234122. Jacob's Patriot is Daniel Broomall. **First Line Sponsor: Jeff Witt. Approved at National.**

14. Prospective Junior Member Kase Carter Goode was referred to EFT by Mihael and Cynthia Goode. His application has been completed and is ready for signatures. April Sale does not apply since Kase is a junior (aged 3 years) so normal fees apply. Application completed and mailed to State on 12 Apr 2025 (ACN: 117884). Received at National on 30 April 2025, Kase's Patriot is Charles Hutchins. **First Line Sponsor: Michael Goode. *Cynthia Goode DAR Finder referral. Awaiting National Review.**

15. Prospective Regular Member Jeff Dowdle was referred to EFT by the State Comms Secretary. His application is being worked by Michael Goode. Application completed and mailed to State on 17 Apr 2025 and received at National on 30 Apr 2025 (ACN: 117886). **First Line Sponsor: Michael Goode. *Cynthia Goode DAR Finder referral. Awaiting National Review.**

16. 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. Application completed and mailed to State on 14 Apr 2025 (ACN: 117887). April Sale Price will apply. **First Line Sponsor: Bob Vickers. *Della Vickers DAR Finder referral. Awaiting National Review.**

17. 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, reviewed and mailed to State on 14 Apr 2025 (ACN: 117888). April Sale Price will apply. **First Line Sponsor: Walt Thomas. *Deborah West DAR Finder referral. Awaiting National Review.**

- 18. 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, reviewed and mailed to State on 14 Apr 2025 (ACN: 117889). April Sale Price will apply. **First Line Sponsor: Walt Thomas. * Deborah West DAR Finder referral. Awaiting National Review.**
- 19. 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, reviewed and mailed to State on 14 Apr 2025 (ACN: 117890). April Sale Price will apply. **First Line Sponsor: Walt Thomas. * Deborah West DAR Finder referral. Awaiting National Review.**
- 20. Prospective Regular Member** Rickey Howell was referred to EFT by Michael Goode. Ricky's Patriot is John Parker. Application completed and mailed to State on 12 Apr 2025 (ACN: 117893). April Sale Price will apply. **First Line Sponsor: Michael Goode. *Cynthia Goode DAR Finder referral. Awaiting National Review.**
- 21. Prospective Regular Member** Clayton Dresher was referred to EFT and his application is being worked by Michael Goode. Clayton's Patriot is Ebenezer McIntosh. Application completed and mailed to State on 18 Apr 2025 and received at National on 5 May 2025 (ACN: 118139) April Sale Price will apply. **First Line Sponsor: Michael Goode. *Cynthia Goode DAR Finder referral. Awaiting National Review.**
- 22. Prospective Regular Member** Bruce Leithead was referred to EFT by the Texas Comms Secretary, Ray Cox, on 13 May 2025. Bruce lives in Royce City. Application was completed, signed and mailed to State on 21 May 2025. **First Line Sponsor: Dave Powell. Awaiting State Review.**
- 23. Prospective Regular Member** Micah Vickers was referred to EFT by Bob & Della Vickers. Micah's Patriot is Richard Caswell. Application was completed, reviewed,

signed and mailed to State on 23 May 2025. **First Line Sponsor: Bob Vickers.**

***Della Vickers DAR Finder referral. Awaiting State Review.**

24. 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 awaiting birth certificate. Birth Certificate arrived, Application Completed, signed and mailed to State on 15 June 2025. **First Line Sponsor: Bob Vickers.**

***Della Vickers DAR Finder referral. Awaiting State Review.**

25. Prospective Member Arvis Dean Gray was referred to EFT by his son Jason Gray and Jason's wife, DAR Member Mary Ann. Arvis Gray's Patriot is Charles Polk. Application completed, signed and mailed to State on 5 July 2025. **First Line Sponsor: Jason Gray. * Mary Ann Gray DAR Finder referral. Awaiting State Review.**

26. Prospective Member Mark Mason was referred to EFT by Jeff Witt. Lineage in Work. **First Line Sponsor: Jeff Witt. In Work.**