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President's Message

Greetings Compatriots, We have much to be thankful for, beginning with the Battles of Lexington & Concord 1775 Civil War 1861-1865, Spanish American: April 21- August 13, 1898, World War I United States vs Germany 1917-19

18. World War II 1941-1945

Memorial Day May 26, 2026, on this day we honor those who unselfishly gave their lives on the battlefields of wars fought from 1775 to 2026. One of my favorite quotes is from: Admiral Chester W. Nimitz "Uncommon Valor was a Common Virtue" The quote highlights the exceptional courage of the Marines who fought in the Battle of Iwo Jima, one of World War II's most brutal battles, emphasizing, that such valor was a shared quality among them.

I have offered the service of the East Fork Trinity SAR Color Guard to act as an Honor Guard to honor the men and women who gave their lives in the cause for freedom at Mesquite Veterans Memorial Ceremony.

In addition I have ordered and received, one each 250th Anniversary Bunting (6 ft Wide x 3 ft High) See Attached Photo

Bob Kubin

President

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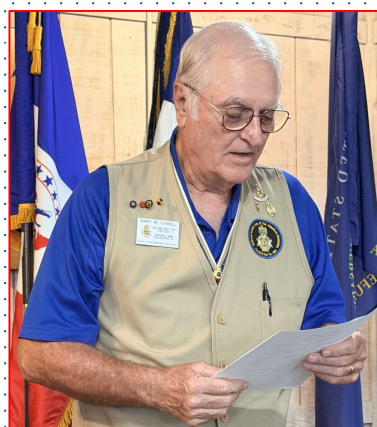
**President Bob Kubin Opens
June Meeting**



**Randall van Heyst
Presents the
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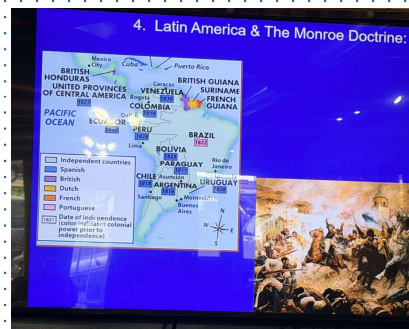
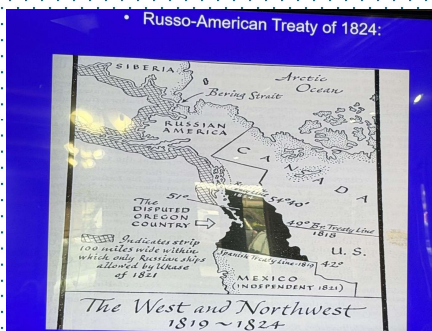
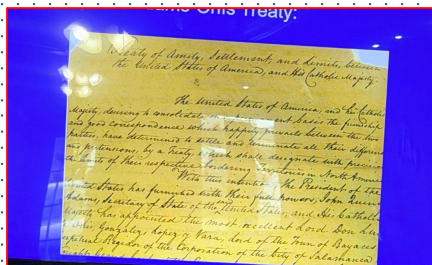


**Jeff Witt Gave the
Registrar's Report for June**



**Gary Lovell Gave the
June Treasurer's Report**





...the American continents, by the free and independent condition which they have assumed and maintain, are henceforth not to be considered as subjects for future colonization by any European powers. . . .

In the wars of the European powers in matters relating to themselves we have never taken any part, nor does it comport with our policy to do so. It is only when our rights are invaded or seriously menaced that we resent injuries or make preparation for our defense. With the movements in this hemisphere we are of necessity more immediately connected, and by causes which must be obvious to all enlightened and impartial observers. . . . We owe it, therefore, to candor and to the amicable relations existing between the United States and those powers to declare that we should consider any attempt on their part to extend their system to any portion of this hemisphere as dangerous to our peace and safety.

—President Monroe's Annual Message to Congress, December 2, 1823

David Latona Delivered an Excellent Program on John Quincy Adams and How Underrated He Was in History



Bob Kubin Inducts Thomas Derryberry, Ben Derryberry and Jowell Peden Into The East-Fork Trinity SAR. Welcome Aboard Guys!!



Bonham Needs Listing Summer 2025



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

below is

Gift Cards:

- Exxon or Shell gas cards (Social Work to assist Veterans to/from appointments)
- Whataburger Gift Cards
- Braum's Gift Cards

Clothing & Comfort Items:

- Diabetic gripper socks – Special request as regular gripper socks are too restrictive on legs of the diabetic or patients with larger legs.
- Athletic Shorts (Men – various sizes)
- Womens summer tops (various sizes)
- Crop pants or long pants summer weight (Women – elastic waist, various sizes)
- T-shirts or short sleeve pullover
- 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:

- Plastic Models (Cars, Airplanes, Ships, Etc.)
- Dominoes (Big)
- Journals, notebooks
- Adult coloring books, with colors or colored pencils

- Markers
- Postage Stamps
- Pens, stationary
- 1,000, 1,500 and 2,000 piece Jigsaw Puzzles
- Cross word puzzles/word search (large print)
- Sudoku books (large print)
- New books, new magazines

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: Brenda Magness, 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 brenda.magness@va.gov. Items may be mailed to address block as noted above.





Captors Monument in Tarrytown NY

As we roll up on the historic Semiquincentennial Celebration of our nation's existence I invite everyone to take a moment this coming Saturday to honor your individual Patriot. Take a moment from the hot dogs and fireworks to thank God for your Patriot, say their name out loud and take a moment in their honor.

The next meeting will be Thursday, July 9th 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



We have W. Michael Hurley Scheduled to Give a Presentation on the Scotch Irish and the War For American Independence.

Michael Hurley is the President of Hurley Benefit Services, LLC; his agency specializes in Individual and Group life/health insurance, Medicare Supplements, and Employer benefits. He graduated from Southern Christian University and the Brown Trail School of Preaching and was named an honorary alumna of Baylor University. A member of the Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Order of the Southern Cross, and the East Texas Genealogy Society. Michael is not just a leader in the insurance industry but also a passionate advocate for historical preservation. He has served as the President of Historic Tyler Inc., sits on the City of Tyler Historic Preservation Board, and is a member of the Smith County Historical Society and the Historic Oakwood Cemetery Restoration Committee. Outside of his professional life, Michael enjoys singing with the Vocal Majority Barbershop Chorus, teaching Bible Class at the West Erwin church of Christ, and his family. He and his wife, Tami, have four children, and he takes great pride in his two grandchildren, Lucas and Lilly.



June 20th Audie Murphy Parade in Farmersville, TX.





Jeff Witt

Registrar's Report for July 2026

1. Prospective Regular Member Seth Dowdle was referred to EFT by his father (Member) Jeff Dowdle. Application Mailed to State 20 Apr 2026. First Line Sponsor: David Powell.

2. Prospective Regular Member Chase Dowdle was referred to EFT by his father

(Member) Jeff Dowdle. Application Mailed to State 20 Apr 2026. First Line Sponsor: David Powell.

3. Prospective Regular Member: Brandon Kobel was referred to EFT by the State Communications Secretary. First line Sponsor Jeff Witt. Application in work.

4. Prospective Regular Member: Curt Coltharp was referred to EFT by the State Communications Secretary. Research in progress.

5. Regular Member Paul Ridenour has submitted a Supplemental Application for review on a Patriot on his father's line of Ancestors named John Hurst. Mailed to State on 12 June 2026. Awaiting State Review.

6. Prospective Regular Member: Charles Werner. referred to EFT by the State Communications Secretary. Research Currently in Progress

7. Prospective Regular Member: Lee Brett. Referred to EFT by Barbara Thomas. Application out for signing.

8. Prospective Regular Member: Michael St. Clair. Referred to EFT by Barbara Thomas. Application out for signing.

9. Prospective Regular Member: King Moss. Referred to EFT by Barbara Thomas. Application out for signing.

10. Prospective Regular Member: Dan Turner. Referred to EFT by Barbara Thomas. Application out for signing.