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East-Fork Trinity Chapter 47

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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 1917-1918. 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

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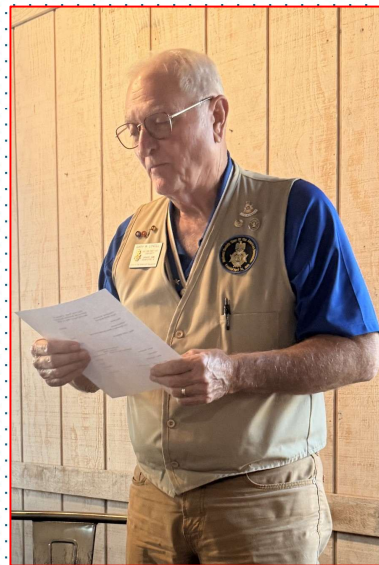
**President Bob Kubin Opens
May Meeting**



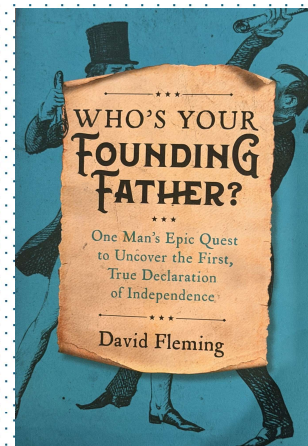
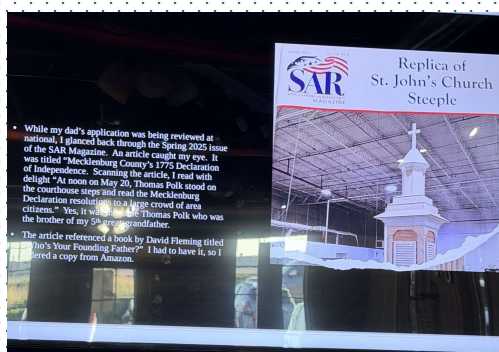
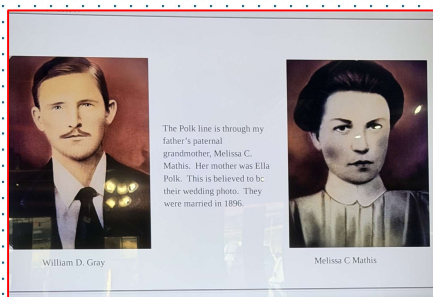
**Jason Grey's
Father Inducted
into the SAR by
Michael Goode**



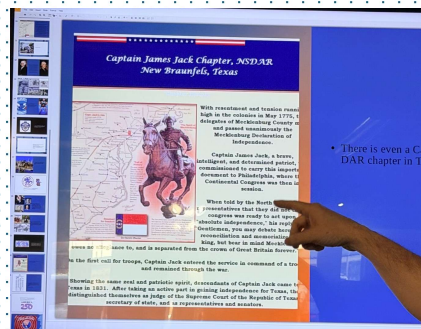
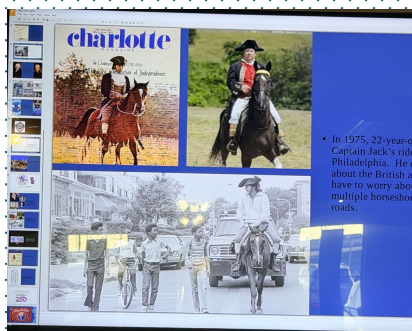
**Jeff Witt Gave the
Registrar's Report for May**



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



- Back in December my dad was inducted into the SAR. His 4th great-grandfather was Captain Charles Polk. Charles was the brother of Ezekiel Polk, who was the grandfather of our 11th President, James K. Polk, making him the great-uncle of the president.
- Charles Polk was a Captain of militia in North Carolina.
- Ezekiel served as a Lieutenant Colonel in the South Carolina Militia and was a Captain in the 3rd South Carolina Continental Line.
- In addition to Ezekiel, Charles had two other brothers who were active in the Revolution.
- His brother John Polk who was a captain in the North Carolina Militia. John married Eleanor Shelby, sister to Isaac Shelby who along with John Sevier led Patriot forces to victory at the Battle of Kings Mountain. Isaac Shelby would serve as governor of Kentucky from 1812 to 1816.
- His brother Thomas Polk was a Colonel of the 4th North Carolina Regiment of Continental Line. During the war General George Washington assigned troops to remove the church bells around Philadelphia to prevent the British from seizing them and melting them for cannon balls. Thomas Polk was put in charge of removing the Liberty Bell to safety in Allentown, Pennsylvania. During his presidency George Washington toured the southern states and made a stop at Charlotte, NC where he dined at Colonel Polk's home.
- In Charles Polk's pension, his son George, stated that brothers Thomas and Ezekiel were wealthy, while the other two brothers were not. I'm from the not wealthy line.

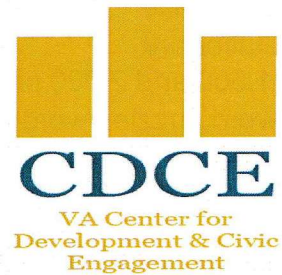


Jason Grey Presented an Excellent Program on the Charlotte Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence



Roy Herman Semtner, Jr. Inducted, (Top), Pinned by Jeff Witt (Lower Left) and Presents his Patriot Nathaniel Healy (Lower Right)

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.

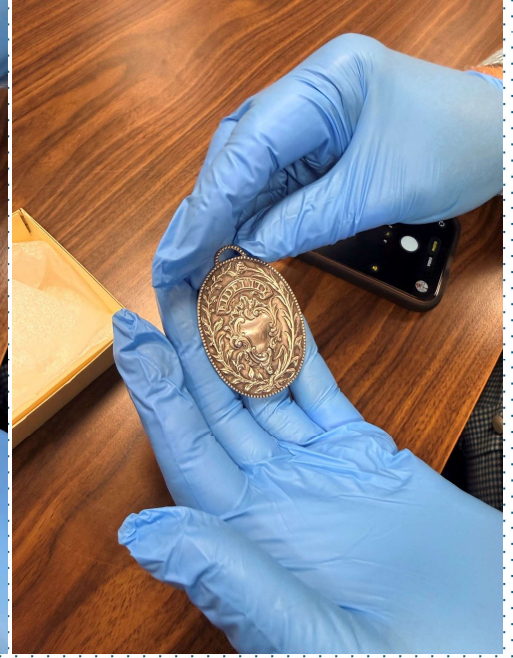
All donations must be coordinated with Center for Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE) for acceptance and delivery drop off. Should you have questions regarding donations please call 903-583-6282 or email brenda.magness@va.gov. Items may be mailed to address block as noted above.



Captors Monument in Tarrytown NY

The next meeting will be Thursday, June 11th 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



May 21st I received the honor of examining The Oldest Medal Ever Issued by US Congress in 1780, Presented to Isaac Van Wart by George Washington. George Washington Handed out three Fidelity Medallions that day, but only one survived and is in the Historical Museum of the State of New York in Albany. It is not on display currently, but will be a major part of the 250th Celebration in July and will be on display. Thank you Aaron Noble and Jennifer Lemak!!



Registrar's Report for June 2026

1. Regular Member Ben Derryberry was referred to EFT by the State Communications Secretary. Received at National 06 Mar 2026 (ACN 122272). First Line Sponsor: Bob Vickers. Approved at National May 07 2026 (National # 238455) Certificate has arrived. Ready for induction.

2. Regular Member Thomas Derryberry, referred to EFT by Ben Derryberry. Received at National on 06Mar 2026 (ACN122271). First Line Sponsor: Bob Vickers. Approved at National May 07 2026 (National # 238454) Certificate has arrived. Ready for induction.

3. Regular Member: Jowell Peden was referred to EFT by the State Communications Secretary. Received at national on 06 Mar 2026 (ACN 122274) First Line Sponsor: Jeff Witt. * Elizabeth Witt DAR finder Referral. Approved at National May 07 2026 (National # 238457) Certificate has arrived. Ready for induction.

4. 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.

5. 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.

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

7. Prospective Regular Member: Curt Coltharp was referred to EFT by the State Communications Secretary. Research in Progress by Mike Nelson

8. Regular Member Paul Ridenour has submitted a Supplemental Application for review on a Patriot on his father's line of Ancestors named John Hurst. Out for signing.
9. Prospective Regular Member: Kyle Norris was referred to EFT by the State Communications Secretary. Welcome letter has been sent.
10. Prospective Regular Member: Charles Werner. referred to EFT by the State Communications Secretary. Research Currently in Progress.
11. Prospective Regular Member: Lee Brett. Referred to EFT by Barbara Thomas. Application out for signing.
12. Prospective Regular Member: Micheal St. Clair. Referred to EFT by Barbara Thomas. Application out for signing.
13. Prospective Regular Member: King Moss. Referred to EFT by Barbara Thomas. Application out for signing.

Jeffrey Witt