



# Sons of the American Revolution

## 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 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bunting (6 ft Wide x 3 ft High) See Attached Photo

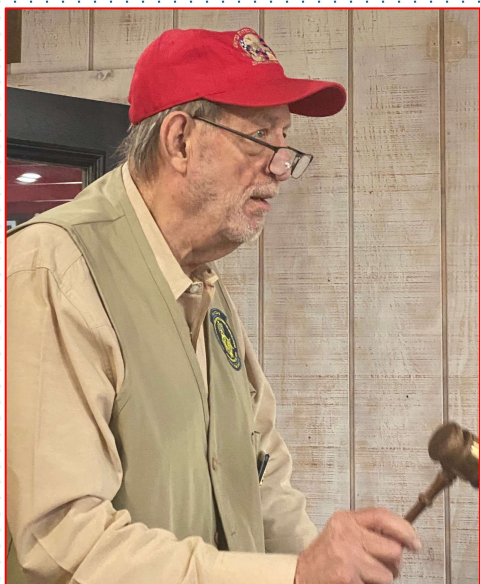
**Bob Kubin**

**President**

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President Bob Kubin Opens  
April Meeting



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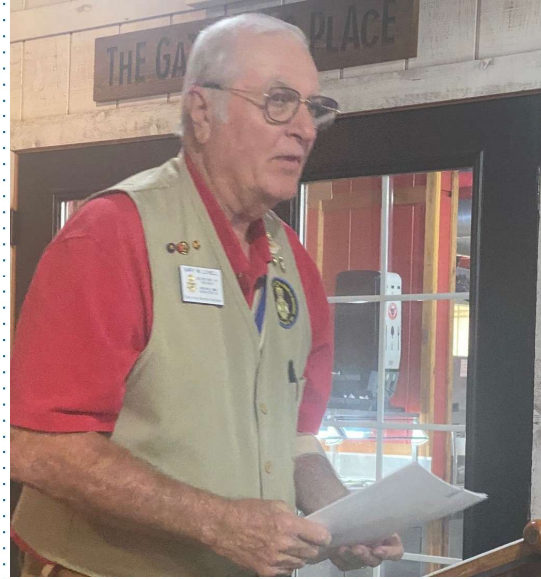
Jeff Witt Gave the  
Registrar's Report for  
April



Michael Goode Gave  
Color Guard Report for  
April



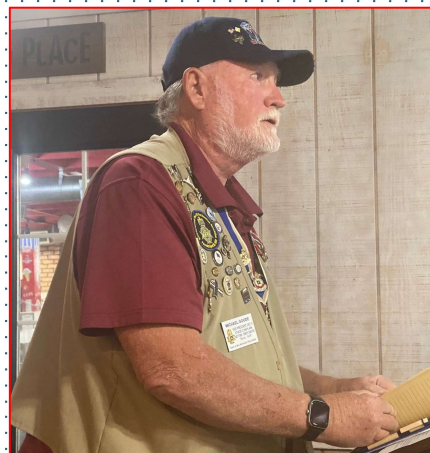
**Michael Goode Presents  
Cynthia Goode with SAR  
Medal of Appreciation  
and the Daughters Of  
Liberty Medal**



**Gary Lovell Gives  
Treasurer's Report for  
April**

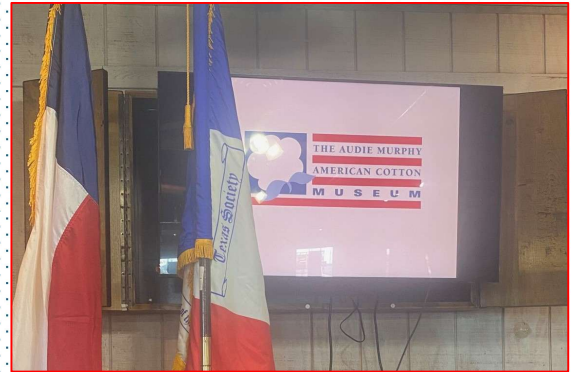


**Randall van Heyst Adds to  
the Color Guard Report for  
April**



**Michael Goode  
Gives the  
Veterans Report**

# Susan Lanning Presents The Audie Murphy American Cotton Museum



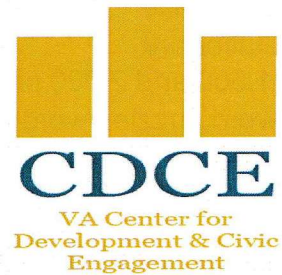
April 18<sup>th</sup> – Genealogy Workshop  
April 18<sup>th</sup> – Golden Oldies Movie Night: Cheyenne Roundup  
April 25<sup>th</sup> – Museum Murder Mystery  
May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Munzee at the Museum  
May 16<sup>th</sup> – Audie Murphy Day

**Schedule of Events Upcoming at the  
Audie Murphy Museum**



**Jason Gray and Bob Kubin Present  
Susan Lanning with Certificate of  
Appreciation**

# 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.

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## **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. 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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, May 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*

# THE TREASON SAIL

**A Speaker Sail featuring Char Weigel  
of Revolutionary Westchester 250**

Between September 17 and September 22, 1780, Benedict Arnold and the British circled each other in and around Haverstraw Bay. Arnold was trying to secretly transfer plans to guide a British attack on West Point. He did not count on the persistence of an American colonel guarding the crucial crossing between Stony and Verplanck's Points. Come hear the story of Arnold's treason and André's capture on the waters where it happened.

**5:00pm Wednesday, May 20th  
Safe Harbor Haverstraw**

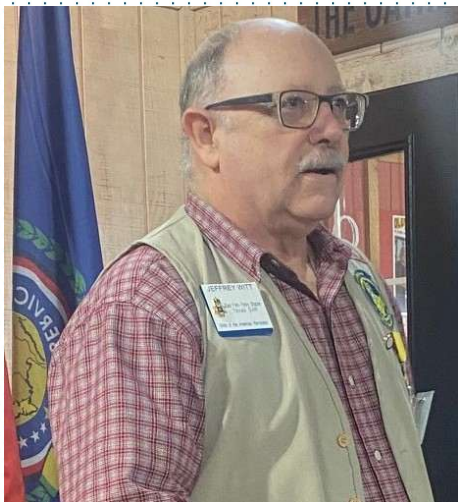


Char Weigel frequently publishes and presents on new research on Benedict Arnold's treason and Revolutionary War history in the lower Hudson Valley. She is on the board of the Friends of the Odell Rochambeau Museum and Vice President of Special Projects for Revolutionary Westchester 250.



**Hudson River  
Sloop Clearwater**

Bob Kubin, Ron Wasson, Jeff Witt and Jason Gray from the Mesquite Rodeo Parade on Saturday, March 28th.



**Jeff Witt**

## **Registrar's Report for May 2026**

1. Prospective Regular Member: Roy Semtner was referred to EFT by State Secretary Ray Cox. Received at National on 20 Oct 2025. (ACN: 120189). First Line Sponsor: Dave Powell. Approved at National on 19 Mar 2026 (National # 237454). Certificate has been received and he will be inducted at the May 14th meeting.
2. Prospective Regular Member: Bobby Moorehead was referred to EFT by Debbie West. Bobby's Patriot is George Miller. First Line Sponsor: David B. West. Received at National on 28 Jan 2026. Approved at National 26 Mar 2026. (ACN: 121504). (National # 237635). Certificate Package has been received and given to his daughter, Debbie West to present it to him.
3. Prospective Regular Member: Nathaniel Bendorf was referred to EFT by Dave

Powell at a Masonic Lodge meeting. His application was completed, signed and mailed to State on 25 Nov 2025. Nathaniel's Patriot is John Stanley. First Line

Sponsor: Bob Vickers. Received at National on 28 Jan 2026. (ACN 121505) Approved at national on 08 Apr 2026. (National # 237883)

4. Prospective Junior Member Archer Phillips, referred to EFT by Della Vickers. The application has been completed and was mailed to State on 5 January 2026. First Line Sponsor: Bob Vickers. Received at National on 28 Jan 2026, (ACN 121563) Approved at National on 08 Apr 2026. (National # 237888) DAR Referral Form submitted for Della Vickers.

5. Prospective Junior Member Charles Vickers was referred to EFT by Della Vickers. The application has been completed and was mailed to State on 5 January 2026. First Line Sponsor: Bob Vickers. Received at National on 28 Jan 2026, (ACN 121564) Approved at National on 08 Apr 2026. (National # 237889) DAR Referral Form Submitted for Della Vickers.

6. Prospective 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. Awaiting National Review.

7. Prospective Member Thomas Derryberry, referred to EFT by Ben Derryberry. Received at National on 06Mar 2026 (ACN122271). First Line Sponsor: Bob Vickers. Awaiting National Review

8. Prospective 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. Awaiting National Review.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. Prospective Regular Member: Brandon Kobel was referred to EFT by the State

Communications Secretary. First line Sponsor Jeff Witt.  
Application in work.

12. Prospective Regular Member: Curt Coltharp was referred to EFT by the State

Communications Secretary. Research in progress by Mike Nelson.

13. Regular Member Paul Ridenour has submitted a Supplemental Application for review on a Patriot on his father's line of Ancestors named John Hurst. Jeff Witt is currently reviewing it.

14. Prospective Regular Member: Kyle Norris was referred to EFT by the State Communications Secretary. Welcome letter has been sent.