

# **Sons of the American Revolution East Fork-Trinity Chapter No. 47 Texas Society**

**Chapter Mailing Address:  
East Fork Trinity SAR  
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**Meeting Minutes for: May 9, 2024**

**Meeting Location: Soulman's Bar-B-Que, 691 I-30 Rockwall, Texas**

**Attendees: (See signup sheet)**

**Meeting Called to Order by President Randall van Heyst at: 7:05 p.m.**

**Invocation – Walt Thomas**

**Pledge to the American Flag – Paul Ridenour**

**Pledge to the Texas Flag – Reagan van Heyst**

**Affirmation to the SAR – David Routh**

**SAR Mission Statement – Michael Goode**

**Welcome – Randall van Heyst**

**Americanism Moment: (See Handout attached under Legion of Honour Influence)**

**Program – State Historian John Anderson gave us an update on the Archive History and Yearbook Committee's work on archiving documents. Mr. Anderson also handed out awards to Bob Vickers, Harmon Adair, Paul Ridenhour, Walt Thomas, Gary Lovell, David Powell and Leslie Anderson.**

**Approval of the Minutes from the April 2024 meeting:**

**Motion to accept made by Bob Vickers**

**Seconded by Leslie Anderson**

**Treasurer's Report by Gary Lovell (See attached report)**

**Registrar's Report by David Powell. Need to get email addresses for Walt Newell and Joe Richeson. Mr. Powell also updated us on the number of sponsorships one needs to earn the Bronze Liberty Medal. (See full Registrar's Report in the next SAR Newsletter)**

**President Randall van Heyst presented Harmon Adair with a Certificate of Appreciation for his work on JROTC.**

**President Randall van Heyst shared with us a Certificate our Chapter received from State on Flag Certificates issued by our Chapter.**

**President Randall van Heyst presented David Jackson, David Routh and Paul Ridenhour with Certificates of Appreciation.**

**Color Guard Report by Michael Goode. Michael passed out a needs list for the VA in Bonham. (This list was published in the February 1, 2024 Newsletter.) Michael made us aware of two grave markings that are to occur on May 19<sup>th</sup> in Maude, Texas and in Clarksville, Texas. Contact Bill Watts for the exact muster times and locations. He also reminded us of the Unknown Soldier Event in College Station on May 21<sup>st</sup>. He also talked about how to fill out a Stark Report on SAR activity.**

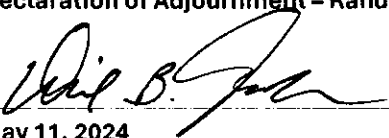
**President Randall van Heyst presented Michael Goode with a Certificate of Appreciation.**

**Door Prize Drawing – David Powell**

**SAR Closing – Paul Ridenhour**

**Benediction – Walt Thomas**

**Declaration of Adjournment – Randall van Heyst at 8:28 p.m.**



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**May 11, 2024**

**David B. Jackson, Secretary, East Fork-Trinity Chapter #47, TXSSAR**

# East Fork Trinity Chapter Regular Meeting May 9, 2024

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They were open to members of the nobility ready to undertake deeds of religion or chivalry. But those deeds were international in scope: all Christendom was to be the beneficiary of the knight's good deeds. By contrast, the Order of St. Louis was established to reward military service to one's own country and it was the first to do so. Since the SAR has as its purpose the remembrance and recognition of the military service of their Revolutionary War ancestors to their country, the adoption of the St. Louis cross seemed most apropos.

### **Legion of Honour Influence**

The laurel wreath is significant, for it is derived from another French order, the Legion of Honour. Instituted by Napoleon shortly after his advent to power, the Legion of Honour was intended to fill a vacuum left by the disappearance of the old royal orders during the Revolution. Napoleon, like Louis XIV before him, recognized the importance of rewarding faithful public service and recognizing merit.

Hence, he instituted the Legion of Honour, which to this day remains one of the most prestigious orders of merit in the world. Napoleon's order however differed from the old royal orders. Those either presupposed or conferred nobility. They were inextricably linked to the caste system. But with the Legion of Honour came a new basis for reward: personal merit rather than birth. Thus, it will not be surprising that the SAR insignia is also consciously modeled on the Legion of Honour badge. The laurel wreath is borrowed from the Legion of Honour.

Even the size of the SAR badge is designed to be exactly the same as the Legion of Honour's badge. But the SAR refused to follow the Legion of Honour in all respects. Unlike the five-armed Legion of Honour cross, the SAR cross resolutely retains the four arms of the cross of Christ. This is as if to declare that the excesses of deism and atheism of the French Revolution are to be eschewed by an American patriotic society; American is a nation under God.

### **The Eagle Denotes Patriotism**

Also distinctly American is the eagle which suspends from the cross. Badges and insignias of European orders had used a trophy (a war helmet), a wreath, or a gold loop to symbolize their chivalric purposes. But the purpose of the SAR was not chivalry, but patriotism.

Hence, the SAR appropriately adopted the eagle which the Society of the Cincinnati had previously selected for their insignia. The SAR was conceived to mirror the Society of the Cincinnati, though open to all sons of Revolutionary sires without regard to primogeniture. All of these choices and historical influences produced a uniquely American symbol.

### **Bibliography**

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**Checking Account Balance**

**Apr 5, 2024 6839.82**

**Deposits:**

<b>Apr 8, 2024</b>	<b>Newell Application</b>	<b>25.00</b>
	<b>Goode Application</b>	<b>25.00</b>

**Withdrawals:**

<b>Apr 7, 2024</b>		
<b>Postal Depot, P.O.Box</b>	<b>(#1733)</b>	<b>204.00</b>

**Outstanding Checks**

<b>President Reimbursement (#1732)</b>	<b>7.44</b>
<b>Quartermaster Reimbursement (#1734)</b>	<b>735.00</b>
<b>Jayden Pham-Poster contest (#1735)</b>	<b>100.00</b>

**May 9, 2024 Ending Balance: 5843.38**

**Certificate of Deposit**

<b>Mar 2024 Balance</b>	<b>6212.43</b>
<b>Interest income</b>	<b>18.73</b>
<b>May 2024 Balance</b>	<b>6231.16</b>

**May, 2024 Grand Total: 12,074.54**

  
**G.W. Lovell, Treasurer**  
**East Fork Trinity**

**Note: C.D. terms renegotiated from 2.9% to 4%**

## Bonham Needs Listing Winter 2024

**Please Make Arrangements with Michael Goode [kkgkong52@yahoo.com](mailto:kkgkong52@yahoo.com) to deliver your items. He will get them to VAMC.**

**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 (Large - 3XL)
- Sweatpants/Tops (Men - Large - 3XL)
- Flannel Shirts Men's (Large - 3XL)
- Body Wash (no bar soap or hotel/motel toiletries)
- Deodorant
- Lotion
- 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:
- Bottled Water
- Coffee & Supplies
- Juices (small boxed)

### **Miscellaneous:**

- 4 Sets - Cooking Set Pot & Pan
- 8 Baking Sheets 9x13
- 4 Sets-Mixing Bowls
- General Stovetop utensils (8- spatulas, 4- Ladies, 12- stirring spoons)
- 4 Sets - Plastic Measuring Cups
- Clear Storage Totes with Lids - 12 Quart plastic Stack 5 7/8" x 11 1/2" x 16 7/8"
- Leather Crafts
- Plastic Models (Cars, Airplanes, Ships, Etc.)

- Dominoes (Big)
- Puzzles (new only)
- Journals, notebooks
- Adult coloring books, with colors or colored pencils
- Paint by Stickers
- Colored Pencils & Markers
- Stamps
- Pens, stationery
- Crossword puzzles & Word search
- 2024 Calendar