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East-Fork Trinity Chapter 47

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President's Message:

Fellow Compatriots,

I hope that this finds you well and in good spirits this Christmas season.

I have a few updates and reminders I wanted to bring to your attention.

First, it is that time of year that your dues payments are due. If you have not yet received an invoice in the mail you can just go to TXS-SAR.org and click on the button for "Online Dues Payment 2025" link located in the "What's New" box next to the welcome message from Tracy Pounders. This is how I paid my dues for this year, and it was an easy painless process. All you need is your national membership number.

Second, as our final meeting of the year approaches on Thursday December 12, 2024 there are several important updates for our Christmas Party meeting I need to bring to your attention. In lieu of a gift exchange we decided to instead bring Gifts for Veterans at the Bonham VA. A list can be found on our website at <https://www.texassar.org/EastForkTrinity/2024.htm> in the November 2024 Newsletter. I would also like to encourage you to bring a sweet treat that you can share during the Christmas Party at the end of our meeting.

Third, we have Wreaths Across America coming up on December 14, 2024. We will be splitting up and attending this event in several locations. I have spoken to several of our members and there will be contingents at Oakland Cemetery in Dallas, Restland in Rockwall, at The DFW National Cemetery and down in Kaufman. Please feel free to participate in or out of uniform at any of these locations.

Finally, I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from myself and the executive Committee!

Randall van Heyst, President

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**Randal van Heyst
Opens November
Meeting**



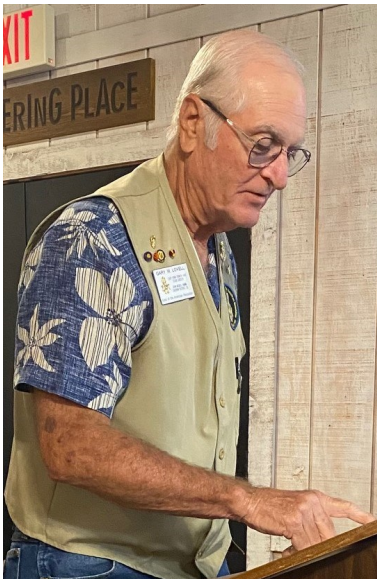
**Randall & Reagan van Heyst Present
Green Mountain Boys Flag for
Americanism Moment**



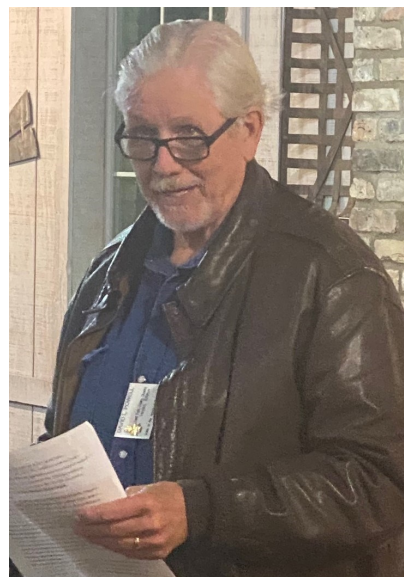
**Karalynn van Heyst Presents an Interesting Program on the Life
of Patrick Henry**



Michael Goode Gives Color Guard Report and Veteran's Report



Gary Lovell Gives Treasurer's Report for November



David Powell Gives Registrar's Report for November



Paul Ridenour Presents Check to Chapter



Bill Watts Presents Reagan van Heyst with the Youth Color Guard Medal



Karalynn van Heyst Wins Door Prize!!

Editor's Notes

The next meeting will be Thursday, December 12th 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. We are having the Chapter Christmas Party shortly after the meeting. Last month the members voted to bring gifts for the Bonham VA. The list of needs can be found in past editions of the Newsletter or this month's edition. They need everything, so whatever you can do will be appreciated.

I will not be attending the December meeting as I will be in Tarrytown, NY for a special program honoring my Patriot, Isaac Van Wart. See you in January and have a Merry Christmas!!

David Jackson, Editor



Captors Monument in Tarrytown New York



L-R Tom Van Fossen-Dallas, Brent Harshman-Dallas, Ron Wasson-EFT, Bill Watts-Dallas and Dual member of EFT

Veteran's Committee Chair - Michael Goode



Bonham Needs Listing Winter 2024

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.

Gift Cards:

Exxon or Shell gas cards (Social Work to assist Veterans to/from appointments)

Whataburger Gift Cards

Clothing & Comfort Items:

Athletic Shorts (Men – various sizes)

T-shirts or short sleeve pullover Athletic Shorts (Women – Various sizes)

Pajama pants Men (XL-3X) Jackets Men's (Large-2XL) Cellphone Pouch- (necklace type or cross body)

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:

Clear Storage Totes with Lids – 12 Quart 5 7/8' x 11 1/2' x 16 7/8'

Headphones - Over the head with plug for phone/TV (no earbuds, no wireless)

Leather Crafts Plastic Models (Cars, Airplanes, Ships, Etc.)

Guitar Strings (Acoustic & Electric), Straps, Chords (Plug Guitar & Amp) Domino Score Keeper bead system

Dominoes (Big)

Puzzles (new only)

Journals, notebooks Adult coloring books, with colors or colored pencils

Markers

Postage Stamps

Pens, stationary

Cross word puzzles/word search (large print)

Sudoku books (large print)

New books, new magazines

Water Pitcher for the courtyard garden

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: Tina McDaniel, 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 tina.mcdaniel@va.gov. Items may be mailed to address block as noted above.



Dave Powell

The Registrar's Corner

December 2024

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

1. **Regular Member Prothro Gaddis** was referred to EFT by Barbara Thomas. Patriot is Evan Prothro. Prothro is 97 years old and a WWII veteran. Application completed and

mailed to State on 9 Dec 2023 as an Expedited application. Approved at State and received at National on 13 Dec 2023 and Approved at National on 22 Dec 2023. NN: 228807. Induction on 8 Feb 2024. **First Line Sponsor Walt Thomas.**

Approved at National.

2. **Regular Member Hampton Long** was referred to EFT by Bob Vickers in Dec 2023. Patriot is Richard Caswell. Application has been completed Signed and mailed on 15 Feb 2024. Approved at National on 6 June 2024. NN: 230286. **First Line Sponsor: Bob Vickers.**

Approved at National.

3. **Regular Member Frederick (Russ) Martin** was referred to EFT by the State Communications Secretary on 14 Feb 2024. Welcome email was sent and Prospect responded. Research has been completed and the application is in final review. Patriot is Thomas Landrum. We have completed his application and it was signed and mailed on 28 Feb 2024 and received at National on 19 Mar 2024. Approved at National on 28 June 2024. NN: 230361. **First Line Sponsor is David Powell.**

Approved at National.

- 4. Regular Member** S. Craig Cooper was referred to EFT by the State Communications Secretary on 17 Dec 2023. We completed work on Craig's lineage and found Patriot Edward Boone. Application was complete and mailed to State on 13 Mar 2024. Approved at State on 27 Mar 2024 and mailed to National. Approved at National on 5 July 2024. NN: 230420. Received at National on 2 Apr 2024. **First Line Sponsor: David Powell.**

Approved at National

- 5. Regular Member** Jason King was referred to EFT by David Powell. Prospect was contacted via email and text and he responded on 20 Feb 2024. Jason's mother is a DAR member so we obtained her DAR RC and started filling out Jason's application. Jason's Patriot is William Minter. The application was completed and was signed on 9 Mar 2024 and mailed to State on 13 Mar 2024. Approved at State on 27 Mar 2024 and mailed to National. Received at National on 2 Apr 2024. Jason's Patriot is William Minter. Approved at National on 5 July 2024. NN: 230419. **First Line Sponsor: David Powell**

Approved at National.

- 6. Regular Member** Cooper Daniels was referred to EFT by DAR member Cynthia Goode (DAR Finder Form). Application was completed on 21 Mar 2024 and mailed to State on 22 Mar 2024. Approved at State on 28 Mar 2024, mailed and received at National on 2 Apr 2024. Cooper's Patriot is John Parker. Approved at National on 5 July 2024. NN: 230423. **First Line Sponsor: Michael Goode**

Approved at National

- 7. Junior Member** Cash Daniels was referred to EFT by DAR member Cynthia Goode (DAR Finder Form). Approved at State on 28 Mar 2024, mailed and received at National on 2 Apr 2024. Cooper's Patriot is John Parker. Approved at National on 5 July 2024. NN: 230422. **First Line Sponsor: Michael Goode.**

Approved at National

- 8. Prospective Regular Member** William Taylor Goode was referred to EFT by DAR member Cynthia Goode (DAR Finder Form). Application was completed on 21 Mar 2024. State found a problem and we will need to rework the application and get signatures again. Mailed to State on 24 April 2024. William's Patriot is Charles Hutchins. Received at National on 7 May 2024. Approved at National on 6 Sep 2024. NN: 230946. on **First Line Sponsor: Michael Goode**

Awaiting National Review

- 9. Prospective Regular Member** Walter Newell contacted the Chapter about 14 Mar 2024. We found a prospective Patriot (Martin Bowman) and completed his application on 18 Mar 2024. Mailed to National on 21 Mar 2024. Reviewed by State and received at National on 2 Apr 2024. **First Line Sponsor: David Powell.** National **Pended** the application on 12 Jul 2024, rejecting a Mennonite Vital Record, 1750-2014. We accomplished further research on the Newell family tree and found a replacement Patriot (Ica Atkins Sr.). The new application was completed, signed and mailed to the State Registrar on 9 August 2024. State checked and forwarded replacement application to National on 30 Sep 2024. Application approved at National on 8 Nov 2024. NN: 231723.

Approved at National.

- 10. 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. **First Line Sponsor: David Powell. Awaiting National Review**

State Fair Contacts In Work

- 11. Prospective Regular Member** Michael Nelson is a Texas State Fair referral. He has been contacted and he has responded. We are waiting for his first three generations info. **Dave Powell will be working this applicant.**
- 12. Prospective Regular Member** Jacob Haldeman has been contacted. **Jeff Witt is working this applicant.**
- 13. Prospective Regular Member** Carson Aulbaugh has been contacted. We are waiting for a response. **Bob Vickers will be working this applicant.**

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATIONS

- 1. Member** Bob Vickers submitted a Supplemental application to the Chapter Registrar for review on 12 May 2023 and mailed to State on 19 May 2023. Received at National on 7 June 2023 (ACN: 108321) Bob's ancestor is George Wingate. Application **Pended** on 28 Feb 2024. Bob Vickers has found a Replacement Patriot, Henry Hardin, that has been mailed to State, 12 May 2024, passed State Review and mailed to National. It has been over a month and we have not heard from National.

Replacement Patriot Approved at National on 28 Jun 2024.

Approved at National

- 2. Member Paul Ridenour** is working on a new Supplemental for John Hurst
In Work.