



Sons of the American Revolution

# East-Fork Trinity Chapter 47

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### President's Message:

#### Greetings Compatriots

This past weekend, we co-sponsored the Texas Society 127<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention in Richardson, Texas. I want to personally thank everyone of our members, Walt Thomas, Paul Ridenour, Gary Lovell, Bob Vickers, Harmon Adair, Randall van Heyst, David Jackson, David Powell, and Leslie Anderson who participated in the event and to help it to be a success. At the Convention, our members, Walt Thomas, Leslie Anderson, and Paul Ridenour were awarded the SAR Meritorious Service Medal. David Powell was awarded the Roger Sherman medal. I was honored to have been awarded the Texas Society SAR Silver Service Medal.

Our Chapter was awarded the COL. JOE M. HILL MEMBERSHIP AWARD, for achieving the goal of 100% membership renewal for the year 2021 and the C.A. LIMMER AWARD, for the Chapter with the highest percentage of approved supplemental applications in the year 2021. Well done, Chapter!

The Convention was a great success and it was nice to hold our Convention in person as the last couple of years they were held via Zoom due to the pandemic.

Our next meeting is scheduled Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm at Soulman's BBQ in Rockwall, Texas (I30 and Ridge Road). If you would like to eat, dinner cafeteria style is 6 pm. The meeting will be held in person and we will also have it on Facebook Live for those that can't make the meeting in person.

This month we are scheduled to have our GEORGE S. AND STELLA M. KNIGHT ESSAY CONTEST Chapter Level Winner, Anne Gilliland, to read her winning essay to our Chapter.

I look forward to seeing you next month at Soulman's BBQ beginning at 7 pm. I will send out information on the meeting a couple of days before the meeting date.

Stay safe and God bless!

Michael G.

## Jocelyn Ramirez Gives Us Her Rumbaugh Oration Contest Winning Presentation



**PFC Clifford "Cliff" Stump**  
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Cliff Stump was born in Van Meter, Iowa on June 13, 1924 and was one of eight children. On December 7, 1941, he was in high school. "Everything got real quiet. We were trying to figure out what this meant for me. It's something we thought would never happen." He was drafted into the Army in 1943 and was assigned to the 82nd Airborne artillery.

Cliff landed in Normandy on June 6, 1944 on a glider. These landings were extremely dangerous—canvas wrapped around an aluminum frame and crash landing to the ground. From the beaches of France, he then went onto Holland and into the Battle of the Bulge.

On VE Day, he was in Berlin when he heard the war was over. There was no celebration as there was lots of work to still do. They went house to house looking for weapons. In total, Cliff served three years and was honorably discharged in 1946.

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**WWII Veteran Clifford Stump Interviewed by President Drake Peddie Surrounded by Color Guard and Walt Thomas—Photo by Paul Ridenour**



**WWII Veteran Clifford Stump Congratulated by Drake Peddie, Walt Thomas and Michael Goode**



**Out-going President Drake Peddie**



**In-Coming President Jim Kuykendall**



**Randall Van Heyst Hoisting the Colors**



**Our Chapter President Michael Goode Welcoming Guests**



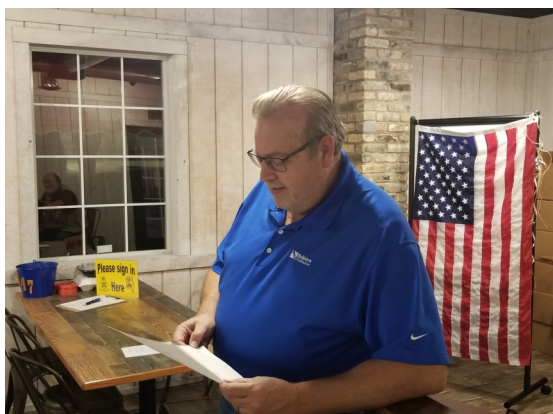
Texas SAR Convention Photos Thanks to Paul Ridenour, Leslie Anderso, and Tom Whitelock



Jocelyn Ramirez Receives  
Scholarship Check For Joseph S.  
Rumbaugh Oration Presentation



Randall Van Heyst Gives Color  
Guard Report



Michael Phillippi Gives  
Treasurer's Report



David Powell Gives Registrar's  
Report

Gary Snowden Wins Door Prize





**Ronald Wasson New Inductee (see Patriot Spotlight)**



**DAR Member Mary Steele  
Receives Martha  
Washington Award.**



**Travis Hopkins, Corey Hopkins, Gabe  
Hopkins and Graham Hopkins New  
Inductees Presented By Their Mother  
Mary Steele**



## Patriot Spotlight

### New Inductee Ronald Wasson's Patriot

#### Joseph Wasson, Sr

Joseph Wasson, Sr, was born December 25th, 1744, in Wales, England. He was the third known son of Archibald Wasson, Sr., and Elizabeth Woods both of Glencastle, Ireland. In 1770, when Joseph was 26 years old, he married 17-year-old Sarah Smith of Scotland. Soon after being married, Joseph and his family, including his parents, moved to America, and briefly settled in Pennsylvania before moving to North Carolina. They settled in the area known as Snow Creek, where they had nine children and 58 grandchildren.

Joseph was a Revolutionary War hero. As a private, he fought to secure his country's freedom and served with the North Carolina Troops in the Continental Army under Major William Lee Davidson and General Nathaniel Greene.

On June 20, 1780, Joseph was shot and wounded during the battle of Ramseur's Mill in North Carolina. He was hit five times from enemy musket balls and disabled for life, but not crippled. Having fallen to the ground and being unable to stand, he laid on his side, reloaded and continued to fire his musket several times. Despite being outnumbered, this battle resulted in a Patriot victory.

Joseph Wasson served with honor in the American Revolution and received wounds for his courage which he carried until the end of his life and into the frontier region of Wayne County, Indiana. He fought to win freedom for this country and for generations after him.





Revolutionary Heroes  
Monument Tarrytown, New  
York

## Editor's Notes:

**Our Next meeting will be at Soulman's on I-30 in Rockwall  
April 14th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**

**HIRAM PAULDING**, late Rear-Admiral of the United States Navy, was born in the town of Cortlandt on December 11, 1797, a son of John Paulding, one of the captors of Major John Andre, the British officer, as a spy.

In 1811, when Paulding was fourteen years of age. President Madison, in part recognition of the services the lad's father had rendered his country, and at the same time assist a bright youngster, gave the boy an appointment as a midshipman in the navy. He served under Decatur and took part in the volunteer cruise in the schooner Dolphin in search of the mutineers of the whale ship Globe. In 1824 he set out on his mission to reach Gen. Simon Bolivar, the Columbian liberator, in camp in the Andes, and his own story of this expedition was published in 1834.

Admiral Paulding was in command of the Brooklyn Navy Yard at the time of the construction of the Monitor, and for him is claimed the credit of hastening the building of the peculiarly constructed (as it was considered at the time) little craft that went out and met and conquered in Hampton Roads the Rebel terror—the Merrimac.

The late admiral has been described as "a chivalrous hero of the old days, whose official life is interwoven with his Country's history, whose home life was a rarely beautiful one and whose example is worthy of imitation." Since his death one of the new war vessels has been named by the Government in his honor. His daughter, Rebecca Paulding Meade, is the author of a book entitled the "Life of Hiram Paulding, Rear Admiral, U. S. N."

**Stay healthy!!!!**

**David Jackson, Editor**