



Sons of the American Revolution

# East-Fork Trinity Chapter 47

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### President's Message:

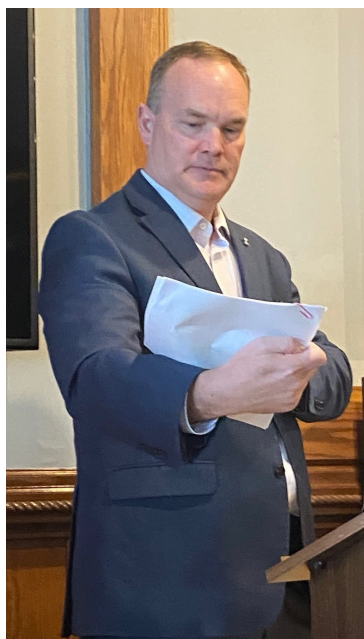
**This past month has been challenging with work and family life. Our newsletter is late getting out to everyone because of me and I apologize for that. On top of all of that, I received notice last weekend that we can no longer meet at TLC for our meetings and we have to find a new location. We've found a temporary location at Luigi's in Rockwall for the August meeting but we'll need to find some place else soon. We have been growing in numbers and it's nice to see you all come.**

**I work in the defense industry and it never ceases to amaze me what sacrifices our military does for our country. Let us do what we can to support those who are deployed and to always remember our history.**

**Thanks,  
Ben Roper**



**President Ben Roper Awards Judge Brandon Bell Certificate of Appreciation for Presentation on Baxter Bean Rifle**



**Judge Brandon Bell Made an Excellent Presentation on the History of His Descendents' Relationship With the Production of the Baxter Bean Rifle**



**President Benjamin Roper Opens the July Meeting**



**Randall Van Heyst Did an Americanism Report on Chief Justice John Marshall**



**David Powell Gives Registrar's Report for July**



**Michael Goode Presents Veterans Service Medal to Lloyd Overbee**



**Michael Philippi Gives Treasurer's Report for July**



**Walt Thomas Gives us an Update on the Memorial Service for Second Lieutenant David Murrel Lewis on July 15th and 16th in Sulphur Springs and Saltillo, Texas**



**Bill Watts Awards Barbara Thomas the 250th Anniversary Bronze Medal for Her Work for the Chapter**



**Tom Van Fossen Updates Us on the Upcoming July 29th BOM Meeting**



**Randall Van Heyst Gives  
Color Guard Report**



**David Routh Wins the Door  
Prize**



**President Benjamin Roper Inducts Four New Members, Graham Fournier with Sponsor Jimmy Austin; Gage Underwood, Griffin Underwood and Eric Underwood with Sponsor Walt Thomas**





**307th Bomb Wing Public Affairs Shared Their Photos from the Ceremony Held July 15th and 16th in Sulphur Springs and Sattillo, Texas Attended by Several Members of Our Chapter**





**Captors Monument  
Tarrytown, NY**

## Editor's Notes:

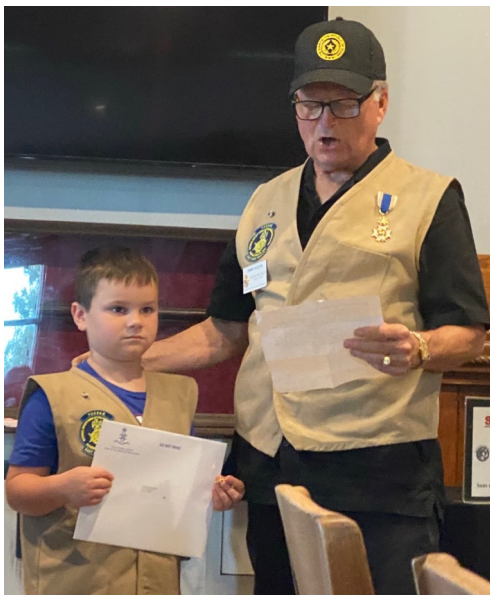
**I want to thank David Powell, Michael Goode and Cooper Jackson for all the great pictures!! Having two jobs at the meeting requires some assistance, and I really appreciate you guys!!**

**Our next meeting will be at Luigi's at 2002 South Goliad in Rockwall, Thursday, August 10th, 2023. Dinner starts at 6:00 and the meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.**

**My email address is [d.b.jackson@att.net](mailto:d.b.jackson@att.net) for submitting your Patriot Spotlight articles.**

**Stay healthy!!!!**

**David Jackson, Editor**



## Patriot Spotlight

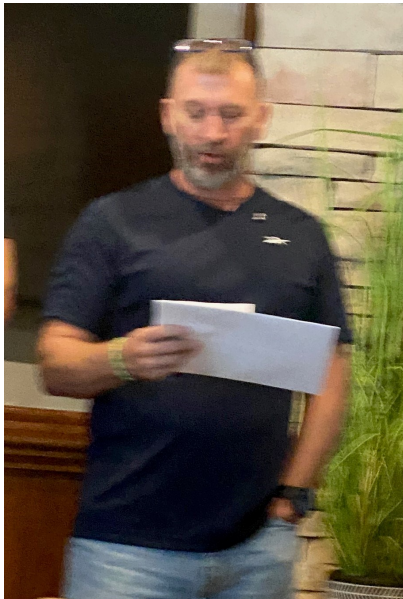
**Our Patriot is Graham's 7th great grandfather, Captain Nathaniel Austin. He was born in 1703 and passed in 1777.**

**He was a signer of the Declaration Against Great Britain, also known as the Sheffield Resolves. He was also a delegate from Sheffield to the Berkshire County Convention which convened in Stockbridge, Massachusetts in 1774.**

**And the convention advised the inhabitants not to**

**consume products of British manufacturers. He was also**

**on the committee that made a report to the residents of the town at a meeting held on June 18th, 1776 which after adoption, resolved to take up arms.**



## **Patriot Spotlight**

**1746—1826**

**Joseph Maples, Senior, they called him "Big Joe." I don't know how big he was. He's my 5th great grandfather. He was born in 1746 in Pittsylvania County, Virginia.**

**In about 1766, he married Ruthea Sweeney, daughter of another Patriot, Moses Sweeny.**

**Josiah qualifies for SAR by Patriotic Service for signing a petition in 1777, which didn't really mean a lot to me until the January 6th thing happened and those people, what they went through.**

**But he also served in the Virginia Militia. He sold property in Pittsylvania County, Virginia and left for Tennessee in about 1801. He died in 1826 in Sevier County, which mine and Brandon's family fought under Sevier. And he is buried in a cemetery on land he once owned.**



Dave Powell

# The Registrar's Corner

August 2023

## NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

- 1. Regular Member** Ray Harsin's application was mailed to State on 15 Jan 2022. Received at National on 31 Jan 2022 (ACN: 101667). Ray's Patriot is Garret Harsin. Ray's application was pended at National on 24 May 2022. The application was un-pended and approved on 13 Jan 2023, National Number: 224956. **First Line Sponsor David Powell. Approved at National.**
- 2. Regular Member** Richard Smith was referred to EFT by Cynthia Goode. Patriot is Henry Ball. Application Completed and Mailed to State and received at National on 28 Nov 2022 (ACN: 105757). Approved at National on 28 Feb 2023, NN: 225487. **First line Sponsor Michael Goode. Approved at National.**
- 3. Regular Member** Lloyd Overbee's application was completed and mailed to State on 30 Dec 2022. Received at National on 12 Jan 2023 (ACN: 106371) and Approved at National on 14 Apr 2023, NN: 226043. Lloyd's Patriot is Jonathan Locklin. **First Line Sponsor Bob Vickers. Approved at National.**
- 4. Prospective Memorial Member** Charles Edgar Vickers application was completed and mailed to State and Received at National on 7 Feb 2023 (ACN: 106697). Approved at National on 21 Apr 2023, NN: 226198. Charles is the



grandfather of Bob Vickers. Charles' Patriot is Bayne Smallwood. **First Line Sponsor Bob Vickers. Approved at National.**

5. **Prospective Regular Member** Chris O'Neal's application was completed and mailed to State on 24 Feb 2023 and was received at National on 9 Mar 2023 (ACN: 107113). Approved at National on 5 May 2023, NN: 226413. Chris' Patriot is Seth Manis. **First Line Sponsor David Powell. Approved at National.**
6. **Prospective Regular Member** Greg Getschow's application was completed and mailed to State on 1 Mar 2023 and Received at National on 9 Mar 2023 (ACN: 107116). Approved at National on 12 May 2023. Tom's Patriot is Levi Gallup. **First Line Sponsor David Powell. Approved at National.**
7. **Prospective Regular Member** Eric Underwood was referred to EFT by Barbara Thomas. Patriot is Josiah Maples. Application completed and mailed to State on 3 March 2023 and received at National on 11 Apr 2023 (ACN: 107562). Approved at National on 26 May 2023, NN: 226766. **First Line Sponsor Walt Thomas. DAR Referral: Barbara Thomas. Approved at National.**
8. **Prospective Regular Member** Griffin Underwood was referred to EFT by Barbara Thomas. Patriot is Josiah Maples. Application completed and mailed to State on 3 March 2023 and received at National on 11 Apr 2023 (ACN: 107564). Approved at National on 26 May 2023, NN: 226767. **First Line Sponsor Walt Thomas. DAR Referral: Barbara Thomas. Approved at National.**
9. **Prospective Regular Member** Gage Underwood was referred to EFT by Barbara Thomas. Patriot is Josiah Maples. Application complete and mailed to State on 3 March and received at National on 11 Apr 2023 (ACN: 107563). Approved at

National on 26 May 2023, NN: 226768. **First Line Sponsor Walt Thomas. DAR Referral: Barbara Thomas. Approved at National.**

**10. Prospective Regular Member** David West's application was completed and mailed to State on 13 Apr 2023 and received at National on 2 May 2023 (ACN: 107810). Approved at National on 9 Jun 2023, NN: 226951. David's Patriot is Reuben Martin. **First Line Sponsor is Walt Thomas. DAR Referral: Barbara Thomas. Approved at National.**

**11. Prospective Regular Member** Robert Cooper's application has been completed and was mailed to State on 1 May 2023 and received at National on 18 May 2023 (ACN: 108060). Approved at National on 21 Jun 2023, NN: 227076. Robert's Patriot is Richard Cooper. **First Line Sponsor is Bob Vickers. Awaiting National Review.**

**12. Prospective Regular Member** Gene Brownlow contacted EFT about joining the SAR. Gene's application was completed, signed and mailed to State on 26 May 2023. Received at National on 7 Jun 2023 (ACN: 108316). A Proof Summary was written for his application. National Pended this application on 13 July 2023. We provided info and the application was unpended and approved on 26 July 2023. Awaiting official approval date and NN. Gene's Patriot is Josiah Hill Rogers. **First Line Sponsor is David Powell. Approved at National & Awaiting Approval Info.**

**13. Prospective Regular Member** Joseph Richeson contacted Registrar Dave Powell and stated his interest in joining the SAR. Joe's lineage has been researched, his application has been completed and signed and it was mailed to State on 13 Jun 2023. Received at National on 3 Jul 2023. (ACN: 108629). Joe's Patriot is George

Adam Kiker. **First Line Sponsor is David Powell. Awaiting National Review.**

**14. Prospective Junior Member** Lawson James Lassiter's application has been completed, signed and mailed to State on 21 Jun 2023. Received at National on 11 Jul 2023, (ACN: 108748). Lawson's Patriot is Lucius Tuttle. **First Line Sponsor is David Powell. Awaiting National Review.**

**15. Prospective Memorial Member** Joe Morrow's Memorial application was requested by Kathleen Morrow and applicant's grandson Zach Morrow, a member of EFT. The application was completed, signed and was mailed to State on 6 July 2023. Joe's Patriot is Stephen Peabody. **First Line Sponsor is David Powell. DAR Referral: Kathleen Morrow. Awaiting State Review.**

**16. Prospective Regular Member** Gary Lindsey contacted EFT on 19 Jul 2023. We Emailed him the same day and we have almost completed his application. Gary's Patriot is David Lindsey. **First Line Sponsor is David Powell. Reviewing Application.**

## **SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATIONS**

**1. Member** Larry Jordan submitted a Supplemental application to the Chapter Registrar for review on 15 Sep 2022. Larry's ancestor is John Pool. Received at National on 26 Sep 2022 (ACN: 105037). **Approved at National. Mailed to the Dallas Chapter where Larry transferred.**

2. **Member** Larry Jordan submitted a Supplemental application to the Chapter Registrar for review on 15 Sep 2022. Larry's ancestor is John Job. Received at National on 7 Dec 2022 (ACN: 105908). **Approved at National. Mailed to the Dallas Chapter where Larry transferred.**
  3. **Member** Larry Jordan submitted a Supplemental application to the Chapter Registrar for review on 15 Sep 2022. Larry's ancestor is James Scott. Received at National on 26 Sep 2022 (ACN: 106766). **Awaiting National Review.**
  4. **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. **Awaiting National Review.**
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## **News From National**

As of 1 Sep 2023, SAR National Dues will increase:

1. Regular Member's dues will increase from \$35.00 to \$50.00.
2. CAR (age 18+) Transfer Member's dues will increase from \$35.00 to \$50.00.
3. Junior Member's dues will increase from \$0.00 to \$5.00.
4. Reinstatement fee will increase from \$15.00 to \$50.00.