



Sons of the American Revolution

East-Fork Trinity Chapter 47

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President's Message:

I hope you all are healthy and doing well. I've been traveling a lot lately for work and haven't had much time to dedicate myself to other activities. With that said, I really do appreciate everyone in our Chapter for what they do. We couldn't make this happen without all of your efforts and work. The Executive members in our Chapter are really awesome, hardworking guys who make all this happen. They deserve all the credit and I really do appreciate them.

Our next Chapter meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 9th at TLC starting at 7:00pm. Please be there at 6:00pm if you'd like to eat dinner before our meeting starts. I look forward to seeing you all there.

**Thanks,
Benjamin Roper**



Our Own Bob Kubin Receives Texas SAR Rank of Brigadier General from Bill Watts



Our Own Michael Goode Receives National Bronze Color Guard Medal from Bill Watts



President Benjamin Roper Opens Meeting



Michael Philippi Gives Treasurer's Report



Randall Van Heyst Gives Color Guard Report



David Powell Gives Registrar's Report



Randall Van Heyst is Promoted to Captain of the Color Guard



Leslie Anderson Receives Certificate of Appreciation from Michael Goode



Michael Goode and Jason Gray Receive 5 Year Certificates



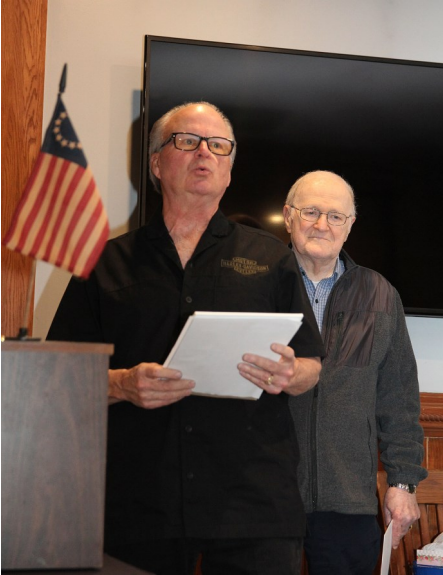
Michael Goode Receives Bronze 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution Certificate and Medal



Ben Roper Swears in New Inductees, Benson Roper, Robert Harrod, Cooper Jackson and James Austin



Bill Watts Presents New Inductees Benson Roper and Cooper Jackson with World War II American Pilot Challenge Coins



Patriot Spotlight

Captain Nathaniel Austin

1703– 1777

My patriot is Captain Nathaniel Austin. He was the son of Dr. Nathaniel Austin and his wife Abigail. He was born May 23rd in 1703. At age 23 he took title to his father's various Sheffield and surrounding area properties, and he was employed as a surveyor by various entities throughout his ca-

reer. In January of 1773 Captain Nathaniel Austin was one of the signers of the Sheffield Declaration or Sheffield Resolves, as they were known. I would like to briefly talk about those. The Sheffield Declaration was a Colonial American petition against British policies and a manifesto of individual rights drawn up as a series of resolves approved by the township of Sheffield, Massachusetts on January 12th, 1773. It was printed in the Massachusetts Spy or Common Boston Journal on February 18, 1773. Now, he was 69 years old at that time. The meeting took place in Colonel John Ashley's house in a neighborhood of Sheffield, Massachusetts. The resolves were debated and approved by a committee of 11 local citizens. These were 11 of the best, the brightest and probably the richest men in Sheffield. My ancestor, Captain Nathaniel Austin, was one of those. These men were not declaring independence, but instead were articulating grievances against Great Britain. He was also a delegate from Sheffield to the Berkshire County Convention which convened in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. On July 6th, 1774, where the convention advised the inhabitants not to consume products of British manufacturers. He was also on a committee that made a report to the residents of the town to a meeting held on June 18th, 1776, which after adoption resolved to take up arms.

He had a total of 10 children with his wife Agnes. My descendent was his child Lieutenant Joab Austin, who was also in the Revolution.

He died and is buried in Sheffield, Berkshire, Massachusetts on April 13th in 1777.



Patriot Spotlight

Isaac Van Wart

1758—1828

The story of my patriot Isaac Van Wart has been proudly passed down through my family for generations. My great-great grandmother's middle name was Van Wart. Isaac Van Wart was awarded one of the first three Congressionally awarded medals at the direction of George Washington. Isaac's medal is the only one of the three still surviving, and is located in the Historical Museum in Tarrytown, New York.

He and several other men had dropped by Jacob Romer's home for breakfast on the morning of September 23rd, 1780. Three of the men, including Isaac, went just north of Tarrytown and three others went south. That morning a man claiming to be John Anderson came up on the three men. He first thought they were British, and offered them money to be escorted to the British front. They turned down his offer and arrested him, finding documents in his boot relating to fortifications at West Point. Andre' then handed them a pass from Benedict Arnold and offered them money to be taken to West Point. They turned that down and did what they were supposed to. They took him to their superior officer Colonel John Jameson in White Plains where it was eventually discovered that John Anderson was actually Major John Andre' of the British Army. He had been conspiring with Benedict Arnold to overthrow West Point. The three men went back to the Romer house that night and had dinner.

General Washington and Congress realized that if the three men had done anything different than what they did, West Point would have been taken and the chances of winning our independence would have been even more bleak than it already was.



**Captors Monument in
Tarrytown, NY**

Editor's Notes:

Thank you, Leslie Anderson for all the great pictures!!

Our next meeting will be at TLC on I-30 in the same Shopping Center as Bass Pro in Rowlette, Thursday, March 9th, 2023. Dinner starts at 6:00 and the meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

I sent an article to National a while back and discovered that they published it in the latest publication, Winter 2022-2023.

My email address is d.b.jackson@att.net for submitting your Patriot Spotlight articles.

Stay healthy!!!!

David Jackson, Editor



George Washington Birthday Parade in Laredo, Texas

Pictured left to right: Blair Rudy, Sam Massey, Rick Ramirez, Kevin Kanter, Michael Goode, Catherine Massey, Candy Rudy, Jeanie Kanter, Robert Duckworth, Tom Van Fossen, Robert Vance, and Mark Worthen.



Dave Powell

The Registrar's Corner

March 2023

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

1. **Prospective 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. **Prospective Member** Richard Smith was referred to EFT by Cynthia Goode. Patriot is Henry Ball. Application Completed and Mailed to State. Received at National on 28 Nov 2022 (ACN: 105757). **First line Sponsor Michael Goode. DAR Referral: Cynthia Goode. Awaiting National Review.**
3. **Prospective Member** Lloyd Overbee's application has been completed and mailed to State on 30 Dec 2022. Received at National on 12 Jan 2023 (ACN: 106371) Lloyd's Patriot is Jonathan Locklin. **First Line Sponsor Bob Vickers. Awaiting National Review.**
4. **Prospective Memorial Member** Charles Edgar Vickers application was completed and mailed to State. Charles is the grandfather of Bob Vickers. Charles Patriot is Bayne Smallwood. Received at National on 7 Feb 2023. (ACCN: 106697). **First Line Sponsor Bob Vickers. Awaiting National Review.**

5. **Prospective Member** Chris O'Neal's application was completed and mailed to State on 24 Feb 2023. Chris' Patriot is Seth Manis. **First Line Sponsor David Powell. Awaiting State Review.**
6. **Prospective Member** Greg Getschow's application was completed and is awaiting signatures. Tom's Patriot is Levi Gallup. **First Line Sponsor David Powell. Awaiting State Review.**
7. **Prospective Member** David West's application is in Work. David's Patriot is William Sharpe. **First Line Sponsor Walt Thomas. DAR Referral: Barbara Thomas. Awaiting documents.**
8. **Prospective Member** Thomas Bland was referred to EFT by the State Comms Secretary. Application has been completed and is in the review process. Tom's Patriot is Richard Bland who was a member of the Continental Congress, 1775. **First Line Sponsor David Powell. Awaiting signatures.**
9. **Prospective Member** Scott Pobanz was referred to EFT by the State Comms Secretary. Applicant has been contacted and he has responded. Research is underway to find a proven Patriot and Lineage. **First Line Sponsor is David Powell. Researching Patriot and Lineage.**
10. **Prospective Member** Robert Cooper has been contacted and he has responded. Research is underway to find a proven Patriot and Lineage. **First Line Sponsor is Bob Vickers. Researching Patriot and Lineage.**
11. **Prospective Member** Christopher Pryor was referred to EFT by the State Comms Secretary. Applicant has been contacted and he has responded. Research is

underway to find a proven Patriot and Lineage. **First Line Sponsor is David Powell. Researching Patriot and Lineage.**

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATIONS

- 1. Member** Leslie Anderson submitted a Supplemental application to the Chapter Registrar on 13 May 2021 for his ancestor James Hayley. There was an issue with an application proof requiring a Proof Argument so the application wasn't mailed to State until 8/19/2021. State approved the application and it was received at National on 9/13/2021 (ACN: 100098). Application was Pended on 31 May 2022 and is currently on the Pended Report. Documents were submitted and the reviewer at National was confused about them so applicant is now writing another Proof Argument to clarify the documents. **Pended at National. Proof Argument in work. Still Pended as of 30 Dec 2022.**
- 2. Member** Leslie Anderson submitted a Supplemental application to the Chapter Registrar on 13 May 2021 for his ancestor Henry Hayley. Henry is the father of James Hayley (above). There was an issue with an application proof requiring a Proof Argument so the application wasn't mailed to State until 8/19/2021. State approved the application and it was received at National on (ACN: 100097). Application was Pended on 31 May 2022 and is currently on the Pended Report. Documents were submitted and the reviewer at National was confused about them so Leslie is now writing another Proof Argument to clarify the documents. **Pended at National. Requested Documents submitted. Still Pended as of 12 Jan 2023.**
- 3. Member** Leslie Anderson submitted a Supplemental application that was reviewed by the Chapter Registrar on 12 Jun 2022 and mailed to State on 17 Jun 2022 and was approved at State. Application was received at National on 11 Jul 2022 (ACN:

103950). Leslie's ancestor is Sampson Simmons. **Awaiting National Review.**

Pended as of 12 Jan 2023. Email from National forwarded to Leslie.

4. **Member** Leslie Anderson submitted a Supplemental application that was reviewed by the Chapter Registrar on 12 Jun 2022 and mailed to State on 17 Jun 2022 and approved at State. Application was received at National on 11 Jul 2022, (ACN: 103951). Leslie's ancestor is Amos Etheridge. **Awaiting National Review.**

Pended as of 30 Dec 2022. Email from National forwarded to Leslie.

5. **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) **Awaiting National Review.**
6. **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 7 Dec 2022. (ACN: 105908). **Awaiting National Review.**
7. **Member** Larry Jordan submitted a Supplemental application to the Chapter Registrar for review on 25 Nov 2022. Larry's ancestor is James Scott. Application Reviewed at Chapter. Received at National 14 Feb 2023). (ACN: 106766). **Awaiting National Review.**

